

**Official Proceedings  
Pontiac City Council  
211<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 January 26, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. by Council President Kermit Williams.

**Roll Call**

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

Member Absent: Miller  
Mayor Waterman was present.  
Clerk announced a quorum.

**Excuse Councilmembers**

21-1 **Motion to excuse Councilmember Gloria Miller for personal reasons.** Moved by Councilperson Pietila and second by Councilperson Waterman.

Ayes: Shramski, Taylor-Burks, Waterman, Williams and Carter  
No: Pietila  
**Motion Carried**

Councilmember Gloria Miller arrived at 6:07 p.m. remotely in Pontiac, MI

**Amendments to and Approval of the Agenda**

21-2 **Motion to remove item #5 from the agenda.** Moved by Councilperson Waterman and second by Councilperson Miller.

Ayes: Pietila, Shramski, Taylor-Burks, Waterman, Williams, Carter and Miller  
No: None  
**Motion Carried**

21-3 **Approval of the Agenda as amended.** Moved by Councilperson Waterman and second by Councilperson Pietila.

Ayes: Shramski, Taylor-Burks, Waterman, Williams, Carter, Miller and Pietila  
No: None  
**Motion Carried**

**Approval of the Minutes**

21-4 **Approve the meeting minutes with correction to Council Member Pietila location Pontiac, Oakland County, MI for January 26, 2021.** Moved by Councilperson Pietila and second by Councilperson Taylor-Burks.

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

No: None

**Motion Carried**

**Public Comment**

Seven Four (7) individuals submitted a public comment read by the City Clerk

**Suspend the rules**

21-5 **Suspend the rules to vote.** Moved by Councilperson Pietila and second by Councilperson Taylor-Burks.

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

No: Miller

**Motion Carried**

**Resolution**

**Information Technology**

21-6 **Resolution to approve the update of the City of Pontiac's current Shore Tel Phone System to a cloud based "Ring Central" system.** Moved by Councilperson Taylor-Burks and second by Councilperson Pietila.

Whereas, The City of Pontiac currently uses a phone system that is nearly a decade old and can no longer be expanded to meet the growing needs of the City; and

Whereas, The City can utilize a cloud-based Ring Central system that will result in a savings to the City; and

Whereas, the costs will be a one-time professional services cost of \$7,350, a one-time hardware cost of \$15,573.16, and a 3-year operating agreement for 143 licenses at a total cost of \$32,993.76 per year; and  
Whereas, this represents a savings of approximately \$27,000 in services fees from the current system as provided by AT&T;

Now, Therefore, hereby be it resolved that the Pontiac City Council approves the purchase of the Ring Central system and associated costs including a one-time professional services cost of \$7,350, a one-time hardware cost of \$15,573.16, and a 3-year operating agreement for 143 licenses at a total cost of \$32,993.76 per year; and authorizes the Mayor to enter into the agreements to complete this transaction.

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

No: None

**Resolution Passed.**

**Suspend the rules**

21-7 **Suspend the rules to vote on Parks and Recreation Master Plan.** Moved by Councilperson Miller and second by Councilperson Carter.

Ayes: Carter and Miller

No: Pietila, Shramski, Taylor-Burks, Waterman and Williams

**Motion Failed.**

21-8 **Suspend the rules to schedule a Special Meeting.** Moved by Councilperson Taylor-Burks and second by Councilperson Pietila.

Ayes: Pietila, Shramski, Taylor-Burks, Waterman and Williams  
No: Carter and Miller  
**Motion Carried**

21-9 **Motion to schedule a Special Meeting on Friday, January 29, 2021 at 9am to approve Parks and Recreation Master Plan with removal of Hidden River Park from the Plan & Kaboom Grant Reimbursement.** Moved by Councilperson Taylor-Burks and second by Councilperson Pietila.

Ayes: Pietila, Shramski, Taylor-Burks, Waterman and Williams  
No: Carter and Miller  
**Motion Carried.**

Councilmember Gloria Miller left the meeting.

21-10 **Suspend the rules to vote on items #8 and #9.** Moved by Councilperson Waterman and second by Councilperson Taylor-Burks.

Ayes: Shramski, Taylor-Burks, Waterman, Williams, Carter and Pietila  
No: None  
**Motion Carried.**

## **Resolutions**

### **Planning**

21-11 **Resolution to approve Updated Downtown Pontiac Social District.** Moved by Councilperson Waterman and second by Councilperson Taylor-Burks.

