

July 9, 2019 Approved Minutes

**Official Proceedings
Pontiac City Council
103rd Session of the Tenth Council**

A Formal Meeting of the City Council of Pontiac, Michigan was called to order in City Hall, Tuesday, July 9, 2019 at 6:01 p.m. by Council President Kermit Williams.

Call to Order

Invocation - Pastor Matlock

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

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

Members Absent: Waterman and Woodward.

Mayor Waterman was absent.

Deputy Mayor was present.

Clerk announced a quorum.

19-334 **Excuse Councilperson Patrice Waterman and Don Woodard for personal reasons.**
Moved by Councilperson Pietila and second by Councilperson Taylor-Burks.

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

No: None

Motion Carried.

19-335 **Motion to remove item #8 for one week. (Consider appeal from A&S Kaji Enterprise, Inc., parcel #64-14-16-402-030 1124 Joslyn Ave.)** Moved by Councilperson Taylor-Burks and second by Councilperson Pietila.

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

No: None

Motion Carried.

19-336 **Approval of the agenda with amendment.** Moved by Councilperson Pietila and second by Councilperson Taylor-Burks.

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

No: None

Motion Carried.

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19-337 **Approve special meeting on the budget minutes for June 21, 2019.** Moved by Councilperson Taylor-Burks and second by Councilperson Pietila.

Ayes: Williams, Carter, Miller, Pietila and Taylor-Burks
No: None
Motion Carried.

19-338 **Approve special meeting on the budget minutes for June 24, 2019.** Moved by Councilperson Taylor-Burks and second by Councilperson Miller.

Ayes: Williams, Carter, Miller, Pietila and Taylor-Burks
No: None
Motion Carried.

19-339 **Approve formal meeting minutes on June 25, 2019.** Moved by Councilperson Taylor-Burks and second by Councilperson Pietila.

Ayes: Carter, Miller, Pietila, Taylor-Burks and Williams
No: None
Motion Carried.

19-340 **Approve special meeting minutes on June 29, 2019.** Moved by Councilperson Pietila and second by Councilperson Taylor-Burks.

Ayes: Carter, Miller, Pietila, Taylor-Burks and Williams
No: None
Motion Carried.

19-341 **Approve study session meeting minutes on July 2, 2019.** Moved by Councilperson Taylor-Burks and second by Councilperson Miller.

Ayes: Miller, Taylor-Burks, Williams and Carter
No: None
Abstain: Pietila
Motion Carried.

Discussions

Status of Perry Street Road Diet.

The Posting of City Council Agendas on the City's Website and the Taping of the City Council Meetings on Cable.

19-342 **Resolution to set a Special Meeting to discuss the draft Community Benefits Ordinance.** Moved by Councilperson Taylor-Burks and second by Councilperson Miller.

Whereas, the Pontiac City Council will hold a Special Meeting regarding the Community Benefits Ordinance on July 16, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 47450 Woodward Ave., Pontiac, Michigan 48342.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Pontiac City Council schedules a Special Meeting on July 16, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 47450 Woodward Ave., Pontiac, Michigan 48342.

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

No: None

Resolution Passed.

19-343 **Resolution honoring Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. 2019 Family of the Year Mr. & Mrs. Gordon May.** Moved by Councilperson Taylor-Burks and second by Councilperson Pietila.

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this legislative body to honor an outstanding couple of remarkable character, who are inspirational and who empower the community; and,

WHEREAS, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Lambda Rho Zeta Chapter, in partnership with the Pearls of Hope Foundation celebrates the 36th Annual Finer Womanhood Scholarship Luncheon; and,

WHEREAS, this year, recognition is bestowed upon “Family of the Year,” Mr. and Mrs. Gordon May; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon May are the proud parents of two adult daughters, Amira and Carissa; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon May are truly a breath of fresh air, as their fun loving spirit, deep-rooted faith, respect for others and affection for friends and extended family, place them in a class all by themselves; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon May both selflessly devoted their careers to higher education; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon May both retired from Oakland Community College where Pat was an Academic and Professional Counselor and Gordon after leaving management in the private sector, became an administrator and Campus President and subsequently, President of Baltimore City Community College; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon may have touched the lives of many students, had a profound impact on the community and have been distinguished as outstanding professionals.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pontiac City Council, and members of this great community, honor and salute Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.’s, 2019 “Family of the Year,” Mr. and Mrs. Gordon May. Congratulations.

