

**Official Proceedings  
Pontiac City Council  
71<sup>st</sup> Session of the Tenth Council**

A Formal Meeting of the City Council of Pontiac, Michigan was called to order in City Hall, Tuesday, February 19, 2019 at 12:00 p.m. by Council President Kermit Williams.

Call to Order

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

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

19-48           **Approval of the Agenda.** Moved by Councilperson Pietila and second by Councilperson Woodward.

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

19-49           **Approve minutes of February 12, 2019.** Moved by Councilperson Woodward and second by Councilperson Pietila.

Ayes: Pietila, Taylor-Burks, Woodward and Miller  
No: Waterman, Williams and Carter  
**Motion Carried.**

Recognition of Elected Officials – Mattie Hatchett, President of the Pontiac Library Board

19-50           **Resolution for Leona Smith.** Moved by Councilperson Waterman and second by Councilperson Taylor-Burks.

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this legislative body to pay proper tribute to individuals of remarkable character 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 Leona Smith, a giving and loyal member of this community; and,

WHEREAS, Leona Smith was born and raised in Detroit, Michigan where she was educated in the Detroit Public School system and attended Lewis Business College and Oakland Community College; and,

WHEREAS, Leona Smith at a very young age was exposed to the joyful sounds of spiritual songs, as her grandmother was her first music teacher; and,

WHEREAS, Leona Smith since the age of 14, was incessantly and unselfishly committed to the music ministry; and,

WHEREAS, Leona Smith was married to the late Rev. Dr. Solomon Smith Sr., who served as pastor of New Hope Missionary Baptist Church in Pontiac, Michigan for 39 years; and,

WHEREAS, Leona Smith after devoting 27 years of faithful service, retired from Leo Burnett Advertising in 2006; and,

WHEREAS, Leona Smith's musical talents allowed her to transcend to immeasurable heights and to serve in various distinguished roles including; Minister of Music at New Hope Missionary Baptist Church for 39 years, a music class instructor for her district, a teacher for the Metropolitan District Association, Music Coordinator for the Crystal Lake District Association for 25 years, Musical Coordinator of the Wolverine State Baptist Convention (the last 12 years), a musician for the Wolverine State Women's Auxiliary, a recently appointed organist for the National Baptist Convention's Woman's Auxiliary and chairperson of the Crystal Lake District Ministers Wives and Widows; and,

WHEREAS, Leona Smith also served as a loyal, assistant Sunday School instructor who taught Tuesday night Bible Study sessions, was a phenomenal orator who was privileged enough to be asked to speak at many Women's Day programs, women's workshops and retreats, in Pontiac, Saginaw, Flint and Detroit; and,

WHEREAS, Leona Smith received countless awards, some include; the 2008 "Pillar of Strength" award from her church, for loyal and dedicated service, the Pontiac Musicians Ministry Fellowship Award of Appreciation, the "Minister's Wife of the Year" award, the "Living Legend" award from the Sisters Keepers organization, the Wolverine State Nurses Award of Dedication and Faithfulness in 2013 and was a two-time award recipient from the Wolverine State Congress of Christian Education for dedicated service in the music ministry; and,

WHEREAS, Leona Smith often loved to reference her favorite scripture, Romans 12:1, "I beseech you therefore brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service."

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Members of the Pontiac City Council and members of this great community will greatly miss Leona Smith, as her 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 she touched; we give our sincerest condolences to the family and friends of Leona Smith.

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

No: None

**Resolution Passed.**

19-51           **Resolution to approve Zoning Map Amendment ZMA 18-10, for 99 S. Jessie Street, to change from R-1 One Family Dwelling, to R-2 Two Family and Terrace Family Dwelling.** Moved by Councilperson Taylor-Burks and second by Councilperson Pietila.

