

**Official Proceedings
Pontiac City Council
207th 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 29, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. by Council President Kermit Williams.

Roll Call

Members Present: Carter, Pietila, Shramski, Waterman & Williams.

Members Absent: Miller & Taylor-Burks

Mayor Waterman was present.

Clerk announced a quorum.

Excuse Councilmembers

20-580 **Motion to excuse Councilpersons Miller & Taylor-Burks for personal reasons.**

Moved by Councilperson Pietila and second by Councilperson Waterman.

Ayes: Pietila, Shramski, Waterman, Williams & Carter

No: None

Motion Carried

Approval of the Agenda

20-581 **Motion to approve the agenda.** Moved by Councilperson Waterman and second by Councilperson Carter.

Ayes: Shramski, Waterman, Williams & Carter

No: Pietila

Motion Carried

Suspend the Rules

20-582 **Motion to suspend the rules to vote.** Moved by Councilperson Waterman and second by Councilperson Carter.

Ayes: Shramski, Waterman, Williams, Carter & Pietila

No: None

Motion Carried

20-583 **Motion to remove item 7 (Charles Johnson regarding City of Detroit recreational marijuana legacy Detroit program) from the agenda and make it a public comment.** Moved by Councilperson Carter and second by Councilperson Waterman.

Ayes: Waterman, Williams, Carter, Pietila & Shramski

No: None

Motion Carried

Approval of the Amended Agenda

20-584 **Motion to approve the amended agenda.** Moved by Councilperson Pietila and second by Councilperson Carter.

Ayes: Waterman, Williams, Carter, Pietila & Shramski
No: None
Motion Carried

Public Comment

Two (2) individuals submitted a public comment read by the City Clerk.

Councilperson Taylor-Burks arrived at 12:19 p.m.

Approval of the Minutes

20-585 **Motion to approve the December 22, 2020 meeting minutes with amendment to the approval of Resolution 20-577 that incorrectly recorded Councilperson Pietila as a yes vote. Councilperson Pietila was not present at the meeting.** Moved by Councilperson Pietila and second by Councilperson Carter.

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

Communication from the Mayor

Supplemental Report and information regarding the Wade Trim Contract to provide Building Services for the City- Prior Amendments and Extensions

Councilperson Miller arrived at 12:30 p.m.

Suspend the Rules

20-586 **Motion to suspend the rules to vote.** Moved by Councilperson Waterman and second by Councilperson Miller.

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

20-587 **Motion to have the Legislative Counsel to prepare a Resolution with the City Attorney for Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) informing MDOT that the City is willing to cover the cost to have the bike lanes removed from Perry Street.** Moved by Councilperson Waterman and second by Councilperson Pietila.

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

20-588 **Motion to suspend the rules to vote.** Moved by Councilperson Taylor-Burks and second by Councilperson Pietila.

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

**Resolution
Finance**

20-589 **Resolution to approve the agreement between the City of Pontiac and Oakland County that names David Hieber as the Designated Assessor for Oakland County.** Moved by Councilperson Waterman and second by Councilperson Taylor-Burks.

WHEREAS, Public Act 660 of 2018 requires all Michigan Counties to name a Designated Assessor for each respective county; and

WHEREAS, this process is to be done by resolution in each of Michigan's 83 counties; and

WHEREAS, the main purpose of this Act and the Designated Assessor is to ensure all cities and townships are in substantial compliance with the General Property Tax Act; and

WHEREAS, the Designated Assessor is not Countywide assessing; it is a process to assist the State Tax Commission in the event a local city or township is not in substantial compliance with the General Property Tax Act; and

WHEREAS, this assistance will only take place after several reviews and correction opportunities by the local city or township; and

WHEREAS, in November 2020 Oakland County named David Hieber, in his capacity as the Equalization Officer for Oakland County, as the Designated Assessor for Oakland County. In order to be compliant with Public Act 660; and

WHEREAS, an Interlocal Agreement is to be executed by the majority of the cities and townships within the county, the County Board of Commissioners, and the Designated Assessor; and

WHEREAS, Oakland County has committed to keeping in compliance with the General Property Tax Act and will do so without any additional cost to already contracted assessing units.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the City is hereby authorized to execute and enter into the Interlocal Agreement to name David Hieber as the County's Designated Assessor.

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

No: None

Resolution Passed

Councilperson Pietila left the meeting.

Suspend the Rules

20-590 **Motion to suspend the rules to vote.** Moved by Councilperson Waterman and second by Councilperson Shramski.

Ayes: Taylor-Burks, Waterman, Williams, Carter, Miller & Shramski

No: None

Motion Carried

Resolution

Finance

20-591 **Resolution establishing authorized signatures for Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Michigan (MERS) Contracts and Service Credits Purchase Approvals.** Moved by Councilperson Waterman and second by Councilperson Shramski.

WHEREAS, City of Pontiac ("Employer") is a participating municipality with the Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Michigan ("MERS") and has adopted one or more retirement, insurance, investment or other post-employment benefit products administered by MERS; and

WHEREAS, MERS requires signatures of an authorized representative of the Employer to execute contracts with MERS, the entry of which is authorized by the Pontiac City Council and permitted under the applicable MERS Plan Document(s); and

WHEREAS, the Employer wishes to designate certain job position(s), the holder(s) of which may sign

MERS' contracts relating to the adoption, amendment, and termination of MERS' products, and defined benefit service credit purchase approvals on behalf of the Employer to implement decisions and actions of the governing body; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution is not intended to apply to MERS forms or any other MERS document except as specifically mentioned herein.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following job position(s) are hereby Authorized Officials that can sign: (1) MERS Adoption Agreements, Resolutions, Participation Agreements, Administrative Services Agreements, Withdrawal Agreements, and any other contracts between MERS and the Employer with respect to Employer's participation in any MERS-administered products and any amendments and addendums thereto, and (2) MERS Defined Benefit service credit purchase approvals:

Mayor

Deputy Mayor

Finance Director

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution may be revoked in writing or amended by the Pontiac City Council at any time, provided that it will not be effective until such writing or amended Resolution is received by MERS. The Pontiac City Council agrees that MERS may rely upon this Resolution as conferring signing authority upon the holders of the above job position(s) to bind Employer with respect to MERS.

Ayes: Waterman, Williams, Carter, Miller, Shramski & Taylor-Burks

No: None

Resolution Passed

Suspend the Rules

20-592 **Motion to suspend the rules to vote.** Moved by Councilperson Taylor-Burks and second by Councilperson Carter.

Ayes: Taylor-Burks and Waterman

No: Williams, Carter, Miller and Shramski

Motion Failed

Adjournment

President Kermit Williams adjourned the meeting at 2:01 p.m.

GARLAND S DOYLE
INTERIM CITY CLERK