

**Official Proceedings  
Pontiac City Council  
15<sup>th</sup> Session of the Eleventh Council**

**Call to order**

A Meeting of the City Council of Pontiac, Michigan was called to order at the City Hall Council Chambers, 47450 Woodward Ave Pontiac, MI 48342 on Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. by Council President Mike McGuinness.

**Invocation** – Rev. Terri Montgomery, All Saint Episcopal Church Pontiac, Michigan

**Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States**

**Moment of Silence**

**Roll Call**

**Members Present** – William Carrington, Mikal Goodman, Kathalee James, Mike McGuinness, Brett Nicholson, William Parker Jr., and Melanie Rutherford

Mayor Greimel was present.  
A quorum was announced.

**Amendments to and Approval of the Agenda**

**Motion to approve the agenda.** Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Carrington. There was discussion on the motion.

**Motion to add a resolution for Arab American Heritage Month and a resolution for Joint meeting with the City of Auburn Hills after Community & Economic Development and before Finance to the agenda.** Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Goodman.

Ayes: James, McGuinness, Nicholson, Parker, Rutherford, Carrington and Goodman  
No: None

**Motion Carried**

**The vote was taken to approve the agenda with amendment.**

Ayes: Goodman, James, McGuinness, Nicholson, Parker, Rutherford and Carrington  
No: None

**Motion Carried**

**Consent Agenda**

22-102 **Resolution to approve the consent agenda for April 5, 2022.** Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Goodman.

Whereas, the City Council has reviewed the consent agenda for April 5, 2022.  
Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the City Council approves the consent agenda for April 5, 2022 including the March 29, 2022 Meeting Minutes, March 29, 2022 Parks, Recreation & Public Works Subcommittee Meeting Minutes, March 28, 2022 Law & the Courts Subcommittee Meeting Minutes, March 26, 2022 City Council Special Meeting Minutes and March 25, 2022 Communications, Engagement & Operations Subcommittee Meeting Minutes.

Ayes: McGuinness, Nicholson, Parker, Rutherford, Carrington, Goodman and James

No: None

**Resolution Passed**

**Special Presentations**

Oakland County Emerging Initiatives Benefiting Pontiac

Presentation Presenter: Oakland County Executive David Coulter

Oakland County Prosecutor’s Office Racial Justice Initiatives

Presentation Presenters: Oakland County Prosecutor’s Office Racial Justice Advisory Council

**Recognition of Elected Officials – Chief Judge Cynthia Walker**

**Agenda Address**

1. Kermit Williams
2. Desmond Wright Glenn
3. Darlene Clark
4. Gloria Miller

**Discussion**

Taxation – Discussion on revenue Sources and the Cost of Road Improvement

Cleaning Up Our Pontiac Neighborhoods Together

- Yard Waste Bags Curbside Pickup has Resumed
- Recycling Drop Off at City Hall Every Weekend
- Special Pickup Collection Every Other Week
- Citywide Cleanup Efforts April 18 through April 23
- Free City Landfill Days are April 23, April 30, May 7  
(575 Collier Road in Pontiac, 8:00 am – 3:00 p.m.)
- Street Sweeping Plans, Challenges

Current Employment Opportunities at Pontiac City Hall

**Agenda Items**

Cable

22-103           **Resolution to Extend the Media Specialist Contractual Agreement through the End of the Fiscal Year 2021-2022.** Moved by Councilperson Carrington and second by Councilperson Goodman. Discussion on the motion.

**Motion to amend Resolution to Extend the Media Specialist Contractual Agreement through the End of the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 by changing the date in the first whereas paragraph from December 30, 2021 to November 2021.** Moved by Councilperson Goodman and second by Councilperson Nicholson.

Ayes: Parker, Rutherford, Carrington, Goodman, James, McGuinness and Nicholson

No: None

**Motion Carried**

WHEREAS, On November 30, 2021, the City of Pontiac entered into a memorandum of understanding agreement with Taijhmahal Robinson to provide support to the city’s cable department as a media specialist; and

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WHEREAS, the agreement stated the City of Pontiac would pay Taijmahal Robinson for services provided to the Cable Department as a Media Specialist at an hourly rate of \$20.00 per hour, not to exceed \$10,000. As of today, the agreed amount not to exceed \$10,000 has been reached; and WHEREAS, the Pontiac Cable Department is requesting an extension of Taijmahal Robinson's contract through the end of the fiscal year 2021-22; and WHEREAS, the funds to support the contract extension would come from the cable's other professional services fund, GL account 231-291-818-000.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, the Pontiac City Council authorizes the extension of the media specialist contractual agreement between the City of Pontiac and Taijmahal Robinson for the remaining fiscal year 2021-22 at an hourly rate of \$20.00 per hour; not to exceed \$10,000.

