

**Official Proceedings
Pontiac City Council
17th 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 12, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. by Council President Mike McGuinness.

Invocation – Minister Kathalee James

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 Parker and second by Councilperson Rutherford. There was discussion on the motion.

Motion to move items 6 (resolution welcoming George DeJesus home), 7 (resolution welcoming Melvin DeJesus home) and item 8 (resolution welcoming Gilbert Lee Poole Jr. home) after consent agenda and add Zoning Board Appointments as item # 6 on 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

22-112 **Resolution to approve the consent agenda for April 12, 2022.** Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Carrington.

Whereas, the City Council has reviewed the consent agenda for April 12, 2022.
Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the City Council approves the consent agenda for April 12, 2022 including the April 7, 2022 Meeting Minutes, April 5, 2022 Meeting Minutes and April 4, 2022 Economic Development, Housing & Planning Subcommittee Meeting Minutes.

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

No: None

Resolution Passed

Agenda Items

Resolutions

City Council

22-113 **Resolution Welcoming George DeJesus Home.** Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Carrington.

Whereas every resident of the City of Pontiac, Michigan has the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness – and those rights should inherently include protection of Pontiac residents by the justice system at the municipal, state, and federal levels;

Whereas Mr. George DeJesus, along with his brother Mr. Melvin DeJesus, were wrongfully convicted in 1997 of a crime that occurred in Pontiac, Michigan they did not commit and sentenced to life in prison, despite there being no DNA evidence linking them to the scene of that crime and witnesses testified that the brothers were elsewhere when the crime was committed;

Whereas Mr. DeJesus maintained his innocence, and a growing number of advocates added their voices to the calls for his exoneration and release, but he had been confined to prison for 25 years and deprived of an excruciating number of years of freedom to live his life and be with his family;

Whereas the Michigan State Attorney General’s Office, the University of Michigan Innocence Clinic, and the Western Michigan University-Cooley Law School Innocence Project pursued investigations that uncovered new evidence proving his and his brother’s innocence, and determining the true culprit;

Whereas the sentence of Mr. DeJesus and his brother was vacated in March 2022, and now Mr. DeJesus has at long last been released from prison and is finally home in Pontiac; now, therefore be it

Resolved, the Pontiac City Council, in partnership with Pontiac Mayor Tim Greimel, hereby warmly welcomes Mr. George DeJesus home from his unjust incarceration; and further

Resolved, we express the community’s heartbreak to Mr. DeJesus and his entire family for the intensely unjust steps that led to the loss of his freedom, the dismantling of his life, and the hurt to both his family and the family of the crime victim who was deprived of true justice for their tragic loss; and further

Resolved, the City Council calls upon the entire Pontiac community to extend their hands and their hearts to help welcome Mr. DeJesus and his brother home, and to assist in their transition; and further

Resolved, we celebrate the work of the Western Michigan University-Cooley Law School Innocence Project, University of Michigan Innocence Clinic, and the state Attorney General Conviction Integrity Unit for their leadership and advocacy in helping Mr. DeJesus restore his freedom, assisting him to prove his innocence, and assisting the late victim and her family determine the true culprit.

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

No: None

Resolution Passed

22-114 **Resolution Welcoming Melvin DeJesus Home.** Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Goodman.

Whereas every resident of the City of Pontiac, Michigan has the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness – and those rights should inherently include protection of Pontiac residents by the justice system at the municipal, state, and federal levels;

Whereas Mr. Melvin DeJesus, along with his brother Mr. George DeJesus, were wrongfully convicted in 1997 of a crime that occurred in Pontiac, Michigan they did not commit and sentenced to life in prison, despite there being no DNA evidence linking them to the scene of that crime and witnesses testified that the brothers were elsewhere when the crime was committed;

Whereas Mr. DeJesus maintained his innocence, and a growing number of advocates added their voices to the calls for his exoneration and release, but he had been confined to prison for 25 years and deprived of an excruciating number of years of freedom to live his life and be with his family;

