

**Official Proceedings
Pontiac City Council
21th 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, May 10, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. by Council President Mike McGuinness.

Invocation – Rev. Christopher Johnson, All Saints Church

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States

Moment of Silence

Roll Call

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

Mayor Greimel was present.
A quorum was announced.

Excuse Councilmembers

Motion to excuse Councilman William Carrington and Mikal Goodman for personal reasons. Moved by Councilperson Parker and second by Councilperson Rutherford.

Ayes: James, McGuinness, Nicholson, Parker and Rutherford

No: None

Motion Carried

Amendments to and Approval of the Agenda

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

Motion to add Discussion of City of Pontiac New Hires to the agenda. Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Nicholson.

Ayes: McGuinness, Nicholson, Parker, Rutherford and James

No: None

Motion Carried

The vote was taken to approve the agenda as amended

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

No: None

Motion Carried

Consent Agenda

22-148 **Resolution to approve the consent agenda for May 10, 2022.** Moved by Councilperson Nicholson and second by Councilperson Rutherford.

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Whereas, the City Council has reviewed the consent agenda for May 10, 2022.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the City Council approves the consent agenda for May 10, 2022 including the May 5, 2022 City Council Meeting Minutes, May 2, 2022 Economic Development, Housing & Planning Subcommittee Meeting Minutes, April 25, 2022 Law & the Courts Subcommittee Meeting Minutes and April 25, 2022 Parks, Recreation & Public Works Subcommittee Meeting Minutes.

Ayes: Nicholson, Parker, Rutherford, James and McGuinness

No: None

Resolution Passed

Subcommittee Reports

Economic Development, Housing & Planning – Chair McGuinness

Finance & Personnel – Chair Nicholson

Law & The Courts – Chair Parker

Parks, Recreation & Public Works – Chair James

Discussion

Supporting Pontiac's Small Businesses and Entrepreneurs

Discussion of City of Pontiac New Hires

Recognition of Elected Officials – Gill Garrett, School Board President and Anisha Hannah, School Board Trustee

Agenda Address

1. Dr. Deirdre Waterman addressed item 9 (Small Businesses and Entrepreneurs)
2. Quincy Stewart addressed item 10 (New Hires)

Agenda Items

Resolutions

City Council

22-149

Resolution Recognizing the Community Efforts of Nick Mansour. Moved by Councilperson Parker and second by Councilperson Nicholson.

Whereas, Mr. Nick Mansour, owner and operator of Nick's Corner restaurant in Pontiac, has been devoted to feeding others and a dedicated part of our community for years, and has been rightfully recognized by many, including previous Mayors and Council; and

Whereas, Mr. Mansour has operated his Nick's Corner restaurant at 225 Auburn Avenue, on the corner of Auburn and Paddock, for 13 years and previously operated popular restaurants in downtown Pontiac for over a decade before establishing Nick's Corner; and

Whereas, his restaurant, his family, and Mr. Mansour personally have generously provided thousands of meals to Pontiac residents every year, delivering free holiday meals for so many on Thanksgiving, on Easter, and beyond, making his business a hub of kindness and caring when some of our neighbors need that morale boost and that hot meal the most; and

Whereas, over the years the Nick's Corner establishment has been a gathering place for many community organizations, civic meetings, residents, families, and friends, and has been a great resource for Pontiac's Eastside because of Mr. Mansour's willingness to share his space with the community and go the extra mile for others; and

Whereas, this month marks the closure of Nick's Corner, as the number of in-person diners has not returned at the same volume following the pandemic, and the affordable meal rates of his menu items have been greatly impacted by inflation and supply chain woes; 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 work by Mr. Nick Mansour and Whereas, the Oakland County Department of Economic Development, City of Pontiac, City of Sylvan his generous spirit for helping others; and further

Resolved, the City Council acknowledges the positive impact Mr. Mansour and his restaurants, especially Nick's Corner, have made in the lives of Pontiac residents and particularly had on the neighborhoods near his Auburn Avenue location; and further

Resolved, we express the sincere gratitude of all Pontiac citizens to Mr. Mansour for his kindness, generosity, friendship, time, sacrifice, and deep love for our City of Pontiac, and gratitude to the Mansour family for sharing Nick with us all for these many years.

Ayes: Rutherford, James, McGuinness, Nicholson and Parker

No: None

Resolution Passed

~~22-150-~~ **Resolution to approve the City Departments Budget Hearings Schedule for Fiscal Year 2023.** Moved by Councilperson Nicholson and second by Councilperson James. Discussion on the motion.

Motion to amend the City Departments Budget Hearings Schedule for Fiscal Year 2023. Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Nicholson.

