

**Official Proceedings
Pontiac City Council
134th Session of the Tenth Council**

Call to order

A Study Session of the City Council of Pontiac, Michigan was called to order in City Hall, Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. by Council President Kermit Williams.

Roll Call

Members Present: Carter, Miller, Pietila, Taylor-Burks, Waterman, G. Williams and K. Williams.

Mayor Waterman was present.

Clerk announced a quorum.

Authorization to Excuse Councilmembers

20-10 **Excuse Councilperson Gloria Miller for personal reasons.** Moved by Councilperson Pietila and second by Councilperson Taylor-Burks.

Ayes: Pietila, Taylor-Burks, Waterman, G. Williams, K. Williams and Carter

No: None

Motion Carried.

Councilwoman Gloria Miller arrived at 6:03 p.m.

Amendments to the Agenda

20-11 **Motion to move items #2 and #3 above public comment.** Moved by Councilperson Taylor-Burks and second by Councilperson Pietila.

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

No: None

Motion Carried.

Approval of the Amended Agenda

20-12 **Approval of Amended Agenda.** Moved by Councilperson Waterman and second by Councilperson Pietila.

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

No: None

Motion Carried.

Approval of the Minutes

20-13 **Approve meeting minutes for January 7, 2020.** Moved by Councilperson Waterman and second by Councilperson Taylor-Burks.

Ayes: Waterman, G. Williams, K. Williams, Carter, Miller, Pietila and Taylor-Burks,
No: None
Motion Carried.

City Council Resolutions

20-14 **Suspend the rules.** Moved by Councilperson Taylor-Burks and second by Councilperson Pietila.

Ayes: G. Williams, K. Williams, Carter, Miller, Pietila, Taylor-Burks and Waterman
No: None
Motion Carried.

20-15 **Resolution to appoint Harold Harris, Linda Watson and Mattie Lasseigne to the Board of Review.** Moved by Councilperson G. Williams and second by Councilperson Pietila.

Whereas, section 5.402 of the Pontiac City Charter requires the City Council to appoint three electors of the City annually, to the Board of Review before the first meeting; and,
Whereas, in addition to the charter requirement of being an elector, all members of the Board of Review must attend and receive training.
Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Pontiac City Council appoints Harold Harris, Linda Watson and Mattie Lasseigne to the Board of Review.

Ayes: K. Williams, Carter, Miller, Pietila, Taylor-Burks, Waterman and G. Williams
No: None
Resolution Passed.

20-16 **Suspend the rules.** Moved by Councilperson Pietila and second by Councilperson Taylor-Burks.

Ayes: Carter, Miller, Pietila, Taylor-Burks, Waterman, G. Williams and K. Williams
No: None
Motion Carried.

20-17 **Resolution for Friends of Murphy Park.** (Moved by Councilperson Waterman and second by Councilperson Pietila.

WHEREAS, it is with warm and sincere gratitude that we recognize the Friends of Murphy Park; organized in 1994 in the Recreation Department when the Adopt a Park program was established, under the leadership of Maurice (Butch) Finnegan and Portia Fields-Anderson; and,
WHEREAS, sanctioned by the City of Pontiac, a liaison was formed with the Mayor, City Council, District Seven Citizens District Council and organizers Jean Sheppard, Sally McAllister, and Charlie “June” Adams who answered the call to adopt Murphy Park and subsequently organized the Friends of Murphy Park, whose mission was to: enhance the quality of life for youth with quality and relevant

recreation programs; and most notably for operating a structured summer playground program that has operated for 13 years serving thousands of youth of all abilities and diversities with activities in nature, fitness, wellness, personal development, special events, cultural arts, enrichment, drama, dance, music, art, sports, field trips , daily lunch, and provided summer job opportunities for youth ages 14 to 21; and, **WHEREAS**, the Friends of Murphy Park continued to flourish with the support of its friends, partners and collaborators: Welcome Baptist Church, Michigan Works, OHLSA, DNR, Take One Programs, DTE, Forgotten Harvest, Unique Foods, Meals on Wheels, Pontiac DPW, Better Pontiac, Night Riders, Pontiac Creative Art Center, Oakland County Parks, Huron Clinton Metropolitan Authority, Nicks Corner, Save-a-Lot, Elam Brothers, Habitat for Humanity, Welcome Baptist Church, St. Vincent Church, Woodside Bible, Take One Programs, Pontiac Horse Shoe Pitchers , Leona Patterson, Mattie McKinney-Hatchett, Chuck Johnson, Kermit Williams, Loretta Crisp, Cheryl Morway, Attorney Earlene Baggett, Dave Coleman, Leonard Smith, Willie Martinez, Butch Finnegan, Duck McConner, Travis, Dennis Williams, Yohannes Bolds, Everette Seay, Curtis Cheeks, Shardae Johnson, Pat Franks, Troy Craft, Deborah Vaden, Margaret Yellen, Regina Press, Mark Holland, Maria and Esther Jimenez, Maria Bermudez, Rip Peterson, Brenda and Randy Carter, Ramone “Cornbread” Johnson, parents, City of Pontiac Mayors and members of the City Council, and,

