

**Official Proceedings  
Pontiac City Council  
45<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 Tuesday, August 16, 2022 at 6:03 p.m. by Council President Mike McGuinness.

**Invocation** – Rev. Solomon Smith, 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, 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 Goodman. Discussion.

**Motion to add a discussion on Beaudette Park – Mill Damn Concerns to the agenda.** Moved by Councilperson Nicholson and second by Councilperson Goodman.

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

**Motion Carried**

**Motion to add a discussion on the Crestwood Ave incident to the agenda.** Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson James.

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

**Motion Carried**

**Motion to remove item #8 (Pontiac School District Recent Development, Millage Restoration Passage) from the agenda.** Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Parker.

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

**Motion Carried**

**Motion to add a resolution to appoint Rachel Loughrin as the Community Development Director to the agenda.** Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Goodman.

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

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**

22-215 **Resolution to approve the consent agenda for August 16, 2022.** Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Goodman.

Whereas, the City Council has reviewed the consent agenda for August 16, 2022.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the City Council approves the consent agenda for August 16, 2022 including August 9, 2022 City Council Meeting, August 11, 2022 Finance and Personnel Subcommittee Meeting Minutes, August 11, 2022 Public Safety, Health & Wellness Subcommittee Meeting Minutes and August 16, 2022 City of Pontiac Fund August Financials.

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

No: None

**Resolution Passed**

**Subcommittee Reports**

- Communications, Engagement & Operations - Chair Goodman
- Economic Development, Housing & Planning - Chair McGuinness
- Facilities & Property - Chair Carrington
- Finance & Personnel - Chair Nicholson
- Law & The Courts - Chair Parker
- Parks, Recreation & Public Works - Chair James
- Public Safety, Health & Wellness - Chair Carrington

**Special Presentation**

Administration's Strategy for Offering City Properties for Sale  
Presentation Presenter: Deputy Mayor Khalfani Stephens

**Discussions**

- Pike Street and Clinton River Trail Connector Proposed Improvements, Funding Pursued
- Status of City Operational Millage Restoration Ballot Proposal for November 8, 2022 Election
- 2022 Pontiac Pride and Beautification Awards Nominations Deadline
- Spotted Lanternfly Invasive Species Discovered in Pontiac
- Status Update on City Website Upgrades Progress
- Beaudette Park Mill Dam Concerns (Agenda add-on)
- Crestwood Ave Incident (Agenda add-on)

**Recognition of Elected Officials – State Representative Brenda Carter**

**Agenda Address**

1. Karen Bean addressed agenda add-on item
2. Darlene Clark addressed item #9
3. Gloria Miller addressed item #9
4. H. Bill Maxey addressed item #26
5. Kerry Johnson addressed item #9 and item #15
6. Larry Jasper addressed item #9

**Agenda Items**

**Ordinance**

**2398 Ordinance Amendment to the City of Pontiac reestablished General Employees' Retirement System, Section 2 to Update Interest Rate and Mortality Table Used to Determine Actuarial Equivalence.** Moved by Councilperson Parker and second by Councilperson Nicholson.

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

**Ordinance Passed**

**\*\*Ordinance #2398 attached as Exhibit A after minutes\*\***

**Resolutions**

City Council

**22-216 Resolution Celebrating the Contributions and hard Work of Mural Artist Zach Curtis.** Moved by Councilperson Carrington and second by Councilperson Nicholson.

Whereas, local mural artist Zach Curtis has been painting murals and public art installations throughout our Pontiac community in recent years; and,

Whereas, Mr. Curtis has often painted his murals in Pontiac as an in-kind project or at drastically discounted costs out of love for his home base of Pontiac, as he has gone on to create stunning art installations throughout Michigan and beyond; and,

Whereas, a number of his mural projects in Pontiac have been very substantial in both size and artistic impact, including his most recent mural of trailblazer Elizabeth Denison Forth rising over sixty feet in height on the Riker Building in Downtown Pontiac; and,

Whereas, Mr. Curtis took the initiative and undertook a crowdfunding campaign to cover the expenses of the massive Elizabeth Denison Forth mural, which led to many community members and the Main Street Pontiac organization contributing to this shared project; and,

Whereas, the landmark, new Elizabeth Denison Forth mural will be formally celebrated at a ribbon-cutting ceremony on August 17, 2022 at the foot of the mural, with Pontiac Mayor Tim Greimel, City Councilmembers, and community members on hand; now,

Therefore, Be It Resolved, the Pontiac City Council hereby celebrates the contributions and hard work of mural artist Mr. Zach Curtis; and,

Further Resolved, the City Council acknowledges and expresses our deep appreciation to Mr. Curtis for the selflessness and dedication he has demonstrated with this current mural project, in addition to the multiple mural installations he has made possible in Pontiac throughout the years; and,

Further Resolved, we look forward to future public art installations and murals by Mr. Curtis to come throughout our community in the years to come; and,

Further Resolved, we express this deep gratitude and appreciation to Mr. Curtis in partnership with Pontiac Mayor Tim Greimel and on behalf of the entire Pontiac community.

