

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

**Call to order**

A Study Session Meeting of the City Council of Pontiac, Michigan was called to order electronically on Tuesday, July 28, 2020 at 6:04 p.m. by Council President Kermit Williams.

**Roll Call**

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

**Authorization to Excuse Councilmembers**

20-355        **Excuse Councilperson Waterman for personal reasons.** Moved by Councilperson Taylor-Burks and second by Councilperson Pietila.

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

**Amendments to and Approval of the Agenda**

**Motion to remove agenda items 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 for one week.** Moved by Councilperson Miller and second by Taylor-Burks. There was discussion on the motion to allow the Code Enforcement report. Therefore, Councilperson Miller withdrew her motion and Councilperson Taylor-Burks withdrew her second.

20-356        **Motion to remove agenda items 8, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15 and 16 for one week.** Moved by Councilperson Miller and second by Councilperson Shramski.

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

20-357        **Approval of the Agenda as amended.** Moved by Councilperson Miller and second by Councilperson Taylor-Burks.

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

**Approval of the Minutes**

20-358        **Approval formal meeting minutes for July 21, 2020.** Moved by Councilperson Miller and second by Councilperson Taylor-Burks.

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

No: None

**Motion Carried**

**Public Comment**

Six (6) individuals submitted a public comment read by the City Clerk

**Special Presentation**

Update: Department of Public Works (DPW) Plan for Increased Park Maintenance and Clean-up to accommodate summer usage.

Presentation Presenter: Dan Ringo, Interim DPW Director

**Suspend the Rules**

20-359 **Motion to Suspend the Rules to vote.** Moved by Councilperson Taylor-Burks and second by Councilperson Miller.

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

No: None

**Motion Carried.**

**Resolution**

**City Council**

20-360 **Resolution that request the Mayor to provide to the City Council, a list of all outstanding bills and or invoices that are ninety (90) days old or older, with explanations as to why payments have not been made to be included in the Thursday, August 6, 2020 Council Agenda.** Moved by Councilperson Taylor-Burks and second by Councilperson Pietila.

WHEREAS, the City Council has been informed by the Parliamentarian, Eleanor Siewert that she has outstanding invoices that date back to the beginning of the New Year; and,

WHEREAS, Clark Hill PLC despite being told they were going to receive payment by the City Attorney Anthony Chubb, also has outstanding invoices that date back to October of 2019; and,

WHEREAS, the outstanding invoices for both the Parliamentarian and Clark Hill, total close to Sixty Thousand (\$60,000.00) Dollars; and,

WHEREAS, the Council passed a resolution on June 17, 2020 to engage the Bonadio Group, a certified public accounting firm to perform a forensic audit and agreed to submit a retainer of Ten Thousand (\$10,000.00) Dollars; and,

WHEREAS, despite the Council having allocated the necessary funds in last year's budget and in this current fiscal year's budget, the Executive has not paid any of Council's contractors; and,

WHEREAS, this creates some serious concern and raises several questions including, how many other contractors have not been paid? How many other bills are outstanding and is the Executive not paying bills in hopes of reflecting an inaccurate fund balance?

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Pontiac City Council hereby requests that the Executive provide to the City Council, a list of all outstanding bills and or invoices that are ninety

(90) days old and older, with explanations as to why payments have not been made, all to be included in the Thursday, August 6, 2020 Council Agenda.

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

No: None

**Resolution passed.**

**Suspend the Rules**

20-361 **Motion to Suspend the Rules to vote.** Moved by Councilperson Taylor-Burks and second by Councilperson Shramski.

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

No: None

**Motion Carried.**

**Resolution**

**City Council**

20-362 **Resolution for Charles Harold Moody.** Moved by Councilperson Miller and second by Councilperson Taylor-Burks.

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this legislative body to pay proper tribute to individuals of remarkable character and 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 Charles Harold Moody, a giving and loyal member of this community; and,

WHEREAS, Charles Harold Moody was born on March 4, 1946 in Mobile, Alabama to the late George Moody and Minnie-Bell Allen Moody; and,

WHEREAS, Charles Harold Moody in his early years was reared in the Mobile, Alabama school system where he attended Josephine Allen Elementary School and Central High School, later attended Bishop State Community College in 1966 and earned a Bachelor's Degree in Education in 1968 from Alabama State University; and,

WHEREAS, Charles Harold Moody, a recipient of the prestigious Kellogg Foundation Scholarship and destined for success, moved to Michigan where he was awarded a Master's in Education Administration from Oakland University in Rochester Hills, Michigan in 1980; and,

WHEREAS, Charles Harold Moody had a unwavering passion for the sciences and mechanics which propelled him to become a Certified Driver Education Instructor at Wayne State University in 1987; and,

WHEREAS, Charles Harold Moody continued to excel in academics and in 1992, graduated from Michigan State University with a unique, honor and designation, a Master's + 30 in School Administration which symbolized the attainment of 30 hours of university credit beyond the first Master's Degree; and,

WHEREAS, Charles Harold Moody embarked on an extraordinary 40 year career as an educator in Pontiac, Michigan which started with his joining the Pontiac School District in 1968 where he taught at Bethune Elementary School and ended with his retirement as a Principal from Whitmer Human Resources Center in 2008; and,

