

**Official Proceedings
Pontiac City Council
243rd Session of the Tenth Council**

Call to order

A Formal Meeting of the City Council of Pontiac, Michigan was called to order at the Bowens Senior Center, 52 Bagley Pontiac, MI 48342 on Tuesday, July 6, 2021 at 6:07 p.m. by Council President Kermit Williams.

Invocation – Dr. Doris Taylor-Burks

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

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

Mayor Waterman was present.
Clerk announced a quorum.

Excuse Councilmembers

21-194 **Motion to excuse Councilperson Megan Shramski for personal reasons.** Moved by Councilperson Pietila and second by Councilperson Taylor-Burks.

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

No: None

Motion Carried

Amendments to and Approval of the Agenda

21-195 **Motion to defer special presentations #4 (American Rescue Plan), #5 (Let’s Get Pontiac “Vacc to Normal” Vaccine Clinic) and #6 (Citizen Monitoring Taskforce on Medical Marihuana Implementation) for one week.** Moved by Councilperson Taylor-Burks and second by Councilperson Pietila.

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

No: None

Motion Carried

21-196 **Motion to approve the amended Agenda.** Moved by Councilperson Pietila and second by Councilperson Waterman.

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

No: None

Motion Carried

Approval of the Minutes

21-197 **Motion to approve meeting minutes for June 29, 2021.** Moved by Councilperson Pietila and second by Councilperson Taylor-Burks.

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

Subcommittee Report

Received Public Safety – June 11, 2021

Public Hearing

Council President Kermit Williams opened up public hearing at 6:17 p.m. to reprogram Home Consortium Funding (From the Carriage Circle Project Funded by the County) to Proposed Recommended Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Projects for Program Year 2020. One individual addressed the body during public hearing.

1. Robert Bass, 499 Highland Pontiac, MI. He had a question. How is the money being decided and allocated?

Council President Kermit Williams closed public hearing at 6:19 p.m.

Discussion

Sammie Rogers presented a draft recreational Marijuana Ordinance. The Ordinance was referred to the City Attorney. There will be a discussion on Recreational Marijuana in Pontiac at the next meeting.

Recognition of Elected officials – Melanie Rutherford, Pontiac Library Secretary

Agenda Address – None

Councilwoman Megan Shramski arrived at 6:15 p.m.

Ordinance

21-198 **Adoption of an Ordinance regarding Parking of Commercial Vehicles and Other Specified Vehicles and Equipment on Residential Streets Prohibited; Taxicab Exception; Parking of Commercial Streets for One Hour Permitted; Exceptions; Temporary Parking Motor Homes, Pickup Campers, and Coupled Trailer Coaches on Residential Street Permitted.** Moved by Councilperson Waterman and second by Councilperson Taylor-Burks.

AN ORDINANCE REGARDING PARKING OF COMMERCIAL VEHICLES AND OTHER SPECIFIED VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT ON RESIDENTIAL STREETS PROHIBITED; TAXICAB EXCEPTION; PARKING ON COMMERCIAL STREETS FOR TWO HOURS PERMITTED; EXCEPTIONS; TEMPORARY PARKING MOTOR HOMES, PICKUP CAMPERS, AND COUPLED TRAILER COACHES ON RESIDENTIAL STREET PERMITTED.

WHEREAS, it shall be unlawful to park any commercial vehicle, bus, taxicab, trailer (coupled or not), pole trailer (coupled or not), semi-trailer (coupled or not), motor home, pickup camper, trailer coach (coupled or not), recreational equipment, or limousine on any residential street or service drive in the City at any time, including Sundays and holidays, provided, that the owner or lessee of a taxicab may park not more than one operable taxicab on the residential street or service drive within the block of his or her one-family or two-family residence where the residence of such owner or lessee does not have a front yard driveway;

WHEREAS, it shall be unlawful to park any commercial vehicle, bus, taxicab, trailer (coupled or not), pole trailer (coupled or not), semi-trailer (coupled or not), motor home, pickup camper, trailer coach (coupled or not), recreational equipment, or limousine on any commercial street in the City where parking is allowed, for a period longer than two hours, including Sundays and holidays.

WHEREAS, the prohibitions in this section shall not apply to the following:

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1. The expeditious loading or unloading, delivery, or pick-up of goods, wares, merchandise, or passengers at an address within the block where the vehicle is parked;
2. The performance of business or commercial service by a licensed contractor or service establishment at an address within the block where the vehicle is parked for the time needed to complete the service, provided, that, while parked, the vehicle shall prominently display a written notice of the location where the service is being performed;
3. The rendering of authorized emergency service, or service by a government agency or public utility;
4. The use of a vehicle at a public works or construction site, while the work is in progress;
5. A vehicle that is disabled pursuant to applicable City Code; or
6. A vehicle that is parked to avoid conflict with law enforcement activity, or in compliance with a traffic control device or direction from a police officer.

This section shall not apply to private passenger vehicles that have commercial license plates, trailers no longer than eight feet in length that are coupled to a permitted vehicle, or pickup trucks or vans that have commercial license plates unless the pickup truck or van has been modified substantially to perform primarily a specific commercial or industrial task. Substantial modification to pickup trucks and vans includes, but is not limited to, the addition of a cherry-picker, hoist, crane, or commercial rack designed for holding glass, but does not include the attachment of a snowplow or standard commercial rack, or enclosures, caps, covers, or boxes attached over the exterior bed of the truck, that are used to hold or carry items including, but not limited to, ladders, work supplies, or tools.

