

**Official Proceedings
Pontiac City Council
265th Session of the Tenth Council**

Call to order

A Study Session of the City Council of Pontiac, Michigan was called to order at the City Hall Council Chambers, 47450 Woodward Ave Pontiac, MI 48342 on Tuesday, November 30, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. by Council President Kermit Williams.

Roll Call

Members Present – Carter, Miller, Pietila, Taylor-Burks, Waterman and Williams

Mayor Waterman was present.

A quorum was announced.

Excuse Councilmember

21-366 **Motion to excuse Councilperson Megan Shramski for personal reasons.** Moved by Councilperson Taylor-Burks and second by Councilperson Pietila.

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

No: None

Motion Carried

Moment of Silence for the Oxford School Community

Amendments to and Approval of the Agenda

21-367 **Motion to add-on two Retirement Ordinances as items 5a and 5b to the agenda.** Moved by Councilperson Waterman and second by Councilperson Taylor-Burks.

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

No: Pietila

Motion Carried

21-368 **Motion to add-on Pontiac Youth Recreation Enhancement Center (PYREC) discussion as item #19 to the agenda.** Moved by Councilperson Miller and second by Councilperson Waterman.

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

No: Pietila

Motion Carried

21-369 **Motion to move item #6 (resolution to approve City Council 2022 meeting schedule); item #7 (resolution to approve an amended contract with Clean Net of Greater Michigan to include an extension of services for a period of two years 12-1-2021 to 11-30-2023 with an hourly living wage increase); item #8 (resolution to schedule public hearing for community development block grant CDBG program year 2022); item #10 (resolution to authorize City Clerk to post notice of a proposed budget amendment for Fiscal year 2021-2022 in the Oakland Press to allocate a total of \$8,000,000 to the VEBA retiree healthcare Opt Out Fund to receive funding from GERS and to allocate funds for the City to make the Opt Out Payments to Retirees); item #11 (resolution to authorize the City Clerk to post notice of a proposed budget amendment for Fiscal Year 2021-2022**

in the Oakland Press to move funding of the Grant Writer position from Finance to Economic and Community Development by re-allocating a total of \$34,800 from GL account 101-206-702-000 to GL account 101-690-702-000); item #14 (resolution to approve a budget amendment for fiscal year 2021-2022 to allocate a total of \$81,213.00 to account 101-266-959-003 settlement payments); and item #15 (resolution to accept a \$90,000 Grant from Nextfifty Initiative to Support Infrastructure Improvements at Pontiac Senior Centers) after public comment. Moved by Councilperson Miller and second by Councilperson Taylor-Burks.

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

No: None

Motion Carried

21-370 **Motion to approve the agenda as amended.** Moved by Councilperson Waterman and second by Councilperson Taylor-Burks.

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

No: None

Motion Carried

Approval of Minutes

21-371 **Motion to approve meeting minutes for November 30, 2021.** Moved by Councilperson Taylor-Burks and second by Councilperson Pietila.

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

No: None

Motion Carried

Public Comment

Seven (7) individuals addressed the body during public comment

Suspend the Rules

21-372 **Suspend the rules to vote on items #6 (resolution to approve City Council 2022 meeting schedule); item #7 (resolution to approve an amended contract with Clean Net of Greater Michigan to include an extension of services for a period of two years 12-1-2021 to 11-30-2023 with an hourly living wage increase); item #8 (resolution to schedule public hearing for community development block grant CDBG program year 2022); item #10 (resolution to authorize City Clerk to post notice of a proposed budget amendment for Fiscal year 2021-2022 in the Oakland Press to allocate a total of \$8,000,000 to the VEBA retiree healthcare Opt Out Fund to receive funding from GERS and to allocate funds for the City to make the Opt Out Payments to Retirees); item #11 (resolution to authorize the City Clerk to post notice of a proposed budget amendment for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 in the Oakland Press to move funding of the Grant Writer position from Finance to Economic and Community Development by re-allocating a total of \$34,800 from GL account 101-206-702-000 to GL account 101-690-702-000); item #14 (resolution to approve a budget amendment for fiscal year 2021-2022 to allocate a total of \$81,213.00 to account 101-266-959-003 settlement payments) and item #15 (resolution to accept a \$90,000 Grant from Nextfifty Initiative to Support Infrastructure Improvements at Pontiac Senior Centers).** Moved by Councilperson Taylor-Burks and second by Councilperson Pietila.

