

February 28, 2013

**Official Proceedings  
Pontiac City Council  
194<sup>th</sup> Session of the Eighth Council**

A regular meeting of the City Council of Pontiac, Michigan was called to order in City Hall, Thursday, February 28, 2013 at 6:08 P.M. by President Pro Tem Patrice Waterman.

Invocation by Mattie Hatchett

Moment of Silence

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Members Present: Carter, Jones, Waterman, Watkins, G. Williams and K. Williams

Also Absent: Pietila

Clerk announced a quorum.

13-39           **Excuse Members.** Moved by Councilperson G. Williams, and supported by Councilperson Carter to excuse Councilperson Pierila.

Ayes: Carter, Jones, Waterman, Watkins, G. Williams, and K. Williams.

No: None

Motion Carried

13-40           **Journal.** Moved by Councilperson G. Williams and supported by Councilperson K. Williams to approve the Journal of February 21, 2013.

Ayes: Carter, Jones, Waterman, Watkins, G. Williams, and K. Williams.

No: None

Motion carried.

**Recognition of Elected Officials-** Mattie Hatchett, Darryl Fowlkes and Diedre Waterman.

There were 18 individuals who addressed the body during public comments.

13-41           **Resolution regarding an Economic Recover Plan.** Moved by Councilperson Waterman and supported by Councilperson K. Williams.

WHEREAS, the City of Pontiac and the region have incurred the brunt of the economic collapse of the automobile industry including the closure of numerous General Motors Automobile Assembly Plants, the loss of suppliers and support services and the resultant declining tax base; and,

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WHEREAS, the substantial decline in automotive related commerce in the City of Pontiac and the region has additionally resulted in a substantial reduction in community, housing, commercial, and other economic assets resulting in a burdensome loss of jobs; and, February 28, 2013

WHEREAS, as a means to mitigate the effects of the economic downturn, the City of Pontiac intends to prepare and Economic Recovery Plan which includes the development, and subsequent implementation, of an economic development strategy; and,

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration (EDA), provides funding for planning assistance for communities facing economic dislocation due to automotive sector restructuring through their Planning Program and Local Technical Assistance Initiative; and,

WHEREAS, due to the lack of staff at the City of Pontiac, and that the City of Pontiac remains subject to an Emergency Manager, Oakland County Planning and Economic Development Services (PEDS) division has agreed to apply for \$80,000 in EDA funding and provide an additional \$35,000 in in-kind services; and,

WHEREAS, if awarded, Oakland County will serve as grant administrators and will manage the preparation of the grant funded Economic Recovery Plan for the duration of the grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pontiac City Council supports the economic development assistance from Oakland County PEDS and the application of the EDA Planning Program and Technical Assistance Initiative Grant and authorize the Mayor to sign the requisite grant documents and requests that Oakland County PEDS submit an application to the U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration on behalf of the City.

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Ayes: Jones, Waterman, Watkins, G. Williams and K. Williams

No: Carter

Motion carried.

**Council President Pro Tem Waterman left at 8:00 p.m.**

Acting City Clerk, Councilperson G. Williams, Councilperson Carter, Councilperson K. Williams, Councilperson Watkins and Council President L. Jones made closing comments.

13-42 **Adjournment.** Moved by Councilperson G. Williams and supported by Councilperson K. Williams.

Ayes: Carter, Jones, Watkins, G. Williams, and K. Williams.

No: None

Motion Carried

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Meeting Adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

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MYRA K. ALLEN, CMC  
ACTING CITY CLERK