Whereas the Michigan State Attorney General's Office, the University of Michigan Innocence Clinic, and the Western Michigan University-Cooley Law School Innocence Project pursued investigations that uncovered new evidence proving his and his brother's innocence, and determining the true culprit;

Whereas the sentence of Mr. DeJesus and his brother was vacated in March 2022, and now Mr. DeJesus has at long last been released from prison and is finally home in Pontiac; now, therefore be it

Resolved, the Pontiac City Council, in partnership with Pontiac Mayor Tim Greimel, hereby warmly welcomes Mr. Melvin DeJesus home from his unjust incarceration; and further

Resolved, we express the community's heartbreak to Mr. DeJesus and his entire family for the intensely unjust steps that led to the loss of his freedom, the dismantling of his life, and the hurt to both his family and the family of the crime victim who was deprived of true justice for their tragic loss; and further

Resolved, the City Council calls upon the entire Pontiac community to extend their hands and their hearts to help welcome Mr. DeJesus and his brother home, and to assist in their transition; and further

Resolved, we celebrate the work of the Western Michigan University-Cooley Law School Innocence Project, University of Michigan Innocence Clinic, and the state Attorney General Conviction Integrity Unit for their leadership and advocacy in helping Mr. DeJesus restore his freedom, assisting him to prove his innocence, and assisting the late victim and her family determine the true culprit.

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

No: None

Resolution Passed

22-115 **Resolution Welcoming Gilbert Lee Poole Jr. Home.** Moved by Councilperson Carrington and second by Councilperson Rutherford.

Whereas every resident of the City of Pontiac, Michigan has the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness – and those rights should inherently include protection of Pontiac residents by the justice system at the municipal, state, and federal levels;

Whereas Mr. Gilbert Lee Poole, Jr. was wrongfully convicted in 1989 of a crime that occurred in Pontiac, Michigan that he did not commit and sentenced to life in prison, based upon faulty evidence;

Whereas Mr. Poole maintained his innocence, and a growing number of advocates added their voices to the calls for his exoneration and release, but he had been confined to prison for 32 years and deprived of an excruciating number of years of freedom to live his life and be with his family;

Whereas the Michigan State Attorney General's Office, the University of Michigan Innocence Clinic, and the Western Michigan University-Cooley Law School Innocence Project pursued investigations that included the testing of DNA evidence, proving his innocence;

Whereas the sentence of Mr. Poole was overturned in May 2021, and he was subsequently released from prison and able to return home; now, therefore be it

Resolved, the Pontiac City Council, in partnership with Pontiac Mayor Tim Greimel, hereby warmly welcomes Mr. Gilbert Lee Poole, Jr. home from his unjust incarceration; and further

Resolved, we express the community's heartbreak to Mr. Poole and his entire family for the intensely unjust steps that led to the loss of his freedom, the dismantling of his life, and the hurt to both his family and the family of the crime victim who was deprived of true justice for their tragic loss; and further

Resolved, the City Council calls upon the entire Pontiac community to extend their hands and their hearts to help welcome Mr. Poole home, and to assist in his successful transition; and further

Resolved, we celebrate the work of the Western Michigan University-Cooley Law School Innocence Project, University of Michigan Innocence Clinic, and the state Attorney General Conviction Integrity Unit for their leadership and advocacy in helping Mr. Poole restore his freedom, assisting him to prove his innocence, and hopefully helping lead to the late victim's family learning the true culprit.