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

**Resolution Passed**

22-217        **Resolution Recognizing September as Suicide Prevention Month in Pontiac.** Moved by Councilperson Carrington and second by Councilperson Goodman.

Whereas, September is known as National Suicide Prevention Month and is intended to help raise awareness surrounding suicide prevention resources available in the community; and  
Whereas, World Suicide Prevention Day is observed each year on September 10; and  
Whereas, suicidal thoughts can affect anyone regardless of age, gender, race, orientation, income level, religion, or background; and  
Whereas, suicide is the tenth leading cause of death among adults and the second leading cause of death among individuals between the ages of 10 and 34 in the United States, according to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention; and  
Whereas, organizations such as the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) and National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, 800-273-TALK (8255) work to help individuals in crisis and provide resources to shed light on this highly stigmatized topic; and  
Whereas, Congress has recently designated the new 988 dialing code to operate through the existing National Suicide Prevention Lifeline to help expand the crisis care system to better provide direct, life-saving services to all in need, and the 988 dialing code is now live; and  
Whereas, every year thousands of individuals die by suicide, leaving behind friends and family members to navigate the tragedy of loss, and feelings of shame and stigma prevent some dealing with that tragedy from talking openly; now,  
Therefore, Be It Resolved, the Pontiac City Council hereby proclaims the month of September 2022 as National Suicide Prevention Month in the City of Pontiac; and further  
Resolved, the City Council calls upon all citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses and schools to recommit our community to increasing awareness and understanding of suicide prevention, and the need for appropriate and accessible services to assist individuals in crisis.

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

No: None

**Resolution Passed**

Department of Public Works (DPW)

22-218        **Resolution to authorize the Mayor and Department of Public Works to enter into a contract with Curbeo Companies for “As Needed Street Patching.”** Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Nicholson.

Whereas, the City of Pontiac has advertised and received one bid for as Needed Street Patching on July 29, at a publicly opened bid and,  
Whereas, the bid tab was reviewed and Curbeo Inc. was the low bidder and,  
Now, Therefore It Is Resolved, the Pontiac City Council authorizes the Mayor and DPW to enter into a Contract with Curbeo for the “As Needed Street Patching” contract.

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

No: None

**Resolution Passed**

22-219        **Resolution to approve the Mayor and Department of Public Works to enter into a contract with Lamphere’s Landscaping and Tree Service for “Tree Trimming and Tree and Stump Removal.”** Moved by Councilperson Goodman and second by Councilperson Rutherford.

Whereas, the City of Pontiac has advertised and received one bid for “Tree Trimming Services and Tree & Stump Removal” on July 29<sup>th</sup> at a publicly opened bid and,  
Whereas, the bid was reviewed and Lamphere’s Landscaping and Tree Service was the low bidder and,  
NOW, THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED: the Pontiac City Council authorizes the Mayor and DPW to enter into a Contract with Lamphere’s Landscaping and Tree Service for the “Tree Trimming Services and Tree & Stump Removal” contract.

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

No: None

**Resolution Passed**

Grants

22-220           **Resolution to approve the Extension Addendum to the KABOOM Play Everywhere Challenge Grant Agreement.** Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Nicholson.

Whereas, in 2019 the City of Pontiac was awarded \$56,500 to execute a grant funded project in Hidden River Plaza with Funding from the “KABOOM! Play Everywhere Challenge.”

Whereas, on July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 the Pontiac City Council voted to accept the funds and permit in 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 October 15, 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 authorizes Mayor Tim Greimel to execute it.

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

No: None

**Resolution Passed**

22-221           **Resolution adoption and acceptance of a \$70,000 grant award from the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan in support of the City of Pontiac Department Capacity Building Project.** Moved by Councilperson Goodman and second by Councilperson Rutherford.

Whereas, the City of Pontiac was awarded a \$70,000 grant from Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan, and;

Whereas, the grant is for the purpose of conducting an evaluation of current processes and procedures, development of standard operating procedures and workflows, development of training materials, development of organizational chart and job descriptions, and a compilation of all of the aforementioned to support a Process Improvement Plan for the City of Pontiac Code Enforcement Division, 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 hereby authorizes the Mayor Tim Greimel to execute the grant agreement for the grant award in the amount of \$70,000 from the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan in support of the City of Pontiac Department Capacity Building Project.

