

**Official Proceedings
Pontiac City Council
90th Session of the Tenth Council**

A Study Session of the City Council of Pontiac, Michigan was called to order in City Hall, Tuesday, June 4, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. by Council President Kermit Williams.

Call to Order

Roll Call

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

Mayor Waterman was present.

Clerk announced a quorum.

19-222 **Amendment to the agenda to Add-on a resolution for the Community Benefits Ordinance to be prepared by the City Attorney by June 14, 2019.** Moved by Councilperson Pietila and second by Councilperson Woodward.

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

No: None

Motion Carried.

19-223 **Approve the agenda with amendment.** Moved by Councilperson Pietila and second by Councilperson Woodward.

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

No: None

Motion Carried.

19-224 **Approve special meeting minutes for May 17, 2019.** Moved by Councilperson Waterman and second by Councilperson Taylor-Burks.

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

No: None

Abstain: Pietila

Motion Carried.

19-225 **Approve meeting minutes for May 28, 2019.** Moved by Councilperson Pietila and second by Councilperson Woodward.

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

No: None

Motion Carried.

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Sixteen (16) individuals addressed the body during public comment.

Communication to the Mayor

Department Budget Hearing Schedule

19-226 **Suspend the rules to vote on items 4-9.** Moved by Councilperson Taylor-Burks and second by Councilperson Waterman.

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

No: None

Motion Carried.

19-227 **Resolution to schedule a Special Meeting regarding the Budget on Thursday, June 6, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.** Moved by Councilperson Pietila and second by Councilperson Woodward.

Whereas, the Pontiac City Council will hold a Special Meeting regarding the Budget on Thursday, June 6, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the City Hall, 47450 Woodward Ave., Pontiac, Michigan 48342.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Pontiac City Council schedules a Special Meeting on Thursday, June 6, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 47450 Woodward Ave., Pontiac, Michigan 48342.

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

No: None

Resolution Passed.

19-228 **Resolution to schedule a Special Meeting regarding the Budget on Friday, June 7, 2019 at 12:00 p.m.** Moved by Councilperson Waterman and second by Councilperson Taylor-Burks.

Whereas, the Pontiac City Council will hold a Special Meeting regarding the Budget on Friday, June 7, 2019 at 12:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the City Hall, 47450 Woodward Ave., Pontiac, Michigan 48342.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Pontiac City Council schedules a Special Meeting on Friday, June 7, 2019 at 12:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 47450 Woodward Ave., Pontiac, Michigan 48342.

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

No: None

Resolution Passed.

19-229 **Resolution to schedule a Special Meeting regarding the Phoenix Center on Monday, June 10, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.** Moved by Councilperson Pietila and second by Councilperson Taylor-Burks.

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Whereas, the Pontiac City Council will hold a Special Meeting regarding the Phoenix Center on Monday, June 10, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the City Hall, 47450 Woodward Ave., Pontiac, Michigan 48342.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Pontiac City Council schedules a Special Meeting on Monday, June 10, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 47450 Woodward Ave., Pontiac, Michigan 48342.

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

No: None

Resolution Passed.

19-230 **Resolution to schedule a Special Meeting regarding the Budget on Thursday, June 13, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.** Moved by Councilperson Pietila and second by Councilperson Taylor-Burks.

Whereas, the Pontiac City Council will hold a Special Meeting regarding the Budget on Thursday, June 13, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the City Hall, 47450 Woodward Ave., Pontiac, Michigan 48342.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Pontiac City Council schedules a Special Meeting on Thursday, June 13, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 47450 Woodward Ave., Pontiac, Michigan 48342.

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

No: None

Resolution Passed.

19-231 **Resolution to recommend that the Mayor terminate Hughley Newsome effective immediately as Hughey Newsome is unable to perform the necessary and requisite duties and responsibilities of Finance Director and or Interim Finance Director.** Moved by Councilperson Taylor-Burks and second by Councilperson Miller.