Ayes: Nicholson, Parker, Rutherford, Carrington, Goodman, James and McGuinness

No: None

**Resolution Passed**

Community and Economic Development

22-104

**Resolution to Schedule a Public Hearing to Establish an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation District for parcel Number 64-14-30-453-001 for Micah 6 Community, LLC project Webster Community Center, located at 640 W. Huron Street.** Moved by Councilperson Nicholson and second by Councilperson Goodman.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, by the Pontiac City Council, that the Pontiac City Council hereby schedules a public hearing to establish an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation District for parcel number 64-14-30-453-001 for Webster Community Center at 640 W. Huron Street in the City of Pontiac, Oakland County, and State of Michigan, such hearing will be held on April 19, 2022 at 6:00 pm in the Council Chamber on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor at 47450 Woodward Ave Pontiac, Michigan 48342.

Ayes: Rutherford, Carrington, Goodman, James, McGuinness, Nicholson and Parker

No: None

**Resolution Passed**

22-105

**Resolution to Schedule a Public Hearing for Approval of Application for an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate for Micah 6 Community, LLC Project Webster Community Center, located at 640 W. Huron Street on April 19, 2022.** Moved by Councilperson Goodman and second by Councilperson Rutherford.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, by the Pontiac City Council, that the Pontiac City Council hereby schedules a public hearing to approve the application for Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate for Webster Community Center at 640 W. Huron Street in the City of Pontiac, Oakland County, and State of Michigan, such hearing will be held on April 19, 2022 at 6:00 pm in the Council Chamber on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor at 47450 Woodward Ave Pontiac, Michigan 48342.

Ayes: Carrington, Goodman, James, McGuinness, Nicholson, Parker and Rutherford

No: None

**Resolution Passed**

City Council

22-106

**Resolution Proclaiming April 2022 as Arab American Heritage Month in Pontiac. (Agenda Add-on)** Moved by Councilperson Goodman and second by Councilperson Rutherford.

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Whereas, the United States celebrates Arab American Heritage Month during the month of April, recognizing the history, cultures, and achievements of Arab Americans and people who trace their ethnic lineage to Southwest Asia and North Africa;

Whereas, Arab Americans are Americans of Arab descent, with many Americans having ethnic roots in Arab countries including Lebanon, Syria, Palestine, Egypt, Yemen and Iraq, an extraordinarily diverse population that spans many different ethnicities, languages, and religious communities;

Whereas, the first Arab American immigrants arrived in the late 1800's, and a larger second wave of immigration began in post-World War II and continues today, with the largest communities in America concentrated in southeastern Michigan; Whereas, the City of Pontiac, Michigan; has been positively shaped by past and present Arab American residents and business owners through the decades;

Whereas, during an era of heightened racism, bigotry, and hate crimes, it is critically important to share accurate information, celebrate diverse cultures, overcome stereotypes and empower future generations; Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, the Pontiac city Council hereby proclaims April 2022 as Arab American Heritage Month in Pontiac, Michigan; and further

Resolved, the Pontiac City Council celebrates the many noteworthy contributions of Arab Americans to our City, our State, our Nation, and our World; and further

Resolved, that we welcome additional opportunities to commemorate and celebrate the people, places, and events that have contributed to making the Arab American community such an important part of Pontiac, of Michigan, and of the United States.

Ayes: Goodman, James, McGuinness, Parker, Nicholson, Rutherford and Carrington

No: None

**Resolution Passed**

22-107 **Resolution to schedule a meeting of the Pontiac City Council in conjunction with the Auburn Hills City Council. (Agenda Add-on)** Moved by Councilperson Parker and second by Councilperson Carrington.

Whereas, the City of Pontiac strives to have a stronger working relationship with our neighboring City of Auburn Hills; and

Whereas, the Pontiac City Council has been invited to join the Auburn Hills City Council for an informal joint discussion of our respective bodies; and,

Whereas, out of an abundance of caution in order to adhere to both the spirit and the letter of the Michigan Open Meetings Act; now,

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Pontiac City Council hereby schedules a meeting of the Pontiac City Council on April 7, 2022 starting at 6:00 p.m. at the Fieldstone Golf Club located at 1894 Taylor Road in Auburn Hills, Michigan; and

Further Resolved, that the Pontiac City Council request the Pontiac City Clerk's Office to post all required notices.

Ayes: James, McGuinness, Nicholson, Parker, Rutherford, Carrington and Goodman

No: None

**Resolution Passed**

Finance

22-108 **Resolution to approve contract with National Career Group, LLC for \$75,000 to provide Human Resources Contractual Services to the City and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement.** Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Goodman. Discussion on the motion.

