

**Official Proceedings  
Pontiac City Council  
186<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, August 25, 2020 at 6:06 p.m. by Council President Kermit Williams.

**Roll Call**

Members Present: Carter, Miller, Pietila, Shramski, Taylor-Burks, Waterman and Williams.  
Mayor Waterman was present.  
Clerk announced a quorum.

**Amendments to the Agenda**

20-390           **Motion to move item 7 Status update on the agreement to engage Bonadio & Co, LLP, Certified Public Accounts to conduct an audit of Fiscal Year 2020 budget & item 10 Status update on the flooring repairs at 50<sup>th</sup> District Court before item 2.** Moved by Councilperson Taylor-Burks and second by Councilperson Pietila.

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

20-391           **Motion to add discussion on 3% raise to employees to the agenda.** Moved by Councilperson Miller and second by Councilperson Waterman.

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

20-392           **Approval of the Agenda as amended.** Moved by Councilperson Waterman and second by Councilperson Miller.

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

**Point of Privilege was given to Deputy Mayor Jane Bais Disessa. This was her last City Council Meeting. Ms. Bais Disessa has accepted the position of City Manager for Brighton, Colorado.**

**Approval of the Minutes**

20-393           **Defer the approval of minutes for August 18, 2020 for one week.** Moved by Councilperson Waterman and second by Councilperson Taylor-Burks.

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

Councilperson Pietila stated, "I cannot approve a packet that is not complete in its entirety and these minutes are not so therefore my answer is no."

**Motion Carried**

**Item 7: Status update on the agreement to engage Bonadio & Co, LLP, Certified Public Accounts to conduct an audit of Fiscal Year 2020 budget. The City Council approved a resolution on June 17, 2020 to engage Bonadio & Co, LLP and the \$10,000 retainer for their services.**

During the discussion, Council President Williams stated for the record, "If the administration has nothing to hide they should be able to same or similar agreement to Plante Moran whose been handling our money even before we went into Emergency Management as anybody else so not to stall or belittle Mr. Pink with back and forth emails that I've witnessed instead of getting this audit done and opening up books is totally outrageous. So I'm not here to disparage Giarmarco Mullins, I'm not here to disparage administration, I'm here to ask the question with Mr. Pink on the line how we can get this done so that the citizens of Pontiac have confidence that the books are in the right order."

**Item 10: Status update on the flooring repairs at 50<sup>th</sup> District Court**

**Suspend the Rules**

20-394 **Motion to Suspend the Rules to vote.** Moved by Councilperson Waterman and second by Councilperson Carter.

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

**Motion Carried.**

**Resolution**

20-395 **Resolution to authorize the DPW to purchase and install the plank flooring as specified by Chief Judge Walker in an amount not to exceed \$26,000.** Moved by Councilperson Taylor-Burks and second by Councilperson Miller.

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

**Resolution passed.**

**Suspend the Rules**

20-396 **Motion to Suspend the Rules to vote to rescind the previous resolution to authorize the DPW to purchase and install the plank flooring as specified by Chief Judge Walker in an amount not to exceed \$26,000 and vote on a new resolution.** Moved by Councilperson Pietila and second by Councilperson Taylor-Burks.

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

No: None

**Motion Carried.**

**Resolution**

20-397 **Resolution to rescind Resolution to authorize the DPW to purchase and install the plank flooring as specified by Chief Judge Walker in an amount not to exceed \$26,000.** Moved by Councilperson Shramski and second by Councilperson Carter.

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

No: None

**Resolution Passed.**

20-398 **Resolution to authorize the DPW to purchase and install the plank flooring as specified by Chief Judge Walker in an amount not to exceed \$26,000 from general fund 101.** Moved by Councilperson Carter and second by Councilperson Taylor-Burks.