WHEREAS, on Tuesday, April 9, 2019, the Pontiac City Council was presented with a resolution from the Mayor to approve the Mayor's recommendation to appoint Hughey Newsome as Finance Director for the City of Pontiac; and,

WHEREAS, the resolution presented to Council stated, "the Mayor has appointed Mr. Hughey Newsome to the position of Finance Director, contingent on Council approval, effective April 15, 2019;" and,

WHEREAS, on April 9, 2019, the City Council voted and the resolution failed, Hughey Newsome was not confirmed to the position of Finance Director; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor in an effort to circumvent the City Council, hired Hughey Newsome on April 17, 2019 as Interim Finance Director; and,

WHEREAS, on April 23, 2019, the City Council did not confirm Hughey Newsome as the Interim Finance Director; and,

WHEREAS, on May 29, 2019, the Pontiac General Retirement Board explained, that Hughey Newsome would not be recognized as a member of the Board of Trustees for the Pontiac General Retirement Board as his appointment was not approved by the Pontiac City Council; and
WHEREAS, pursuant to 92-3(3) of the Pontiac Municipal Code, the Finance Director of the City is one of the members of the Board of Trustees for the General Retirement Board; and,
WHEREAS, a vacancy still exists for the Finance Director on the Board of Trustees; and,
WHEREAS, on May 30, 2019, the retirement board for Police and Fire also did not recognize the appointment of Hughey Newsome; and,
WHEREAS, Hughey Newsome is unable to fulfill the duties of a Finance Director and or Interim Finance Director.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Pontiac City Council recommends that the Mayor terminate Hughey Newsome effective immediately as Hughey Newsom is unable to perform the necessary and requisite duties and responsibilities of Finance Director and or Interim Finance Director.

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

No: None

Resolution Passed.

19-232 **Resolution to schedule a Public Hearing for the City of Pontiac's Proposed Annual Budget for FY 2019-2020 and City Tax rate, for Thursday, June 13, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.** Moved by Councilperson Woodward and second by Councilperson Taylor-Burks.

Be It Further Resolved, that the Pontiac City Council schedules a Public Hearing for the City of Pontiac's Proposed Annual Budget for FY 2019-2020 and City Tax rate for Thursday, June 13, 2019 in the Pontiac City Council Chambers at 5:00 p.m.

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

No: None

Motion Carried.

Discussion on Resolution to authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract with International Construction for Residential Demolition for Batch 14 and 15 at a cost not to exceed \$281,549,00; this contract will be funded with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. Council President Williams requested that the resolution be revised to include the contract amount.

19-233 **Suspend the rules to vote on Community Benefits Ordinance.** Moved by Councilperson Taylor-Burks and second by Councilperson Woodward.

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

No: None

Motion Carried.

19-234 **Resolution for the Community Benefits Ordinance to be prepared by the City Attorney by June 14, 2019. (Agenda Add-on)** Moved by Councilperson Woodward and second by Councilperson Taylor-Burks.

Whereas, a community benefits ordinance legally requires that the public investors provide a community benefit that is consistent with the needs of the residents; and,

Whereas, currently the City of Pontiac does not have a community benefits ordinance; and,

Whereas, the City Council believes it is in the best interest of the City of Pontiac to implement a community benefits ordinance; and,

Whereas, pursuant to section 4.202 (b) of the Pontiac City Charter, the City Attorney is instructed to draft a community benefits ordinance.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved the City Council hereby instructs the City Attorney to draft a community benefits ordinance by June 14, 2019.

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

No: None

Resolution Passed.

Monthly Mayoral Reports

Monthly Check Register

(The City Council adopted a resolution on February 5, 2019 for the Mayor to provide the monthly check register for the prior month, to the City Clerk, to be included in the Pontiac City Council Agenda, the first meeting of each month commencing with the March 5, 2019 Agenda. The City Clerk did not receive the check register for May 2019.) **The check register for May 10, 2019 not on the City's website.**

Monthly Staff Change Report

(The May report was not submitted)

City Credit Card Statement

(The City Council adopted a resolution that the Mayor will provide the monthly credit card statements for the prior month to the City Clerk, to be included in the Pontiac City Council Agenda, the first meeting of each month, commencing with the March 5, 2019 Agenda. **The City Clerk did not receive the March 2019, April 2019 or May 2019 statements.** The Mayor distributed an internal statement at the Council Meeting on May 14, 2019. **The City Council informed the Mayor that the resolution states the Mayor is to provide statements issued by the credit card company (PNC). The Council is awaiting the PNC statements for March 2019, April 2019 and May 2019.** This item was brought back from the April 9, April 23, April 30, May 7, May 14, May 21 and May 28, 2019 Council Meetings.) The statements were submitted to the Clerk after the agenda had been distributed. The Clerk will put on the statements on the agenda next week.

Councilwoman Patrice Waterman Point of Privilege – Announce Woodward Estates Meeting Saturday, June 8, 2019 from 1pm to 3pm in the Lion's Den at City Hall.

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Councilwoman Gloria Miller Point of Privilege – Pray for the City

President Kermit Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

GARLAND S. DOYLE
INTERIM CITY CLERK