

December 3, 2019 Approved Minutes

**Official Proceedings
Pontiac City Council
125th Session of the Tenth Council**

A Study Session of the City Council of Pontiac, Michigan was called to order in City Hall, Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. by Council President Kermit Williams.

Call to Order

Roll Call

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

Members Absent: Waterman.

Mayor Waterman was present.

Clerk announced a quorum.

19-591 **Excuse Councilwoman Patrice Waterman for personal reasons.** Moved by Councilperson Pietila and second by Councilperson G. Williams.

Ayes: Miller, Pietila, Taylor-Burks, G. Williams, K. Williams and Carter

No: None

Motion Carried.

Motion for amendment to the agenda to add discussion regarding Ottawa Towers Contract Extension for Phoenix Center Maintenance Agreement. Moved by Councilperson Pietila, no second.

19-592 **Approval of the agenda as is.** Moved by Councilperson Taylor-Burks and second by Councilperson Miller.

Ayes: Taylor-Burks, G. Williams, K. Williams, Carter, Miller and Pietila

No: None

Motion Carried.

19-593 **Approval of meeting minutes for November 26, 2019.** Moved by Councilperson Taylor-Burks and second by Councilperson.

Ayes: G. Williams, K. Williams, Carter, Miller, Pietila and Taylor-Burks

No: None

Motion Carried.

19-594 **Suspend the rules to allow citizens to speak during public comment that was not present when their name was called.** Moved by Councilperson Miller and second by Councilperson Taylor-Burks.

Ayes: G. Williams, K. Williams, Carter, Miller and Taylor-Burks

No: Pietila

Motion Carried.

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

Discussion

Community Block Grant (CDBG) Program Year 2020 Proposed Project Allocation

\$265,000.00	Seniors: Repair Parking Lots
\$250,000.00	Pontiac Public Housing Authority
\$234,257.00	City Sidewalks
\$ 50,000.00	Public Service (Senior Services)
\$799,257.00	Total

Council President stated that the City needs to develop a process similar to Parks & Recreation Master Plan to increase citizen input

Council President Kermit Williams opened up a public hearing regarding the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Year 2020 Application at 7:00 p.m.

Five (5) individuals addressed the body during public hearing.

1. Everett Seay 509 Old Oak Ct, Pontiac, MI
Former Councilman Seay expressed concerns about the Deputy Mayor's comments regarding citizen participation. "To convoluted to help people that is wrong". She does not know if the two people that are the Citizens participation representatives are active. He talked about big ticket items such as sidewalks, parking lots. Mr. Seay conclude with a proposal that the Council form an ad hoc committee to work on developing a citizen participation plan.
2. Eirther Seay-Bey 53 Franklin Blvd., Pontiac, MI
Ms. Seay-Bey started by saying that she asked the School Board to get back to addressing skilled trades. She wants a copy of the HUD Report that shows the findings from HUD about the program. Ms. Seay-Bey stated that there were discriminatory practices by the County. She stated that she could not get help from the program. We need to monitor are own program. "What happen to our Citizens District Councils? What happen to the Citizens knowing what happens with our money?"
3. Minister Kathalee James 1579 Marshbank Dr., Pontiac, MI
Minister James stated that CDBG funds can be used for spray parks. She got a project from Royal Oak but they did not have the demographics. CDBG funds can be used to build a community center. She stated that she is not going to tear down this year program but we need to plan to build a community center next year.

4. Yvette Carson 491 Franklin Rd., Pontiac, MI
Pontiac the County seat of Oakland County. We need a community center. The Ewalt Center has been sitting there. The Church tried to buy it. Open it up for the kids. Jefferson School is sitting. Who owns it? She talked about the Phoenix Center use 3 million to fix it up.
5. Pastor Katherine Dessureau 1200 Colony Lane, Pontiac, MI
There was a proposal to buy the Ewalt Center from a church. Cash money offer but it was turned down. They were going to turn it into a community center and add an addition for a church. You had a chance to turn the Ewalt into a community center.

Council President Kermit Williams closed public hearing at 7:11 p.m.

Communication from the Mayor

Department of Public Works (DPW) Janitorial Contract Update

Phoenix Center Report Update

Council will bring back next week an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 18, Animals, to add article III. Dangerous Animals (First Reading)

Communication from the Mayor

Medical Marihuana Town Hall Update

Communication from the City Clerk

Medical Marihuana Application Process

19-595 **Suspend the rules.** Moved by Councilperson G. Williams and second by Councilperson Carter.

Ayes: K. Williams, Carter, Miller, Pietila, Tylor-Burks and G. Williams

No: None

Motion Carried.

19-596 **Resolution to extend the contract between the City of Pontiac and the Kristel Group until December 31, 2019.** Moved by Councilperson G. Williams and second by Councilperson Taylor-Burks.

Whereas, in September 2019, the City of Pontiac publicly published a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Janitorial Services for buildings owned and operated by the city; and,

Whereas, the contract between the current provider the Kristel Group expired November 30, 2019; and,

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Whereas, the parties have agreed to extend the contract.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Pontiac City Council hereby extend the contract between the City of Pontiac and the Kristel Group until December 31, 2019.

Ayes: Carter, Miller, Taylor-Burks, G. Williams and K. Williams

No: None

Resolution Passed.

Councilwoman Pietila was absent during the vote.

Council President Kermit Williams adjourned the meeting at 9:03 p.m.

GARLAND S. DOYLE
INTERIM CITY CLERK