

**Official Proceedings
Pontiac City Council
205th Session of the Tenth Council**

Call to order

A Study Session of the City Council of Pontiac, Michigan was called to order electronically, on Tuesday December 15, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. by Council President Kermit Williams.

Roll Call

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

Members Absent: Taylor-Burks

Mayor Waterman was present.

Clerk announced a quorum.

Excuse Councilmembers

20-559 **Motion to excuse Councilperson Taylor-Burks for personal reasons.** Moved by Council Pro Tem Carter and second by Councilperson Pietila.

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

No: None

Motion Carried

Approval of the Agenda

20-560 **Motion to approve the agenda.** Moved by Council Pro Tem Carter and second by Councilperson Miller.

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

No: None

Motion Carried

Councilperson Taylor-Burks arrived at 6:06 p.m.

Approval of the Minutes

20-561 **Motion to approve the meeting minutes for December 8, 2020.** Moved by Councilperson Miller and second by Council Pro Tem Carter.

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

No: None

Abstain: Waterman and Pietila

Motion Carried

Public Comment

Twenty-four (24) individuals submitted a public comment read by the City Clerk.

Suspend the Rules

20-562 **Motion to suspend the rules to move agenda items 8 (Resolution to Approve the Downtown Pontiac Social District) and 9 (Resolution to Approve Downtown Pontiac Social District Permit Applications) before 2 (Update from the Ad-hoc Medical Marihuana Subcommittee.** Moved by Councilperson Shramski and second by Councilperson Taylor Burks.

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

No: None

Motion Carried

20-563 **Motion to suspend the rules to vote on item 8 (Resolution to Approve the Downtown Pontiac Social District) and item 9 (Resolution to Approve Downtown Pontiac Social District Permit Applications).** Moved by Councilperson Pietila and second by Councilperson Taylor-Burks.

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

No: Carter

Motion Carried

Resolution

Planning

20-564 **Resolution to Approve the Downtown Pontiac Social District.** Moved by Councilperson Waterman and second by Councilperson Pietila.

WHEREAS, in accordance with Public Act 124 of 2020 on the establishment of Social Districts within a Michigan city; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 pandemic has caused unprecedented economic disruption worldwide and within our downtown business community; and

WHEREAS, restaurant, breweries, and bars, which are key contributors to the historic development/redevelopment of Downtown Pontiac, have been and will continue to be hard hit by the economic impact of the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, increasing availability of outdoor spaces for dining and drinking will help the downtown and its businesses recover; and

WHEREAS, Public Act 124 of 2020 empowers local governments like the City of Pontiac to enhance its downtown, the Social District and accompanying Common Areas where purchasers may consume and possess alcoholic beverages sold by multiple qualified Michigan Liquor Control Commission licensees who obtained Social District Permits; and

WHEREAS, the Pontiac City Council has received requests to designate a Downtown Pontiac Social District; and

WHEREAS, The Pontiac City Council has considered the potential impact of the requested Social District on the public health, safety and welfare of the city; and

WHEREAS, the Pontiac City Council desires to designate a Downtown Pontiac Social District with Common Areas.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

1. That Downtown Pontiac Social District boundary and Common Areas area are designated on the map, and

2. The Social District and Common Areas have at least two qualified, participating and permitted Michigan Liquor Control Commission licenses, and

3. That signs will be placed to clearly define and mark the limits of the Common Areas, and

4. The management and maintenance of the Downtown Pontiac Social District and Common Areas shall be conducted in accordance with the attached Management & Maintenance Plan, and

5. That the Downtown Pontiac Social District and Common Areas shall be maintained in a manner that protects the health and safety of the city, and

6. That, if the Common Areas are deemed to be a public health and safety concern, a public hearing revoking the designation will be held before the Pontiac City Council in accordance with Public Act 124 of 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Interim City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute all documents necessary to file the Downtown Pontiac Social District and Common Areas Map and the Management and Maintenance Plan with the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.

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

No: Carter

Resolution Passed

20-565 **Resolution to Approve Downtown Pontiac Social District Permit Applications.**

Moved by Councilperson Waterman and second by Councilperson Taylor-Burks.