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

No: None

Resolution Passed

Subcommittee Reports

- A. Communications, Engagement & Operations – Chair Goodman
- B. Economic Development, Housing & Planning – Chair McGuinness
- C. Facilities & Property- Chair Carrington
- D. Finance & Personnel – Chair Nicholson
- E. Law & The Courts – Chair Parker
- F. Parks, Recreation & Public Works – Chair James
- G. Public Safety, Health & Wellness – Chair Carrington

Recognition of Elected Officials – Congresswoman Haley Stevens and Johnathon Wertheimer from State Representative Brenda Carter’s Office

Agenda Address

- 1. Gloria Miller addressed items 1, 3 and 13
- 2. Larry Jasper addressed items 1, 2 and 3
- 3. Darlene Clark

Discussion

- A. Pontiac Streets Repaving Program: Street Resurfacing, Curb Repair, Gutter Repair for Columbia Avenue, Fairmont Avenue, Cherry Hill Drive, and Starlite Lane begins April 11, 2022
- B. Clinton River Trail Resurfacing from Telegraph to Bagley begins April 18, 2022
- C. DTE Energy Recent Power Outages Impacting Pontiac Neighborhoods
- D. 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
 - Pontiac Rotary Club Tree Plantings throughout City
 - Free City Landfill Days are April 23, April 30 and May 7 (575 Collier Road in Pontiac, 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.)
 - Street Sweeping Plans, Challenges
- E. Pontiac’s Mattie McKinney Hatchett Park Project awarded substantial funding by Oakland County Parks and Recreation Grant Program

Agenda Items Cont.

Unfinished Business

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. **(Postponed from last week)**

Whereas, the City of Pontiac issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) for HR Services in February 2022; and
Whereas, the City received several responses to the RFP and upon evaluation determined that the firm of National Career Group was the top response; and

Whereas, the Administration hereby recommends the firm of National Career Group as the firm to perform the proposed HR Services detailed in the RFP; and

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Whereas, the HR Services would be done pursuant to the attached Contract and Scope of Work; and NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the City Council hereby approves the proposed Contract with the firm of National Career Group to perform the HR Services as detailed in the RFP and the Scope of Work.

Ayes: James, McGuinness, Parker and Rutherford
No: Carrington, Goodman and Nicholson

Resolution Passed

Motion to remove item #2 (resolution to approve contract with GOV HR for \$101,320 to provide Human Resources Contractual Services to the City) from the agenda. Moved by Councilperson McGuinness and second by Councilperson Goodman.

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

Motion Carried

Mayor's Office

Motion to amend language for Resolution to approve the Implementation the Flock Safety System within the City of Pontiac for a Twelve-Month Trial Period. Move by Councilperson Nicholson and second by Councilperson Rutherford.

Whereas, Flock Safety is a company that sells camera-based license plate detection systems to review for owners' outstanding warrants; and

Whereas, The City of Pontiac, the Oakland County Sheriff, and Flock Safety would like to implement a trial of the Flock Safety system in the City of Pontiac; and

Whereas, The Flock Safety systems will be placed in locations in the City right-of-way to be determined collectively between the Sheriff and Flock Safety;

Now, Therefore, the Pontiac City Council authorizes the implementation of the Flock Safety system within the City of Pontiac right-of-way at locations to be determined by the Oakland County Sheriff and Flock Safety for a period of six months; and

Further Resolved, the City Council may vote to continue the trial period within the City of Pontiac Right-a-way for an additional six months after review of the initial six-month trial period impact; and

Further Resolved, the City Council requires monthly updates on the trial period provided in writing to Council Leadership; and to the Mayor

Further Resolved, the City requires that only felony warrants that impacts a clear and present danger to health and safety of others be pursued;

Further Resolved, the City reserves the right to exit the trial and revoke the City Right-of-way authorization at any point during the trial period.

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

Motion Carried

Discussion

Motion to strike out language in paragraph six about clear and present danger from Resolution to approve the Implementation the Flock Safety System within the City of Pontiac for a Six-Month Trial Period. Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Goodman.

