

**Official Proceedings
Pontiac City Council
42nd 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, July 26, 2022 at 6:03 p.m. by Council President Mike McGuinness.

Invocation – Pastor Roger Jackson, Providence Missionary Baptist 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 and William Parker, Jr.

Mayor Greimel was present.
A quorum was announced.

Councilwoman Melanie Rutherford arrived at 6:08 p.m.

Amendments to and Approval of the Agenda

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

Motion to add-on a special presentation regarding State Funding Announcement by State Representative Brenda Carter to the agenda. Moved by Councilperson Parker 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

22-199 **Resolution to approve the consent agenda for July 26, 2022.** Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Carrington.

Whereas, the City Council has reviewed the consent agenda for July 26, 2022.
Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the City Council approves the consent agenda for July 26, 2022 including July 19, 2022 City Council Meeting Minutes.

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

No: None

Resolution Passed

Special Presentation

State Funding Announcement by State Representative Brenda Carter (**Agenda Add-on**)

Discussions

Art Dunlap Park Enhancement Opportunities

Galloway Lake Park Easement Concerns

Elizabeth Dension Forth Mural by Artist Zach Curtis

Recognition of Elected Officials – Christopher Ford from Congressman Levin’s Office

Agenda Address

1. Deirdre Waterman addressed item #2
2. Gloria Miller addressed items #2 and #7
3. Larry Jasper addressed item #2

Agenda Items

Ordinance

An Ordinance Amendment to the Fee Schedule as Adopted in the City of Pontiac Fiscal Year 2022-23 Budget. Moved by Councilperson Goodman and second by Councilperson Parker. Discussion. Council received as a first reading.

Resolution

City Clerk

22-200

Resolution to approve a New Position – Chief Assistant Clerk. Moved by Councilperson Nicholson and second by Councilperson Rutherford.

In accordance with section 3.202 of the City Charter “The Clerk may, with approval of Council, appoint a chief assistant who serves at the pleasure of the Clerk and performs the duties of the Office in the absence or disability of the Clerk”, and

Whereas, the City Clerk is requesting that the position of Chief Assistant Clerk be added to the city with a salary range of \$71,000 - \$85,000.

Now Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Pontiac City Council hereby approves the creation of the following position – Chief Assistant Clerk.

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

No: None

Resolution Passed

City Council

22-201

Resolution Commemorating Frank Russell with Honorary Renaming of Earlmoor Boulevard with Frank Russell Boulevard. Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Nicholson.

Whereas, Mr. Roosevelt Frank “Bones” Russell was born on August 17, 1949 and tragically passed away at age 72 on September 6, 2021; and

Whereas, during his life, Mr. Russell had an enduring, positive impact on the City of Pontiac and our residents and significantly contributed to our community; and

Whereas, Mr. Russell was a star basketball player at Pontiac Central High School and at the University of Detroit-Mercy, and played in the National Basketball Association for the Chicago Bulls during the 1972-1973 season; and

Whereas, his younger brothers Larry Russell, Campy Russell, and Walker Russell similarly reached high levels of college and professional basketball success, with a strong family legacy of achievement and dedication; and

Whereas, Mr. Russell earned a law degree, opened the Youth Development Institute in Pontiac, chaired the City of Pontiac's employment diversity program, worked for three decades for Oakland County Human Resources, and established and published The Pontiac Times newspaper in our community; and Whereas, his proactive leadership in Pontiac extended to youth recreation for many years, serving as a coach and mentor, he also led the Oakland Community College men's basketball team, and was inducted into the University of Detroit-Mercy Hall of Fame; and

Whereas, Mr. Russell grew up on Earlmoor Boulevard, and the Russell family still owns property on that street which had a prominent place in their family for generations; and

Whereas, from time to time the Pontiac City Council may wish to commemorate a City facility, street, or other asset by means of a plaque, naming it after a person, or some other honor; and

Whereas, a City street may have an honorary designation may be established that would be an additional identifiable moniker for the street; now,

Therefore, Be It Resolved, the Pontiac City Council hereby commemorates the life, legacy, and impactful community contributions of Mr. Roosevelt Frank Russell; and further

Resolved, the City Council establishes the honorary renaming of the entire length of Earlmoor Boulevard in the City of Pontiac to be Frank Russell Boulevard; and further

Resolved, the intention is for Earlmoor Boulevard to remain the permanent legal name, but for Frank Russell Boulevard to be the honorary additional identifiable moniker now and in perpetuity; and further

Resolved, the City Council charges the Administration and City Staff with the task of installing honorary street name signage on every existing street sign pole along Earlmoor Boulevard; and further

Resolved, the City Council encourages the Administration and City Staff to explore the feasibility of designing and installing an accompanying wayside marker in the vicinity of Frank Russell Boulevard celebrating Mr. Russell's life and community impact, so that future generations can know the inspiration behind the name.