**Motion to postpone Resolution to approve contract with National Career Group, LLC for \$75,000 to provide Human Resources Contractual Services to the City and authorize the**

**Mayor to sign the agreement for one week.** Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Carrington.

Ayes: Nicholson, Parker, Rutherford, Carrington, Goodman, James and McGuinness

No: None

**Motion Carried**

22-109 **Resolution to Approve a Proposed Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2021-22 Transfer \$15,250 out of the General Fund-Fund Balance GL account 101-000-390.000 and \$12,500 is transferred to the General Fund GL Account 101-171-702.000 Salaries & Wages and \$1,250 is transferred to GL Account 101-171-715.000-FICA and \$1,500 to GL Account 101-171-716.000-Medical Insurance. This budget proposed budget amendment is to fund the Public Relations/Events Specialist position in the Mayor's Office.** Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Carrington.

Whereas, the City of Pontiac timely approved the FY 2021-22 budget on June 24, 2021 and;  
Whereas, the Administration has requested the creation of the position of PR & Events Specialist and the City Council hereby approves the creation of this new position; and  
Whereas, the position of PR & Events Specialist was not included in the original budget; and  
Whereas, in order to ensure that the budgeted appropriations remain in compliance with the City's Charter, the Budget Ordinance and state law, the Administration is proposing a budget amendment for the General Fund; and  
Whereas, the Administration is proposing to the City Council to add the position of PR & Events Specialist in the Mayor's Department at an annual salary of \$50,000; and  
Whereas, to fund the additional appropriations for the PR & Events Specialist position, \$15,250 is transferred out of the General Fund-Fund Balance GL account 101-000-390.000 and \$12,500 is transferred to the General Fund GL Account 101-171-702.000 Salaries & Wages and \$1,250 is transferred to GL Account 101-171-715.000-FICA and \$1,500 to GL Account 101-171-716.000-Medical Insurance  
NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the City Council hereby approves the amendment for the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budget as requested by the Administration transferring \$15,250 out of the General Fund-Fund Balance GL account 101-000-390.000 and \$12,500 is transferred to the General Fund GL Account 101-171-702.000 Salaries & Wages and \$1,250 is transferred to GL Account 101-171-715.000-FICA and \$1,500 to GL Account 101-171-716.000-Medical Insurance.

Ayes: Parker, Rutherford, Carrington, Goodman, James, McGuinness and Nicholson

No: None

**Resolution Passed**

22-110 **Resolution to Authorize the City Clerk to Publish Notice of a Proposed Budget Amendment for the Fiscal Year 2021-22 to Transfer \$30,000 out of the General Fund-Fund Balance GL account 101-000-390.000 and \$30,000 is transferred to the General Fund-Economic Development Department GL Account 101-690-818.000 Other Professional Services to cover Contractual Services from Baker Tilly.** Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Goodman.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the City Council hereby authorize the City Clerk to publish the notice of a proposed budget amendment for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 transferring \$30,000 out of the General Fund-Fund Balance GL Account 101-000-390-000 and \$30,000 General Fund Economic Development Department 690- Other Professional Services Account 101-690-818-000.

Ayes: Rutherford, Carrington, Goodman, James, McGuinness, Nicholson and Parker

No: None

**Resolution Passed**

Mayor's Office

22-111      **Resolution to approve the Implementation the Flock Safety System within the City of Pontiac for a Twelve Month Trial Period.** Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson James. Discussion on the motion.

**Motion to postpone Resolution to approve the Implementation the Flock Safety System within the City of Pontiac for a Twelve Month Trial Period for one week.** Moved by Councilperson Nicholson and second by Councilperson Carrington.

Ayes: James, McGuinness, Nicholson, Parker, Rutherford, Carrington and Goodman

No: None

**Motion Carried**

**Motion to recess.** Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Goodman.

Ayes: McGuinness, Nicholson, Rutherford, Carrington, Goodman and James

No: None

Abstain: Parker

**Motion Carried**

**Public Comment**

Five (5) individuals address the body during public comment

1. Kenny Anderson
2. Darlene Clark
3. Veronica Taylor
4. James Sabich
5. Larry Jasper

**Mayor, Clerk and Council Closing Comments**

Councilwoman Rutherford, Councilman Nicholson, Councilman Goodman, Councilwoman James, Councilman Parker, President Pro-Tem Carrington and Council President McGuinness made closing comments. Mayor Greimel and Clerk Doyle had no closing comments.

**Adjournment**

**Motion to adjourn the meeting.** Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Goodman.

Ayes: Nicholson, Parker, Rutherford, Carrington, Goodman, James and McGuinness

No: None

**Motion Carried**

Council President Mike McGuinness adjourned the meeting at 10:59 p.m.

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Garland S. Doyle  
Interim City Clerk