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**Official Proceedings
Pontiac City Council
172nd Session of the Tenth Council**

Call to order

A Special Meeting on the Budget of the City Council of Pontiac, Michigan was called to order electronically on Thursday, June 18, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. by Council President Kermit Williams.

Roll Call

Members Present: Carter, Miller, Pietila, Shramski, Taylor-Burks, Waterman and Williams.
Mayor Waterman was present.
Clerk announced a quorum.

Approval of the Agenda

20-281 **Approval of the Agenda.** Moved by Councilperson Taylor-Burks and second by Councilperson Pietila.

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

No: None

Motion Carried.

Resolutions

20-282 **Motion to vote regarding the voting format.** Moved by Councilperson Waterman and second by Councilperson Taylor-Burks.

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

No: None

Motion Carried.

City Council

20-283 **Motion to approve City Council Department 101.** Moved by Councilperson Waterman and second by Councilperson Taylor-Burks.

General (Fund 101)

City Council (Dept. 101)

- a. Restore the Legislative Fiscal Analyst position at a Salary of \$65,000 + benefits
- b. Increase Account 101-101-804.000 to \$180,000 (This was amended from \$100,000-\$180,000.)
- c. Reduce Account 101-101-804.018 to \$40,000
- d. Increase Account 101-101-808.101 District Projects to \$98,000
- e. Increase Account 101-101-818.000 Other Professional Services to \$120,000
- f. Increase Account 101-101-728.000 Postage to \$8,000
- g. Change Policy Advisor Title to Legislative Counsel in the list of FY 21 Positions (The title change was approved in the FY 20 budget) and restore the 3% wage increase

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

No: None

Motion Carried.

Elections

20-284 **Motion to approve Elections Department 191.** Moved by Councilperson Waterman and second by Councilperson Miller.

Elections (Dept. 191)

- h. Decrease Account 101-191-702.000 Salaries and Wages to \$65,000
- i. Decrease Account 101-191-702.020 Salaries and Wages (Non FICA) to \$60,000
- j. Increase Account 101-191-705.002 Part-Time Wages by \$7,347 (The increase is due to the need to hire additional staff to help with the increase in volume of absentee voting.)
- k. Increase Account 101-191-729.001 Printed Forms by \$3,000
- l. Reduce 101-191-818.000 Other Professional Services to \$5,000
- m. Increase Account 101-191-901.000 Printing and Bindery Services by \$2,260
- n. Reduce Account 101-191-957.002 Training Expenses to \$2,500

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

No: None

Motion Carried.

Income Tax

20-285 **Motion to approve Income Tax Department 202.** Moved by Councilperson Miller and second by Councilperson Waterman.

Income Tax (Dept. 202)

- o. Remove Assistant to Income Tax Administrator from the budget

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

No: Pietila

Motion Carried.

Finance

20-286 **Motion to approve Finance Department 206.** Moved by Councilperson Carter and second by Councilperson Pietila.

Finance (Dept. 206)

- p. Reduce 101-206-702.000 to \$276,991.71 (Finance Director Salary \$50,000, Grant Writer Salary \$30,000)
- q. Increase Other Professional Services to \$140,000 (When a Finance Director is hired this account will be reduced to cover the Finance Director salary.)

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

No: None

Motion Carried.

Clerk

20-287 **Motion to approve Clerk Department 215.** Moved by Councilperson Taylor-Burks and second by Councilperson Miller.

Clerk (Dept. 215)

- r. Reduce Account 101-215-702.000 Salaries & Wages to \$189,114
- s. Add Account 101-215-705.002 Part-Time Wages \$5,000 and to the list of FY21 positions Customer Service Rep (Part-Time) \$5,000 so there is a position in budget for the part-time wages.
- t. Increase Account 101-215-902.005 by \$3,960 to cover the cost of additional public notices

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

No: None

Motion Carried.

Medical Marihuana

20-288 **Motion to approve Medical Marihuana Department 255.** Moved by Councilperson Taylor-Burks and second by Councilperson Carter.

