

**Official Proceedings
Pontiac City Council
38th 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, June 28, 2022 at 6:04 p.m. by Council President Mike McGuinness.

Invocation – Pastor Lorenzo Sewell of the 180 Church

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 Parker.

Motion to add-on a Special Presentation for the Mayor’s Tribute Honoring Bishop Taverner, Council Resolution Standing Up for Reproductive Rights, Council Communication for Emergency Voorhees Road Repair, New Springfield Missionary Baptist Church Vacation Bible School Opportunities and Annual Community Picnic July 23, 2022. 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 as amended.

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

Motion Carried

Consent Agenda

22-183 **Resolution to approve the consent agenda for June 28, 2022.** Moved by Councilperson Parker and second by Councilperson Rutherford.

Whereas, the City Council has reviewed the consent agenda for June 28, 2022.
Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the City Council approves the consent agenda for June 28, 2022 including the June 8, 2022 Special Meeting on the Budget Meeting Minutes, June 21, 2022 City Council Meeting Minutes, and June 22, 2022 Special Meeting on the Budget Meeting Minutes.

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

No: None

Resolution Passed

Special Presentations

Gary Burnstein Community Health Clinic on Services Provided

Presentation Presenter: Susana Jackiewicz

Mayor's Tribute Honoring Bishop Taverner

Presentation Presenter: Mayor Tim Greimel

Discussions

Oakland County Water Resources Commission on their Water Supply and Sewage Disposal System Rates for the City of Pontiac this coming Fiscal Year

Pontiac Lawn Chair Concert Series

Pontiac Pride & Beautification Awards Process Update

Completed Budget Process for Fiscal Year, Sharing Outcome Highlights

Recognition of Elected Officials – H. Bill Maxey, Pontiac Library Board Trustee

Agenda Address

1. Gloria Miller addressed item #6
2. Larry Jasper addressed item #2

Ordinance

Motion to receive the first reading of Ordinance Amending Animals Ordinance to Define a Dangerous Dog more clearly, and to elevate the second violation as a Misdemeanor. Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Parker. Discussion.

Motion to strike #3 Reptiles or serpents from #18-6 of Animal Ordinance. Moved by Councilperson Goodman and second by Councilperson Nicholson.

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

No: James

Motion Carried

Resolutions

City Council

22-184

Resolution Honoring the Life of City of Pontiac Retiree Dennis LeRoy Staton.

Moved by Councilperson Carrington and second by Councilperson Rutherford.

Whereas, the City of Pontiac, Michigan has been privileged to have many exemplary employees work for the City of Pontiac over the decades, whose hard work and dedication directly improved the quality of life for our citizens; and

Whereas, Mr. Dennis LeRoy Staton worked for the City of Pontiac for many years, serving with dedication and commitment from 1984 to 1998; and

Whereas, Mr. Staton worked as a Water Meter Servicer, among other roles in the areas of public utilities, water, and sewer maintenance; and

Whereas, Mr. Staton went by his middle name of LeRoy, as well as the nickname of “Country,” with his City of Pontiac coworkers; and

Whereas Mr. Staton passed away June 12, 2022 at the age of 69, which is a tremendous loss; now, therefore be it

Resolved, the Pontiac City Council expresses our deepest gratitude for Mr. Staton’s dedicated service to our City and to the citizens whose lives he enriched; and further,

Resolved, he will be remembered by this Council and the Pontiac community as a dedicated and hardworking person who made a positive difference in our City for many years; and further

Resolved, the City of Pontiac extends our deepest sympathies to his family, friends, neighbors, and colleagues.

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

No: Rutherford

Resolution Passed

~~22-185~~ **Resolution Standing Up for Reproductive Rights. (Add-on)** Moved by Councilperson Goodman and second by Councilperson Rutherford. Discussion.

Motion to amend Resolution Standing Up for Reproductive Rights. (Add-on) Moved by Councilperson Goodman and second by Councilperson Rutherford.

Further Resolved, that the Mayor and ~~Common Council of the City of Pontiac~~ Pontiac City Council denounce and oppose the implementation of Mich. Stat. § 750.14 and other Michigan laws that prohibit and criminalize abortions, including Mich. Stat. § 750.15, which prohibits selling drugs for the purpose of procuring an abortion unless by an established practicing physician of a city, village, or township in which the sale is made; and

Further Resolved, it is the intension of the ~~Pontiac City Council~~ Mayor and Pontiac City Council that this policy does not apply in cases where coercion or force is used against the pregnant person, or in cases involving conduct criminally negligent to the health of the pregnant person seeking care.

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

No: None

Motion Carried

22-185 **Amended Resolution Standing Up for Reproductive Rights. (Add-on)** Moved by Councilperson Goodman and second by Councilperson Rutherford.

