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**Official Proceedings
Pontiac City Council
197th Session of the Eighth Council**

A Special meeting of the City Council of Pontiac, Michigan was called to order in City Hall, Thursday, March 14, 2013 at 6:11 P.M. by President Lee Jones.

Invocation by Councilperson Pastor Turner

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.

13-50 **Excuse Members.** Moved by Councilperson G. Williams, and supported by Councilperson K. Williams to excuse Councilperson Pietila.

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

No: None

Motion Carried

Special Presentations: DDA on Parking Downtown, Kids First and Clinton River Trail.

13-51 **Change Public Hearing Item to Miscellaneous.** Moved by Councilperson Waterman and supported by Councilperson Watkins.

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

No: None

Motion carried.

13-52 **Resolution regarding the Clinton River Trail.** Moved by Councilperson Waterman and supported by Councilperson G. Williams

Request for Support to submit a Grant Application to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and the Michigan Department of Transportation for the Clinton River Trail-Canadian National Railroad North Spur Acquisition Project.

Whereas, one of the goals of the City of Pontiac Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2012-2016 includes the completion and improvement of the Clinton River Trail from Opdyke Road to Bagley Street; and

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Whereas, this project is identified in the City's Capital Improvement Fund and will enhance the trail by acquiring the former railroad corridor in order to complete Phase IV of the Clinton River Trail and will also improve the neighborhood and downtown connections associated with the trail; and

Whereas, the Oakland County Trails Master Plan-Gap Analysis was developed to supplement the Clinton River Trail Master Plan. A number of public visioning sessions have been held dating back to 2006 to receive input; and

Whereas, the acquisition of the North Spur will provide an additional 4.5 miles (approximate) of rails-to-trails; and

Whereas, acquisition negotiations are planned to begin in 2014; and

Whereas, the grant application deadline is April 1, 2013.

Be It Resolved, that Pontiac City Council does hereby support the application for a grant to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund Program and to the Michigan Department of Transportation Alternatives Program for a grant request totaling \$500,000 to provide funding for this acquisition.

Be It Further Resolved, that the Mayor or his designee is authorized to execute the application on behalf of the City.

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

No: None

Motion carried.

K. Williams temporary excused.

13-53 **Resolution regarding joining the Oakland County One Stop Ready Program.**
Moved by Councilperson G. Williams and supported by Councilperson Waterman.

WHEREAS, Oakland County Executive established the One Stop Ready pilot program in January of 2012 to help local communities assess their strengths as an economic asset, follow their vision for the future, and empower leadership and staff to take action in order to be ready for economic and community development opportunities; and,

WHEREAS, The One Stop Ready program is a community focused economic development program built upon self-evaluation, information sharing and outstanding customer service; and,

WHEREAS, The City of Pontiac commits to work together with county staff to respond quickly and efficiently to economic development opportunities that strengthen the tax base and improve the quality of life for residents, businesses and government; and,

WHEREAS, The County is encouraging communities to participate in the One Stop Ready Program to collaborate with the county and fellow communities for the purpose of improving economic development readiness; and,

WHEREAS, The City of Pontiac wishes to join the One Stop Ready program, will have all elected and appointed officials, and appropriate staff members sign a participation poster, and will designate an individual to be the local liaison to the One Stop Ready program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Pontiac City Council hereby accepts the joining of the Oakland County One Stop Ready program.

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Ayes: Jones, Waterman, Watkins, G. Williams and K. Williams
No: Carter
Motion carried.

Andy Meiser spoke regarding the Step Forward Michigan Loan Rescue Program.

13-54 **Resolution regarding: Draft Pontiac Transportation Assessment Plan Document.** Moved by Councilperson Waterman. No support.

There were 13 individuals who addressed the body during public comments.

The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Acting City Clerk and Council all passed on closing comments.

13-55 **Adjournment.** Moved by Councilperson Carter and supported by Councilperson K. Williams.

Ayes: Carter, Jones, Waterman, Watkins, G. Williams and K. Williams.
No: None
Motion Carried

Meeting Adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

MYRA K. ALLEN, CMC
ACTING CITY CLERK