

**Official Proceedings
Pontiac City Council
208th Session of the Tenth Council**

Call to order

A Formal Meeting of the City Council of Pontiac, Michigan was called to order electronically, on Tuesday January 5, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. by Council President Kermit Williams.

Invocation – Councilperson Doris Taylor-Burks

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

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

Members Absent: None

Mayor Waterman was present.

Clerk announced a quorum.

Approval of the Agenda

20-593 **Motion to approve the agenda.** Moved by Councilperson Pietila and second by Councilperson Miller

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

No: None

Motion Carried

Approval of the Minutes

20-594 **Motion to approve the meeting minutes for December 29, 2020.** Moved by Councilperson Pietila and second by Councilperson Taylor-Burks.

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

No: None

Motion Carried

Special Presentations

Status of Medical Marihuana applications review procedures; Attorney opinions regarding existing for Special Exemption Permit which renders unnecessary another ordinance amendment, status of Medical Marihuana line item expenditures

Presentation Presenters: Mayor Waterman and Matt Gibb, Esq, Special Counsel for Economic Development

City Clerk's Response to the Continuation of Mayor Waterman, Attorney Chubb and Attorney Matt Gibb Conflicting Opinions and Distributing Inaccurate Information about the Medical Marihuana Review Process

Presentation Presenter: Garland Doyle, Interim City Clerk

Recognition of Elected Officials – None

Agenda Address - None

Resolution

City Council

20-595 **Resolution for Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT).** Moved by Councilperson Waterman and second by Councilperson Taylor-Burks.

WHEREAS, the City of Pontiac received a request from the Michigan Department of Transportation to perform a road diet on Perry Street (I-75 Business Loop), effectively taking the roadway from a five-lane section to a three-lane section; and,

WHEREAS, this change was created for the purpose of creating a safer environment for both motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians and only consisted of pavement markings; and,

WHEREAS, the Pontiac City Council passed a resolution authorizing the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) Transportation to perform the road diet on Perry Street (I-75 Business Loop) for a six-month trial period (November 2018 to April 2019); and,

WHEREAS, Council adamantly expressed that it is in the best interest of the City to end the road diet on Perry Street (-75 Business Loop) and consequently passed a resolution on June 11, 2019 authorizing the Michigan Department of Transportation to, discontinue the road diet on Perry Street (I-75 Business Loop), remove the pavement markings and return the roadway back to a five-lane section; and,

WHEREAS, to date, Perry Street has remained unchanged; and,

WHEREAS, at the request of Council, DPW prepared an estimate of the cost for the City to perform the work of reverting Perry Street back to its original configuration; and,

WHEREAS, in a City of Pontiac Official Memorandum from Abdul Siddiqui, PE City Engineer, dated December 23, 2020 addressed to the Honorable City Council President Williams and City Council Members, Mr. Siddiqui stated that in order for the City to perform the work through its own contractor, the City will be required to apply for and obtain a permit from MDOT. Further, based on the email from MDOT's Oakland TSC Manager, it was explained that it may not be clear to the TSC Manager that the City would be paying for the project through its own funds; and,

WHEREAS, the estimate was prepared and attached to the Memorandum. The total estimated cost is \$115,000.00 which includes estimated construction cost of \$94,000.00 and preliminary engineering and construction engineering costs.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Pontiac City Council authorizes the Mayor, DPW and or the City Engineer to further discuss reverting Perry Street back to its original configuration with the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and to clearly and expressly state to MDOT that the City of Pontiac in preparing an estimate of the cost of performing the work through its own contractor, is prepared to and will commit to paying for the project using its own funds and will agree to work through the MDOT permitting process.

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

No: Pietila

Resolution Passed

Planning

20-596 **Resolution to Approve Scheduling a Public Hearing for the 2021-2025 Parks & Recreation Master Plan on January 19, 2021.** Moved by Councilperson Waterman and second by Councilperson Taylor-Burks.

January 5, 2021 Approved Minutes

WHEREAS, the Pontiac City Council will hold a PUBLIC HEARING at its Regular Meeting on January 19, 2021 at Noon. This meeting will be held electronically as allowed by the amended Open Meetings Act.

WHEREAS, individuals who desire to make a public comment at the PUBLIC HEARING, please submit your name and comment(s) in writing to publiccomments@pontiac.mi.us. All public comments must be received no later than 11:30AM on January 19, 2021. The Interim City Clerk will read your comments during the PUBLIC HEARING section of the meeting and is limited to three (3) minutes.

WHEREAS, the 2021-2025 Parks & Recreation Master Plan can be viewed on the City of Pontiac Website:

<https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/review?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:276a9a2a-8374-4a81-9a2f-010022aadd82#pageNum=1> 2

WHEREAS, NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the text of the proposed 2021-2025 Parks and Recreation Master Plan may be examined at the Pontiac Public Library, 60 East Pike Street, Pontiac, Michigan 48342 and Pontiac City Hall, Building Safety Department, 47450 Woodward Avenue Pontiac, Michigan 48342 during the hours of 9:00AM and 2:00PM

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that a Public Hearing for the City of Pontiac 2021-2025 Parks & Recreation Master Plan be held on January 19, 2021 at Noon. This meeting will be held electronically as allowed by the amended Open Meetings Act.

Ayes: Pietila

No: Waterman, Williams, Carter, Miller, Shramski, & Taylor-Burks

Resolution Failed

Mayoral Monthly Reports were received.

Public Comment

One (1) individual submitted a public comment read by the City Clerk

Mayor, Clerk and Council Closing Comments

Mayor Waterman, Legislative Council Sharpe, Interim Clerk Doyle, Councilwoman Waterman, Councilwoman Shramski, Councilwoman Pietila, Councilwoman Miller, Council Pro Tem Carter & Council President Williams made closing comments.

Adjournment

President Kermit Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

GARLAND S DOYLE
INTERIM CITY CLERK