

**Official Proceedings
Pontiac City Council
260th Session of the Tenth Council**

Call to order

A Study Session of the City Council of Pontiac, Michigan was called to order at the Pontiac Library Board, 60 E. Pike Street, MI 48342 on Thursday, November 4, 2021 at 12:08 p.m. by Council President Kermit Williams.

Roll Call

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

Mayor Waterman was present.

A quorum was announced.

Excuse Councilmembers

21-325 **Excuse Councilmember Mary Pietila for personal reasons.** Moved by Councilperson Waterman and second by Councilperson Miller.

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

No: None

Motion Carried

Amendments to and Approval of the Agenda

21-326 **Motion to ad-on Resolution to re-open the Pontiac Council Chambers.** Moved by Councilperson Waterman and second by Councilperson Shramski.

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

No: None

Motion Carried

~~21-327 **Motion to ad-on a Resolution to hold City Council Meetings at the Marriott.** Moved by Councilperson Taylor-Burks but no second.~~

21-327 **Motion to move item #2 (Discussion regarding contracts expiring within the next six months) before public comment.** Moved by Councilperson Taylor-Burks and second by Councilperson Miller.

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

No: None

Motion Carried

21-328 **Motion to remove item #3 (Special Presentation report on Maynard Court) from the agenda.** Moved by Councilperson Waterman and second by Councilperson Taylor-Burks.

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

No: None

Motion Carried

21-329 **Motion to approve the agenda as amended.** Moved by Councilperson Waterman and second by Councilperson Tylor-Burks.

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

No: None

Motion Carried

Point of Privilege – Council President Kermit Williams acknowledging Police Report filed by City Attorney Anthony Chubb against President Williams regarding Open Meetings Act.

Approval of Minutes

21-330 **Motion to approve meeting minutes for October 19, 2021.** Moved by Councilperson Carter and second by Councilperson Waterman.

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

No: None

Motion Carried

Discussions

Contracts Expiring within the Next Six Months

- a. Oakland County Sheriff
- b. Waterford Regional Fire
- c. Wade Trim (Building and Planning Services)

Public Comment

Seven (7) individuals addressed the body during public comment

Resolution

City Council

21-331 **Ad-on Resolution to re-open the Pontiac City Council Chambers.** Moved by Councilperson Waterman and second by Councilperson Carter.

Whereas, during the peak of the pandemic, COVID-19, CDC social distancing guidelines mandated that the Council Chambers be limited to fourteen (14) people; and,

Whereas, City Council in an effort to prohibit the spread of COVID-19, requested the Executive to replace the chairs in Council chambers with vinyl chairs and to have the ventilation ducts in Council Chambers cleaned, pursuant to the CARES ACT, as the requests were reimbursable expenses as substantiated by the Office of the Oakland County Executive; and,

Whereas, the Executive ignored Council’s requests, so on May 25, 2021, the Pontiac City Council passed a resolution shutting down Council Chambers until the ventilation ducts were cleaned and the vinyl chairs were purchased and placed in the Council Chambers; and,

Whereas, in the meantime, the Bowens Senior Center located at 52 Bagley, Pontiac, Michigan 48341 was used as an alternate location for City Council meetings; and,

Whereas, on Wednesday, October 27, 2021 at 1:57 a.m., an email was sent by the Mayor stating “now that we have prepared the city council chambers according to city council’s request for their return, access to the Bowens Center, or any other facility, for such use is no longer necessary or authorized. This statement will be the authority in the event that there is any attempt by anyone to circumvent this policy. Please alert your employees to this policy and address any inquiries about it directly to myself or City Attorney Chubb. Thank you for your co-operation.”

Whereas, it has been over a year since Council made the request and there has been no direct communication between the Council and the Executive as to, the scope of work that apparently has been

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performed in the Council Chambers, the cost, an itemization of the changes, and the GL account numbers to be used; and,

Whereas, the “refreshment of City Council Chambers” was unauthorized and unapproved; and,

Whereas, the Mayor had mandated that Council is to have no further access to the Bowens Center.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that City Council hereby re-opens City Council Chambers and will resume holding Council meetings in the Council Chambers on Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

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

No: None

Resolution Passed

Adjournment

Council President Kermit Williams adjourned the meeting at 1:04 p.m.

Garland Doyle
Interim City Clerk