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

No: None

**Resolution Passed**

**Subcommittee Report**

Received Finance Report

**Public Comment**

Six (6) individuals submitted a public comment read by the City Clerk

**Closed Session**

20-399 **Resolution to go into closed session to discuss an attorney-client privileged memorandum regarding the Phoenix Center that is exempt from disclosure by statute, specifically an attorney client privileged memorandum exempt from disclosure pursuant to MCL 15.243(1) (g).** Moved by Councilperson Pietila and second by Councilperson Miller.

Ayes: Waterman and Pietila

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

**Resolution Failed**

Councilperson Pietila left the meeting.

**Discussion**

**Survey Report on the Ewalt Center Repairs (The City Council allocated funds in the Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget for the survey.)**

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During the discussion, Mayor Waterman stated, “We hope to put it on as a community benefit option and hope that 1 of the Medical Marihuana Entities that is offering community benefit would include that in their application and hope they are the winning party.”

After Mayor Waterman made her statement about community benefits and Medical Marihuana process, Council President Williams asked City Attorney Mr. Chubb to inform the Mayor on how she needs to rephrase her statement to make sure the city is not liable.

City Attorney Chubb stated, “Anyone can review the video I heard the mayor very clearly she hopes someone did put in the rebuilding of the Ewalt Center as their community benefit. She has no personal knowledge and the process that the Clerk has established does not allow the mayor to have copies of those proposals.

Council President Williams stated, “I want that in writing, and a copy of DVD in each Councilpersons mailbox. I do not want to be lump in whatever comes out.”

### **Suspend the Rules**

20-400 **Motion to Suspend the Rules to vote.** Moved by Councilperson Shramski and second by Councilperson Carter.

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

No: None

**Motion Carried**

### **Resolution**

#### **City Council**

20-401 **Resolution for Willie Frank “Peabody” Moore, Sr.** Moved by Councilperson Waterman and second by Councilperson Carter.

WHEREAS, it is the sense of this legislative body to pay proper tribute to individuals of notable character and whose lives have been dedicated to uplifting, inspiring and empowering the community; and;  
WHEREAS, it is feelings of the deepest regret, that the Pontiac City Council mourns the passing of Willie Frank Moore, Sr. a giving and loyal member of this community; and,

WHEREAS, Willie Moore, Sr. was born on February 6, 1937 in the town of Chester, Georgia to the late Clarence Newman and Lena Mae Moore; and,

WHEREAS, Willie Moore, Sr. at the age of 18, empowered to protect and serve his country, enlisted in the U.S. Navy as a deckhand in Macon, Georgia and within two months, received his first Good Conduct Award; and,

WHEREAS, Willie Moore, Sr. married the love of his life, Julie Mae Fleming on January 23, 1959 and from this union the couple had four children, Crystal, Willie Jr., Cyrus and Tarrant; and,

WHEREAS, Willie Moore, Sr. transferred to the US Navy Reserve and left Macon, Georgia to move to Pontiac, Michigan in 1963; and,

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WHEREAS, Willie Moore, Sr. served as a general manager at O' Jays Lounge in Pontiac, Michigan in the 70's and became more affectionately known as "Peabody" due to his outgoing personality and fun-loving nature; and

WHEREAS, Willie Moore, Sr. decided to make a radical career change and pursue a job in which he had no experience, with Stinson Construction, pouring cement; and,

WHEREAS, Willie Moore, Sr. learned the cement business while working side by side with Johnny Stinson of Stinson Construction; and,

WHEREAS, Willie Moore, Sr. excelled in laying cement, and while realizing his talent, developed an entrepreneurial spirit; and,

WHEREAS, Willie Moore, Sr. set his sights on a bright, successful future working for himself, so he parted ways with Stinson Construction; and left his humble beginnings behind him, focusing only a promising and prosperous future, thereby, founding Moore Cement in 1968; and,