Whereas, Flock Safety is a company that sells camera-based license plate detection systems to review for owners' outstanding warrants; and

Whereas, The City of Pontiac, the Oakland County Sheriff, and Flock Safety would like to implement a trial of the Flock Safety system in the City of Pontiac; and
Whereas, The Flock Safety systems will be placed in locations in the City right-of-way to be determined collectively between the Sheriff and Flock Safety;
Now, Therefore, the Pontiac City Council authorizes the implementation of the Flock Safety system within the City of Pontiac right-of-way at locations to be determined by the Oakland County Sheriff and Flock Safety for a period of six months; and
Further Resolved, the City Council may vote to continue the trial period within the City of Pontiac Right-a-way for an additional six months after review of the initial six-month trial period impact; and
Further Resolved, the City Council requires monthly updates on the trial period provided in writing to Council Leadership; and to the Mayor
~~Further Resolved, the City requires that only felony warrants that impacts a clear and present danger to health and safety of others be pursued;~~
Further Resolved, the City reserves the right to exit the trial and revoke the City Right-of-way authorization at any point during the trial period.

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

No: None

Motion Carried

Motion to end debate and vote on Resolution to approve the Implementation the Flock Safety System within the City of Pontiac for a Six - Month Trial Period. Moved by Councilperson Goodman and second by Councilperson Rutherford.

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

No: McGuinness

Motion Carried

22-111 **Resolution to approve the Implementation the Flock Safety System within the City of Pontiac for a Six-Month Trial Period with amendments.** Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson James. **(Postponed from last week)**

Whereas, Flock Safety is a company that sells camera-based license plate detection systems to review for owners' outstanding warrants; and
Whereas, The City of Pontiac, the Oakland County Sheriff, and Flock Safety would like to implement a trial of the Flock Safety system in the City of Pontiac; and
Whereas, The Flock Safety systems will be placed in locations in the City right-of-way to be determined collectively between the Sheriff and Flock Safety;
Now, Therefore, the Pontiac City Council authorizes the implementation of the Flock Safety system within the City of Pontiac right-of-way at locations to be determined by the Oakland County Sheriff and Flock Safety for a period of six months; and
Further Resolved, the City Council may vote to continue the trial period within the City of Pontiac Right-a-way for an additional six months after review of the initial six-month trial period impact; and
Further Resolved, the City Council requires monthly updates on the trial period provided in writing to Council Leadership; and to the Mayor
Further Resolved, the City reserves the right to exit the trial and revoke the City Right-of-way authorization at any point during the trial period.

Ayes: Parker, Rutherford, Carrington and McGuinness

No: Goodman, James and Nicholson

Resolution Passed

City Council

22-116

Resolution Expressing Gratitude to Congresswoman Brenda Lawrence and Senator Gary Peters for their Leadership on Postal Service Legislation. Moved by Councilperson Nicholson and second by Councilperson Goodman.

Whereas the United States Postal Service has over 40,000 post offices throughout the country including at 735 W. Huron Street in Pontiac, is the nation's largest civilian employer with over 515,000 career workers, and is the nation's largest employer of military veterans;

Whereas many Pontiac residents and businesses greatly rely on the essential services provided by this important institution, and Pontiac is also home to the United States Postal Service's Michigan Metroplex, a mail processing facility located at 711 N. Glenwood Avenue that is a major employer and a national record-setting facility for processing mail for Michigan and beyond;

Whereas the Postal Service traces its roots to 1775 and predates the signing of the Declaration of Independence, with Benjamin Franklin serving as the first postmaster general in America, and it is currently an independent agency of the United States federal government that is financially self-supporting and covers the majority of their expenses through postage and related products;

Whereas federal legislation enacted in 2006 severely compromised the Postal Service's long-term financial viability, and harmful attempts to privatize or undermine this essential public service have further weakened the agency over the decades, though there have concerted bipartisan efforts at the federal in recent years working to put the Postal Service on a more solid operational foundation;

Whereas Pontiac's Member of Congress, the Honorable Brenda Lawrence of Michigan's 14th Congressional District, has been a leader in the cause of strengthening the United States Postal Service, was a primary sponsor of The Postal Service Reform Act legislation, and has brought to this policy debate her unique perspective of having been an employee of the United States Postal Service for decades prior to her election to federal office;

