

March 5, 2019 Approved Minutes

**Official Proceedings
Pontiac City Council
73rd Session of the Tenth Council**

A Formal Meeting of the City Council of Pontiac, Michigan was called to order in City Hall, Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. by Council President Kermit Williams.

Call to Order

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Members Present: Carter, Miller, Pietila, Taylor-Burks, Waterman, Williams and Woodward.

Mayor Waterman was present.

Clerk announced a quorum.

19-65 **Motion to add a Resolution for A Day of Racial Healing and Reconciliation each March 4th to the agenda as Item # 18.** Moved by Councilperson Pietila and second by Councilperson Waterman.

Ayes: Miller, Pietila, Taylor-Burks, Waterman, Williams, Woodward and Carter

No: None

Motion Carried.

19-66 **Approval of the Agenda as amended.** Moved by Councilperson Pietila and second by Councilperson Taylor-Burks.

Ayes: Pietila, Taylor-Burks, Waterman, Williams, Woodward, Carter and Miller

No: None

Motion Carried.

19-67 **Approve minutes of February 26, 2019.** Moved by Councilperson Taylor-Burks and second by Councilperson Carter.

Ayes: Taylor-Burks, Waterman, Williams, Carter, Miller and Pietila

No: None

Abstain: Woodward

Motion Carried.

Subcommittee Reports Received

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Cable-February 21, 2019,
Community Development – February 26, 2019,
Law/50th District – February 26, 2019
Youth Recreation Special Committee – February 28, 2019

Special Presentations

Medical Marihuana Ordinance & Application Process Update from **Interim City Clerk Garland Doyle**.

Planning Technical Review Report for Carter/City Council Medical Marihuana Zoning Ordinance with Amendment Approved by City Council on February 5, 2019 for Consideration at the March 6, 2019 Planning Commission Meeting from **City Planning Manager Vern Gustafsson**.

Higher Learning Institute Regarding Job Training for the Cannabis Industry from **Chris Jackson, Sammie Rogers, Jessie Beld-Elliott and Robert Hynes**.
(Councilman Don Woodward requested Presentation)

STEM Programming for Pontiac Recreation & Enrichment Center from Cranbrook Institute of Science through Grants and Collaboration from Williams International and the City of Pontiac from **Mayor Deirdre Waterman and Mary Evans-Young, Entrepreneurs Squad Foundation**.

Status Update regarding City-Wide Snow Removal Process & Funding Options from **John Balint, DPW Director**.

Discussion regarding Resolution on Property Transfer Affidavits. This item was postponed from February 12, 2019 meeting; no action was taken.

19-68 **Resolution to approve Mayor’s request to amend the Youth Recreation in Accordance with the Williams International Education Funding for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 with Council changes.** (Item postponed from February 12, 2019.) Moved by Councilperson Waterman and second by Councilperson Pietila.

Whereas, the City of Pontiac timely approved the 2018-2019 budget on June 8, 2018, and;
Whereas, the City Council approved the development agreement with Williams International that contained a provision for Williams International would provide educational funding to the City on an annual basis, and;

Whereas, the City and Williams International has come to an agreement on the means of which the Williams International Educational Fund dollars will be expended, and;

Whereas, the City has received a check in the amount of \$150,000 from Williams International, and;

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Whereas, the Mayor is proposing to the City Council to increase the revenues and appropriations for the current year 2018-2019 for the Youth Recreation fund as illustrated below as necessary to receipt this revenue and expend these funds to Cranbrook in totality.

Whereas, the increased revenue and appropriations will not cause the fund balance in any of the funds to go below the policy mandated thresholds.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the City Council of the City of Pontiac approves the Youth Recreation amendment for the Williams International Education funding for the fiscal year 2018-2019.

Ayes: Williams, Woodward, Carter, Miller, Taylor-Burks and Waterman

No: None

Abstain: Pietila

Resolution Passed.

19-69 **Table for one week the Resolution to approve the Rollover Budget Amendments from Fiscal Year 2017-2018 as requested by the Mayor and Department of Public Works as detailed in Attachment Labeled Exhibit A.** (Item postponed from February 12, 2019) Moved by Councilperson Taylor-Burks and second by Councilperson Woodward.

Ayes: Woodward, Carter, Miller, Pietila, Taylor-Burks, Waterman and Williams

No: None

Motion Carried.

Communications from the Mayor

Monthly Check Register – (The City Council adopted a resolution on February 5, 2019 for the Mayor to provide the monthly check register for the prior month, to the City Clerk, to be included in the Pontiac City Council Agenda, the first meeting of each month commencing with the March 5, 2019 Agenda. The City Clerk did not receive the check register for February 2019.) The Mayor referred the City Council to the City’s Website where the information is posted.

Staff Changes Report – (The City Council adopted a resolution requesting that the Mayor provide census of employment changes, effective date, job title, hire date, and last day worked (if applicable) each month to be included in the Pontiac City Council Agenda, the first meeting of each month commencing with the March 5, 2019 Agenda. The City Clerk did not receive the report) The Mayor made a presentation. The presentation will be on the City Council’s agenda next week to receive the report.

City Credit Card Statement – (The City Council adopted a resolution that the Mayor to provide monthly credit card statements for the prior month, to the City Clerk, to be included in the Pontiac City Council Agenda, the first meeting of each month commencing with the March 5, 2019 Agenda. The City Clerk did not receive the February 2019 statements.) The Mayor gave the statement to City Council Policy Advisor. The item will be on City Council agenda next week to receive the statement.

Communication from the City Attorney

Memorandum from City Attorney addressing complaint of Councilwoman Gloria Miller et. al. about City Attorney failing to Inform the City Council that the Revised Carter/City Council Ordinance was not in proper form.

Councilman Don Woodward left the meeting.

19-70 **Resolution for a Day of Racial Healing and Reconciliation on each March 4th.**
(Agenda Item Ad-On) Move by Councilperson Pietila and second by Councilperson Taylor-Burks.

Whereas, March 4th will be deemed an opportune time to march forward in racial healing as a community in the City of Pontiac, Michigan. Citizens are asked to honor this day by making an effort to open their hearts and minds to the common goal of unity by working towards racial reconciliation.

Whereas, each March 4th, beginning the year 2019, Friends of Reconciliation, Inc. has focused on taking intentional steps to aid the community in healing from division and social injustice. Each year, citizens of neighboring communities will gather to receive hope-filled content and direction leading to achieving and maintaining positive social change. It is the goal of Friends of Reconciliation, Inc. to raise a standard of togetherness in America throughout the year.

Whereas, Friends of Reconciliation, Inc. is a community organization committed to providing citizens with tools to help build healthy relationships with people of different ethnic backgrounds. Led by its Founder, Alicea Davis, the “March Forth” movement will challenge each citizen to move forward in the racial healing process in our nation.

Whereas, Honoring March 4th means we commit our speech to solution-oriented dialogue and we take actions that build trust and foster unity. The goal of this day of racial healing is to equip our citizens to remember America’s dark history without reliving it.

Ayes: Carter, Miller, Pietila, Taylor-Burks, Waterman and Williams

No: None

Resolution Passed.

Nine (9) individuals addressed the body during public comment.

Mayor Deirdre Waterman, Interim City Clerk Garland Doyle and City Council Members Taylor-Burks, Pietila, Waterman, Miller, Carter and Williams made closing comments.

President Kermit Williams adjourned the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

GARLAND S. DOYLE
INTERIM CITY CLERK