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

No: None

Resolution Passed.

19-344 **Resolution honoring Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. 2019 Community Service Honoree Attorney Elbert L. Hatchett.** Moved by Councilperson Taylor-Burks and second by Councilperson Pietila.

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this legislative body to honor an outstanding individual of remarkable character, who is inspirational and who empowers the community; and,
WHEREAS, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Lambda Rho Zeta Chapter, in partnership with the Pearls of Hope Foundation celebrates the 36th Annual Finer Womanhood Scholarship Luncheon; and,
WHEREAS, this year, recognition is bestowed upon “Community Service Honoree,” Attorney Elbert L. Hatchett; and,
WHEREAS, Attorney Albert L. Hatchett is one of the nation’s leading trial lawyers and for forty years has been dedicated to excellence in the practice of law and the pursuit of justice for all; and,
WHEREAS, Attorney Elbert L. Hatchett is a founding partner of the original Law Firm, Hatchett, Brown, Waterman and Campbell, which made history, when it filed suit, represented and won the segregation case against the Pontiac School District in 1971, as this momentous case, made it to the United States Supreme Court and established a legal precedent for busing as a remedy for segregated school systems in the North; and,
WHEREAS, Attorney Elbert L. Hatchett’s law firm located in Pontiac, Michigan, has contributed extensively to the community; and,
WHEREAS, Attorney Elbert L. Hatchett is an advocate and a defender of human rights as his commitment is evident in his leadership roles; and,
WHEREAS, Attorney Elbert L. Hatchett has served as past President of the Northern Oakland County Branch of the NAACP, has received countless awards for his outstanding work and commitment which include; the Detroit Human Rights Committee for Outstanding Contributions, Community Service Award- National Association of Business and Professional Women, Distinguished Alumni-Florida A & M University and Trailblazer Awards- D. Augustus Straker Bar Association; and,
WHEREAS, Attorney Elbert L. Hatchett is married to Laurestine and they are the proud parents of three adult children, two grandchildren and a great-grand.
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pontiac City Council, and members of this great community, honor and salute Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.’s, 2019 “Community Service Honoree,” Attorney Elbert L. Hatchett. Congratulations.

Ayes: Woodward, Taylor-Burks, Waterman and Williams

No: None

Resolution Passed.

19-345 **Resolution honoring Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. 2019 Woman of the Year Anita Barksdale, RN.** Moved by Councilperson Taylor-Burks and second by Councilperson Pietila.

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this legislative body to pay proper tribute to individuals of great character and whose lives have been dedicated to uplifting, inspiring and empowering the community; and,

WHEREAS, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Lambda Rho Zeta Chapter, in partnership with the Pearls of Hope Foundation celebrates the 36th Annual Finer Womanhood Scholarship Luncheon; and,