WHEREAS, motor homes, pickup campers, and coupled trailer coaches may be parked on any residential street, for up to 24 hours, only during the loading or unloading of such vehicle for the purpose of trip preparation or trip completion.

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

No: Miller and Williams

Ordinance Passed

Resolutions

City Clerk

21-199

Resolution to approve the job description of the Assistant City Clerk/Regulatory Analyst. Moved by Councilperson Waterman and second by Councilperson Taylor-Burks.

WHEREAS, the Home Rule Charter of the City of Pontiac Section 3.120 Control of the City Payroll requires that the City Council approve the salary of all appointees and employees.

NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, that the City Council for the City of Pontiac approve the job description and salary of the Assistant City Clerk/Regulatory Analyst.

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

No: None

Resolution Passed

21-200

Resolution to approve the job description of the Elections/Clerk Specialist. Moved by Councilperson Waterman and second by Councilperson Taylor-Burks.

WHEREAS, the Home Rule Charter of the City of Pontiac Section 3.120 Control of the City Payroll requires that the City Council approve the salary of all appointees and employees.

NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, that the City Council for the City of Pontiac approve the job description and salary of the Elections/Clerk Specialist.

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

No: None

Resolution Passed

Resolution

Department of Public Works

21-201 **Motion to defer item #11 (Resolution to approve a one-year extension for Great Lakes Contracting Solutions, LLC for Roadway Maintenance Program) and item #12 (Resolution to approve a one-year extension for Great Lakes Power and Light for Street Light Maintenance) for one week.** Moved by Councilperson Taylor-Burks and second by Councilperson Waterman.

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

No: None

Motion Carried

Resolution

Economic Development

~~21-202~~ **Resolution to reprogram HOME Consortium –Carriage Circle Funds and Recommending Project Allocations for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Year 2020.** Moved by Councilperson Pietila and second by Councilperson Waterman.

Discussion from the panel regarding this resolution. Council decided to change the wording for the Youth Services part of the resolution. Councilwoman Pietila withdrew her motion and Councilwoman Waterman withdrew her second.

21-202 **Motion to accept the amendment to change Youth Services - \$15,000 Mentoring Support Programs for COP Youth to Youth Services - \$15,000 Pontiac youth Assistance.** Moved by Councilperson Pietila and second by Councilperson Shramski.

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

No: Carter

Motion Carried

21-203 **Amendment Resolution to reprogram HOME Consortium –Carriage Circle Funds and Recommending Project Allocations for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Year 2020.** Moved by Councilperson Pietila and second by Councilperson Shramski.

Whereas, the City of Pontiac is requesting HOME Consortium funds allocated for Carriage Circle Apartments be reprogrammed for proposed and recommended Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) projects; and

Whereas, the Oakland County accessed Oakland County HOME Consortium funds for this project, thus freeing up City of Pontiac funds to be reprogrammed for CDBG Program Year 2020 projects; and

Whereas, the following projects are being considered:

1. Senior Center Facilities - \$110,000: Rehabilitation of the two senior centers; Robert Bowen and Ruth Peterson bathrooms to upgrade to ADA compliance.
2. Youth Services - \$15,000: To Pontiac Youth Assistance.

3. Sidewalks - \$125,000: to repair sidewalks throughout the City of Pontiac as outlined in Sidewalk Repair Area Map.

Now Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Pontiac City Council approve the reprogramming of HOME Consortium funds for CDBG projects for Year 2020 for the proposed recommended projects for the \$250,000 amount previously allocated for Carriage Circle which was paid by Oakland County out of the Oakland County HOME Consortium fund.

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

No: None

Abstain: Williams

Amendment Resolution Passed

Resolution

Pontiac Youth Recreation and Enrichment Center (PYREC)

21-204 **Emergency resolution to Mitigate Expected Damages through an Extension of the Lease Agreement for 825 Gold Drive.** Moved by Councilperson Taylor-Burks and second by Councilperson Waterman.

Whereas, the City Council has elected to reject the option to purchase the property at 825 Golf Dr. pursuant to the lease agreement and likewise rejected the owners offer to continue the lease on either a month to month or three year basis; and

Whereas, the City must vacate the entire premises by June 30, 2021 of be considered a hold over tenant which will cause the city to be charged additional rent and damages; and

Whereas, the property owner is in agreement to grant a three month extension on the lease agreement to continue programming, manage a schedule to close the center, and mitigate additional damages.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council does hereby Authorize the Mayor to review and execute a three (3) month extension to the Lease Agreement for 825 Golf Drive to allow for the City to timely re-program scheduled youth activity, determine a place and process for vacating the premises, and to avoid any extended damages during the extension.

Ayes: None

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

Resolution Failed

Councilwoman Pietila was absent during the vote

Mayoral Monthly Report

Personnel Monthly Staff Report (**No report was submitted.**)

Monthly Check Register (**Per the Administration, the check registers are posted on the city's website** <http://pontiac.mi.us/departments/finance/finacialreports.php#revizedocumentcenterrz3702>

City Credit Card Statement (**Per the Administration, the credit card statement was given directly to Council Members by the Finance Director.**)

Public Comment

Three (3) individuals addressed the body during public comment

Mayor, Clerk and Council Closing Comments

Mayor Waterman, Interim Clerk Doyle, Pro-Tem Randy Carter, Councilwoman Miller, Councilwoman Pietila, Councilwoman Shramski, Councilwoman Taylor-Burks, Councilwoman Waterman and President Williams made closing comments.

Adjournment

Council President Kermit Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

GARLAND S. DOYLE
INTERIM CITY CLERK