Whereas, the Supreme Court of the United States has overturned the constitutional right to abortion as recognized in Roe v. Wade, 410 U.S. 113 (1973), and reaffirmed in Planned Parenthood of Southeastern Pennsylvania v. Casey, 505 U.S. 833 (1992); and

Whereas, without the junction currently in place, MCL 750.14 et seq which was unenforceable because of Roe v. Wade and Planned Parenthood v. Casey will be allowed to go into effect, prompting the Center for Reproductive Rights to designate Michigan “hostile” to abortion care; and

Whereas, since Roe v. Wade was decided in 1973, several states have worked to enact restrictions to accessing abortion, causing widespread clinic closure, and significant barriers to accessing abortion care; and

Whereas, several states, including the State of Michigan is ready to outlaw abortion, most are not willing to give new babies and their families the educational, medical, or financial support they need to lead a

healthy life and that could leave tens of thousands of future children unnecessarily disadvantaged and living in poverty; and

Whereas, limiting the access to abortions and abortion care have disproportionately affected low income, immigrant and women of color; and

Whereas, eliminating legal access to abortion has been empirically proven to dramatically increase the risk of death, bodily injury, and fertility, especially within low-income communities and communities of color; and

Whereas, according to the National Institute of Reproductive Health, one of four woman in the United States will have an abortion by the time they are 45 years old; and

Whereas, low-income woman are more than five times as likely than affluent woman to experience an unintended pregnancy, which has significant implications for social mobility given that unplanned childbearing is associated with higher rates of poverty, less family stability, and worse outcomes for children; and

Whereas, the right to privacy should protect doctors, patients and all others involved with medical treatment from any criminal investigation related to decisions made within the healthcare provider-patient relationship, including abortion, as long as those decisions occur without coercion, force or negligence; and

Whereas, the Pontiac City Council supports a women's choice to choose and opposes the use of any City funds to record and or investigate reports of abortion care; and

Whereas, the Pontiac City Council has a responsibility to protect its residents from any violation of their human rights and any criminalization of the free exercise thereof;

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Pontiac City Council stands with those who condemn any actions intended to abrogate the fundamental liberties of woman and affirms its commitment to protecting its residents' right to make reproductive health decisions for themselves, including abortion care; and

Further Resolved, that no City funds shall be used to record and/ or investigate reports of abortion care; and

Further Resolved, that the City Council reaffirms the direction laid out by the Michigan Attorney General and Oakland County Prosecutor to defend the right to reproductive care; and

Further Resolved, that the Mayor and Pontiac City Council denounce and oppose the implementation of Mich. Stat. § 750.14 and other Michigan laws that prohibit and criminalize abortions, including Mich. Stat. § 750.15, which prohibits selling drugs for the purpose of procuring an abortion unless by an established practicing physician of a city, village, or township in which the sale is made; and

Further resolved, that the City Council calls upon the Oakland County Sheriff's Department to place reports of abortion related care at the lowest possible priority, especially if 1931 law goes into effect; and
Further Resolved, it is the intension of the Mayor and Pontiac City Council that this policy does not apply in cases where coercion or force is used against the pregnant person, or in cases involving conduct criminally negligent to the health of the pregnant person seeking care.

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

No: None

Resolution Passed

Finance

22-186

Resolution to approve policies for FY23 for the City's Workers Compensation Insurance Policy and General Liability, Property and Auto Insurance Policy. Moved by Councilperson Carrington and second by Councilperson Nicholson.

Whereas, the City of Pontiac is required and has determined it needs to maintain certain types of insurance coverages; and;

Whereas, the City has policies that provides Workers Compensation insurance, General Liability insurance, Property insurance and Auto insurance; and

Whereas, these coverages will expire on June 30, 2022, the Administration has lined up policies for the next fiscal year;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the City Council hereby approves for FY 2022-23 insurance policies with the Accident Fund for Workers Compensation and with the Michigan Municipal Risk Authority for policies including General Liability, Property and Auto insurance.

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

No: None

Resolution Passed

Grants

22-182 **Resolution to Approve a Proposed Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2021-22 to Receive Revenues in the amount of \$120,000 to the General Fund GL Account 101-000-528.000- Federal Grants Other and Appropriate a Total of \$120,000 to General Fund GL Account 101-751-818.000-Other Professional Services. (This is accept a \$120,000 grant from Oakland County to support the Clinton River Trail Safety and Maintenance Improvement Project.)** Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Nicholson. **(Move and second from last week)**

Whereas, the Agreement for Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Distribution between Oakland County and The City of Pontiac was approved on May 3rd, 2022;

Whereas the City has received funds in the amount of \$120,000 to pay for the costs for this project;

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 receiving revenues in the amount of \$120,000 to General Fund Account 101-000-528.000 – Federal Grants Other and a total of \$120,000 is appropriated to General Fund GL Account 101-751-818.000 – Other Professional Services.

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

No: None

Resolution Passed

Suspend the Rules

Motion to suspend the rules to move public comments before Communications.

Moved by Councilperson Nicholson and second by Councilperson Rutherford.

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

No: None

Motion Carried

Communications

City Council and Mayor's Office

Public Comment

1. Lorenzo Sewell
2. Quincy Stewart
3. Gloria Miller
4. Billie Swazer
5. James Sabich

Communications

City Council and Mayor's Office

Mayor, Clerk and Council Closing Comments

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

Adjournment

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

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

No: None

Motion Carried

Council President Mike McGuinness adjourned the meeting at 9:29 p.m.

Garland S. Doyle
City Clerk