WHEREAS, in accordance with Public Act 124 of 2020 on the establishment of Social Districts within a Michigan city; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 pandemic has caused unprecedented economic disruption worldwide and within our downtown business community; and

WHEREAS, restaurant, breweries, and bars, which are key contributors to the historic development/redevelopment of Downtown Pontiac, have been and will continue to be hard hit by the economic impact of the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, increasing availability of outdoor spaces for dining and drinking will help the downtown and its businesses recover; and

WHEREAS, Public Act 124 of 2020 empowers local governments like the City of Pontiac to enhance its downtown, the Social District and accompanying Common Areas where purchasers may consume and possess alcoholic beverages sold by multiple qualified Michigan Liquor Control Commission licensees who obtained Social District permits; and

WHEREAS, the Pontiac City Council has designated a Downtown Pontiac Social District and Common Areas; and

WHEREAS, the City has received requests from multiple qualified licensees to recommend approval of their Social District permit applications by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission; and

WHEREAS, the licensed establishments are contiguous to the Common Areas within the Social District; and

WHEREAS, the Pontiac City Council desires to recommend approval of the Social District Permit applications,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Social District Permit applications from the following licensees are recommended by the Pontiac City Council for consideration and approval by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission:

- a. Alley Cat Café – 31 N Saginaw
- b. Charlene’s Theater Bar – 12 N Saginaw
- c. Elektriccity – 15 S Saginaw
- d. Exferimentation Brewing Company – 7 N Saginaw
- e. Fillmore 13 Brewery – 7 N Saginaw
- f. Green Room Café – 47 N Saginaw
- g. Lafayette Grande – 1 Lafayette
- h. Lafayette Market – 154 N Saginaw
- i. Liberty Bar – 85 N Saginaw
- j. Little MO – 51 N Saginaw
- k. The Crofoot – 1 S Saginaw
- l. The Strand Theatre Restaurant – 12 N Saginaw
- m. The Interim City Clerk is authorized and directed to provide each applicant with a certification of this action in the form specified by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.

Ayes: Miller, Pietila, Shramski, Taylor-Burks, Waterman and Williams
No: Carter
Resolution Passed

Suspend the Rules

20-566 **Motion to suspend the rules to vote.** Moved by Councilperson Waterman and second by Councilperson Taylor-Burks.

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

Resolution

Finance

20-567 **Resolution to approve the revised Federal Poverty Guidelines for 2021 and the City of Pontiac Board of Review instructions for applicants requesting hardship exemption consideration.** Moved by Councilperson Pietila and second by Councilperson Taylor-Burks.

WHEREAS, In accordance with State of Michigan Act No. 390 Public Acts of 1994, approved December 29, 1994, General Property Section 211. 7u (4). "The governing assessing unit shall determine and make public the policy and guidelines the uses for the granting of exemptions. The guidelines shall include but not specific income and asset levels of the household income assets;" and,

WHEREAS, The Pontiac City Council approved said Hardship Exemption Guidelines for 2020; and, WHEREAS, said Hardship Guidelines should be amended annually to reflect the new Federal Poverty Guidelines,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pontiac City Council hereby approves the attached revised Federal Poverty guidelines for the 2021 and the City of Pontiac Board of Review Instructions for Applicants requesting Hardship Exemption consideration.

Ayes: Pietila, Shramski, Taylor-Burks, Waterman, Williams, Carter and Miller
No: None
Resolution Passed

Suspend the Rules

20-568 **Motion to suspend the rules to vote.** Moved by Councilperson Waterman and second by Councilperson Taylor-Burks.

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

20-569 **Motion to request a Resolution for a 1 year contract for Wade Trim with month-to-month extension.** Moved by Councilperson Waterman and second by Councilperson Carter.

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

December 15, 2020 Approved Minutes

20-570 **Motion to suspend the rules to vote.** Moved by Councilperson Waterman and second by Councilperson Shramski.

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

No: None

Motion Carried

20-571 **Motion to defer item 7 (Resolution establishing authorized signatures for Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Michigan (MERS) Contracts and Service Credit Purchase Approvals to January Finance Subcommittee.** Moved by Councilperson Waterman and second by Councilperson Pietila.

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

No: None

Motion Carried

Adjournment

President Kermit Williams adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

GARLAND S DOYLE
INTERIM CITY CLERK