



December 3, 2017

Statement from The Honorable Deirdre Waterman, Mayor of Pontiac (MI) regarding the Pontiac Silverdome partial implosion event today:

It was great to see so many people who came out to witness what was expected to be a partial implosion of the upper metal ring of the Silverdome as the start of an estimated 9 – 12 month process of demolition. The comradery among the former Detroit Lions' players, business leaders, government officials as well as many residents sharing their memories of the Silverdome was exciting to see as well.

The demolition is being planned and executed by the Adamo Group, the demolition contractor that was hired and paid by Triple Properties, the Silverdome owners. The December 3 start date was part of a Consent Judgment from a lawsuit that was brought by the city to ensure the owners would timely demolish the vacated Silverdome.

Although we're waiting for a final assessment from the Adamo Group, we have been informed by them that eight shape charges didn't go off on the main columns. Only the kicker charges detonated causing the implosion not to be completed as planned. The Adamo Group will provide next steps for the continuing demolition of the Pontiac Silverdome. When the demolition is resumed and completed, development of this valuable property will be one of the economic opportunities that are marking a new era for the City of Pontiac.

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