

**Official Proceedings
Pontiac City Council
47th 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 23, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. by Council President Mike McGuinness.

Invocation – Pastor Debbie Burgess, Calvary Missionary 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, William Parker, Jr. and Melanie Rutherford

Mayor Greimel was absent.

Deputy Mayor Stephens 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 Rutherford. Discussion.

Motion to add-on a resolution to the agenda calling for Investigation of Nevada Street. Moved by Councilperson Goodman and second by Councilperson Nicholson.

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

No: None

Motion Carried

Motion to add-on a special presentation to the agenda from Oakland County Sheriff Use of Force. Moved by Councilperson Carrington and second by Councilperson Goodman.

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

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

22-225 **Resolution to approve the consent agenda for August 23, 2022.** Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Goodman.

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Whereas, the City Council has reviewed the consent agenda for August 23, 2022.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the City Council approves the consent agenda for August 23, 2022 including August 16, 2022 City Council Meeting Minutes and August 20, 2022 City Council Special Meeting Minutes.

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

No: None

Resolution Passed

Special Presentation

Oakland County Sheriff Use of Force – Agenda Add-on

Presentation Presenter: Captain Andre Ewing

Oakland80 Initiative by Oakland County

Pontiac School District Recent Developments, Millage Restoration Passage

Presentation Presenter: Pontiac School Board President Gill Garrett

Recognition of Elected Officials – Oakland County Commissioner Angela Powell and School Board President Gill Garrett

Agenda Address

1. Bishop Antonio Gibson addressed item #1
2. Gloria Miller addressed item #1
3. Jason Mitchell
4. Diressee Stephens addressed item #1
5. Kadijash Stephens addressed item #1
6. Larry Jasper addressed item #1

Agenda Items

Resolutions

City Council

~~22-226~~ **Resolution Calling for Investigation of Nevada Street Incident Involving Sheriff Department. (Agenda add-on)** Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Goodman. Discussion.

Motion to strike Nevada Street and change to Montana Street for the Resolution Calling for Investigation of Montana Street Incident Involving Sheriff Department. Moved by Councilperson Goodman and second by Councilperson Carrington.

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

No: None

Motion Carried

22-226 **Resolution Calling for Investigation of Montana Street Incident Involving Sheriff Department. (Agenda add-on)** Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Goodman.

Whereas, on August 19, 2022 Oakland County Sheriff Deputies responded to a call near the intersection of Franklin Road and Montana Street in Pontiac; and,

Whereas, a female resident with a history of mental health challenges was causing disruption in the street and deputies ultimately proceeded to restrain her, a physical engagement between the resident and multiple deputies ensued, and multiple closed fist punches were delivered to the resident by deputies; and, Whereas, footage from nearby residents, family members, and the Sheriff Department dashboard cameras were able to obtain some of the incident on film, though no body-worn cameras are yet in use for the Oakland County Sheriff Department so no film from that vantage point is available; and Whereas, Oakland County Sheriff Department leadership and Oakland County Prosecuting Attorney's Office have provided initial information to the City of Pontiac on their assessment of the situation, including that use of force protocols were followed and appropriate in order to protect the physical safety of the deputies; now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, the Pontiac City Council hereby calls for a thorough and fair investigation of the incident in question, to ensure the rights and physical safety of the Pontiac resident and Sheriff Deputies were not infringed upon beyond what was both necessary and within protocols; and further Resolved, the City Council reiterates our firm advocacy and strong call for body-worn cameras for all Oakland County Sheriff Deputies assigned to Pontiac; and further Resolved, The City Council requests from the Oakland County Sheriff Department further information on their department's use of force protocols and their citizen complaint procedures.

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

No: None

Resolution Passed

22-227 **Resolution Recognizing September 2022 as Sickle Cell Awareness Month in Pontiac.**
Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Goodman.

Whereas, sickle cell anemia and sickle cell disease, used interchangeably, refer to a group of inherited disorders that affect the red blood cells; and
Whereas, sickle cell disease is a disease in which a person's body produces abnormally shaped red blood cells that resemble a crescent or sickle, and that do not last as long as normal round red blood cells, which leads to anemia; and
Whereas, the sickle cells also get stuck in blood vessels and block blood flow, resulting in vaso-occlusive crises which can cause pain and organ damage; and
Whereas, sickle cell disease is a genetic disorder where individuals with the disease are born with two sickle cell genes, each inherited from one parent; and
Whereas, sickle cell disease is a chronic condition that can affect any organ, including the kidneys, lungs, and spleen, and research indicates that patients experience many severe complications, including stroke, infections, and pulmonary embolism, and have a shorter life expectancy than the general population; and
Whereas, Vaso-occlusive crises are a common painful complication of sickle cell disease in adolescents and adults which may occur several times a year, and these recurrent episodes induce severe pain; decrease quality of life; can cause life-threatening complications, including stroke; are the primary cause of hospitalizations in sickle cell disease; and are associated with increase mortality; and
Whereas, Vaso-occlusive crises are the leading cause of hospitalizations that last several days; and
Whereas, sickle cell disease can be a life-threatening condition leading to a 25 to 30-year reduction in life expectancy, and access to comprehensive care can be limited by social, economic, cultural, and geographic barriers; and
Whereas, an individual with only one sickle cell gene has a "sickle cell trait," which occurs in one out of every 13 African Americans and in one out of every 100 Latinos in the United States; and
Whereas individuals who have sickle cell trait have a 50-percent chance of passing on the abnormal sickle cell gene to future offspring and a 25-percent chance of having future children with sickle cell disease if both parents have the trait; and