Whereas, in accordance with Public Act 124 of 2020 on the establishment of Social Districts within a Michigan City; and

Whereas, COV-19 pandemic has caused unprecedented economic disruption worldwide and within our downtown business community; and

Whereas, restaurants, breweries, and bars, which are key contributors to the historic development/redevelopment of Downtown, have been and will continue to be hard hit by the economic impact of the pandemic; and

Whereas, increasing availability of outdoor spaces for dining and drinking will help the downtown and its businesses recover; and

Whereas, Public Act 124 of 2020 empowers local governments like the City of Pontiac to enhance its downtown, the Social District and accompanying Common Areas where purchasers may consume and possess alcoholic beverages sold by multiple qualified Michigan Liquor Control Commission licensees who obtained Social District Permits; and

Whereas, the Pontiac City Council has received requests to designate a Downtown Pontiac Social District; and

Whereas, the Pontiac City Council has considered the potential impact of the requested Social District on the public health, safety and welfare of the city; and

Whereas, the Pontiac City Council desires to designate a Downtown Pontiac Social District with Common Areas.

Now Therefore, Be It Resolved,

1. That Downtown Pontiac Social District boundary and Common Areas are designated on the map, and
2. The Social District and Common Areas have a least two qualified, participating and permitted Michigan Liquor Control Commission licenses, and
3. That signs will be placed to clearly define and mark the limits of the Common Areas, and
4. The management and maintenance of the Downtown Pontiac Social District Common Areas shall be conducted in accordance with the attached Management & Maintenance Plan, and
5. That the Downtown Pontiac Social District and Common Areas shall be maintained in a manner that protects the health and safety of the city, and
6. That, if the Common Areas are deemed to be a public health and safety concern, a public hearing revoking the designation will be held before the Pontiac City Council in accordance with Public Act 124 of 2020.

Be it Further Resolved, that the Mayor and Interim City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute all documents necessary to file the Downtown Pontiac Social District and Common Areas Map and the Management and Maintenance Plan with the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.

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

No: None

**Resolution Passed.**

21-12      **Resolution to approve Updated Downtown Pontiac Social District Permit Applications.** Moved by Councilperson Waterman and second by Councilperson Taylor-Burks.

Whereas, in accordance with Public Act 124 of 2020 on the establishment of Social Districts within a Michigan City; and

Whereas, COV-19 pandemic has caused unprecedented economic disruption worldwide and within our downtown business community; and

Whereas, restaurants, breweries, and bars, which are key contributors to the historic development/redevelopment of Downtown, have been and will continue to be hard hit by the economic impact of the pandemic; and

Whereas, increasing availability of outdoor spaces for dining and drinking will help the downtown and its businesses recover; and

Whereas, Public Act 124 of 2020 empowers local governments like the City of Pontiac to enhance its downtown, the Social District and accompanying Common Areas where purchasers may consume and possess alcoholic beverages sold by multiple qualified Michigan Liquor Control Commission licensees who obtained Social District Permits; and

Whereas, the Pontiac City Council has designated a Downtown Pontiac Social District and Common Areas; and

Whereas, the City has received requests from multiple qualified licensees to recommend approval of their Social District permit applications by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission; and

Whereas, the licensed establishments are contiguous to the Common Areas within the Social District; and  
Whereas, the Pontiac City Council desires to recommend approval of the Social District Permit applications,

Now Therefore, Be It Resolved that:

1. The Social District Permit applications from the following licensees are recommended by the Pontiac City Council for consideration and approval by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission:
  - a. MARIMAR LLC dba N. Saginaw Alley Cat Café – 31 N Saginaw
  - b. Strand Events, LLC, dba Charlene’s Theater Bar – 12 N Saginaw
  - c. Elektriccity Events LLC, dba Elektriccity – 15 S Saginaw

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- d. Exferimentation Brewing Company, dba Exferimentation Brewing Company – 7 N Saginaw
  - e. Fillmore 13 Brewery LLC, dba Fillmore 13 Brewery – 7 N Saginaw
  - f. 47 North, Inc., dba Green Room Café – 47 N Saginaw
  - g. Kosch Enterprises Inc., dba Lafayette Grande – 1 Lafayette
  - h. Lafayette Market, LLC dba, Lafayette Market – 154 N Saginaw
  - i. LBP Entertainment Group, LLC, dba Liberty Bar – 85 N Saginaw
  - j. Little MO LLC, dba Little MO – 51 N Saginaw
  - k. Pike Street Pool LLC, dba Crofoot Ballroom – 1 S Saginaw
  - l. Strand Events LLC, dba Strand Theatre Restaurant – 12 N Saginaw
2. The Interim Clerk is authorized and directed to provide each applicant with a certification of this action in the form specified by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.

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

No: None

**Resolution Passed.**

**Adjournment**

President Kermit Williams adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

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GARLAND S DOYLE  
INTERIM CITY CLERK