WHEREAS, Willie Moore, Sr. remarkably served the community for 52 years; and,

WHEREAS, Willie Moore, Sr. was a born-again believer in the Lord, Jesus Christ, and a devoted and faithful member of Family Victory Fellowship Church in Southfield, Michigan for almost 30 years, where he served as head usher; and,

WHEREAS, Willie Moore, Sr. was a long-term member of the 761<sup>st</sup> Tank Battalion & Allied Vets Association in Pontiac, Michigan and; and

WHEREAS, Willie Moore, Sr. was a die hard Lions fan and could often times be found watching the Lions play on Thanksgiving, watching a western movie or firing-up the grill, but his greatest pleasure, was motivating and supporting his children to become successful.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pontiac City Council and members of this great community will greatly miss Willie Frank "Peabody" Moore, Sr. as his life was a portrait of service, a legacy that will long endure the passage of time and will remain as a comforting memory to all those whose lives he touched; we give our sincerest condolences to the family and friends of Willie Frank "Peabody" Moore, Sr.

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

No: None

**Resolution Passed.**

Item 6- Status update from the Mayor on the names of the appointed members of the Medical Marihuana Commission.

**The Mayor shared the names of two of the individuals she appointed to the Medical Marihuana Commission. Professor Graham Cassano, Oakland University and JoAnn Green, District 2 resident.**

Item 8- Status update from the Mayor on the request that the Mayor provide to the City Council a list of outstanding bills. The City Council approved the resolution on July 18, 2020 was discussed.

Item 9- Status update from the Mayor on the request to provide census information was deferred for one week.

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The following items were discussed.

Item 11- Resolution to support Letter of Apology to Detroit Regional Parking Authority.

Item 12- Resolution to adopt the Pontiac Medical Marihuana Commission Rules and Regulations as set forth on the attached Exhibit 1 to this Resolution. **(Note: Ordinance 2357B “City of Pontiac Medical Marihuana Facilities Ordinance” Section 6(a) states “The medical marihuana commission shall adopt such rules and regulations as it deems necessary to govern its proceedings and deliberations.” (b) “The rules and regulations adopted by the medical marihuana commission shall be subject to approval by the council.” Therefore, the commission must meet and establish its rules before the Council can approve them.)**

Item 13- Joint Proclamation between Mayor and City Council to Proclaim through October 31, 2020, as Pontiac Social Distance Restaurant Dining Season.

Item 14- Resolution to deny a Zoning Map Amendment request [ZMA 20-02] for Parcel 64-14-31-381-027 to amend the current site zoning C-1 Local Business to M-1 Light Manufacturing zoning district with CR Conditional Rezoning.

Item 15- Resolution to approve a Zoning Map Amendment request [ZMA 20-03] for Parcel 64-14-08-356-001 to amend the current site zoning R-1 One Family Dwelling to M-1 Light Manufacturing zoning district with CR Conditional Rezoning. **(Note: Ordinance 2363 the Zoning Ordinance for Medical Marihuana Section 2.544 E Licensing 2. “Medical Marihuana Grower uses are not permitted outside the Cesar Chavez and Walton Blvd Medical Marihuana Overlay Districts.” Section 2.545 E Licensing 2. “Medical Marihuana Processor uses are not permitted outside the Cesar Chavez and Walton Blvd Medical Marihuana Overlay Districts.” The City Council submitted a proposed zoning map amendment to the Planning Commission to allow grower and processor facilities to locate outside of the Walton Blvd and Cesar Chavez Overlay Districts in January 2020. The Planning Commission has not submitted a recommendation to the City Council.)**

Item 16- Resolution to approve a Zoning Map Amendment request [ZMA 20 -04] for Parcel 64-14-31-226-020 to amend the current site zoning C-1 Local Business to C-3 Corridor Commercial zoning district.

Item 17 (Add-on)- 3% raises for employees.

**Adjournment**

Council President Kermit Williams adjourned the meeting at 8:58 p.m.

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GARLAND S DOYLE  
INTERIM CITY CLERK