

**Official Proceedings  
Pontiac City Council  
133<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Tenth Council**

**Call to order**

A Formal Meeting of the City Council of Pontiac, Michigan was called to order in City Hall, Tuesday, January 7, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. by Council President Kermit Williams.

**Invocation** – Pastor Douglas Jones

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call**

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

**Authorization to Excuse Councilmembers**

**Amendments to the Agenda**

20-1 **Motion to add Planning Commission Recommendation of Rezoning of Glenwood Plaza after approval of minutes.** Moved by Councilperson Taylor-Burks and second by Councilperson Pietila.

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

20-2 **Motion to move public comment after Planning Commission recommendation of Rezoning and reduce presentations time limit to seven (7) minutes.** Moved by Councilperson Taylor-Burks and second by Councilperson G. Williams.

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

**Motion to schedule Public Hearing for Parks & Recreation.** Moved by Councilperson Pietila and no second. Motion Fails.

**Motion to defer item #7** (Resolution to award the Professional Engineering and Architectural Services for the Phoenix Center to IDS for possible violation of Opening Meetings Act.) Moved by Councilperson Pietila and no second. Motion Fails.

**Approval of the Amended Agenda**

20-3 **Approval of Amended Agenda.** Moved by Councilperson Taylor-Burks and second by Councilperson Miller.

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

No: None

**Motion Carried.**

**Approval of the Minutes**

20-4 **Approve meeting minutes for December 30, 2019.** Moved by Councilperson Waterman and second by Councilperson Taylor-Burks.

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

No: None

**Motion Carried.**

**Add On- Discussion regarding the Planning Commission Recommendation of rezoning of Glenwood Plaza.**

Vern Gustafsson, Planning Manager stated that he was not prepared to present.

**Public Comment**

Five (5) individuals addressed the body during public comments.

20-5 **Motion to give Mattie Hatchett Point of Privilege.** Moved by Councilperson G. Williams and second by Councilperson Pietila.

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

No: None

**Motion Carried.**

**Closed Session**

20-6 **Resolution to go into Closed Session.** Moved by Councilperson Waterman and second by Councilperson Pietila.

Whereas, Michigan Open Meetings Act Section 8(h), MCL 15.268(h), allows a public body to go into closed session to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute; and Whereas, Michigan Freedom of information Act Section 13(g) exempts from disclosure records subject to the attorney-client privilege;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Pontiac City Council that it recess into closed session to discuss an attorney-client privileged memorandum regarding the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Phoenix

Center, information exempt from disclosure by statute, specifically an attorney client privileged memorandum exempt from disclosure pursuant to MCL 15.243(1) (g).

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

20-7 **Motion to come out of Closed Session.** Moved by Councilperson Waterman and second by Councilperson Pietila.

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

**Special Presentations (Presentations are limited to 7 minutes.)**

20-8 **Suspend the rules.** Moved by Councilperson Pietila and second by Councilperson Taylor-Burks.

Ayes: Tylor-Burks, Waterman, G. Williams, K. Williams, Carter, Miller and Pietila  
No: None  
**Motion Carried.**

20-9 **Defer special presentation #3 (Park Place Little City) for two weeks.** Moved by Councilperson Waterman and second by Councilperson Taylor-Burks.

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

**Parks & Recreation Master Plan Update and Scheduling of Public Hearing.**

Presentation Presenter: Donovan Smith, City Planner

**\*\*Council President would like the status of Hidden River Park Ownership\*\***

**2019 City Audit Highlights**

Presentation Presenter: Jane Bais DiSessa, Deputy Mayor.

**Recognition of Elected Officials**– H. Bill Maxey, Pontiac Library Treasurer

**Agenda Address**- None

**Communication**

**Office of the City Clerk**

Medical Marihuana Application Process Status Update

The Interim City Clerk gave an update on the process and announced that the Office of the City Clerk has its own website <http://pontiaccityclerk.com>

**Resolution**

Department of Public Works (DPW)

**Resolution to award the Professional Engineering and Architectural Services for the Phoenix Center to IDS and to authorize the Mayor to sign contract in the amount of \$659,000 and a Not to Exceed Cost of \$13,000 for Reimbursable expenditures.** Moved by Councilperson Pietila and no second. Failed.

**Mayoral Monthly Reports**

Monthly Check Register

(The check registers for November 29, 2019; December 6, 13 and 20, 2019 have been posted on the website and are attached.)

Staff Changes Report

City Credit Card Statement

(The December credit card statement was not submitted by the Mayor's Office.)

**Council President Williams stated that the Council would receive the monthly reports.**

**Mayor, Clerk and Council Closing Comments**

Mayor Deirdre Waterman, Interim City Clerk Garland Doyle, Councilwoman Doris Taylor-Burks, Councilwoman Mary Pietila, Councilman George Williams, Councilwoman Patrice Waterman, Council Pro-tem Randy Carter and Council President Kermit Williams made closing comments.

**Adjournment**

Council President Kermit Williams adjourned the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

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GARLAND S. DOYLE  
INTERIM CITY CLERK