

**Official Proceedings  
Pontiac City Council  
20<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 Thursday, May 5, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. by Council President Mike McGuinness.

**Invocation**

**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 and William Parker Jr.

Mayor Greimel was present.  
A quorum was announced.

**Excuse Councilmembers**

**Motion to excuse Councilwoman Melanie Rutherford for personal reasons.** Moved by Councilperson Goodman and second by Councilperson James.

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

**Motion Carried**

**Amendments to and Approval of the Agenda**

**Motion to approve the agenda.** Moved by Councilperson Nicholson and second by Councilperson Goodman.

**Motion to move item #3 (resolution acknowledging National Day of Prayer) and add a resolution celebrating the Community Leadership of Pastor Leland Matlock after consent agenda.** Moved by Councilperson Goodman and second by Councilperson Carrington.

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

**Motion Carried**

**The vote was taken to approve the agenda as amended**

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

**Motion Carried**

**Consent Agenda**

22-140            **Resolution to approve the consent agenda for May 5, 2022.** Moved by Councilperson Nicholson and second by Councilperson Goodman.

Whereas, the City Council has reviewed the consent agenda for May 5, 2022.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the City Council approves the consent agenda for May 5, 2022 including the April 26, 2022 Meeting Minutes.

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

No: None

**Resolution Passed**

**Resolutions**

City Council

22-141            **Resolution Recognizing National Day of Prayer as May 5, 2022 in Pontiac, Michigan.** Moved by Councilperson Parker and second by Councilperson Carrington.

Whereas, the national Day of Prayer is an annual observance held on the first Thursday in May, inviting people of all faiths to pray for the nation; and

Whereas, the first National Day of Prayer was created in 1952 by a joint resolution the United States Congress and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman, though there have been earlier proclamations and national organized efforts dating back to 1775; and

Whereas, the National Day of Prayer continues to annually mobilize unified public and personal prayer, and in Pontiac through the years has been a convening motivator for citizens to come together, celebrate and represent their faith, and join in prayer for our beloved community and country; and

Whereas, faith leaders from the Pontiac community and throughout the region are continuing the tradition by convening prayer activities on this day in our community, including at Pontiac City Hall; now

Therefore, Be It Resolved, the Pontiac City Council, in partnership with Pontiac mayor Tim Greimel, hereby recognizes National Day of Prayer in Pontiac, Michigan on May 5, 2022; and further

Resolved, the Pontiac City Council acknowledges and welcomes the dedicated faith leaders in our community as they come together with Pontiac citizens to participate in National Day of Prayer activities including at Pontiac City Hall on this day; and further

Resolved, we welcome people of all faiths to pray for our neighbors, for our City of Pontiac, for our nation, for our world, and for the people throughout the world.

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

No: None

**Resolution Passed**

22-142            **Resolution Celebrating the Community Leadership of Pastor Leland Matlock.** Moved by Councilperson Parker and second by Councilperson Carrington. **(Agenda Add-on)**

Whereas, Pastor Leland Matlock of Calvary Missionary Church in Pontiac, Michigan has provided devoted leadership for his congregation and our community these past 66 years, and has been rightfully recognized by many, including previous Mayors and Councils; and

Whereas, Pastor Matlock has given back to the Pontiac community in many ways through the decades, including as a Chaplain for the Pontiac Police Department, Chaplain for the Oakland County Sheriff Department, holding church services for inmates housed at Oakland County Jail, providing church services for residents in assisted living, and organizing the March for Jesus, and many other spiritual and community efforts; and

Whereas, by his side every step of the way has been his beloved wife, Yvonne Matlock, to whom he has been married for 66 years and, in, fact, they began serving the Pontiac community together the very next day after their wedding day; and

Whereas, the Matlocks are no strangers to the Pontiac City Council Chambers at Pontiac City Hall, with Pastor Matlock delivering many invocations at the beginning of City Council meetings through the years, including by invitation from then-Mayor Wallace Holland to open city meetings with prayer, and they've been present for hundreds of meetings; and

Whereas, today marks the National Day of Prayer, an annual tradition of people of faith coming together to pray for our community and our country that Pastor Matlock himself has been an instrumental part of organizing such efforts in Pontiac for many years; now,

Therefore, Be It Resolved, the Pontiac City Council, in partnership with Pontiac Mayor Tim Greimel and on behalf of all Pontiac citizens, hereby celebrates the decades of devoted community leadership by Pastor Leland Matlock; and further

Resolved, the City Council acknowledges the love and partnership of First Lady Yvonne Matlock, serving the Pontiac community together with Pastor Matlock; and further

Resolved, we express the sincere gratitude of all Pontiac citizens to Pastor Matlock for his leadership, service, prayers, time, devotion, and deep love for our City of Pontiac, and

Gratitude to Calvary Missionary Church of Pontiac for sharing the Matlocks with us all.

