

**Official Proceedings
Pontiac City Council
138th 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, February 4, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. by Council President Pro-Tem Randy Carter.

Invocation

Pastor Katherine Dessureau

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

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

Members Absent: K. Williams.

Mayor Waterman was present.

Clerk announced a quorum.

Authorization to Excuse Councilmembers

20-52 **Excuse Councilmember Kermit Williams for personal reasons.** Moved by Councilperson Waterman and second by Councilperson Pietila.

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

No: None

Motion Carried.

Amendments to the Agenda

20-53 **Motion to defer item #6 (Financial Report Presentation) for one week and add Public Safety Subcommittee Report as item #6.** Moved by Councilperson Waterman and second by Councilperson G. Williams.

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

No: None

Motion Carried.

Approval of the Amended Agenda

20-54 **Approval of amended Agenda.** Moved by Councilperson G. Williams and second by Councilperson Taylor-Burks.

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

No: None

Motion Carried.

Approval of Minutes

20-55 **Approve special meeting minutes for January 27, 2020.** Moved by Councilperson G. Williams and second by Councilperson Miller.

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

No: None

Abstain: Waterman and Pietila.

Motion Carried.

20-56 **Approve meeting minutes for January 28, 2020.** Moved by Councilperson Pietila and second by Councilperson Taylor-Burks.

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

No: None

Abstain: Waterman.

Motion Carried.

Subcommittee Reports

Received Community Development – January 23, 2020

Received Department of Public Works (DPW) – January 14, 2020

Received Public Safety

Special Presentations (Presentations are limited to 10 minutes.)

Park Place Little City

Presentation Presenter: Larry Jasper

Code Enforcement Report: “Maintaining a Blight Free Pontiac”

Presentation Presenter: Patrick Brzozowski, Code Enforcement Manager

Recognition of Elected Officials

Kenyatta Bowman, Vice President, School Board

Mike McGinnis, Pontiac School Board

H. Bill Maxey, Library Board Treasurer

Jonathan Weithemer, State Rep. Brenda Carter’s Office

Resolutions

City Council

20-57 **Resolution for Acilene Dembo.** Moved by Councilperson Waterman and second by Councilperson G. Williams

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;

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WHEREAS, it is feelings of the deepest regret that the Pontiac City Council mourns the passing of Acilene Dembo, a giving and devoted member of this community; and,
WHEREAS, Acilene Dembo was born on September 23,1956 and spent many of her young adult years on Pontiac’s Southside; and,
WHEREAS, Acilene Dembo attended Pontiac schools and graduated from Pontiac Central High in 1974; and,
WHEREAS, Acilene Dembo earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Early Childhood Development from Michigan State University; and,
WHEREAS, Acilene Dembo had an unwavering dedication to teaching and enhancing the lives of the youth in the community; and,
WHEREAS, distinguished by her immeasurable contributions to the City of Pontiac, Acilene Dembo not only worked as a Head start Teacher with OLHSA for fourteen years, but selflessly committed twenty years of service to the Pontiac Youth Recreation Department where she was actively engaged in arts and crafts and in sports with the youth; and,
WHEREAS, Acilene Dembo subsequently retired from the City of Pontiac and moved to Arizona, so that she could continue to hold dear, what she treasured the most, her daughter Erika and her two beautiful grandchildren.
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Members of the Pontiac City Council and members of this great community will greatly miss Acilene Dembo, as her life was a portrait of service, a legacy which will long endure the passage of time and will remain as a comforting memory to all those whose lives she touched; we give our sincerest condolences to the family and friends of Acilene Dembo.

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

No: None

Resolution Passed.

20-58 **Resolution for Hattie Elizabeth Manley.** Moved by Councilperson Waterman and second by Councilperson Pietila.

WHEREAS, it is the sense of this legislative body to pay proper tribute to individuals of remarkable character 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 Hattie Elizabeth Manley, more affectionately known as “Mother Manley,” a giving and loyal member of this community; and,
WHEREAS, Hattie Elizabeth Manley was born on March 26, 1925 in Nashville, Tennessee to the late Robert Mays and Martha Hunter, later married Allen Delton Manley and to this union, the couple had four children, Allen Delton Jr., Earnestine, Delores and Beverly; and,
WHEREAS, Hattie Elizabeth Manley accepted Christ at an early age and as a young person, started her career by assisting doctors who made labor and delivery house calls; and,
WHEREAS, Hattie Elizabeth Manley without question, blossomed early, possessed an instinctive and inherent desire to help people, and had a clear vision and purpose, to become a leader of service; and,

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WHEREAS, Hattie Elizabeth Manley had a new lease on life and moved to Pontiac in 1946 with her four children; and,

WHEREAS, Hattie Elizabeth Manley was motivated by higher learning and realized that education is of paramount importance; and,

WHEREAS, Hattie Elizabeth Manley while working the midnight shift as a nurse's aide at Pontiac General Hospital, attended Pontiac High School along with two of her children, where she obtained her high school diploma, she later went on to earn, a LPN degree from Joan's School of Nursing, obtained an Associate's Degree and became a Registered Nurse while attending Oakland Community College, earned a Bachelor of Nursing Degree from Shaw College and ultimately took graduate classes in pursuit of a Master's degree; and,