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

No: None

Motion Carried

Resolutions

City Clerk

21-373 **Resolution to approve the City Council 2022 Meeting Schedule.** Moved by Councilperson Waterman and second by Councilperson Taylor-Burks.

Whereas, the Pontiac City Council announces its 2022 schedule of meetings.
Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Pontiac City Council approves the attached 2022 Schedule of Meetings.

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

No: Miller

Resolution Passed

2022 meeting schedule attached as exhibit A

Department of Public Works (DPW)

21-374 **Resolution to approve an amended contract with CleanNet of Greater Michigan.** Moved by Councilperson Waterman and second by Councilperson Pietila.

Whereas, the Pontiac City Council believes that the CleanNet employees working at the City facilities should be paid at the minimum rate of \$15 an hour; and,
Whereas, the City and the Contractor have amended the Agreement by changing the “compensation” and the “contract period” provision; and,
Whereas, the Contractor has demonstrated its ability to faithfully execute the terms of the Agreement for the last two years; and,
Whereas, the City recognizes the importance of maintaining uninterrupted Janitorial services at the City facilities; and,
Whereas, the City currently does not have staff to perform these services; and,
Whereas, it is in the best interest of the City and the Contractor to extend the current agreement for one more year excluding 825 Golf Dr. Pontiac, Michigan 48341 from the agreement not to exceed \$135,623.
Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the City Council for the City of Pontiac approves the Janitorial Service Agreement with the CleanNet of Greater Michigan for a period of one year (from December 1, 2021 to November 30, 2022.) excluding 825 Golf Dr Pontiac, Michigan 48341 from the agreement not to exceed \$135,623.

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

No: None

Resolution Passed

Community Development

21-375 **Resolution to schedule Public Hearing for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Year 2022.** Moved by Councilperson Waterman and second by Councilperson Pietila.

Whereas, the City of Pontiac is submitting an application for the Community Development Block Grant; and,
Whereas, the grant application will be submitted on December 17, 2021 to Oakland County for Program Year 2022 projects; and
Whereas, A Public Hearing is required with a minimum 10 notice, published by December 3, 2021 to the public; and,
Whereas, we are requesting to hold the Public Hearing on December 14, 2021 at 6:00 pm; and,

Whereas, the following project is proposed for consideration:

Sidewalks for \$798,883. Funds to repair sidewalks throughout the City of Pontiac.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Pontiac City Council schedule a public hearing on the Community Development Block Grant Application for Program Year 2022 on December 14, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. and instruct the Interim Clerk to have a public notice published in the newspaper 10 days on or before December 3, 2021.

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

No: None

Resolution Passed

Finance

21-376

Resolution to authorize the City Clerk to post notice of a proposed budget amendment for Fiscal Year 2021-22 in the Oakland Press to Allocate a Total of \$ 8,000,000 to the VEBA Retiree Healthcare Opt Out Fund to receive funding from GERS and to allocate funds for the City to make the Opt Out Payments to Retirees. Moved by Councilperson Taylor-Burks and second by Councilperson Pietila.

Whereas, the City of Pontiac timely approved the FY 2021-22 budget on June 24, 2021 and;
Whereas, the City entered into a Settlement Agreement in connection with the long standing matter of retiree healthcare; and

Whereas, the Settlement Agreement provided for eligible retirees to permanently Opt Out of the healthcare benefits in exchange for a one-time payment of Twenty-Thousand Dollars (\$20,000); and

Whereas, the Opt Out payments to the individual retirees are to be made by the City; and

Whereas, the City Council has approved a First Amendment to the VEBA Declaratory Trust Agreement; and

Whereas, this First Amendment provides for the City to receive Eight Million Dollars (\$8,000,000) from the General Employment Retirement System (GERS) for the purpose of making the Opt Out payments; and CITY OF PONTIAC OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM,

Whereas, the Administration is proposing a budget amendment to receive the \$8,000,000 from GERS and to provide the appropriation for making the Opt Out payments to the retirees choosing to exercise the Opt Out option; and

NOW THEREFORE be resolved that the City Council hereby approves the amendment for the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budget as requested by the Administration providing for an increase of \$8,000,000 to the VEBA Retiree Healthcare Opt Out Fund (Fund-232).