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

Mayor's Office

22-222 **Resolution to approve changes to Title of Economic/Community Development Director to Economic Development Manager and add the position of Community Development Director.** Moved by Councilperson Nicholson and second by Councilperson Goodman.

Whereas, in accordance with Article IV, Chapter 1, Section 4.16 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, the ability to attract and retain new and existing businesses is crucial to the development and sustainability of the City of Pontiac

Whereas, the relationship between the City and business leaders is one that needs to be continuously nurtured;

Now Therefore, Be It Resolved, in accordance with the appoint procedures provided by law and the City Charter, a Community Development Director will be installed at the salary of \$100,000 annually, and the Economic/Community Development Director position will become a manager level position.

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

22-223 **Resolution to authorize the City Clerk to publish the notice of a proposed Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2022-23 to transfer \$5,870 from General Fund Balance GL account 101-000-390-000 to the General Fund GL Account 101-690-702-000 – Salaries and Wages, Redevelopment and Housing.** Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Nicholson.

Whereas, the City of Pontiac timely approved the FY 2022-2023 budget on June 22, 2022 and;  
Whereas, the organizational restructuring envisioned by the new budget for this fiscal year included the creation of a new Community Development Department that will oversee Planning, Economic Development, and the Building Department; and

Whereas, in accordance with longstanding job title nomenclature used at City Hall, we need to both establish the new job title of Community Development Director,

Whereas, in order to ensure that the budgeted appropriations remain in compliance with the City's Charter, the Budget Ordinance and state law, the Administration is proposing a budget amendment for the General Fund; and

Whereas, the Administration proposes to allocate \$5,870.00 in funding out of the General Fund Balance GL Account 101-000-390-000 and a total of \$5,870.000 be transferred to the General Fund GL Account 101-690-702-000 – Salaries and Wages, Redevelopment and Housing.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the City Council hereby authorizes the City Clerk to publish the notice of a proposed budget amendment for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 transferring \$5,870.00 out of the General Fund – Fund Balance GL Account 101-000-390-000 and a total of \$5,870.00 be transferred to the General Fund GL Account 101-690-702-000 – Salaries and Wages, Redevelopment and Housing.

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

No: None

**Resolution Passed**

22-224 **Resolution to appoint Rachel Loughrin as Community Development Director.**  
**(Agenda add-on)** 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, Rachel Loughrin has the experience and professionalism necessary to serve as the Community Development Director; and

Whereas, Rachel Loughrin has provided these services for the City for the past served as the Director of Economic Development; and,

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, in accordance with the appointment procedures provided by law and the City Charter, Ms. Rachel Loughrin is formally appointed, effective immediately, as the Community Development Director for the City of Pontiac and will receive the budgeted salary of \$100,000 for this position.

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

No: None

**Resolution Passed**

**Public Comment**

1. Darlene Clark
2. Gloria Miller
3. H. Bill Maxey

President Pro-Tem William Carrington excused himself from the meeting

**Communications**

City Council and Mayor's Office

**Mayor, Clerk and Council Closing Comments**

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

**Adjournment**

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

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

No: None

**Motion Carried**

Council President Mike McGuinness adjourned the meeting at 10:50 p.m.

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Garland S. Doyle  
City Clerk

An ordinance to amend the City of Pontiac Reestablished General Employees' Retirement System, Section 2 to update interest rate and mortality table used to determine actuarial equivalence.

The City of Pontiac ordains:

**Section 1. Amendments.**

The Reestablished General Employee's Retirement System Ordinance Section 2 shall be amended so that the definition of "Actuarial Equivalent" shall read:

Actuarial Equivalent means the equivalence in the present value of various forms of payment. Present value will be determined by the Retirement System's actuary based upon the mortality tables and interest rates established from time to time by the Board. For purposes of determining the actuarial equivalence of benefits, the actuary for the Retirement System shall use 6% interest rate and the following mortality tables:

- Healthy Post-Retirement: Pub-2010 Amount-Weighted, General, Healthy Retiree, Male and Female tables, with future mortality improvements projected generationally to 2030 using scale MP-2019 with male and female rates scaled by 95%.
- Disability Retirement: Pub-2010 Amount- Weighted, General, Disabled Retiree, Male and Female tables, with future mortality improvements projected generationally to 2030 using scale MP-2019.

**Section 2. Severability**

If any section, clause, or provision of this Ordinance shall be declared to be unconstitutional, void, illegal, or ineffective by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such section, clause, or provision declared to be unconstitutional, void, or illegal shall thereby cease to be a part of this Ordinance, but the remainder of this Ordinance shall stand and be in full force and effect.

**Section 3. Repealer.**

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

**Section 4. Publication**

The Clerk shall publish this Ordinance in a newspaper of general circulation.

**Section 5. Effective Date**

This Ordinance shall be effective ten days after date of adoption.