

**Official Proceedings  
Pontiac City Council  
251<sup>st</sup> Session of the Tenth Council**

**Call to order**

A Formal Meeting of the City Council of Pontiac, Michigan was called to order at the Bowens Senior Center, 52 Bagley Pontiac, MI 48342 on Tuesday, August 31, 2021 at 6:04 p.m. by Council President Kermit Williams.

**Invocation** – Pastor Kathy

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call**

**Members Present** – Miller, Shramski, Taylor-Burks, Waterman and Williams

Mayor Waterman was present.  
A quorum was announced.

**Authorization to Excuse Councilmembers Carter and Pietila.** Moved by Councilperson Miller and second by Councilperson Waterman.

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

No: None

**Motion Carried**

**Amendments to and Approval of the Agenda**

21-265 **Motion to defer item # 6 (Resolution to approve a Zoning Map Amendment request ZMA 21-04 for parcel #64-17-33-407-035, 036, 037 to amend the current site zoning R-1 One Family Dwelling to C-1 Local Business) until the first meeting in January 2022.** Moved by Councilperson Miller and second by Councilperson Taylor-Burks.

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

No: None

**Motion Carried**

21-266 **Motion to remove item #4 (Resolution to approve the agreement between the City and Dykema Gossett PLLC to serve as the Hearing Officer in accordance with Ordinance 2357 (B) City of Pontiac Medical Marihuana Facilities Ordinance. John Fraser, Esq. will serve as the primary Hearing Officer at a cost not to exceed \$45,000 and authorizes the Mayor to sign the agreement. Mr. Fraser was formerly with Grewal Law PLLC) from the agenda.** Moved by Councilperson Miller and second by Councilperson Waterman.

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

No: None

**Motion Carried**

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21-267           **Motion to move public comment after subcommittee report.** Moved by Councilperson Miller and second by Councilperson Taylor-Burks.

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

No: None

**Motion Carried**

21-268           **Motion to approve the agenda as amended.** Move by Councilperson Taylor-Burks and second by Councilperson Shramski.

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

No: None

**Motion Carried**

### **Approval of the Minutes**

21-269           **Motion to approve meeting minutes for August 24, 2021.** Moved by Councilperson Taylor-Burks and second by Councilperson Miller.

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

No: None

**Motion Carried**

### **Subcommittee Report**

Received Department of Public Works (DPW) – August 20, 2021

### **Public Comment**

Seven (7) individuals addressed the body during public comment

**Recognition of Elected Officials** – None

**Agenda Address** – None

### **Resolution**

#### **Closed Session**

21-270           **Resolution from City Attorney and counsel of record that request a closed session pursuant to MCL 15.268(e) to discuss pending litigation of Blackwell v City of Pontiac.** Moved by Councilperson Shramski and second by Councilperson Waterman.

Whereas, the Michigan Open Meetings Act allows a public body to go into closed session to discuss specific pending litigation: and

Whereas, the City Attorney and defense counsel wish to address the City Council on new activity in a pending matter;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Pontiac City Council that it recess into closed session to discuss an attorney-client privileged memorandum pending litigation as permitted by the Open Meetings Act at MCL 15.268. The City Attorney and counsel of record request a closed session pursuant to MCL 15.268(e) to discuss pending litigation Blackwell v. City of Pontiac.

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

No: None

**Resolution Passed**

21-271 **Motion to come out of Closed Session.** Moved by Councilperson Taylor-Burks and second by Councilperson Waterman.

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

No: None

**Motion Carried**

21-272 **Motion to proceed according to the recommendation of the defense counsel in the case of Charles Blackwell v City of Pontiac.** Moved by Councilperson Waterman and second by Councilperson Taylor-Burks

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

No: None

**Motion Carried**

### **Resolution**

#### **Department of Public Works – (DPW)**

21-273 **Resolution to approve the agreement between the City and Asphalt Specialist, Inc. for \$395,309.00 for the 2021 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Pontiac Senior Centers Parking Lot Replacement Project.** Moved by Councilperson Waterman and second by Councilperson Taylor-Burks.

WHEREAS, the City of Pontiac has advertised and received responses to a Request For Proposal for the 2021 CDBG Pontiac Senior Centers Parking Lot Replacement project on August 5, 2021, and publically opened bids; and

WHEREAS, a bid tabulation was prepared and reviewed, and;

WHEREAS, the City identified the low bidder as Asphalt Specialists, Inc. (ASI), and references of the low bidder checked and found acceptable, and;

WHEREAS, the funding for the project will be through a Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$265,000.00 with the remaining funds identified in the Capital Improvements Fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Pontiac City Council authorizes the Mayor to enter into a contract with ASI for \$395,309.90 for the 2021 CDBG Pontiac Senior Centers Parking Lot Replacement project.

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

No: None

**Resolution Passed**

### **Mayor, Clerk and Council Closing Comments**

Mayor Waterman, Legislative Counsel Sharpe, Interim Clerk Doyle, Councilwoman Waterman, Councilwoman Taylor-Burks, Councilwoman Shramski, Councilwoman Miller and Council President Williams made closing comments.

### **Adjournment**

Council President Kermit Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

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Garland Doyle  
Interim City Clerk