

**Official Proceedings
Pontiac City Council
206th 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 December 22, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. by Council President Kermit Williams.

Invocation – Councilperson Taylor-Burks

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Members Present: Miller, Shramski, Taylor-Burks & Williams.

Members Absent: Carter, Pietila and Waterman

Mayor Waterman was present.

Clerk announced a quorum.

Excuse Councilmembers

20-572 **Motion to excuse Councilpersons Waterman, Carter & Pietila for personal reasons.**
Moved by Councilperson Taylor-Burks and second by Councilperson Shramski.

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

No: None

Motion Carried

20-573 **Motion to add on resolution about City Attorney.** Moved by Councilperson Taylor-Burks and second by Councilperson Shramski.

Ayes: Shramski, Taylor-Burks, Williams & Miller

No: None

Motion Carried

Approval of the Amended Agenda

20-574 **Motion to approve the amended agenda.** Moved by Councilperson Miller and second by Councilperson Shramski.

Ayes: Shramski, Taylor-Burks, Williams and Miller

No: None

Motion Carried

Approval of the Minutes

20-575 **Motion to approve the meeting minutes for December 15, 2020.** Moved by Councilperson Miller and second by Councilperson Taylor-Burks.

Ayes: Taylor-Burks, Williams, Miller & Shramski

No: None

Motion Carried

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Sub Committee Reports

Received Department of Public Works (DPW) and Public Safety Reports

Special Presentations

Medical Marihuana Application Review Process Update
Presentation Presenter: Garland Doyle, Interim City Clerk

Councilperson Waterman arrived at 12:14 p.m.

Overview of Vacant City of Pontiac Executive Positions: Search for Qualified and Motivated Candidates with a Commitment toward Collaboration and Strategic Skillset to Work Toward the Pontiac Community Vision.

Deputy Mayor

Grants Writer/ Contract Compliance Officer

Community Relations Specialist

Presentation Presenters: Mayor Waterman and Kiearha Davidson, HR Manager

Mayoral recommendations to City Council to City Council for a City of Pontiac COVID-19 Relief Package for Direct Assistance to our Pontiac Residents: Filling the Gap of Economic Distress Caused by the Pandemic:

Temporary Halt on Interest Collection for Delinquent or Delayed Winter Tax Payments.

Temporary Waiver of Rental Inspection Fees for Landlords, Who Co-Operate with Rental Assistance-Cares Act Grants to Renters or Delayed/Cancelled Evictions.

Presentation Presenter: Mayor Waterman

Recognition of Elected Officials – None

Agenda Address - None

Resolution

City Council

20-576 **Resolution to approve the 2021 City Council Meeting Schedule.** Moved by Councilperson Taylor-Burks and second by Councilperson Miller.

- Tuesday, January 5, 2021 6:00 p.m. Formal Session
- Tuesday, January 12, 2021 6:00 p.m. Study Session
- Tuesday, January 19, 2021 Noon Formal Meeting
- Tuesday, January 26, 2021 6:00 p.m. Study Meeting
- Tuesday, February 2, 2021 6:00p.m. Formal Session
- Tuesday, February 9, 2021 6:00 p.m. Study Meeting
- Tuesday, February 16, 2021 6:00 p.m. Formal Session
- Tuesday, February 23, 2021 6:00 p.m. Study Meeting
- Tuesday, March 2, 2021 6:00 p.m. Formal Meeting
- Tuesday, March 9, 2021 6:00 p.m. Study Session
- Tuesday, March 16, 2021 6:00 p.m. Formal Meeting
- Tuesday, March 23, 2021 6:00 p.m. Study Session
- Tuesday, March 30, 2021 6:00 p.m. Formal Meeting
- Tuesday, April 6, 2021 6:00 p.m. Study Session
- Tuesday, April 13, 2021 6:00 p.m. Formal Meeting
- Tuesday, April 20, 2021 6:00 p.m. Study Session
- Tuesday, April 27, 2021 6:00 p.m. Formal Meeting