Whereas Michigan's United States Senator Gary Peters, who was born in Pontiac and previously helped secure the Michigan Metroplex being located in Pontiac while serving as Pontiac's Member of Congress, co-sponsored and shepherded The Postal Service Reform Act through the United States Senate and it came before the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee that he chairs as the legislation made its way toward passage;

Whereas the Postal Service Reform Act passed the United States House of Representatives on February 8, 2022 with a bipartisan vote of 342 to 92, passed the United States Senate with a bipartisan vote of 79 to 19 on March 8, 2022 and was signed into law by President of the United States Joseph Biden at the White House on April 6, 2022;

Whereas this newly enacted legislation addresses the finances and operations of the United States Postal Service to strengthen this essential public service, resolve the onerous financial burdens imposed by the 2006 legislation, ensure that six day a week delivery of mail continues, and prevents harmful post office and staff reductions and other hindrances to quality postal service;

Whereas Pontiac's Member of Congress Brenda Lawrence and Michigan's United States Senator Gary Peters were rightfully on hand at the White House for the President's bill signing; now,

Therefore, Be It Resolved, the Pontiac City Council, on behalf of the people of Pontiac, Michigan, hereby express our gratitude to Congresswoman Brenda Lawrence and Senator Gary Peters for their leadership, persistence, and invaluable knowledge which helped make the Postal Service Reform Act's successful enactment possible; and further

Resolved, the City Council celebrates the preservation of six day a week delivery of mail, the prevention of other cuts to essential postal services, and we have a renewed sense of optimism about future steps that the Postal Service can take to improve deliveries and other services as a result of the more stable outlook facilitated by this legislation's enactment; and further

Resolved, the City Council celebrates the components of this new law that will bolster employment protections and job security of Postal Service employees, which includes Pontiac residents and those

working at the substantial facilities in Pontiac, from the threat of job layoffs or lost future employment opportunities; and further

Resolved, the City Council commends the eleven Members of Michigan's Congressional Delegation who voted in favor of the Postal Service Reform Act, and commends both of Michigan's United States Senators for their favorable votes and leadership in advancing the legislation.

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

No: None

Resolution Passed

Councilwoman Rutherford was absent during the vote

22-117 **Resolution Calling for Reestablishment of United States Postal Service Post Office Location in Downtown Pontiac.** Moved by Councilperson Goodman and second by Councilperson Nicholson.

Whereas the United States Postal Service has over 40,000 post offices throughout the country including at 735 W. Huron Street in Pontiac, is the nation's largest civilian employer with over 515,000 career workers, and is the nation's largest employer of military veterans;

Whereas many Pontiac residents and businesses greatly rely on the essential services provided by this important institution, and Pontiac is also home to the United States Postal Service's Michigan Metroplex, a mail processing facility located at 711 N. Glenwood Avenue that is a major employer and a national record-setting facility for processing mail for Michigan and beyond;

Whereas for generations there was a Post Office location in Pontiac's downtown commercial district, though within the past decade the downtown branch was closed due, in part, to financial difficulties related to the Postal Service's overall structure;

Whereas Pontiac's Member of Congress Brenda Lawrence and Michigan's United States Senator Gary Peters were strong leaders, sponsors, and advocates of the much-needed Postal Service Reform Act on the federal level;

Whereas the Postal Service Reform Act passed the United States House of Representatives on February 8, 2022 with a bipartisan vote of 342 to 92, passed the United States Senate with a bipartisan vote of 79 to 19 on March 8, 2022 and was signed into law by President of the United States Joseph Biden at the White House on April 6, 2022;

Whereas this newly enacted legislation addresses the finances and operations of the United States Postal Service to strengthen this essential public service, resolve the onerous financial burdens imposed by the 2006 legislation, ensure that six day a week delivery of mail continues, and prevents harmful post office and staff reductions and other hindrances to quality postal service;