Whereas, the City has received an application for a Zoning Map Amendment for 99 S. Jessie Street, identified as PIN 64-14-28-383-013 from Karen Daniel, Owner and James Trevor, applicant is for the rezoning of the aforementioned parcel; and,

Whereas, the Planning Division has reviewed the applicant's rezoning request in regards to the City's Master Plan and the request conforms to the goals and vision contained within the plan; and

Whereas, the Planning Division has reviewed the applicant's rezoning and the requirements set forth by Section 6.804 of the Zoning Ordinance, and the Planning Division has determined the aforementioned request and proposed intended use of the property complies with the City of Pontiac Zoning Ordinance; and,

Whereas, in accordance with procedures outlined in the Zoning Ordinance, Sections 6.802 as it relates to Zoning Map Amendments, the request has undergone the required: Technical Review, Public Hearing, and Planning Commission recommendation; and

Whereas, on November 28, 2018, a Public Hearing was held, and in consideration of public opinion, the Planning Commission recommends City Council approve the Zoning Map Amendment request for 99 S. Jessie Street, approving the change from the current R-1 One Family Dwelling District to R-2 Two Family & Terrace Family Dwelling District; and

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the City Council for the City of Pontiac approve the Planning Commission recommendation for the Zoning Map Amendment (ZMA 18-10) request for 99 S. Jessie Street, also known as PIN 64-14-28-383-013, to amend the current site zoning from R-1 One Family Dwelling District to R-2 Two Family & Terrace Family Dwelling District.

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

No: None

**Resolution Passed.**

19-52           **Motion to approve amending the Development Agreement for the Henry Ford Health Center Signs at the Village at Bloomfield and authorize the City Attorney to prepare an amendment to the Development Agreement for Mayor and City Council Signatures.** Moved by Councilperson Pietila and second by Councilperson Waterman.

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

**Motion Carried.**

19-53            **Deny resolution to approve a Zoning Map Amendment ZMA 18-07, 600 E. Pike Street, to change from R-1 One Family Dwelling to R-3 Multiple Family Dwelling.** Moved by Councilperson Taylor-Burks and second by Councilperson Pietila.

Whereas, the City has received an application for a Zoning Map Amendment for 600 E. Pike Street, identified as PIN 64-14-28-479-017 from JRS Investment Properties, LLC and the applicant's petition is for the rezoning of the aforementioned parcel; and,

Whereas, the Planning Division has reviewed the applicant's rezoning request in regards to the City's Master Plan and the request conforms to the goals and vision contained within the plan; and

Whereas, the Planning Division has reviewed the applicant's rezoning request and the requirements set forth by Section 6.804 of the Zoning Ordinance, and the Planning Division has determined the aforementioned request and proposed intended use of the property complies with the City of Pontiac Zoning Ordinance; and,

Whereas, in accordance with procedures outlined in the Zoning Ordinance, Sections 6.802 as it relates to Zoning Map Amendments, the request has undergone the required: Technical Review, Public Hearing, and Planning Commission recommendation; and

Whereas, on November 28, 2018, a Public Hearing was held, and in consideration of public opinion, the Planning Commission recommends City Council approve the Zoning Map Amendment request for 600 E. Pike Street, approving the change from the current R-1 One Family Dwelling District to R-3 Multiple Family Dwelling District; and

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the City Council for the City of Pontiac approve the Planning Commission recommendation for the Zoning Map Amendment (ZMA 18-07) request for 600 E. Pike Street, also known as PIN 64-14-28-479-017, to amend the current site zoning from R-1 One Family Dwelling District to R-3 Multiple Family Dwelling District.

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

**Resolution Passed to Deny.**

19-54            **Table for one week to discuss the status update of Councilwoman Miller's request for a Memorandum from the City Attorney detailing all of the required steps for a Zoning Ordinance including the Technical Review by Planning.** Moved by Councilperson Taylor-Burks and second by Councilperson Pietila.

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

No: None

**Motion Carried.**

Point of Privilege for Mayor to speak about Snow Emergency

Four (4) individuals addressed the body during public comment.

Councilwoman Mary Pietila left meeting before closing comments.

Councilwoman Patrice Waterman left meeting before closing comments.

Mayor Deirdre Waterman, Councilman Don Woodward, Councilwoman Doris Taylor-Burks, Councilwoman Gloria Miller, Pro-tem Randy Carter, Interim Clerk Garland Doyle and President Kermit Williams made closing comments.

President Kermit Williams adjourned the meeting at 1:36 p.m.

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GARLAND S. DOYLE  
INTERIM CITY CLERK