Medical Marihuana (Dept. 255)

- u. Increase Account 101-255-702.000 Salaries and Wages to \$15,000
- v. Increase Account 101-255-727.000 Office Supplies to \$718
- w. Increase Account 101-255-731-003 Computer Equipment by \$100
- x. Reduce Account 101-255-804.000 Legal Services-Substitute Counsel to \$6,750
- y. Increase Account 101-255-804.026 Legal Advisor by \$16,000 (No cost were billed during 2019-20.)
- z. Increase Account 101-255-816.007 Financial Advisor by \$14,000 (No cost were billed during 2019-20.)
- aa. Increase Account 101-255-816.008 Hearing Officer by \$1,500
- bb. Increase Account 101-255-816.011 Planning Advisor by \$15,000 (No cost were billed during 2019-20.)

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

No: None

Motion Carried.

Law

~~20-289~~ **Motion to approve Law Department 266.** Moved by Councilperson Miller and second by Councilperson Waterman. Discussion. Councilperson Miller withdrew her motion and Councilperson Waterman withdrew her second.

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20-289 **Motion to approve Law Department 266.** Moved by Councilperson Waterman and second by Councilperson Pietila.

Law (Giarmarco, Mullins and Horton) (Dept. 266)

- cc. Reduce Account 101-266-818.000 Other Professional Services to \$5,000
- dd. Reduce Account 101-266-809.001 COVID 19 Expenditures to \$5,000
- ee. Reduce Account 101-266-804.018 Legal Services to \$50,000
- ff. Reduce Account 101-266-804.021 Legal Services Prosecutions to \$250,000

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

No: None

Motion Carried.

Public Safety

20-290 **Motion to approve Public Safety Department 301.** Moved by Councilperson Pietila and second by Councilperson Taylor-Burks.

Public Safety (Oakland County Sheriff) Dept. 301)

- gg. Add \$29,286.40 for Medical Marihuana Application Review

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

No: None

Motion Carried.

Fire

20-291 **Motion to approve Fire Department 336.** Moved by Councilperson Pietila and second by Councilperson Taylor-Burks.

Fire (Dept. 336)

- ii. Add \$3840 to Account 101-336-921.000 Utilities
- jj. Add \$7675.56 for Medical Marihuana Application Review

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

No: None

Motion Carried.

Economic/Community Development

20-292 **Discussion to make Blight Court \$15,000.** Moved by Councilperson Waterman and second by Councilperson Taylor-Burks.

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

No: None

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20-293 **Motion to eliminate Deputy Director from Department 690.** Move by Councilperson Waterman and second by Councilperson Taylor-Burks.

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

No: None

Motion Carried.

20-294 **Motion to approve Blight Court for \$15,000.** Moved by Councilperson Miller and second by Councilperson Carter.

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

No: None

Motion Carried.

Planning

20-295 **Motion to approve Planning Department 721.** Moved by Councilperson Waterman and second by Councilperson Taylor-Burks.

Planning (Dept. 721)

nn. Add \$50,500 for Medical Marihuana Application Review

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

No: None

Motion Carried.

Code Enforcement

20-296 **Motion to approve Code Enforcement Department 733.** Moved by Councilperson Waterman and second by Councilperson Pietila.

Code Enforcement (Dept. 733)

oo. Add \$150,000 to bring Animal Control in-house

pp. Increase Contractual Mowing Services \$40,000

qq. Add \$100,000 to Account 101-733-818.000 Other Professional Services (Nuisance Abatement)

Add Code Enforcement Officer-Business Monitoring position \$72,000 (includes salary and benefits)

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

No: None

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DPW

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20-297 **Motion to approve (DPW) Department of Public Works 265.** Moved by Councilperson Pietila and second by Councilperson Waterman.

Department of Public Works (DPW) (Dept. 265)

- rr. Account 101-265-818.037 Note: Contractual Janitorial Services (Floor Waxing, Carpet Cleaning)
- ss. Add \$22,088.16 for Medical Marihuana Application Review For Engineering

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

No: None

Motion Carried.

DPW (Other Issues)

20-298 **Motion to approve DPW Department 265 other issues.** Moved by Councilperson Waterman and second by Councilperson Taylor-Burks.

