

**Official Proceedings
Pontiac City Council
152nd 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, May 12, 2020 at 6:10 p.m. by Council President Kermit Williams.

Invocation

Deputy Mayor Jane Bais-DiSessa

Roll Call

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

Mayor Waterman was present.

Clerk announced a quorum.

Amendments to the Agenda

20-185 **Motion to approve resolution for salary change to Assistant City Clerk. (Agenda add-on)** Moved by Councilperson Pietila and second by Councilperson Carter.

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

No: None

Motion Carried.

20-186 **Motion to add Resolution to schedule a Special Meeting on Thursday, May 14, 2020 at Noon to discuss CDBG Cares Act with Oakland County, schedule a public hearing for the CDBG Corona Virus Application on Monday, May 18, 2020 at 10:00 am and schedule a Special Meeting on Monday, May 18, 2020 at 11:00 am for the CDBG Corona Virus Application. (Agenda add-on)** Moved by Councilperson Pietila and second by Councilperson Miller.

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

No: None

Motion Carried.

Approval of the Agenda

20-187 **Approve agenda as amended.** Moved by Councilperson Pietila and second by Councilperson Waterman.

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

No: None

Motion Carried.

Approval of the Minutes

20-188 **Approve meeting minutes of May 5, 2020 with correction to the spelling of Carter under roll call.** Moved by Councilperson Pietila and second by Councilperson Carter.

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

No: None

Motion Carried.

Proclamations

20-189 **Proclamation of the Mayor and City Council to hereby recognize May 2020 as Mental Health Month, and that all citizens, government agencies, public and private intuitions, businesses and schools recommit our state to increase awareness and understanding of mental illness and the need for appropriate and accessible services for all people with mental illness to promote recovery.** Moved by Councilperson Waterman and second by Councilperson Pietila.

Whereas, mental health is important for our individual well-being and vitality, as well as that of our families, communities and businesses and

Whereas, at least 8.4 million Americans provide care to an adult with an emotional or mental illness; and

Whereas, 17% of youth (6-17 years) experience a mental health disorder that, if untreated, can lead to school failure, physical illness, substance use, jail and even suicide; and

Whereas, May 7th has been designated the National Children’s Mental Health Awareness Day; and

Whereas, one in eight of all visits to U.S. emergency departments are related to mental health and substance use disorders; and

Whereas, mental illness is biologically based brain disorder that cannot be overcome through “will power” and is not related to a defect in a person’s “character” or intelligence; and

Whereas, mental health recovery is as journey of healing and transformation, enabling people with a mental illness to live in a community of his or her choice while striving to achieve his or her full potential; and

Whereas, mental health recovery not only benefits individuals with mental health disorders by focusing on their abilities to live, work, learn and fully participate and contribute to our society, but also enriches the culture of our community life; and

Whereas, the Oakland County Community Health Network (OCHN), and its service provider agencies, are committed to inspiring hope, empowering people, and strengthening communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, I, Dr. Deirdre Waterman, Mayor of the City of Pontiac, in conjunction with the Pontiac City Council, on behalf of the entire community, by this Proclamation, recognizes May 2020 as Mental Health Month and join in OCHN’s call to our citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses and schools to recommit our state to increasing awareness and understanding of mental illness, and the need for appropriate and accessible services for all people with mental illnesses to promote recovery.

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

No: None

Proclamation Passed.

20-190 **Defer for one week Item #3 (Proclamation of Mayor and City Council to honor and recognize KJ Hamler, one of Pontiac’s most promising and remarkable athletes, for his outstanding athleticism and sportsmanship) .** Moved by Councilperson Waterman and second by Councilperson Taylor-Burks.

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

No: None

Motion Carried.

Communication from the Mayor

Mayor’s Budget Message for Proposed Fiscal Years 2021-2025

Discussion

Budget Hearing Schedule for the Proposed Fiscal Year 2021 Budget

Announcement of the City Council District 2 Vacancy Selection

The Clerk announced how each Council Member voted.

Council President Pro Tem Carter voted for Megan Shramski

Council Member Miller voted for Megan Shramski

Council Member Pieila voted for Brenda Causey-Mitchell

Council Member Taylor-Burks voted for Megan Shramski

Council Member Waterman voted for Megan Shramski

Council President Williams voted for Coleman Yoakum

Each Council Member confirmed their vote. The Clerk announced that Megan Shramski had received the required four votes per the Charter to be appointed to fill the vacancy.

Suspend the Rules

20-191 **Suspend the rules.** Move by Councilperson Carter and second by Councilperson Miller.