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

No: None

**Resolution Passed**

### **Special Presentation**

1. Mayor's 2022-23 Budget Address

Presentation Presenter: Mayor Tim Greimel

**Motion to extend Special Presentation time limit pass ten minutes.** Moved by Councilperson Goodman and second by Councilperson Parker.

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

No: None

**Motion Carried**

2. Community Development Block Grant

Presentation Presenters: Alexandra Borngesser, Grants Manager and Monique Caston (Baker Tilley)

**Recognition of Elected Officials – None**

### **Agenda Address**

1. Lawrence Jasper
2. Gloria Miller

### **Agenda Items**

#### **Resolutions**

Department of Public Works (DPW)

22-143

**Resolution to approve the Agreement for Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Distribution between Oakland County and the City of Pontiac in support of Clinton River Trail Maintenance**

**and authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement.** Moved by Councilperson Carrington and second by Councilperson Goodman.

WHEREAS, the Oakland County Department of Economic Development, City of Pontiac, City of Sylvan Lake, and Friends of the Clinton River Trail have been working collaboratively to document critical maintenance needs and conduct preliminary engineering to identify and design the improvements necessary to bring the Clinton River Trail up to current standards; and

WHEREAS, the scope of work to be done on the Clinton River Trail includes trail surface grading and adding crushed aggregate to resurface 1.75 miles of existing trail; striping, ADA ramp improvements, and signage at all road/trail intersections; bollard removal and replacement to prevent unauthorized motorized vehicles; High-Intensity Activated Crosswalk (HAWK) beacon installation at the Orchard Lake Road crossing; and replacing deteriorating wooden railings at two bridges over the Clinton River. Other items of work include soil erosion control, landscaping improvements, and maintenance of traffic; and

WHEREAS, the proposed inclusive project will transform this popular linear park and address social determinants of health, reduce social isolation, link to neighboring communities and promote active and healthy lifestyles for people of all ages and abilities; and

WHEREAS, this project is directly connected to other phases of non-motorized pathway development that have been proposed in the city and will link the trail with the downtown, neighborhoods, schools and also complete a notable gap in the regional and cross-state trail networks; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project will improve the overall trail user's experience, make necessary safety and accessibility enhancements at road crossings, and address ongoing maintenance needs because of increased use of parks/trails during the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Oakland County has committed \$120,000 in support of this project to the City of Pontiac leveraged with the following funds: City of Sylvan Lake (General Fund) \$10,000, City of Pontiac (Neighborhood Empowerment Grant) \$10,000, Community Foundation of Southeast Michigan (Pontiac Funders Collaborative) \$37,000, Friends of the Clinton River Trail (General Fund) \$30,000, Community Foundation of Greater Rochester \$213,000, Community Foundation of Southeast Michigan (RCWJ Trails Maintenance Fund) \$300,000, and Trinity Health- St Joseph Mercy Oakland (Community Benefit Grant) \$6,000.

WHEREAS, the City of Pontiac will be required to submit quarterly reports on the project funds detailing the project progress, completion of deliverables included in project scope, accounting of expenses, and any other relevant information or records, to be determined by the County.

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 City of Pontiac shall use all grant funds it receives under this Agreement by December 31, 2022. Any grant funds not used by that date must be returned to County.

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 in support of the Clinton River Trail Maintenance and authorizes Mayor Tim Greimel to execute it.

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

No: None

**Resolution Passed**

22-144      **Resolution to Authorize the City Clerk to Publish the Notice of a Proposed Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Transferring \$170,000 from General Fund GL Accounts 101.818.818.236 Prof. Service Trees (\$64,000), 101.818.745.012 Recreation Supplies – Parks ((\$66,000), 101.818.808.000 Other Prof. Services (\$20,000), and 101.818.808.000 Parks and Neighborhood Projects to the Following General Fund Account 101.818.808.000 Contractual Mowing Services.** Moved by Councilperson Carrington and second by Councilperson Goodman.

