

**Official Proceedings  
Pontiac City Council  
202<sup>th</sup> Session of the Tenth Council**

**Call to order**

A Formal Meeting of the City Council of Pontiac, Michigan was called to order electronically on Tuesday, November 24, 2020 at 12:11 p.m. by Council President Pro Tem Randy Carter.

**Invocation** – Councilmember Pietila

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call**

Members Present: Carter, Miller, Pietila, Shramski, Taylor-Burks and Waterman

Members Absent: Williams

Mayor Waterman was present.

Clerk announced a quorum.

**Excuse Councilmembers**

20-531       **Excuse Council President Williams for personal reasons.** Moved by Councilperson Pietila and second by Councilperson Waterman.

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

No: None

**Motion Carried**

20-532       **Motion to remove closed session from agenda.** Moved by Councilperson Waterman and second by Councilperson Taylor-Burks.

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

No: None

**Motion Carried**

**Amendments to and Approval of the Agenda**

20-533       **Motion to approve the amended agenda.** Moved by Councilperson Waterman and second by Councilperson Taylor-Burks.

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

No: None

**Motion Carried**

**Approval of the Minutes**

20-534       **Approval of minutes for November 16, 2020.** Moved by Councilperson Waterman and second by Councilperson Taylor-Burks.

Ayes: Taylor-Burks, Waterman, Pietila and Shramski

No: Miller

Abstain: Carter

**Motion Carried.**

20-535            **Approval of minutes for November 17, 2020.** Moved by Councilperson Pietila and second by Councilperson Taylor-Burks.

Ayes: Waterman, Pietila, Shramski and Taylor-Burks

No: None

Abstain: Carter and Miller

**Motion Carried**

**Subcommittee Report**

Public Safety

**Special Presentations**

Medical Marijuana Application Review Process Update

Presentation Presenter: Garland Doyle, Interim City Clerk

DPW Sidewalk Repair

Presentation Presenter: Mayor Deirdre Waterman; Dan Ringo, Interim DPW Director; Abdul Siddiqui, City Engineer and John Balint

Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) Crash Study for Perry Street

Presentation Presenter: Mayor Deirdre Waterman; Dan Ringo, Interim DPW Director; Abdul Siddiqui, City Engineer and John Balint

**Recognition of Elected Officials – None**

**Agenda Address - None**

**Resolution**

**City Council**

20-536            **City of Pontiac Resolution for the Honorable Preston G. Thomas.** Moved by Councilperson Pietila and second by Councilperson Waterman.

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

WHEREAS, it is feelings of the deepest regret that the Pontiac City Council mourns the passing of the Honorable Preston G. Thomas, a devoted and loyal member of this community; and,

WHEREAS, the Honorable Preston G. Thomas graduated from Wayne State University Law School in 1982 after which, he served as Deputy City Attorney for the City of Pontiac and Legislative Auditor for the Pontiac City Council; and,

WHEREAS, the Honorable Preston G. Thomas was elected to the bench of the 50<sup>th</sup> District Court in November of 1998 as Chief Judge, Pro-Tempore; and;

WHEREAS, the Hon Preston G. Thomas was a selfless leader whose unwavering commitment to helping others and dedication to upholding social justice and equality has left an incessant and everlasting impression on the community; and,

WHEREAS, guided by strong values and the belief that staying connected and educating the community are of paramount importance, the Honorable Preston G. Thomas raised his children in the Pontiac area and continued to actively educate and engage students about our justice system in order to provide a better understanding and respect for the law; and,

WHEREAS, the Honorable Preston G. Thomas was a member of numerous organizations including, the National Bar Association, American Bar Association, American Judges Association, Wolverine Bar Association, Associated Trial Lawyers of America, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and Phi Alpha Theta Fraternity.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pontiac City Council and members of this great community will greatly miss the Honorable Preston G. Thomas as his life was a portrait of service, a legacy that will long endure the passage of time and will remain as a comforting memory to all those whose lives he touched; we give our sincerest condolences to the family and friends of the Honorable Preston G. Thomas.

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

No: None

**Resolution Passed**

**Department of Public Works (DPW)**

20-537 **Resolution to authorize the Interim City Clerk to publish a notice of a budget amendment for fiscal year 2020/2021 to reallocate \$190,000.00 of the Council adopted budgeted expenditures from the General Fund.** Moved by Councilperson Pietila and second by Councilperson Waterman.

WHEREAS, as of October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020 the City of Pontiac's DPW Director requested that the City Council approve a budget amendment for reallocating fiscal year 2020/2021 Council adopted budgeted expenditures to be used to pay for Contractual Mowing Services; and

WHEREAS, current budgeted funds in the Contractual Mowing Services accounts within the General Fund; and

WHEREAS, the reallocation of these funds ensures that the City of Pontiac will have enough budgeted expenditure amounts within the Contractual Mowing Services accounts to properly pay vendors for mowing services throughout fiscal year 2020/2021.

NOW THEREFORE BE RESOLVED that the City Council hereby authorizes the Interim City Clerk to publish a notice in a newspaper of general circulation at least one week before consideration of the proposed budget amendment for fiscal year 2020/2021 to reallocate \$190,000.00 of the Council adopted budgeted expenditures from the General Fund. The total funds amount of \$190,000.00 are to be used to pay for Pontiac's Contractual Mowing Services during fiscal year 2020/2021.

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

No: None

**Resolution Passed**

**Finance**

20-538 **Resolution to accept a \$629,000 reimbursement from Oakland County for eligible Regular and Overtime Payroll Amounts received from the State of Michigan for the Public Safety Health Payroll Reimbursement Program (PSPHPR) and approve budget amendment.** Moved by Councilperson Waterman and second by Councilperson Pietila.

WHEREAS, the City of Pontiac was awarded a \$629,000 reimbursement from Oakland County;

WHEREAS, reimbursement is for regular and overtime payroll for the public safety and public health reimbursement program or other Coronavirus Aid Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding;

WHEREAS, the Oakland County sheriff's department has a law enforcement services agreement with the City of Pontiac for the year's 2019-2021;

WHEREAS, a budget amendment is required to the current Oakland County sheriff department's services agreement with the City of Pontiac to accept eligible regular and overtime payroll amounts that have been reimbursed by the State of Michigan to Oakland County;

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WHEREAS, the funds will increase the budgeted revenue for the current fiscal year 2020-2021 in the amount of \$629,000 for federal grant income;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the City Council hereby accepts the \$629,000 reimbursement from Oakland County and approves the budget amendment to increase budgeted revenues in the amount of \$629,000 to the General Fund in account 101-000-532.000 – Grant Income.

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

No: None

**Resolution Passed**

**Public Comment**

No public comments

**Mayor, Clerk and Council Closing Comments**

Mayor Waterman, Interim Clerk Doyle, Councilwoman Waterman, Councilwoman Shramski, Councilwoman Pietila, Councilwoman Taylor-Burks and Councilwoman Miller made closing comments.

**Adjournment**

Councilperson Gloria Miller adjourned the meeting at 2:10 p.m.

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GARLAND S DOYLE  
INTERIM CITY CLERK