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WHEREAS, this year, recognition is bestowed upon “Woman of the Year,” Anita Barksdale, RN; and, WHEREAS, Anita Barksdale is married to Nicholas Barksdale and the couple has two children, Christopher and Nicole; and, WHEREAS, Anita Barksdale is a Registered Nurse and a Nurse Educator at St. Joseph Mercy Oakland; and, WHEREAS, Anita Barksdale is a faithful and committed health care professional who routinely holds seminars and workshops regarding safety and health issues; and, WHEREAS, Anita Barksdale is the Advisor of the Stork’s Nest of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Lambda Rho Zeta Chapter and is truly a trailblazer, as her tenacity and vision led to not only the Stork’s Nest having a permanent location at St. Joseph’s Medical Building, but evolved into a collaboration of health care professionals all assisting young mother’s while visiting the Stork’s Nest for pre-natal education, free baby layettes and other needed baby items; and, WHEREAS, Anita Barksdale is a dedicated community activist as she is an Advisor for the Pearlettes, the youngest auxiliary group of Zeta Phi Beta, she oversees and ensures that the Pearlettes are involved in various community projects, crafts and other activities, volunteers with other community agencies, and along with her husband and children, promotes awareness of Autism and provides guidance, special services and assistance to families as to the Autism spectrum. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the Pontiac City Council and members of this great community honor and salute Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.’s, 2019 “Woman of the Year,” Anita Barksdale, RN, for her exemplary contributions of leadership, selflessness and commitment to our community.

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

No: None

Resolution Passed.

19-346 **Resolution honoring James Jasper Booth on his 90th Birthday.** Moved by Councilperson Taylor-Burks and second by Councilperson Pietila.

WHEREAS, The Pontiac City Council celebrates the gift of life and those who have lived life abundantly and whose lives exemplify the highest ideals of humanity; and, WHEREAS, James Jasper Booth was born in Magee, Mississippi, to John and Ethel Booth, was the second of six children born to that union; and after his mother passed away, his father remarried, and James was blessed with three more siblings; and, WHEREAS, James Jasper Booth grew up in Oak Grove, Louisiana and after high school, migrated to Pontiac, Michigan in pursuit of finding better employment opportunities; and, WHEREAS, James Jasper Booth married in 1951 and had four children: Carlotta, Kenny, Lois (deceased) and Carl; and in 1974, destiny intervened and his niece, Angela Carter and her best friend, Selvy Hall, introduced James to Pearl, who he later married in 1977 and to this union, James Jasper Booth was blessed with another son, Mark Holland; and, WHEREAS, James Jasper Booth and Pearl who he affectionately calls “Mrs. Booth, My Wife,” have been married for over 41 years; and,

WHEREAS, James Jasper Booth is truly a class act, as his profound and amazing work ethic allowed him to not only work and retire from A & P with over 28 years of distinguished service, but simultaneously work and retire from General Motors at the Foundry with over 41 years; and,

WHEREAS, James Jasper Booth is devoted to both his family and his friends and has an inseparable relationship with his siblings; and,

WHEREAS, James Jasper Booth is an adventurer who enjoys seeing new places and travelling throughout the continental United States, but despite all of his travels, going to see family and friends in Mississippi ranks supreme; and,

WHEREAS, James Jasper Booth is recognized as a bowler enthusiast who has won numerous awards, trophies and prizes over the years, loves to fish, is a member of the world renown Golden Opportunity Club and is often times found playing cards at the Bowen Center.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Pontiac City Council, on behalf of the members of this great community, recognize with great pride and dignity and salute Mr. James Jasper Booth, as he is honored on his birthday, July 9, 2019 for the blessing that he has been to his family and friends for 90 years of life, "Happy Birthday Mr. James Jasper Booth."

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

No: None

Resolution Passed.

19-347 **Resolution to approve the Police School Liaison Officer Program Agreement between the School District of the City of Pontiac and the City of Pontiac and to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement as presented.** Moved by Councilperson Pietila and second by Councilperson Miller.

Whereas, the School District of the City of Pontiac desires to have an increased official law enforcement presence within the District and has approved an agreement with the City of Pontiac; and,

Whereas, the City of Pontiac sees a benefit in having an official Law enforcement presence in the District; and,

Whereas, the Oakland County Sheriff's Office finds the school liaison officer program as a benefit to all parties involved; and,

Whereas, the City Attorney has reviewed and approved agreement as to form;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Pontiac City Council approves the Police School Liaison Officer Program Agreement between the School District of the City of Pontiac and the City of Pontiac and authorizes the Mayor to sign agreement as presented.

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

No: None

Resolution Passed.

