

**Official Proceedings  
Pontiac City Council  
178<sup>th</sup> 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, July 7, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. by Council President Kermit Williams.

**Invocation**

Councilwoman Taylor-Burks

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**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**

20-332      **Approve the Agenda.** Moved by Councilperson Waterman and second by Councilperson Taylor-Burks.

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

**Approval of the Minutes**

20-333      **June 26, 2020 Minutes.** Moved by Councilperson Waterman and second by Councilperson Taylor-Burks.

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

20-334      **June 29, 2020 Minutes.** Moved by Councilperson Waterman and second by Councilperson Taylor-Burks.

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

20-335      **June 30, 2020 Minutes.** Moved by Councilperson Taylor-Burks and second by Councilperson Carter.

July 7, 2020 Approved Minutes

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

**Subcommittee Report**

Received Public Safety – May 2020

**Discussion**

Council Discussion on COVID-19 Newsletter

**Special Presentations**

Medical Marihuana Application Review Process Update  
Presentation Presenter: Garland Doyle, Interim City Clerk

Status Update: Release of RFP's for Phoenix Center  
Presentation Presenter: Matt Gibb, Special Counsel, Economic/Community Development.

Third party investment regarding the Phoenix Center Settlement Agreement  
Presentation Presenter: Niccolo G. Mastromatteo, MBA, Founder & Owner, Pimpernel Developments LLC

**Recognition of Elected Officials**

None

**Agenda Address**

None

**Suspend the Rules**

20-336 **Motion to suspend the rules.** Moved by Councilperson Pietila and second by Councilperson Shramski.

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

**Resolutions**

**City Council**

20-337 **Resolution to schedule a Special Meeting on Monday July 13 at 9:30 a.m. to Discuss and Review RFP for Phoenix Center.** Move by Councilperson Shramski and second by Councilperson Taylor-Burks.

NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, that the City Council for the City of Pontiac schedule a Special Meeting on Monday July 13 at 9:30 a.m. to Discuss and Review RFP for Phoenix Center

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

No: None  
Abstain: Waterman  
**Resolution Passed.**

**City Clerk**

20-338 **Resolution to approve the City Clerk’s website.** Moved by Councilperson Waterman and second by Councilperson Shramski.

WHEREAS, the City Clerk established <http://www.pontiaccityclerk.com> as the website for the Office of the City Clerk to increase citizen accessibility to the Office of the City Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the City Clerk has established other social media tools for the Office of the City Clerk as an outreach effort to encourage Pontiac residents to vote in the 2020 elections and engage the greater community.

NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, that the City Council for the City of Pontiac approves PontiacCityClerk.com as a website for the Office of the City Clerk.

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

**Department of Public Works (DPW)**

20-339 **Resolution to authorize the Mayor to sign the MDOT funding agreement for the Baldwin Avenue and Martin Luther King CMAQ and Safety Projects. The total estimated cost for this project is \$1,406,000.00; the City’s portion of this project is \$430,480. This project is budgeted for fiscal year 2020/2021.** Moved by Councilperson Waterman and second by Councilperson Taylor-Burks.

WHEREAS, The City of Pontiac has received the funding agreement from the Michigan Department of Transportation, and;

WHEREAS, The Department of Public Works, Engineering Division has reviewed the subject agreement, and;

WHEREAS, The project is budgeted in 2020/21 Major Street budget,

NOW, THEREFORE, IT BE RESOLVED, The Pontiac City Council authorized the Mayor or Deputy Mayor to sign the MDOT Funding Agreement for the Baldwin Avenue and Martin Luther King CMAQ and Safety Products.

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

20-340 **Resolution to authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract with Florence Cement for \$3,380,196.79 for the CenterPoint Parkway Reconstruction Project. Funding for this project is identified in the FY ‘20/’21 Major Street Fund.** Moved by Councilperson Waterman and second by Councilperson Pietila.

WHEREAS, the City of Pontiac has advertised and received responses to a Request For Proposal for the Centerpoint Parkway Reconstruction Project on May 28, 2020, and publically opened bids; and  
WHEREAS, a bid tabulation was prepared and reviewed, and;

WHEREAS, the City identified the low bidder as Florence Cement, and references of the low bidder checked and found acceptable.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Pontiac City Council authorizes the Mayor to enter into a contract with Florence Cement for \$3,380,196.79 for the Centerpoint Parkway Reconstruction Project.

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

No: Carter and Miller

**Resolution Passed.**

**Office of the Mayor**

20-341        **Resolution to appoint Ms. Linnette Phillips to the position of Director of Economic Development in accordance with Article IV, Executive Branch, Section 4.106 of the City Charter.**

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

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article IV – Executive Branch; Section 4.106 of the City Charter, the Mayor is responsible for the appointment of a director for each department who serves at the pleasure of the Mayor.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that Ms. Linnette Phillips be appointed to the position of Director of Economic Development.

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

No: Miller

**Resolution Passed.**

**Public Comment**

Fourteen (14) individuals submitted a public comment read by the City Clerk.

**Mayor, Clerk and Council Closing Comments**

Mayor Waterman, Interim Clerk Doyle, Legislative Counsel Sharpe, Councilwoman Pietila, President Pro-Tem Carter, Councilwoman Shramski, and Council President Williams made closing comments.

**Adjournment**

Council President Kermit Williams adjourned the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

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GARLAND S DOYLE  
INTERIM CITY CLERK