NOW THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby authorizes the City Clerk to publish the notice of a proposed budget amendment for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 transferring \$170,000 from General Fund GL accounts 101.818.818.236 Prof. Service Trees (\$64,000), 101.818.745.012 Recreation Supplies – Parks ((\$66,000), 101.818.808.000 Other Prof. Services (\$20,000), and 101.818.808.000 Parks and Neighborhood Projects to the Following General Fund 101.818.808.000 Contractual Mowing Services.

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

No: None

**Resolution Passed**

Finance

22-145 **Resolution to Approve a Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2021-22 to Transfer \$55,000 from General Fund Balance GL Account 101-000-309-000 to the General Fund GL Account 101-270-818.000 – Personnel Services-Other Professional Services for the Human Resources Contractual Services.** Moved by Councilperson Parker and second by Councilperson Carrington.

Whereas, the City of Pontiac timely approved the FY 2021-22 budget on June 24, 2021 and; Whereas, the City has previously approved a contract for consulting for HR Services but the funds for this project were not included in the budget for Fiscal Year 2021-22; and Whereas, in order to fund the portion of the \$75,000 cost of the contract that is projected to be incurred through the end of FY 2021-22, the Administration proposes to allocate \$55,000 in funding out of the General Fund Balance GL Account 101-000-390-000 and a total of \$55,000 be transferred to the General Fund GL Account 101-270-818-000 – Personnel Services-Other Professional Services; 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 \$55,000 in funding out of the General Fund Balance GL account 101-000-390-000 and a total of \$55,000 is transferred to the General Fund GL Account 101-270-818-000 – Personnel Services-Other Professional Services.

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

No: None

**Resolution Passed**

22-146 **Resolution to Approve a Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2021-22 to transfer \$136,000 from General Fund Balance GL Account 101-000-309-000 to the General Fund General Fund GL Account 101-201-818.000 – Accounting-Other Professional Services Forensic Audit Services.** Moved by Councilperson Goodman and second by Councilperson Nicholson.

Whereas, the City of Pontiac timely approved the FY 2021-22 budget on June 24, 2021 and; Whereas, the City has previously approved a contract to perform a forensic audit but the funds for this audit were not included in the budget for Fiscal Year 2021-22; and Whereas, in order to fund the portion of the \$175,000 cost of the audit that is projected to be incurred through the end of FY 2021-22, the Administration proposes to allocate \$136,000 in funding out of the General Fund Balance GL Account 101-000-390-000 and a total of \$136,000 be transferred to the General Fund GL Account 101-201-818-000 – Accounting-Other Professional Services; 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 \$136,000 in funding out of the General Fund Balance GL account 101-000-390-000 and a total of \$136,000 is transferred to the General Fund GL Account 101-201-818-000 – Accounting-Other Professional Services.

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

No: None

**Resolution Passed**

22-147        **Resolution to Approve the Appointment of Angela Benitez as the Human Resources Director once the Position is established.** Moved by Councilperson Carrington and second by Councilperson Goodman.

WHEREAS, The City of Pontiac has been working to modernize the Human Resource (HR) Department and;

WHEREAS, The City of Pontiac currently has no professionally trained HR staff and;

WHEREAS, The City has engaged with national Career Group to assist in recruiting HR talent and;

WHEREAS, Ms. Angela Benitez is highly qualified and has been nominated to be a City of Pontiac Department Head and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Pontiac City Council approves Ms. Benitez to assume the position of Human Resources Director once it is established.

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

No: None

**Resolution Passed**

### **Communication**

#### Grants

Memorandum Announcing a \$100,000 Grant Award from the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission in support of the Mattie McKinney Hatchett Park Redevelopment Project

### **Public Comment**

Four (4) individuals address the body during public comment

1. Renee Beckley
2. Larry Jasper
3. Kathy Dessureau
4. Gloria Miller

### **Mayor, Clerk and Council Closing Comments**

Mayor Greimel, Clerk Doyle, 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 Nicholson and second by Councilperson Goodman.

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

No: None

**Motion Carried**

Council President Mike McGuinness adjourned the meeting at 8:34 p.m.

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Garland S. Doyle  
Interim City Clerk