

**Official Proceedings
Pontiac City Council
66th Session of the Tenth Council**

A Study Session of the City Council of Pontiac, Michigan was called to order in City Hall, Tuesday, January 15, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. by Council President Kermit Williams.

Call to Order

Roll Call

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

Members Absent: Taylor-Burks.

Mayor Waterman was present.

Clerk announced a quorum.

19-12 **Excuse Councilperson Doris Taylor-Burks for personal reasons.** Moved by Councilperson Waterman and second by Councilperson Pietila.

Ayes: Miller, Pietila, Waterman, Williams, Woodward and Carter

No: None

Motion Carried.

19-13 **Amendments to move public comment after the presentations, table items #6 & 7 for one week, make agenda item #9 a part of the Friends of the Clinton River Trial Presentation and approve the agenda.** Moved by Councilperson Woodward and second by Councilperson Pietila.

Ayes: Pietila, Waterman, Williams, Woodward, Carter and Pietila

No: None

Motion Carried.

Mayor ask for point of privilege to introduce the new Youth Recreation Staff. Jason Crute as the new Youth Recreation Manager and Robert Burch as the Assistant Youth Recreation Manager.

19-14 **Approve minutes of January 8, 2019.** Moved by Councilperson Waterman and second by Councilperson Woodward.

Ayes: Waterman, Williams, Woodward, Miller and Pietila

No: None

Abstain: Carter
Motion Carried.

Presentation – Friends of the Clinton River Trail

19-15 **Suspend the Rules.** Moved by Councilperson Woodward and second by Councilperson Waterman.

Ayes: Waterman, Williams, Woodward, Carter, Miller and Pietila
No: None
Motion Carried.

19-16 **Proclamation in honor of the 15th Anniversary of the Clinton River Trail.** Moved by Councilperson Woodward and second by Councilperson Waterman.

WHEREAS, The City of Pontiac did work with the communities of Sylvan Lake, Auburn Hills, Rochester Hills, and Rochester to create, and in 2003, jointly adopted a master plan for a five city multi-use recreational trail to be known as the Clinton River Trail, and

WHEREAS, in 2004 the City of Pontiac joined those same cities in signing a Memorandum of Understanding agreeing to cooperatively establish, maintain, and operate a 16-mile long recreational trail, to be known as the Clinton River Trail, primarily located on the abandoned Grand Trunk Western rail corridor that passes through the five communities, and

WHEREAS, Pontiac then acquired and constructed a 1.5 mile section of trail from Old Telegraph Road to Bagley Street through funding provided by grants from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) and the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC), and

WHEREAS, in 2009 Pontiac completed a 1.2 mile eastward extension of the trail along sidewalks from Bagley Street to the M-59/Northbound Woodward intersection, and

WHEREAS, in 2011 Pontiac obtained a federal stimulus grant through the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) to build a pedestrian bridge over Telegraph Road linking the Clinton River Trail in Pontiac to the City of Sylvan Lake, and

WHEREAS, Friends of the Clinton River Trail, in cooperation with the five Clinton River Trail cities, funded the design and prototyping of trail amenities and signage to provide a consistent look and feel along the full length of the trail and subsequently some portions of the completed trail in Pontiac have had such amenities and signage installed, and

WHEREAS, in 2017 Pontiac via a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant purchased a 4.5 mile section of abandoned rail line from Opdyke Road to Jaycee Park that will allow the Clinton River Trail to be developed closer to the downtown connection and will provide trail access to citizens on the north side of the city, and

WHEREAS, other similar trails across the nation have shown how recreational trails enhance the quality of life and enhance property values in their community thus Pontiac continues to seek funding opportunities to allow the Clinton River Trail to evolve and improve;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that on this day, January 15, 2019 the Mayor and City Council of the City of Pontiac hereby proclaims 2019 be recognized as the year of the 15th Anniversary of the Clinton River Trail and applauds the dedication, hard work and on-going efforts of City staff, community volunteers and all entities responsible for implementing the original vision of the Clinton River Trail master plan.

Ayes: Williams, Woodward, Carter, Miller, Pietila and Waterman

No: None

Proclamation Adopted.

Presentation – Tameka Ramsey and Associates regarding a Grant from Genisys Credit Union for Main Street Pontiac/Main Street Oakland County

Presentation – Medical Marihuana update on working groups and recent Legislation by the Planning Division

Presentation – Medical Marihuana Application Process by the Office of the City Clerk. The Interim City Clerk introduced Mr. Matthew Neale, Esq., Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C. to serve as professional expert to assist the Interim Clerk with the medical marihuana application process.

Ten (10) individuals addressed the body during public comment.

Resolution to Approve the Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 as Requested by the Mayor

Council President Williams requested that the administration separate the Phoenix Center settlement payment from the rest of the Budget Amendment request. He referred the additional Budget Amendments (rollovers) from fiscal year 2017-2018 to the relevant subcommittee.

January 15, 2019 Approved Minutes

Council President Kermit Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

GARLAND S. DOYLE
INTERIM CITY CLERK