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

No: None

Resolution Passed

Grants

22-202

Resolution to approve the Acceptance of an \$80,000 Grant Award from the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan in Support of the Digital Workplace Upgrade Project. Moved by Councilperson Goodman and second by Councilperson Nicholson.

Whereas, the City of Pontiac was awarded an \$80,000 grant from the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan, and;

Whereas, the grant is for the purpose of upgrading the City of Pontiac's current data management system and digital workspace to office 365, and;

Whereas, the grant award from Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan does not have a matching requirement, and;

Whereas, the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan requires an executed grant agreement to disburse the funds, and;

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that the City Council hereby authorizes the Mayor Tim Greimel to execute the grant agreement for the grant award in the amount of \$80,000 from the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan in support of the Digital Workspace Upgrade Project.

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

No: None

Resolution Passed

22-203 **Resolution to approve the Agreement with Grindline for the Design and Construction of the Pontiac Skate Project at Oakland Park. This is a grant-funded project.** Moved by Councilperson Carrington and second by Councilperson Goodman.

WHEREAS, The Pontiac Skate Park Project was awarded \$250,000 in matching funds from ‘The Skate Park Project’ (formerly known as the Tony Hawk Foundation) for the construction of a free public skate park in addition to \$50,000 to fund project design costs that specifically intend to lessen the environmental impact of the skate park. With the use of these matching funds, the Pontiac Skate Park Project and the City of Pontiac will be able to build a 10,000 square foot concrete skate park in Pontiac by November 2022.

WHEREAS, The Pontiac Skate Park Project independently raised \$70,000 in pursuit of \$250,000 in matching funds awarded, the Oakland County Commission committed half of the matching requirement in the amount of \$125,000, leaving \$55,000 committed by the City of Pontiac in support of this matching grant. The City’s finance contribution to this project was approved by the Pontiac City Council on January 5th, 2022.

WHEREAS, The City has selected Oakland Park as the site of the skatepark for a myriad of reasons including feedback from the community, proximity to public transit, a central location, available space, and alignment with the City’s DNR-Approved Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

WHEREAS, The City of Pontiac executed a Request for Proposal per City policy and proposals were submitted on Thursday June 23rd, 2022. Proposals were reviewed by a representative from the Pontiac Skatepark Project, an engineer from Nowak and Fraus, and the City Planner.

WHEREAS, After careful review of the proposals, adherence to the RFP, and overall services and costs, the City’s Executive Administration recommends the approval of the Design/Build contract with Grindline for the construction of the grant funded skatepark.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Pontiac City Council approves the contract for services with Grindline for the design and construction of the Pontiac Skatepark.

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

No: None

Resolution Passed

Finance

~~22-193~~ **Resolution to Approve Budget Amendments for Fiscal Year 2022-23 Transferring \$25,750 in Funding out of the General Fund Balance GL Account 101-000-390.000 and a Total of \$25,750 is Transferred to the General Fund GL Account 101-228-818.063 – Professional Services and Transferring \$293,340 out of the Building Inspection Fund Balance GL Account 249-000-396.000 and a Total of \$293,340 is Transferred to Building Inspection Fund GL Account 249-371-818.001 – Professional Services-Wade Trim.** Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Parker. Discussion.

Motion to table Resolution to approve Budget Amendments above to after Resolution to approve Zoning Map Amendment 22-06. Moved by Councilperson Goodman and second by Councilperson Rutherford.

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

No: None

Motion Carried

Mayor's Office

22-204 **Resolution to approve the appointment of Alexandra Borngesser to Serve as the Director of Grants.** Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Nicholson.

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article IV, Chapter 1, Section 4.106 the Mayor may appoint for each department of the executive branch a director who serves at the pleasure of the Mayor as head of the department; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article IV, Chapter 1, Section 4.106 such appointment is subject to the approval of Council; and

WHEREAS, Alexandra Borngesser has the experience and professionalism necessary to serve as the Director of Grants; and

WHEREAS, Alexandra Borngesser has been providing these services for the city for the past year;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, in accordance with the appointment procedures provided by law and the City Charter, Ms. Alexandra Borngesser is formally appointed, effective immediately, as the Director of Grants for the City of Pontiac a will receive the budgeted salary of \$92,700.00 for this position.