WHEREAS, Hattie Elizabeth Manley worked as a school nurse for the Pontiac School District, taught nursing at Oakland Technological Center-Northeast Campus and assisted in teaching Culinary Arts; and,

WHEREAS, Hattie Elizabeth Manley was also a distinguished culinary artist as she won many awards for her presentation of culinary cuisine; and,

WHEREAS, Hattie Elizabeth Manley a devoted nurse, retired from Pontiac General Hospital with over 32 years of service, all while working midnights in the Labor and Delivery Unit; and,

WHEREAS, Hattie Elizabeth Manley served as a Girl Scout Troop Leader in her neighborhood and was a faithful and active member of St. Stephen Missionary Baptist Church where she championed the Outreach Food Program, served as chair and advisor of the Nurses' Department, and chaired the Sunday breakfast.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Members of the Pontiac City Council and members of this great community will greatly miss Hattie Elizabeth Manley, as her 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 she touched; we give our sincerest condolences to the family and friends of Hattie Elizabeth Manley.

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

No: None

Resolution Passed.

20-59 **Resolution for Cheryl G. "Shari" Scott.** Moved by Councilperson Waterman and second by Councilperson Taylor-Burks.

WHEREAS, it is the sense of this legislative body to pay proper tribute to individuals of remarkable character 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 Cheryl G. Scott, more affectionately known as "Shari Scott," a giving and loyal member of this community; and,

WHEREAS, Shari Scott was born on March 21, 1944 to the late Clarence and Helen Scott; and,

WHEREAS, Shari Scott was a dynamic, vivacious, and compassionate woman who was always considerate of others; and,

WHEREAS, Shari Scott was a Wayne State University graduate and an educator in Royal Oak, Michigan who embraced the principal, "a child without education is like a bird without wings;" and,

WHEREAS, Shari Scott subsequently pursued a career with General Motors, where she retired; and,

WHEREAS, Shari Scott was a faithful and devoted member of Trinity Baptist Church; and
WHEREAS, Shari Scott unselfishly dedicated her time and talents to many community boards and committees which include, Pontiac Meals on Wheels and the Pontiac Democrats Club; and,
WHEREAS, Shari Scott served as Vice President of Friends of the Park, was a Beaumont Hospital mentor and a member of the NAACP; and,
WHEREAS, Shari Scott had a remarkable awareness and unwavering passion for animals which was evident by her activism and diligent engagement in the Animal Care Network; and,
WHEREAS, Shari Scott received numerous awards including the Sojourner Truth Award, the AKA Businesswoman Award, District 7 Humanitarian Award and the Michigan Animal Care Volunteer Award; and,
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Members of the Pontiac City Council and members of this great community will greatly miss Cheryl G. “Shari” Scott, as her 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 she touched; we give our sincerest condolences to the family and friends of Cheryl G. “Shari” Scott.

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

No: None

Resolution Passed.

Finance/I.T.

20-60 **Resolution to award Meraki Switch contract to PCM at a cost not to exceed \$68,804.07.** Moved by Councilperson G. Williams and second by Councilperson Waterman.

Whereas, the Meraki Switch will enhance the City’s computer system by creating a reliable and secure network system that will enhance and streamline network management; and
Whereas, this item is budgeted in the FY 2019/2020 Adopted Budget.
It is therefore recommended that the Meraki Switch contract be awarded to PCM at a cost not to exceed \$68,804.07.

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

No: None

Resolution Passed.

Mayor’s Office

20-61 **Resolution to authorize the Mayor to sign the 2020 Automobile Theft Prevention Authority (ATPA) Grant Sub Recipient Agreement between Oakland County and the City of Pontiac.** Moved by Councilperson Pietila and second by Councilperson Waterman.

Whereas, the City of Pontiac has been utilizing the Auto Theft Prevention Authority Grant through Oakland County since 2013; and,
Whereas, the County and City may enter into a sub-recipient agreement by which the Oakland County Sheriff’s Office would continue to assign a fulltime Sheriff Deputy to the ATPA activities; and,

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Whereas, the Oakland County Sheriff's Office agrees to provide reimbursement to the City under the terms and conditions of the Agreement up to 50 percent of the eligible expenditures.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the City Council authorizes the Mayor to sign the 2020 Automobile Theft Prevention Authority Grant Subrecipient Agreement between Oakland County and the City of Pontiac.

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

No: None

Resolution Passed.

Mayoral Monthly Reports

Received Monthly Check Register

(The check registers for December 32, 2019; January 10 and 17, 2020 have been posted to the website)

Resolutions Cont.

20-62 **Motion to defer item #14 (staff changes report) and item #15 (City Credit Card Statement) for one week.** Moved by Councilperson Waterman and second by Councilperson Taylor-Burks.

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

No: None

Motion Carried.

Public Comment

Nine (9) individuals addressed the body during public comment

Closing Comments

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

Adjournment

Council President Pro-Tem Randy Carter adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

GARLAND S DOYLE
INTERIM CITY CLERK