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

No: None

Motion Carried.

City Council

20-192 **Resolution to appoint Megan Shramski to the City Council for District 2.** Moved by Councilperson Waterman and second by Councilperson Pietila.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Pontiac City Council appoints Megan Shramski to the Pontiac City Council to represent District 2 for the term ending December 31, 2021.

Ayes: Miller, Pietila, Tylor-Burks, Waterman, Williams and Carter

No: None

Resolution Passed.

Special Presentations

Medical Marihuana Application Review Process and Introduction of Professional Experts and Hearing Officer

Presentation Presenters: Garland Doyle, Interim City Clerk; Financial Advisor: Sherman J. Taylor, JD, CPA, SRT Consulting, LLC; Legal Advisor: Robert S. Huth, Jr., Esq., Kirk, Huth, Lange Badalamenti, PLC; Planning Advisor: Jill Bahm, AICP, Giffels Webster and Hearing Officer: John W. Fraser, Esq., Grewal Law, PLLC.

AUCH/IDS Report – Cost Estimate and Phasing of Phoenix Center Settlement Improvements

Presentation Presenters: Vince DeLeonardis, CEO, AUCH, Gerald McClellan, IDS and Matt Gibb, Special Legal Counsel/Economic Development for the City of Pontiac.

Ordinance

20-193 **Adoption of an Ordinance to Amend City Ordinance, Chapter 114, Traffic and Vehicles, Article VI, Snow Emergencies Routes. (Second Reading)** Moved by Councilperson Miller and second by Councilperson Waterman.

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

No: Pietila

Ordinance Passed.

****Ordinance Attached as Exhibit A****

Resolutions

Economic/Community Development

20-194 **Resolution to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the McMillian Group Inc. for Home Demolition, Batch 16 at a cost not to exceed \$140,780.00.** Moved by Councilperson Miller and second by Councilperson Carter.

Whereas, the City of Pontiac advertised and received responses to a request for proposals for Home Demolition for Batch 16 on April 20, 2020 and publicly opened bids via Zoom; and,
Whereas, a bid tabulation was prepared and reviewed by the purchasing agent of the city, and the project construction manager; and,

Whereas, the most experienced and responsible bidder is being recommended for the contract; and,
Whereas, the contract will be granted to the McMillian Group Inc. The funding for all work performed under this contract will come from CDBG.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Pontiac City Council authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract with the McMillian Group Inc. for Home Demolition for Batch 16 as budgeted.

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

No: None

Resolution Passed.

20-195 **Resolution to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Rightway Remediation for Asbestos Abatement, Batch 16 at a cost not to exceed \$49, 850.00.** Moved by Councilperson Miller and second by Councilperson Pietila.

Whereas, the City of Pontiac advertised and received responses to a request for proposals for Asbestos Abatement on April 20, 2020 and publicly opened bids via Zoom; and,
Whereas, a bid tabulation was prepared and reviewed by the purchasing agent of the city, and the project construction manager; and,
Whereas, the most experienced and responsible bidder is being recommended for the contract; and,
Whereas, the contract will be granted to Rightway Remediation. The funding for all work performed under this contract will come from CDBG.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Pontiac City Council authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract with the Rightway Remediation for Asbestos Abatement as budgeted.

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

No: None

Resolution Passed.

City Clerk

20-196 **Resolution to approve the salary change of the Assistant City Clerk. (Agenda-add-on)** Moved by Councilperson Pietila and second by Councilperson Carter.

Whereas, the Home Rule Charter of the City of Pontiac Section 3.120 Control of the City Payroll requires that the City Council approve the salary of all appointees and employees.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the City Council for the City of Pontiac approve the salary of \$65,000 for the position of Assistant City Clerk.

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

No: None

Resolution Passed.

City Council

20-197 **Resolution to schedule a Special Meeting on Thursday, May 14, 2020 at Noon to discuss CDBG Cares Act with Oakland County, schedule a public hearing for the CDBG Corona Virus Application on Monday, May 18, 2020 at 10:00 am and schedule a Special Meeting on Monday, May 18, 2020 at 11:00 am for the CDBG Corona Virus Application. (Agenda add-on)** Moved by Councilperson Miller and second by Councilperson Pietila.

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

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No: None

Resolution Passed.

Public Comment

Four (4) individuals submitted a public comment that was read by the City Clerk.

Mayor, Clerk and City Council Closing Comments

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

Adjournment

Council President Kermit Williams adjourned the meeting at 8:11 p.m.

GARLAND S DOYLE
INTERIM CITY CLERK