Whereas it is a priority for the City of Pontiac to strengthen our downtown commercial district and to enhance access for Pontiac residents and businesses to services, resources, and amenities, including those provided by the United States Postal Service at their post office locations; now,

Therefore, Be It Resolved, the Pontiac City Council hereby calls upon the United States Postal Service to pursue the reestablishment of a post office location in the City of Pontiac's downtown commercial district; and further

Resolved, we believe the post office located at 735 W. Huron Street in Pontiac is essential, and services many citizens and businesses beyond just the City of Pontiac, and we are explicit in stating a downtown Pontiac post office location should be reestablished in addition to the maintaining of an open and thriving post office at 735 W. Huron Street in Pontiac; and further

Resolved, the City Council requests that our Member of Congress and Michigan's United States Senators assist the City of Pontiac in advocating for a downtown Pontiac post office location; and further

Resolved, we emphasize our City's gratitude for the presence of the United States Postal Service Michigan Metroplex mail processing and distribution facilities here in the City of Pontiac, and the valuable job opportunities it provides; and further

Resolved, the City Council reiterates our celebration of the Postal Service Reform Act's successful enactment, and our profound gratitude for Congresswoman Brenda Lawrence and Michigan's United States Senator Gary Peters for making the successful legislation's enactment possible; and further Resolved, we commend the perseverance of the United States Postal Service, their leadership, and their staff through the difficult years of resolving the onerous financial burdens brought about as a result of the previous 2006 enacted legislation.

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

No: None

Resolution Passed

22-118 **Resolution to approve the appointments of Sam Anderson Jr., Dean Bevacqua, Carlos Bueno, Gloria Harris-Ford, Elcine Kirkendolph, Sonya May, Arthur McClellan and alternate Jennifer Burks to the Zoning Board of Appeals.** Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Carrington. **(Agenda add-on)**

Whereas, the City of Pontiac Zoning Board of Appeals shall consist of seven members who shall be appointed by the City Council in accordance with Section 601 of the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, Public Act 110 of 2006, as amended; and,

Whereas, the City Council may also appoint up to two alternate members to serve on the Zoning Board of Appeals in the instances of absences or abstentions of regular members of the Zoning Board of Appeals; and,

Whereas, each member of the Pontiac Zoning Board of Appeals must be a Pontiac Resident; and,

Whereas, there are many Pontiac residents capable and willing to serve, and the Zoning Board of Appeals is an important part of the City of Pontiac's processes;

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Pontiac City appoints Sam Anderson Jr., Dean Bevacqua, Carlos Bueno, Gloria Harris-Ford, Elcine Kirkendolph, Sonya May, Arthur McClellan and alternate, Jennifer Burk, to serve as members to the Zoning Board of Appeals; and further

Resolved, that the term of their appointments shall be for three years; and further

Resolved, their appointments are contingent upon their signed acknowledgement of, and agreement with, the Boards and Commissions Conflict of Interest Policy in order to best protect the integrity and transparency of the City.

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

No: None

Resolution Passed

Grants

22-119 **Resolution to approve the agreement for Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Distribution between Oakland County and the City of Pontiac.** Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Goodman.

WHEREAS, the City of Pontiac passed a resolution supporting the Pontiac Skate Park Project with funds in the amount of \$55,000,

WHEREAS, on December 1, 2021 and at a Board of Commissioners' Economic Development & Infrastructure Committee meeting, the Committee considered and passed a resolution allocating funds dollar for dollar, up to \$125,000.00 matching with any city and other locally raised funds, securing the full match the Skatepark Project made available to Pontiac; and,

WHEREAS, The Pontiac Skatepark Project independently raised \$70,000 in pursuit of \$250,000 in matching funds awarded, the Oakland County Commission committed half of the matching requirement to The City of Pontiac in the amount of \$125,000, and the remaining \$55,000 was committed by the City of

