

**Official Proceedings  
Pontiac City Council  
189<sup>th</sup> 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, September 15, 2020 at 6:03 p.m. by Council President Kermit Williams.

**Invocation-** Linnette Phillips, Director, Economic Development

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call**

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

Members Absent: Miller.

Mayor Waterman was present.

Clerk announced a quorum.

**Excuse Council Members**

20-423        **Excuse Councilmember Gloria Miller Carter for personal reasons.** Moved by Councilperson Pietila and second by Councilperson Waterman.

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

No: None

**Motion Carried**

**Amendments to and Approval of the Agenda**

20-424        **Motion to defer item #3 and #6 until Council receives additional information from Administration.** Moved by Councilperson Waterman and second by Councilperson Shramski.

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

No: None

**Motion Carried**

20-425        **Motion to allow Retiree System to speak after presentation #4 (City of Pontiac Retired Employees Association (CPREA) Status Update).** Move by Councilperson Taylor-Burks and second by Councilperson Waterman.

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

No: None

**Motion Carried**

20-426        **Approve agenda as amended.** Move by Councilperson Waterman and second by Councilperson Shramski.

September 15, 2020 Approved Minutes

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

No: None

**Motion Carried**

**Approval of the Minutes**

20-427 **Approval of minutes for September 8, 2020.** Moved by Councilperson Waterman and second by Councilperson Taylor-Burks.

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

No: None

**Motion Carried.**

**Subcommittee Reports**

Received Public Safety – August 2020

Received Real Estate – September 9, 2020

**Special Presentations**

City of Pontiac Retired Employees Association (CPREA) Status Update

Presentation Presenters: Mayor Waterman, City Attorney John Clark and Attorney Samantha Kopaz, Miller Canfield

Introduction of Candidate for Finance Director-Darin Carrington

Presentation Presenters: Mayor Deirdre Waterman and Darin Carrington

Councilwoman Gloria Miller arrived at 6:30 p.m.

**Resolutions**

**City Clerk**

20-428 **Resolution to approve the grant agreement between the City of Pontiac and Center for Tech and Civic Life (CTCL). The Office of the City Clerk has received a \$405,564.00 grant from CTCL to support the City of Pontiac Safe Voting Plan. The grant period is June 15-December 31, 2020. The grant award was presented by the Interim City Clerk during the City Council Meeting on September 8, 2020.** Moved by Councilperson Waterman and second by Councilperson Pietila.

WHEREAS, The Center for Tech and Civic Life (CTCL) has award a \$405,564.00 to support the Pontiac Safe Voting Plan 2020; and

WHEREAS, the grant period is from June 15 – December 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Interim City Clerk will serve as the grant administrator

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Pontiac City Council approves the acceptance of the grant and authorizes the Mayor to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the City of Pontiac.

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

No: None

**Resolution Passed**

**Community Development**

20-429 **Resolution to approve the 2020 Oakland County Brownfield Consortium Agreement between Oakland County and the City of Pontiac.** Moved by Councilperson Pietila and second by Councilperson Waterman.

Whereas, the 2020 Oakland County Brownfield Consortium Agreement is entered into between the County of Oakland and the city of Pontiac.

Whereas, the County formed a coalition to apply for an Environmental Protect Agency (EPA) 2009 Brownfield Coalition Assessment Grant on behalf of the City of Pontiac along with other cities in Oakland County (Farmington Hills, Ferndale, Hazel Park, Madison Heights and Southfield).

Whereas, the Consortium which is not a legal entity and because only one member of the consortium could submit the grant application and be the grant recipient, the County entered into a Cooperative Agreement, Number BF-00E02004.

Whereas, the County was awarded a \$600,000 Brownfield Coalition Assessment Grant to be used by the Consortium.

Whereas, the 2020 Guidelines for the Brownfield Assessment Grant requires that the Consortium members execute an agreement documenting the site selection process, distribution of funds and the mechanisms for implementing the work to be performed with grant funds.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the City Council approves the 2020 Oakland County Brownfield Consortium Agreement between Oakland County and the City of Pontiac.

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

No: None

**Resolution Passed.**

**Department of Public Works (DPW)**

20-430 **Resolution to extend contract with Great Lakes Power and Lighting until January 1, 2021.** Moved by Councilperson Pietila and second by Councilperson Shramski.

Whereas, the City of Pontiac has mutually agreed with Great Lakes P&L to extend the contract for 6 months at current rates,

Whereas, Great Lakes P&L has done exemplary work over the 3 years of their contract;

Whereas, The Department of Public Works is still in need of assistance for “Street Light Maintenance”;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, the Pontiac City Council authorizes the Mayor to extend the contract with Great Lakes P&L until January 1, 2021.

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

No: Carter

**Resolution Passed**

**Finance**

20-431        **Resolution to authorize the Interim City Clerk to publish a notice in a newspaper of general circulation at least one week before consideration of the proposed budget amendment to increase account 101-000-532.000 in the amount of \$90,000.00. The City has received two grants for the U.S. Census from the Michigan Municipal League (\$25,000.00) and the Community Foundation of Southeast Michigan (\$65,000.00). Moved by Councilperson Pietila and second by Councilperson Taylor-Burks.**

Whereas, the City of Pontiac timely approved the 2020-2021 budget on June 30, 2020 and;  
Whereas, the City has received two grants from the Michigan Municipal League and Community Foundation of Southeast Michigan, and;  
Whereas, the Mayor is proposing to the City Council to increase the budgeted revenue for the current fiscal year 2020-2021 in the amount of \$90,000 for grant income, and increase the appropriations in the amount of \$90,000, representing reimbursed grant expenditures.  
Whereas, the increased appropriations will not cause the fund balance in the General Fund to go below the policy mandated thresholds, and;  
Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the City Council hereby authorizes the Interim City Clerk to publish a notice in a newspaper of general circulation at least one week before consideration of the proposed budget amendment to increase budget revenues in the amount of \$90,000.00 to the General Fund in account 101-000-532-000 – Grant Income, and appropriations in the amount of \$90,000 to the following General Fund account:  
101-690-818-013 Census Expenditures \$90,000.

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

No: None

**Resolution Passed**

**Public Comment**

None

**Mayor, Clerk and Council Closing Comments**

Mayor Deirdre Waterman, Interim Clerk Garland Doyle, Councilwoman Megan Shramski, Councilwoman Mary Pietila, Councilwoman Gloria Miller, Councilwoman Doris Taylor-Burks and Council President Pro-Tem Carter made closing comments. President Kermit Williams had no comments.

**Adjournment**

Council President Kermit Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

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GARLAND S DOYLE  
INTERIM CITY CLERK