

**Official Proceedings  
Pontiac City Council  
215<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, February 16, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. by Council President Kermit Williams.

**Invocation** – Councilwoman Patrice Waterman

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call**

<b>Members Present</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Location</b>
Carter	Remotely	Lansing, Ingham County, MI
Miller	Remotely	Pontiac, Oakland County, MI
Pietila	Remotely	Pontiac, Oakland County, MI
Shramski	Remotely	Pontiac, Oakland County, MI
Taylor-Burks	Remotely	Oakland County, MI
Waterman	Remotely	Pontiac, Oakland County, MI
Williams	Remotely	Pontiac, Oakland County, MI

Mayor Waterman was present.

Clerk announced a quorum.

**Amendments and Approval of the Agenda**

21-37 **Motion to remove item #10 (Ottawa Towers / Phoenix Center Global Settlement Agreement) and Item #11 (Resolution to Authorize Execution of Parking Lease) from the agenda.** Moved by Councilperson Waterman and second by Councilperson Taylor-Burks.

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

No: Pietila

**Motion Carried**

21-38 **Motion to remove item #6 (Resolution to establish an Industrial Development District (IDD) for 2100 S. Opdyke Road) and Item #7 (Resolution to Approve Speculative Building Designation for 2100 S Opdyke, LLC) from the agenda.** Moved by Councilperson Carter and second by Councilperson Waterman.

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

No: None

**Motion Carried**

21-39 **Motion to remove item #4 Clerk’s Response to Glenwood Plaza Medical Marijuana Project from the agenda.** Moved by Councilperson Pietila and second by Councilperson Taylor-Burks.

Ayes: Taylor-Burks and Pietila

No: Shramski, Waterman, Williams, Carter and Miller

**Motion Failed.**

21-40           **Motion to approve agenda as amended.** Move by Councilperson Miller and second by Councilperson Carter.

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

No: None

**Motion Carried**

**Approval of Minutes**

21-41           **Approve meeting minutes for February 9, 2021.** Moved by Councilperson Miller and second by Councilperson Waterman.

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

No: None

**Motion Carried**

**Special Presentation**

City of Pontiac Wastewater Treatment Facility Drainage District Bond Refinancing \$5 Million Savings Opportunity

Presentation Presenters: Mayor Deirdre Waterman, Darin Carrington, Finance Director, Jim Nash, Oakland County Water resource Commissioner: Raphael Chirolla, Oakland County Water Resource Commissioner's Office: Eric McGlothlin, Dickinson Wright, and Steve Burke, MFCI

Glenwood Plaza (This presentation was requested by Councilmember Doris Taylor-Burks)

Presentation Presenter: Manni Ferraiuolo, Partner, Rubicon Capital

Clerk's Response to Glenwood Plaza Medical Marihuana Project

Presentation Presenter: Garland Doyle, Interim City Clerk

Interim City Clerk Garland Doyle informed the City Council that it would be illegal for him to issue a license to any medical marihuana grower or processor applicant at the Glenwood site. Ordinance 2363 does not permit growers or processors to be licensed outside of the Cesar Chavez or Walton Blvd Overlay Districts.

**Resolutions**

**Department of Public Works (DPW)**

21-42           **Resolution to approve extending the METRO Act Permit Agreement between AT&T and the City of Pontiac.** Moved by Councilperson Pietila and second by Councilperson Waterman.

WHEREAS, Council remains in support of the intent and purpose of the METRO Act and agree to extend necessary permits as allowed under the agreement between AT&T and the City of Pontiac.

NOW, THEREFORE, BEIT RESOLVED, The Pontiac City Council authorizes the Mayor to extend the existing METRO Act Permit issued by the Pontiac City Council, which expired on September 30, 2020. This extension will last for 5 years and not expire until September 30, 2025.