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

No: None

Resolution Passed

Planning

22-197 **Resolution to approve Zoning Map Amendment [ZMA 22-06] at Lots 4 & 5 of Parcel 64-14-19-426-013 and 64-14-19-426-003 from C-3 Corridor Commercial to M-1 Light Manufacturing zoning district to only allow Medical Marihuana Grow and Processing use.** Moved by Councilperson Goodman and second by Councilperson James. (Second reading)

Whereas, the City has received an application for a Zoning Map Amendment identified as Lots 4 & 5 of Parcel 64-14-19-426-013 and Parcel 64-14-19-426-003 from B.Y. O. P. Properties Cesar Chavez, LLC for the rezoning of the aforementioned parcels; and

Whereas, The Planning Division has reviewed the applicant's rezoning request in regards to the City's Master Plan and the request conforms to the goals and vision contained within the plan; and

Whereas, The Planning Division has reviewed the applicant's rezoning request and the requirements set forth by Section 6.804 of the Zoning Ordinance and the Planning Division has determined the aforementioned request and proposed intended use of the property complies with the City of Pontiac Zoning Ordinance; and

Whereas, In accordance with the procedures outlined in the Zoning Ordinance, Sections 6.802 as it relates to Zoning Map Amendments, the request has undergone the required: Technical Review, Public Hearing, and Planning Commission recommendation; and

Whereas, On July 6, 2022, a Public Hearing was held, and in consideration of public opinion, the Planning Commission recommends City Council to approve the Zoning Map Amendment from C-3 Corridor Commercial zoning district to M-1 Light Manufacturing zoning district; and

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the City Council for the City of Pontiac approve the Planning Commission recommendation for the Zoning Map Amendment [ZMA 22-06] request for Lots 4 & 5 Parcel 64-14-19-426-013 and parcel 64-14-19-426-003 to amend the current site zoning from C-3 Corridor Commercial to M-1 Light Manufacturing zoning district.

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

No: Carrington

Resolution Passed

Finance Cont.

Motion to amend the Resolution to Approve Budget Amendments for Fiscal Year 2022-23 Transferring \$25,750 in Funding out of the General Fund Balance GL Account 101-000-390.000 and a Total of \$25,750 is Transferred to the General Fund GL Account 101-228-818.063 – Professional Services and Transferring \$293,340 out of the Building Inspection Fund Balance GL Account 249-000-396.000 and a Total of \$293,340 is Transferred to Building Inspection Fund GL Account 249-371-818.001 – Professional Services-Wade Trim. Moved by Councilperson Goodman and second by Councilperson Nicholson.

Whereas, in order to fund 1 month of the professional services contract for IT at a cost of \$27,500, the Administration proposes to allocate ~~\$27,500~~ \$25,750 in funding out of the General Fund Balance GL Account 101-000-390.000 and ~~\$27,500~~ \$25,750 be transferred to the General Fund GL Account 101-228-818.063 – Professional Services; and

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

No: None

Motion Carried

22-193 **Amended Resolution to Approve Budget Amendments for Fiscal Year 2022-23 Transferring \$25,750 in Funding out of the General Fund Balance GL Account 101-000-390.000 and a Total of \$25,750 is Transferred to the General Fund GL Account 101-228-818.063 – Professional Services and Transferring \$293,340 out of the Building Inspection Fund Balance GL Account 249-000-396.000 and a Total of \$293,340 is Transferred to Building Inspection Fund GL Account 249-371-818.001 – Professional Services-Wade Trim.** Moved by Councilperson Goodman and second by Councilperson James.

Whereas, the City of Pontiac timely approved the FY 2022-23 budget on June 22, 2022 and;
Whereas, in order to fund 1 month of the professional services contract for IT at a cost of \$27,500, the Administration proposes to allocate \$25,750 in funding out of the General Fund Balance GL Account 101-000-390.000 and \$25,750 be transferred to the General Fund GL Account 101-228-818.063 – Professional Services; and

Whereas, in order to fund 2 months of the professional services contract for Building Department at a cost of \$293,340, the Administration proposes to allocate \$293,340 out of the Building Inspection Fund GL Account 249-000-396.000 and transfer \$293,340 to the Building Inspection Fund GL Account 249-371-818.001 – Professional Services-Wade Trim.

NOW THEREFORE Be It Resolved, that the City Council hereby approves the amendment for the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Budget as requested by the Administration transferring \$25,750 in funding out of the General Fund Balance GL account 101-000-390.000 and a total of \$25,750 is transferred to the General Fund GL Account 101-228-818.063 – Professional Services and transferring \$293,340 out of the Building Inspection Fund Balance GL Account 249-000-396.000 and a total of \$293,340 is transferred to Building Inspection Fund GL Account 249-371-818.001 – Professional Services-Wade Trim.

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

No: None

Resolution Passed

Public Comment

1. Billie Swazer
2. Renee Beckley
3. Darlene Clark

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4. Gloria Miller
5. Larry Jasper

Communications

City Council and Mayor's Office

Mayor, Clerk and Council Closing Comments

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

Adjournment

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

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

No: None

Motion Carried

Council President Mike McGuinness adjourned the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

Garland S. Doyle
City Clerk