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

No: None

Resolution Passed

21-377

Resolution to authorize the City Clerk to post notice of a proposed budget amendment for Fiscal Year 2021-22 in the Oakland Press to move funding of the Grant Writer Position from Finance to Economic and Community Development by re-allocating a total of \$34,800 from GL Account 101-206-702.00 to GL Account 101-690-702.00. Moved by Councilperson Waterman and second by Councilperson Taylor-Burks.

Whereas, the City of Pontiac timely approved the FY 2021-2022 budget on June 29, 2021; and
Whereas, the adopted FY 2021-2022 General Fund budget includes appropriations in the Finance Department for salaries for personnel using account number 101-206-702.000; and

Whereas, the Administration desires to re-allocate \$34,800 in funds for the Grant Writer position from Finance Administration (Department 207) to Community & Economic Development (Department 690);

and

NOW THEREFORE be resolved that the City Council hereby approves the amendment for the fiscal year 2021-2022 as requested by the Administration transferring \$34,800 from GL account 101-207-702.000 to GL account 101-690-702.000.

Ayes: None

No: Waterman, Williams, Carter, Miller, Pietila and Taylor-Burks

Resolution Failed

21-378 **Resolution to approve a budget amendment for fiscal year 2021-2022 to allocate a total of \$81,213.00 to account 101-266-959-003 settlement payments.** Moved by Councilperson Pietila and second by Councilperson Miller.

Whereas, the City of Pontiac timely approved the 2021-2022 budget on June 24, 2021, and;
Whereas, the Administration is proposing to the City Council to increase the appropriations for the current year 2021-2022 for payments in the amount of \$81,213 to account 101-266-959-003; and,
Whereas, the increased appropriations will not cause the fund balance in the General Fund to go below the policy mandated thresholds and;
Now, Therefore, Be Resolved that the City Council hereby approves the amendment for the fiscal year 2021-2022 as requested by the Administration for account 101-266-959-003 Settlement Payments in the amount of \$81,213.

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

No: None

Resolution Passed

21-379 **Resolution to accept a \$90,000 Grant from Nextfifty Initiative to Support Infrastructure Improvements at Pontiac Senior Centers.** Moved by Councilperson Waterman and second by Councilperson Pietila.

Whereas, the City of Pontiac was awarded a \$90,000 grant from the NextFifty Initiative; and;
Whereas, the grant is for the purpose of renovating and updating structurally deficient, unsafe and/or inaccessible facilities so that they can be used and enjoyed by the older adult and disabled communities in safe, inclusive, and innovative ways, and;
Whereas, the grant award from NextFifty Initiative does not have a matching requirement; and;
Whereas, the funds from the grant will increase the budgeted revenue for the current fiscal year 2021-2022 in the amount of \$90,000 for grant income, and increase the appropriations in the amount of \$90,000, representing grant expenditures.
Whereas, the increased appropriations will not cause the fund balance in the General Fund to go below the policy mandated thresholds and;
NOW THEREFORE be resolved that the City Council hereby authorizes the Interim City Clerk to publish a notice in a newspaper of general circulation at least one week before consideration of the proposed budget amendment to increase budgeted revenues in the amount of \$90,000 to the General Fund in account 101-000-532.000 –Grant Income, and appropriations in the amount of \$90,000 in a General Fund account.

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

No: None

Resolution Passed

Suspend the Rules

21-380 **Suspend the rules to move items 5, 5a and 5b Ordinances before Special**

November 30, 2021 Approved Minutes

Presentations on the agenda. Moved by Councilperson Pietila and second by Councilperson Taylor-Burks.

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

No: None

Motion Carried

Special Presentations

Special Election to Elect Charter Commissioners on May 3, 2022

Presentation Presenters: Garland Doyle, Interim City Clerk and Jo Lynn Williams, Election Administrator

Medical Marihuana Application Review Process Update

Presentation Presenters: Garland Doyle, Interim City Clerk and Jonathan Starks, Regulatory Analyst

Snow Removal Consortium

Presentation Presenter: Mayor Waterman

Communication from the Mayor

Received ARP Recap (Summary Report of ARP Town Halls and Next Steps)

Discussion (Add-On)

Pontiac Youth Recreation and Enrichment Center (PYREC)

Adjournment

Council President Kermit Williams adjourned the meeting at 8:31 p.m.

Garland Doyle
Interim City Clerk