19-348 **Resolution to authorize the mayor to enter into a contract with Pamar Enterprises Inc., for \$1,617,806.50 for the City's 2019 Local Street Improvement Project.** Moved by Councilperson Pietila and second by Councilperson Carter.

Whereas, the City of Pontiac has advertised and received responses to a request For Proposal for the 2019 Local Street Improvement Program on May 28, 2019, and publically opened bids; and

Whereas, a bid tabulation was prepared and reviewed, and;

Whereas, the City identified the low bidder as Pamar Enterprises, and references of the low bidder checked and found acceptable.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved that the Pontiac City Council authorizes the Mayor to enter into a contract with Pamar Enterprises, Inc. for \$1,617,806.50 for the 2019 Local Street Improvement Project.

Ayes: Pietila, Williams and Carter

No: Miller and Taylor-Burks

Resolution Failed.

19-349 **Resolution to grant the easement for the Phoenix Center and McKinley Street Property as requested by the Water Resources Commissioner's Office and to authorize Mayor to sign requested easement agreements.** Move by Councilperson Pietila but no second. Motion Fails.

Council discussion on the matter

19-349b **Motion to defer for one week the Resolution to grant the easement for the Phoenix Center and McKinley Street Property as requested by the Water Resources Commissioner's Office and to authorize Mayor to sign requested easement agreements.** Moved by Councilperson Taylor-Burks and second by Councilperson Carter. Council is requesting maps for next week's meeting.

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

No: None

Motion Carried.

19-350 **Resolution to authorize the Mayor to enter into an extension of the AT&T Right-of-way Telecommunications Permit through September 30, 2020.** Moved by Councilperson Pietila but no second. Motion Fails.

Council discussion on the matter

19-350b **Motion to defer for one week the Resolution to authorize the Mayor to enter into an extension of the AT&T Right-of-way Telecommunications Permit through September 30, 2020.** Moved by Councilperson Miller and second by Councilperson Taylor-Burks.

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

No: None

Motion Carried.

19-351 **Resolution recognizing the Bloomfield Hills Soccer Club, a 501(c) (3) nonprofit located in Pontiac as a nonprofit organization for the purpose of obtaining charitable gaming license. The soccer club will be holding a raffle in August to assist players in need of financial**

assistance in participating in the soccer program. Moved by Councilperson Taylor-Burks and second by Councilperson Miller.

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

No: None

Resolution Passed.

****See attached Exhibit A after minutes****

19-352 **Motion to request a legal opinion from the City Attorney on the Medical Marihuana Applications.** Moved by Councilperson Miller and second by Councilperson Taylor-Burks.

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

No: None

Motion Carried.

****See attached Exhibit B after minutes****

19-353 **Motion to receive communication informing the City Council that the Regional Transit Authority of Southeast Michigan would like to utilize the City Council Chambers to host its September meeting in Oakland County on Thursday, September 19, 2019.** Moved by Councilperson Pietila and second by Councilperson Taylor-Burks.

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

No: None

Motion Carried.

Monthly Mayoral Reports

Monthly Check Register

(The weekly check register for June 7, 14 and 21, 2019 are attached, Also, the check register for May 10 2019 is attached it was not included in last month's report. Deputy Mayor will provide answers to Councilwoman Miller questions.)

Monthly Staff Changes Report

(The June report was not submitted.)

City Credit Card Statement

(The June report was not submitted.) Finance stated that the statement will be provided in next week packet.

Mayor Waterman arrived at 8:17 p.m.

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

Mayor Deirdre Waterman, Interim City Clerk Garland Doyle, Councilwoman Mary Pietila, Councilwoman Doris Taylor-Burks, Councilwoman Gloria Miller, Council Pro-Tem Randy Carter and Council President Kermit Williams made closing comments.

Council President Kermit Williams adjourned the meeting at 8:58 p.m.

GARLAND S. DOYLE
INTERIM CITY CLERK