WHEREAS, the Friends of Murphy Park has been recognized by the National Recreation and Association Ethnic Minority Society and the Michigan Recreation and Parks Association Community Service Award.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pontiac City Council recognizes the Friends of Murphy Park for 25 years of service to the City of Pontiac and more specifically the Murphy Park Community, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this honor be bestowed to current officers Queenie Jones-Hawkins, Joe Woods, Gloria Hill, and Portia Fields-Anderson.

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

No: None

Resolution Passed.

****Council President K. Williams stated that street signs in Murphy Park were to be named in honor of Jean Sheppard and Sally McAllister. Department of Public Works is to investigate and report back to Council.**

Public Comment

Sixteen (16) individuals addressed the body during public comments.

City Council Resolution

20-18 **Suspend the rules.** Moved by Councilperson Pietila and second by Councilperson Taylor-Burks.

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

No: None

Motion Carried.

20-19 **Resolution to require that all Planning Commission recommendations that require final action and or Pontiac City Council approval must be placed on the Pontiac City Council's agenda within twenty-one (21) days from the date the applicant was provided a recommendation by the Planning Commission.** Moved by Councilperson G. Williams and second by Councilperson Pietila.

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission is tasked with the responsibility of coordinating, intergovernmental cooperation, zoning administration, infrastructure, land division, subdivision reviews and capital improvement planning; and,

WHEREAS, state law mandates that the Planning Commission make and approve a master plan as a guide for future development of the City and make careful and comprehensive surveys and studies of present conditions and future growth of the City with regard to its relation to neighboring jurisdictions; and,

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission reviews all development and re-development proposals including site plans, planned unit developments, subdivisions and special use permits; and,

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission forwards recommendations for street or alley vacation, zoning amendments, the layout of redevelopment or rehabilitation of blighted areas, the removal, relocation, widening, narrowing, abandonment, change of use, or extension of streets, grounds, open spaces, buildings, utilities, or other facilities to the City Council for final action.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that all Planning Commission recommendations that require final action and or Pontiac City Council approval must be placed on the Pontiac City Council's agenda within twenty-one (21) days from the date the applicant was provided a recommendation by the Planning Commission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all other outstanding Planning Commission recommendations which require final action and or City Council approval, must also be placed on the Pontiac City Council's agenda within twenty-one (21) days from the date of passage of this resolution.

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

No: None

Resolution Passed.

Resolution from Planning

20-20 **Suspend the rules.** Moved by Councilperson Pietila and second by Councilperson Waterman.

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

No: None

Motion Carried.

20-21 **Resolution to schedule a Public Hearing for the City of Pontiac 2020-2024 Parks & Recreation Master Plan on January 21, 2020 beginning at 12:00 p.m. at the Council Chambers in Pontiac City Hall, 47450 Woodward Avenue, Pontiac, Michigan 48342.** Moved by Councilperson Pietila and second by Councilperson G. Williams.

January 14, 2020 Approved Minutes

WHEREAS, that the Pontiac City Council will hold a PUBLIC HEARING at its Regular Meeting on January 14, 2020 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Pontic City Hall, 47450 Woodward Avenue Pontiac, Michigan 48342 in the upper level Council Chambers to receive comments on the proposed 2020-2024 City of Pontiac Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

WHEREAS, the 2020-2024 Parks & Recreation Master Plan can be viewed on the City of Pontiac Website:

http://www.pontiac.mi.us/departments/community_development/planning_and_zoning/parks_and_recreation_masterplan.php

WHEREAS, NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the text of the proposed Parks and Recreation Master Plan may be examined at the Pontiac Public Library, 60 East Pike Street, Pontiac, Michigan 48342 and Pontiac City Hall 47450 Woodward Avenue Pontiac, Michigan 48342 during normal business hours.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that a Public Hearing for the City of Pontiac 2020-2024 Parks & Recreation Master Plan be held on January 21, 2020 beginning at 12:00 p.m. at the Council Chambers in Pontiac City Hall, 47450 Woodward Avenue, Pontiac, Michigan 48342.

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

No: None

Resolution Passed.

Adjournment

Council President Kermit Williams adjourned the meeting at 8:46 p.m.

GARLAND S. DOYLE
INTERIM CITY CLERK