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Tuesday, May 4, 2021 6:00 p.m. Study Session
Tuesday, May 11, 2021 6:00 p.m. Formal Meeting
Tuesday, May 18, 2021 6:00 p.m. Study Session
Tuesday, May 25, 2021 6:00 p.m. Formal Meeting
Tuesday, June 1, 2021 6:00 p.m. Study Session
Tuesday, June 8, 2021 6:00 p.m. Formal Meeting
Tuesday, June 15, 2021 6:00 p.m. Study Session
Tuesday, June 22, 2021 6:00 p.m. Formal Meeting
Tuesday, June 29, 2021 6:00 p.m. Study Session
Tuesday, July 6, 2021 6:00 p.m. Formal Meeting
Tuesday, July 13, 2021 6:00 p.m. Study Session
Tuesday, July 20, 2021 6:00 p.m. Formal Meeting
Tuesday, July 27, 2021 6:00 p.m. Study Session
Thursday, August 5, 2021 Noon Formal Meeting
Tuesday, August 10, 2021 6:00 p.m. Study Session
Tuesday, August 17, 2021 6:00 p.m. Formal Meeting
Tuesday, August 24, 2021 6:00 p.m. Study Session
Tuesday, August 31, 2021 6:00 p.m. Formal Meeting
Tuesday, September 7, 2021 6:00 p.m. Study Session
Tuesday, September 14, 2021 6:00 p.m. Formal Meeting
Tuesday, September 21, 2021 6:00 p.m. Study Session
Tuesday, September 28, 2021 6:00 p.m. Formal Meeting
Tuesday, October 5, 2021 6:00 p.m. Study Session
Tuesday, October 12, 2021 6:00 p.m. Formal Meeting
Tuesday, October 19, 2021 6:00 p.m. Study Session
Tuesday, October 26, 2021 6:00 p.m. Formal Meeting
Thursday, November 4, 2021 Noon Study Session
Tuesday, November 9, 2021 6:00 p.m. Formal Session
Tuesday, November 16, 2021 6:00 p.m. Study Session
Tuesday, November 23, 2021 12:00 p.m. Formal Session
Tuesday, November 30, 2021 6:00 p.m. Study Session
Tuesday, December 7, 2021 6:00 p.m. Formal Meeting
Tuesday, December 14, 2021 6:00 p.m. Study Session
Tuesday, December 21, 2021 Noon Formal Meeting
Thursday, December 30, 2021 Noon Study Session

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

No: None

Resolution Passed

Finance

20-577 **Resolution to approve the renewal of the Agreement with Wade-Trim for City's Building Services.** Moved by Councilperson Waterman and second by Councilperson Taylor-Burks.

WHEREAS, the City and Contractor entered into an Agreement on the 16th day of February, 2011; and,
WHEREAS, the City and Contractor have amended the Agreement via Amendments A through I, most recently in December 2018; and,

WHEREAS, the Contractor has demonstrated its ability to faithfully execute the terms of the Agreement;
and,

WHEREAS, the City recognizes the importance of maintaining uninterrupted Building Safety services for residents and businesses; and,

WHEREAS, the City currently does not have staff to perform these services without significant interruption and disruption for the citizens of Pontiac; and,
WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City and the Contractor to extend the current agreement to insure uninterrupted services to the Citizens of Pontiac; and,
NOW, THEREFORE, the City and Contractor agree to amend the original Agreement, for the following professional services and conditions:

1. Amend Section 2.3 to read as follows: As budgeted, starting January 1, 2021 extend Building and Safety Services through December 31, 2021 with an option to extend further on a month-to-month basis until December 31, 2022 by mutual agreement and with 90-day advanced notice of termination by either party.

2. Amend Section 3.2.1 to read as follows:

3.2 Compensation. Contractor shall receive compensation in the following manner:

3.2.1 For the period commencing January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2021, a monthly payment from the City in the amount of \$143,795.

If the mutual option is exercised, then for the period commencing January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022, a monthly payment from the City in the amount of \$146,670.

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

No: None

Resolution Passed

Planning

20-578 **Motion to defer item 10 (Resolution to Approve Scheduling a Public Hearing for the 2021-2025 Parks & Recreation Master Plan on January 19, 2021) for one week.** Moved by Councilperson Waterman and second by Councilperson Taylor-Burks.

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

No: None

Motion Carried

City Council

Add On Resolution

20-579 **Resolution to Remove Anthony Chubb, Esq., Giamarco, Mullins and Horton, P.C. as the attorney assigned to appear at City Council Meetings.** Moved by Councilperson Miller and second by Councilperson Waterman.

WHEREAS, Giamarco, Mullins & Horton, P.C. provides legal representation for the City of Pontiac; and,
WHEREAS, Anthony Chubb is an attorney with the Giamarco, Mullins & Horton, P.C. law firm; and,
WHEREAS, Anthony Chubb has been assigned by Giamarco, Mullins & Horton, P.C. to the Pontiac City Council and to appear at City Council meetings as the City Attorney; and

WHEREAS, there has been a break-down of the attorney client relationship between the Pontiac City Council and attorney Anthony Chubb; and,

WHEREAS, Attorney Chubb has displayed conduct that unacceptable and is in conflict with the Pontiac City Council, and has given the appearance of having interests that are adverse to doing what is in the best interest of the City of Pontiac; and,

WHEREAS, Rule 1.16 of the Michigan Rules of Professional Conduct, Declining or Terminating Representation, more specifically Discharge, allows a client to discharge a lawyer at any time, with or without cause, subject to liability for payment for the lawyers services; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Pontiac City Council hereby requests that Giamarco, Mullins & Horton, P.C. assign another attorney to appear at City Council meetings.

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Ayes: Miller, Taylor-Burks, Waterman & Williams

No: Shramski

Resolution Passed

Public Comment

Four (4) individuals submitted a public comment read by the City Clerk

Mayor, Clerk and Council Closing Comments

Mayor Waterman, Interim Clerk Doyle, Legislative Council Sharpe, Councilwoman Shramski, Councilwoman Miller, Councilwoman Waterman & Councilwoman Taylor-Burks made closing comments.

Adjournment

President Kermit Williams adjourned the meeting at 1:32 p.m.

GARLAND S DOYLE
INTERIM CITY CLERK