WHEREAS, Charles Harold Moody was a phenomenal educator and trail blazer who had the privilege of serving as a Title 1 Administrator, a District Science Consultant, a Regional Coordinator for the Hands on

Science Outreach, a trainer of kindergarten and elementary school teachers who assisted in developing and advancing a science curriculum for K-6 schools and a trainer of students, who provided skills necessary to compete and place in area STEM competitions; and,

WHEREAS, Charles Harold Moody was married to the love of his life, Juanita Boykins Moody for 41 years and to this union the couple had three children, Marlon Arlando Moody, Lorna Tiffani Moody and Anlando McMillian, Sr.; and,

WHEREAS, Charles Harold Moody accepted Christ as his personal savior and joined Welcome Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor Douglas Paul Jones, was an avid reader, was actively involved in Urban Investors, Inc., the Toussaint Masonic Lodge and the Detroit Chapter of the Alabama State University National Alumni Association.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pontiac City Council and members of this great community will greatly miss Charles Harold Moody, 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 Charles Harold Moody.

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

No: None

**Resolution Passed.**

### **Suspend the Rules**

20-363 **Motion to Suspend the Rules to vote.** Moved by Councilperson Taylor-Burks and second by Councilperson Shramski.

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

No: None

**Motion Carried.**

### **Resolution**

#### **Department of Public Works (DPW)**

20-364 **Resolution to confirm the City's support and participation in a grant from the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan for Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Trails Maintenance Fund for funding improvements related to the Clinton River Trail: Safety & Maintenance Improvements project and that the City also agrees to provide the total local match of \$10,000.00 reflected in the grant application.** Moved by Councilperson Taylor-Burks and second by Councilperson Pietila.

WHEREAS, the City of Pontiac owns approximately 1.75 miles of abandoned rail corridor that was constructed as a rails-to-trails project circa 2004, and;

WHEREAS, Friends of the Clinton River Trail (FCRT) is a citizen group committed to enhancing the safety and enjoyment of the Clinton River Trail for all users, and;

WHEREAS, FCRT, working together with the City of Pontiac DPW staff, has identified a grant opportunity that would allow the City to make necessary improvements to the trailway that will improve surface conditions, make necessary trail/road crossing upgrades and encourage non-motorized modes of transportation and healthy lifestyles, and;

WHEREAS, the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan includes the City of Pontiac and the Clinton River Trail in its service area and is administering the Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Trails Maintenance Fund grant exclusively for the maintenance of already developed trails and greenways, and;

WHEREAS, the draft 2020-2024 Pontiac Parks & Recreation Master Plan makes the following recommendations for the Clinton River Trail (page 106): improve trail surface to meet current AASHTO standards, pave approaches at road/trail crossings, install ADA detectable warnings and crosswalk pavement markings, install Bike/Pedestrian warning signs along roadways to alert motorists, inspect two bridges over the Clinton River and make necessary improvements to decking and railings, at Orchard Lake Rd #5, realign crossing and install a pedestrian hybrid beacon, and;

WHEREAS, a number of public input sessions have been held related to the draft 2020-2024 Pontiac Parks & Recreation Master Plan and the 2017 Complete Streets Plan; and the citizen input received at those sessions called for improvement and enhancements of the trail and its current conditions, and;

WHEREAS, this project will enhance the trail by re-developing the original trail segment from Pontiac Drive to Bagley Street with a firm and stable surface in order to provide recreational opportunities, upgrade a segment of the cross state Great Lake-to-Lake Trail-Route 1, improve access to the neighborhoods, local businesses, parks and downtown connections in close proximity to the trail, and;

WHEREAS, FCRT, in consultation with the City's DPW staff, is working with a local engineering firm on the design engineering phase of the project and has submitted a grant application for \$600,000 to fund desired and proposed improvements, and;

WHEREAS, if the grant is successful, construction is planned to begin in 2021 and the City of Pontiac's Purchasing Department agrees to handle the project bidding process, and;

WHEREAS, if the grant is successful, the Community Foundation of Greater Rochester will act as the fiduciary and disburse grant funds directly related to the Clinton River Trail: Safety & Maintenance Improvement project expenses;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pontiac City Council does hereby confirm their support and participation in a grant from the Community Foundation For Southeast Michigan for Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Trails Maintenance Fund for funding improvements related to the Clinton River Trail: Safety & Maintenance Improvements project;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Pontiac City Council also agrees to provide the total local match of \$10,000 reflected in the grant application.

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

No: None

**Resolution Passed.**

### **Economic Development**

Items 6 Tax Exemption Ordinance for Carriage Place Apartments (First Reading).

Item 7 Municipal Service Agreement for Carriage Circle Apartments was discussed.

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**Finance Department**

Item 9 was discussed. The City Attorney is to prepare separate ordinances for Police & Fire and General Retirees to receive \$400 Supplemental Payment for Health

**Communication from the Mayor**

Item 13 Update: Code Enforcement and Blight Court Project

Patrick Brzozowski Code Enforcement Manager gave the Code Enforcement Report.

Interim City Clerk Doyle asked for a point of privilege and to remind residents that Tuesday August 4<sup>th</sup> is Primary Election Day.

**Adjournment**

Council President Kermit Williams adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

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GARLAND S DOYLE  
INTERIM CITY CLERK