Pontiac in support of this matching grant. Following these commitments, contributions continued to be made to the Pontiac Skatepark Project and they raised an additional \$18,000 since the match was secured. WHEREAS, Oakland County requires an Agreement for Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Distribution between Oakland County and The City of Pontiac to be executed before they can disburse the aforementioned funds. WHEREAS, the term of the Agreement ends December 31, 2022. NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Pontiac City Council approves the Agreement for Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Distribution between Oakland County and The City of Pontiac and authorizes Mayor Tim Greimel to execute it.

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

No: None

Resolution Passed

22-120 **Resolution to approve the Extension Addendum to the KABOOM Play Everywhere Challenge Grant Agreement.** Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Nicholson.

WHEREAS, On July 2nd, 2019 the Pontiac City Council voted to accept the funds and permit the City to execute the grant agreement.

WHEREAS, the terms of this agreement have since expired and the funder has kindly extended the grant term and has provided an extension addendum with a completion date of July 1st, 2022.

WHEREAS, the extension addendum between KABOOM! Play Everywhere and The City of Pontiac is a procedural step that allows the City of Pontiac to continue to execute the deliverables of the original agreement.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Pontiac City Council approves the Extension Addendum between KABOOM! Play Everywhere and The City of Pontiac and authorizes Mayor Tim Greimel to execute it.

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

No: None

Resolution Passed

22-121 **Resolution to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Pontiac and Grants Advisors Phillip Clay and Ghebre Mehreteab. (The consulting project is funded in full by the Ballmer Group)** Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Carrington.

WHEREAS, the City of Pontiac previously worked with Dr. Phillip Clay and Ghebre Mehreteab through grant work funded by the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan, and;

WHEREAS, the City has the opportunity to continue working with Dr. Phillip Clay and Ghebre Mehreteab for the remainder of 2022, and;

WHEREAS, the advisory services of Dr. Phillip Clay and Ghebre Mehreteab will be fully funded by the Ballmer Group and no funds are expected to come from the City, and;

WHEREAS, The focus of this work together is as follows: (1) advise on the creation of a Centralized Grant Management System responsible for compliance, securing public and private funds, (2) advise in recruiting high caliber staff and train current city staff members regarding grants management, (3) advise the city in securing private financing from foundations and corporations, and (4) assist the city in developing relationships with foundations and corporations with the goal of equipping the City of Pontiac's team to be self-sufficient in managing relationships by the end of the MOU term.

WHEREAS, the term of the memorandum of understanding between the City and the advisors will end on December 15th, 2022.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the City Council approves the Memorandum of Understanding and authorizes Mayor Tim Greimel to execute the Memorandum of Understanding between the City and Dr. Phillip Clay and Ghebre Mehreteab for advisory services funded by the Ballmer Group.

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

No: None

Resolution Passed

Communications

City Council

Second chances Expungement Fair for Oakland County Convictions, April 30th from 10am until 2pm at UWM Sports Complex, 867 South Boulevard Pontiac, MI 48341

Community and Economic Development

Memorandum regarding Supplemental Information related to Micah 6 Community, LLC request for approval of application for an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate for the Property Located at 640 W. Huron Street

Public Comment

Seven (7) individuals address the body during public comment

1. Renee Beckley
2. Pastor Kathy
3. Larry Jasper
4. Gloria Miller
5. Billie Swazer
6. James Sabich
7. Darlene Clark

Mayor, Clerk and Council Closing Comments

Mayor Greimel, Councilwoman Rutherford, Councilman Nicholson, Councilman Goodman, Councilwoman James, Councilman Parker, Pro Tem Carrington and Council President McGuinness made closing comments.

Adjournment

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

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

No: None

Motion Carried

Council President Mike McGuinness adjourned the meeting at 10:27 p.m.

Garland S. Doyle
Interim City Clerk