

**Official Proceedings  
Pontiac City Council  
224<sup>th</sup> Session of the Tenth Council**

**Call to order**

A Study Session of the City Council of Pontiac, Michigan was called to order electronically, on Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. by Council President Kermit Williams.

**Roll Call**

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

Mayor Waterman was present.  
Clerk announced a quorum.

**Excuse Councilmember**

21-117        **Motion to excuse Councilmember Randy Carter for personal reasons.** Moved by Councilperson Pietila and second by Councilperson Shramski.

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

No: None

**Motion Carried**

**Amendments to the Agenda**

21-118        **Suspend the rules to vote on item #3 (City of Pontiac Resolution for First Lady JoAnn Jones).** Moved by Councilperson Waterman and second by Councilperson Taylor-Burks.

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

No: None

**Motion Carried**

21-119        **Motion to add Pontiac Youth Recreation and Enrichment Center (PYREC) Lease Extension to the Agenda.** Moved by Councilperson Waterman and second by Councilperson Taylor-Burks.

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

No: None

**Motion Carried**

**Approval of Amended Agenda**

21-120        **Motion to approve Agenda as amended.** Moved by Councilperson Waterman and second by Councilperson Taylor-Burks.

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

No: None

**Motion Carried**

### **Approval of Minutes**

21-121 **Approve meeting minutes for April 27, 2021.** Moved by Councilperson Waterman and second by Councilperson Pietila.

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

No: None

**Motion Carried**

### **Add-On Resolution**

Discussion on PYREC Lease Extension Resolution

### **Public Comment**

One (1) individual made public comment

### **Discussion**

Status Update on City Council request for Ottawa Towers/Phoenix Center Documents

**Council President Pro Tem Carter arrived remotely from Pontiac, Oakland County, MI at 6:15 p.m.**

**Councilwoman Doris Taylor-Burks remotely left the meeting**

### **Resolutions**

#### **City Council**

21-122 **Resolution for First Lady JoAnn Jones.** Moved by Councilperson Waterman and second by Councilperson Shramski.

WHEREAS, it is the sense of this legislative body to pay proper tribute to individuals of remarkable character whose lives have uplifted, inspired and empowered the community; and;

WHEREAS, it is feelings of the deepest regret that the Pontiac City Council mourns the passing of First Lady JoAnn Jones, a giving and loyal member of this community; and,

WHEREAS, First Lady JoAnn Jones was a distinguished graduate of Siena Heights College, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Allied Health; and,

WHEREAS, First Lady JoAnn Jones was a dynamic person who was a true humanitarian in every sense of the word, as she spent a lifetime selflessly sharing her gifts of compassion and kindness with others, dedicating an extensive portion of her career to the healthcare industry, working at various private hospitals and universities in both Ohio and in Michigan; and,

WHEREAS, First Lady JoAnn Jones married the love of her life, Pastor Douglas P. Jones, the Senior Pastor at Welcome Missionary Baptist Church and to this union, the couple was blessed with three daughters, Lucille, Lisa and Erica; and,

WHEREAS, First Lady JoAnn Jones energetic and vivacious spirit was the driving force behind her unwavering service and devotion to the Pontiac community, she was an active member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated, she taught classes and seminars at Welcome Missionary Baptist Church, served as a chairperson for the annual Women's Day Event, operated the church bookstore, Welcome Inspirational Notions (WIN) Christian Bookstore, headed the "Early Bird Gets the Word" session which were held quarterly on the third Saturday of each month and she headed the Women's Hour of Power

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Fellowship which included fellowshiping of women and friends of Welcome who shared the word, light humor, lunch and a special time for women.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Members of the Pontiac City Council and members of this great community will greatly miss First Lady JoAnn Jones, 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 First Lady JoAnn Jones.

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

No: None

**Resolution Passed**

**Suspend the Rules**

21-123 **Motion to suspend the rules to vote on item #4.** Moved by Councilperson Waterman and second by Councilperson Pietila.

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

No: None

**Motion Carried**

21-124 **Resolution to approve Proposal A City Charter Revision Ballot Question for the August 3, 2021 Primary Election Ballot.** Moved by Councilperson Waterman and second by Councilperson Shramski.

WHEREAS, the Pontiac City Council approved resolution 21-02 a resolution to approve a charter revision for the August 3, 2021 Municipal Primary Election ballot

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Pontiac hereby approves the placement of the following charter revision proposal on the August 3, 2021 Primary Election ballot:

**BALLOT QUESTION  
PROPOSAL A**

Shall the 1982 Charter for the City of Pontiac be revised by a Charter Commission to be selected by the electorate?

Yes

No

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

No: None

**Resolution Passed**

**Referred Item 7** (Resolution to approve, as recommended by the Planning Commission, the Specially Designated Merchant (“SDM”) and Class C, ‘Bistro’ Licenses as requested by the petitioner, 47 North, Inc., 47 N. Saginaw St) **to Planning for Revisions.**

**Adjournment**

Council President Kermit Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

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GARLAND S. DOYLE  
INTERIM CITY CLERK