Whereas, Mayor Tim Greimel and his Administration has delivered to the Pontiac City Council his City of Pontiac budget proposal for the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year; and

Whereas, the City Council will thoroughly review that proposal, identify potential changes, provide public opportunities to share their thoughts and input, and adopt a Budget for the City of Pontiac; and Therefore, Be It Resolved, the Pontiac City Council hereby schedules the following City Council Special Meetings which shall be for the purposes of budget review sessions, to be held in the Council Chambers at Pontiac City Hall:

~~Tuesday, May 17, 2022 (3:00 to 6:00 pm) Focused on Income Tax, Finance, Human Resources, Information Technology, Communications~~

Wednesday, May 18, 2022 (4:00 to 6:00 pm) Recreation and Executive Office

Thursday, May 19, 2022 (4:00 to 6:00 pm) Focused on Fire, Public Safety, Law, ~~Grants~~

Friday, May 20, 2022 (3:00 to 6:00 pm) Focused Grants and Community Development

Monday, May 23, 2022 (4:00 to 6:00 pm) Focused on Public Works

Tuesday, May 24, 2022 (3:00 to 6:00 pm) Focused on 50th District Court, City Council, Clerk, Elections, Charter Commission, Marihuana Regulations

~~Thursday, May 26, 2022 (4:00 to 6:00 pm) Focused on Recreation, Executive Office~~

Wednesday, June 1, 2022 (3:00 to 6:00 pm) Income Tax, Finance, HR, IT and Communications

Wednesday, June 8, 2022 (5:00 to 7:00 pm) Focused on Proposed Amendments to Budget

Thursday, June 9, 2022 (5:00 to 7:00 pm) Focused on Proposed Amendments to Budget

Further Resolved, the City Council schedules a Special Meeting to hold the required Public Hearing on the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year Budget in the Council Chambers at Pontiac City Hall:

Tuesday, May 31, 2022 (4:00 to 6:00 pm)

Further Resolved, the City Council request the Pontiac City Clerk's office prepare, post, and circulate information of these public meetings as required by State law, City ordinance, and Council rules and procedures.

Ayes: James, McGuinness, Nicholson, Parker and Rutherford

No: None

Motion Carried

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Ayes: James, McGuinness, Nicholson, Parker and Rutherford

No: None

Resolution Passed

Department of Public Works

22-151 **Resolution to approve the Decertification of Franklin Road between Woodward Avenue and Franklin Road on the Southwesterly Side of CNRR for a total length of 291 feet.** Moved by Councilperson Nicholson and second by Councilperson Rutherford. Discussion on the motion.

Motion to postpone Resolution to approve the Decertification of Franklin Road between Woodward Avenue and Franklin Road on the Southwesterly Side of CNRR for a total length of 291 feet for one week. Moved by Councilperson James and second by Councilperson Rutherford.

Ayes: McGuinness, Parker, Rutherford and James

No: Nicholson

Motion Carried

Grants

22-152 **Resolution to approve City of Pontiac Submission of the Grant Application Titled “Set the Stage at Hidden River Plaza” to the Michigan Arts and Culture Council Capital Improvements Grant Program in the amount of \$56,500.** Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Nicholson.

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WHEREAS, the City of Pontiac desires to submit an application titled “Set the Stage at Hidden River Plaza” to the Michigan Arts and Culture Council Capital Improvements Grant Program in the amount of \$56,500.

WHEREAS, the Grant Program requires that the City of Pontiac certify compliance with all Grant Program requirements, including commitment to long-term maintenance and all project cost overruns. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that The City of Pontiac hereby approves participation in the Michigan Arts and Culture Council Capital Improvements Grant Program and authorizes the submission of an application for \$56,500.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that The City of Pontiac acknowledges and certifies compliance with all grant program requirements, including commitment to long-term maintenance and all project cost overruns.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that The City of Pontiac shall make a local match through previously appropriated funds for improvements to Hidden River Plaza.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mayor Tim Greimel will be authorized to sign all grant-related documents on behalf of The City of Pontiac.

Ayes: Nicholson, Parker, Rutherford, James and McGuinness

No: None

Resolution Passed

Communications

City Council

Parent Mental Health Community Forum, May 16, 2022 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm, Bowen Center, 52 Bagley Street, Pontiac MI 48341

Veterans and Military Families Resource Event, May 21, 2022 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, at UWM Sports Complex, 867 South Boulevard East, Pontiac MI 48341

Pontiac Point of Hope 2022, June 4, 2022 from 10:00am to 2:00 pm, 313 E. Walton Boulevard, Pontiac MI 48430

Mayor’s Office

Pontiac Small Business Town Hall, May 14, 2022 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm, Bowen Center, 52 Bagley Street, Pontiac MI 48341

Public Comment

Six (6) individuals address the body during public comment

1. Dr. Deirdre Waterman
2. Billie Swazer
3. Veronica Taylor
4. Andrea Manns
5. H. Bill Maxey
6. James Sabich

Mayor, Clerk and Council Closing Comments

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

Adjournment

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

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Ayes: Parker, Rutherford, James, McGuinness and Nicholson

No: None

Motion Carried

Council President Mike McGuinness adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

Garland S. Doyle
Interim City Clerk