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

No: Carter

**Resolution Passed**

**Economic Development**

21-43        **Resolution to amend 50 Wayne Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate (OPRA) for JBD Indian Hill Ventures LLC.** Moved by Councilperson Waterman and second by Councilperson Pietila.

Whereas, The City of Pontiac approved an application for Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate for the property at 50 Wayne Street (Tax Parcel Number: 14-29-433-003) by public hearing after approval at May 28, 2019 City Council Meeting and resolution adopted; and

Whereas, the City of Pontiac has been informed of practical difficulties for the property that caused a reasonable delay in completing necessary improvements to occupy the property and cause the proper reassessment of the property in accord with Public Act 146 of 2000; and

Whereas, the Covid 19 pandemic and associated executive orders have further caused the project delay to be delayed through no fault of JBD Indian Hills Ventures, LLC; and

Whereas, the purpose and intent of the approval, and support stated in the 2019 resolution supporting the approval, remain true and accurate and the requested extension fully supported by the record presented to the City, present hardship in meeting the deadlines of the Act and approval; and

Whereas, an extension of the time for completion shall defer the required reassessment of the property by Oakland County Equalization for one year, allowing the property to receive the intended benefit of Public Act 146 of 2020.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Obsoleted Property Rehabilitation Act Exemption Certificate for the property known as 50 Wayne Street (Tax ID 14-29-433-003) is hereby confirmed and the time for completion of improvements is extended one year from the date hereof:

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Exemption Certificate shall be amended to reflect a beginning date of December 20, 2020 and ending December 19, 2021 with all other terms remaining as stated in accord with Public Act 146 of 2000, as amended.

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

No: Carter

**Resolution Passed**

**Finance/Treasury**

21-44        **Resolution to approve the amended 2021 Poverty Exemption Guidelines.** Moved by Councilperson Waterman and second by Councilperson Pietila.

WHEREAS, In accordance with State of Michigan Act No. 390 Public Acts of 1994, approved December 29, 1994, General Property Section 211.7u (4). "The governing assessing unit shall determine and make public the policy and guidelines to use for granting the Hardship Exemptions. The guidelines shall include specific income and asset levels of the household;" and,

WHEREAS, The Pontiac City Council approved said Hardship Exemption Guidelines for 2021 on December 15, 2020 Study Session; and,

WHEREAS, on December 23, 2020 Public Act 253 of 2020 was signed into law and the Act made several changes to the poverty exemption statute (MCL 211.7u) that will impact how local units, assessors and Board of Review handle the exemption starting with the tax year

WHEREAS, PA 253 allows the City Council to grant extension for three more tax years (2022, 2023 and 2024) to the eligible persons who are qualified and granted Hardship Exemption for tax year 2021. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pontiac City Council hereby approves the attached revised Federal Poverty guidelines for the 2021, the amended 2021 City of Pontiac Board of Review Instructions for Applicants requesting Hardship Exemption consideration.

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

No: None

**Resolution Passed**

**Communication from the Mayor**

21-45           **Motion to defer for one week the communication from the Mayor regarding the Council Chambers Redesign Plan/Request for Invoices for HED report and Chairs in Council Chambers.** Moved by Councilperson Miller and second by Councilperson Waterman.

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

No: None

**Motion Carried**

21-46           **Motion to add Department of Public Works (DPW) Interim Director Dan Ringo Snow Removal Report for five minutes to the agenda.** Moved by Waterman and second by Taylor-Burks.

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

No: None

**Motion Carried**

Snow Removal Report by Dan Ringo, Interim Director, DPW

**Public Comment**

Three (3) individuals submitted a public comment read by the City Clerk

**Mayor, Clerk and Council Closing Comments**

Mayor Waterman, Legislative Counsel Monique Sharpe, Councilwoman Mary Pietila, Councilwoman Megan Shramski, Councilwoman Gloria Miller and Council President Kermit Williams made closing remarks.

**Adjournment**

President Kermit Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

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GARLAND S DOYLE  
INTERIM CITY CLERK