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Whereas, in 2010, the total number of babies born with sickle cell trait was estimated to have exceeded 60,000, and the total United States incidence estimate was 15.5 cases per 1,000 births; and

Whereas, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimate that sickle cell disease affects approximately 100,000 Americans, and occurs among about 1 in every 365 Black or African-American births and 1 out of every 16,300 Hispanic-American births; and

Whereas more than 3,000,000 people in the United States have the sickle cell trait, and many are unaware of their status; and

Whereas, individuals living with sickle cell disease encounters barriers to obtaining quality care and improving their quality of life, these barriers include limitations in geographic access to comprehensive care, the varied use of effective treatments, the high reliance on emergency care and on public health programs, and the limited number of health care providers with knowledge and experience to manage and treat sickle cell disease; now,

Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Pontiac City Council recognizes and supports the goals and ideals of “Sickle Cell Disease Awareness Month”; and

Further Resolved, that we encourage the people of Pontiac and the greater community to hold appropriate programs, events, and activities during Sickle Cell Disease Awareness Month to raise public awareness of the sickle cell trait, preventative care programs, treatments, and other patient services for those suffering from sickle cell disease.

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

No: None

Resolution Passed

Grants

22-228 **Resolution to authorize the City Clerk to publish the notice of a proposed Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 to increase budgeted revenues in the amount of \$80,000 to General Fund in account 101-000-674-000 – Contribution from Public and \$70,000 to the General Fund in account 101-000-674-000 Contribution from Public, and appropriations in the amount of \$12,500 to account 101-228-702-000 Salaries and Wages, \$37,500 to account 101-228-818-000 – Other Professional Services, \$30,000 to account 101-228-731-000 – Computer Supplies, and \$70,000 to account 101-733-818-000 – Other Professional Services.** Moved by Councilperson Parker and second by Councilperson Rutherford.

WHEREAS, the City of Pontiac timely approved the FY 2022-23 budget on June 22, 2022 and;

WHEREAS, the City of Pontiac was awarded an \$80,000 grant from the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan for the purpose of upgrading the City of Pontiac’s data management system and digital workspace to Office 365; and

WHEREAS, the City of Pontiac was awarded a \$70,000 grant from the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan for 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 funds from the grant will increase the budgeted revenue for the current fiscal year 2022-2023 in the amount of \$150,000 for grant income, and increase the appropriations in the amount of \$150,000, representing grant expenditures; and

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;

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 2022-2023 amendment to increase budgeted revenues in the amount of \$80,000 to the General Fund in account 101-000-674-000-Contribution from

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Public and \$70,000 to the General Fund in account 101-000-674-000 Contribution from Public, and appropriations in the amount of \$12,500 to account 101-228-702-000 Salaries and Wages, \$37,500 to account 101-228-818-000 Other Professional Services, \$30,000 to account 101-228-731-001 Computer Supplies, and \$70,000 to account 101-733-818-000 Other Professional Services.

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

No: None

Resolution Passed

Council Pro-Tem William Carrington excused himself from the meeting

Public Comment

1. Charles Renfrow
2. Quincy Stewart
3. Darryl Fowlkes
4. Robert Bass
5. Renee Beckley
6. H. Bill Maxey
7. Larry Jasper
8. Gloria Miller
9. Andrea Manns
10. Lavonte Travis
11. Lynn Travis

Discussions

Spotted Lanternfly Invasive Species in Pontiac

Great Lakes Water Authority Requests for 23 Communities, Including Pontiac, to Limit Outdoor watering

Oakland County Public Transportation Millage Proposal Added to 2022 General Election Ballot

Oakland County Land Bank Formally Enacted by County Commission, County Executive

Scam Alert: Mailings Targeting Local Homeowners, Claiming to be from County Deed Records

Communications

City Council and Mayor's Office

Mayor, Clerk and Council Closing Comments

Deputy Mayor Stephens, 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: James, McGuinness, Nicholson, Parker, Rutherford and Goodman

No: None

Motion Carried

Council President Mike McGuinness adjourned the meeting at 10:15 p.m.

Garland S. Doyle
City Clerk