Other DPW Issues

- tt. Please provide a list of the right of way areas that MDOT is responsible for maintaining.
- uu. Increase Park budget by \$150,000 to cover the cost of park camera, bathroom repairs and part-time park rangers)
- vv. Add \$50,000 to Traffic Control for a Light Study

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

No: None

Motion Carried.

Capital Outlay

20-299 **Motion to approve Capital Outlay Fund 202.** Moved by Councilperson Pietila and second by Councilperson Waterman.

Capital Outlay (Fund 202)

- ww. Reduce Account 202-478-779-004 to \$40,000

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

No: None

Motion Carried.

20-300 **Motion to have a study on Ewalt Center Feasibility for \$25,000.** Moved by Councilperson Miller and second by Councilperson Taylor-Burks.

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

No: None

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Cable

20-301 **Motion to approve Cable Fund 231.** Moved by Councilperson Waterman and second by Councilperson Taylor-Burks.

Cable (Fund 231)

aaa. Remove Intern/Cable position from the budget. Reduce \$16,875 from Account 231-291-702.000

bbb. Council requested that the Studio/Council Chambers Renovations\$750.000 be added to the budget

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

No: None

Motion Carried.

Building

20-302 **Motion to approve Building Department 371.** Moved by Councilperson Pietila and second by Councilperson Miller.

Building (Wade Trim) Fund 371

ccc. Add \$25,016.64 for Medical Marihuana Application Review

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

No: None

Motion Carried.

Capital Outlay

20-303 **Motion to approve Capital Outlay Fund 445.** Moved by Councilperson Waterman and second by Councilperson Taylor-Burks.

Capital Outlay Fund 445

eee. Reduce Account 445-265-976.001 to \$300,000

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

No: None

Motion Carried.

20-304 **Motion to remove 445-458-977-002 vehicles for \$712,000.** Moved by Councilperson Waterman and second by Councilperson Taylor-Burks.

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

No: None

Motion Carried.

Phoenix Center Parking Fund

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20-305 **Motion to allocate \$15,000 only for account 585-564-804.018 Legal Services Giarmarco Mullins.** Moved by Councilperson Waterman and second by Councilperson Pietila.

Ayes: Carter, Pietila, Shramski, Taylor-Burks, and Waterman
No: Miller and Williams
Motion Carried.

20-306 **Motion to reduce account 585-564-974-035 to Seven (7) Million dollars.** Moved by Councilperson Waterman and second by Councilperson Shramski.

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

Note: Council Member Pietila wanted it to be noted that she was not clear on the motion. She would have voted no.

20-307 **Resolution, to authorize the following FY 2020-2021 Millage rates to be levied and collected on the general property tax of all real and personal property within the City and in accordance with the General Appropriations Act: 11.1699 operating; 1.4862 youth center; 1.3961 capital improvement; 2.7923 sanitation; 0.4954 senior services. The City Treasurer is hereby authorized to impose a one percent (1%) property tax administration fee for all property taxes due, And a late penalty charge when applicable, in conformance with Section 44 of Public Act 206 of 1893.**

Whereas, in accordance with Article V1, Section 2-535 of the City Ordinance entitled Budget Adoption, a public hearing was held on June 9, 2020 regarding the proposed tax rate and

Whereas, the City Council shall not approve proposed tax rate until after the public hearing; and
Whereas, by not less than six days after the notice of public hearing shall adopt an appropriations ordinance, tax rate.

Now, Therefore, in accordance with the General Appropriations Act, the City Council of the City of Pontiac authorizes the following FY 2020-2021 Millage rate to be levied and collected on the general property tax of all real and personal property within the City and in accordance with the General Appropriations Act: 11.1699 operating; 1.4862 youth center; 1.3961 capital improvement; 2.7923 sanitation; 0.4954 senior services. The City Treasurer is hereby authorized to impose a one percent (1%) property tax administration fee for all property taxes due, And a late penalty charge when applicable, in conformance with Section 44 of Public Act 206 of 1893.

Ayes: Pietila, Shramski, Waterman, Williams, Carter and Miller
No: None
Resolution Passed.

Councilwoman Doris Taylor-Burks was absent during the vote.

No Public Comment

Adjournment

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Council President Kermit Williams adjourned the meeting at 10:34 a.m.

GARLAND S DOYLE
INTERIM CITY CLERK