

August 30, 2022 Approved Minutes

**Official Proceedings
Pontiac City Council
48th 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 30, 2022 at 6:02 p.m. by Council President Mike McGuinness.

Invocation – Bishop Theresa Lee, New Birth International 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 Carrington and second by Councilperson Goodman. Discussion.

Motion to remove item #2 (resolution to authorize Mayor and DPW to enter into a contract with Quadrate Construction Inc. for Senior Centers Improvements) from the agenda and in its place add-on a resolution to authorize the City to enter into a contract with Great Lakes Contracting Solutions for the 2022 CDBG Sidewalk Improvement Program and three (3) discussions items (Pontiac Teenager Anthony Rodriquez reported missing, “Sickle Cell” Blood Drive Sign Up and Community Foundation of Southeastern Michigan Pontiac Capacity Building Grant Opportunity) to the agenda. Moved by Councilperson Nicholson and second by Councilperson Carrington.

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

22-229 **Resolution to approve the consent agenda for August 30, 2022.** Moved by Councilperson Goodman and second by Councilperson Carrington.

Whereas, the City Council has reviewed the consent agenda for August 2023, 2022.

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Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the City Council approves the consent agenda for August 30, 2022 including August 23, 2022 City Council Meeting Minutes.

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

No: None

Resolution Passed

Recognition of Elected Officials – None

Agenda Address

1. Quincy Stewart addressed item #22
2. Dr. Deirdre Waterman addressed items #7 & #8
3. Chuck Johnson addressed item #1
4. Regina Campbell addressed item #2
5. H. Bill Maxey addressed item #1
6. Gloria Miller addressed items #6 & #8

Agenda Items

Resolutions

City Council

22-230

Resolution Stating Disapproval of Conduct at August 23, 2022 City Council

Meeting. Moved by Councilperson Goodman and second by Councilperson Parker.

WHEREAS, the Pontiac City Council adopted the 11th City Council Rules and Procedures on January 11, 2022 to ensure the orderly, courteous, efficient, and effective consideration of City matters; and,

WHEREAS, the Council Rules and Procedures state that “no Councilmembers shall speak until recognized for that purpose by the Presiding Officer” and “after such recognition, the Councilmember shall confine discussion to the question at hand;” and,

WHEREAS, the Council Rules and Procedures further state that “Councilmembers should address their remarks to the Presiding Officer, maintain a courteous tone, and avoid interjecting a personal note into debate;” and,

WHEREAS, regarding citizen participation at the meeting, the Council Rules and Procedures further state that “each individual shall address the City Council in an orderly and dignified manner and shall not engage in conduct or language that disrupts, makes fun of, or otherwise impedes the orderly conduct of the Council Meeting” and that “members of the audience shall not engage in disorderly or boisterous activity including but not limited to: the utterance of loud, obnoxious, threatening, or abusive language, cheering, whistling, or any other acts that disturb, disrupt, impede, or otherwise interfere with the orderly conduct of the Council Meeting;” and,

WHEREAS, the Pontiac City Council adopted the City Council Code of Ethics on January 31, 2022, which states that a “City Council member shall not take any action or create the appearance of impeding government efficiency or economy;” and,

WHEREAS, the 11th City Council Meetings have on the whole been orderly, courteous, efficient, and effective; and,

WHEREAS, the August 23, 2022 City Council meeting was temporarily interrupted by disorderly and disruptive conduct by City Councilwoman Melanie Rutherford, which included speaking when she was not recognized by the Presiding Officer, disregarding the Presiding Officer’s attempts to bring order back to the proceedings, and engaging in a discourteous and disorderly manner; and,

WHEREAS, Councilwoman Rutherford acknowledged that disruptive conduct was not acceptable and publicly apologized to the City Council and community at that same meeting; now,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pontiac City Council hereby states our disapproval with the disruptive conduct by City Councilwoman Melanie Rutherford at the August 23, 2022 City Council meeting, in violation of our Council Rules and Procedures; and further RESOLVED, this City Council will continue to work hard to ensure orderly, courteous, efficient, and effective City Council Meetings for the benefit of this Body, this City, and our residents.

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

Resolution Passed

Department of Public Works (DPW)

22-231 **Resolution for City of Pontiac to enter into a contract with Great Lakes Contracting Solutions for the 2022 CDBG Sidewalk Improvement Program.** Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Goodman. (Agenda add-on)

WHEREAS, The City of Pontiac has advertised and received bids for 2022 CDBG SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM on July 28th at a publicly opened bid and, WHEREAS, the bid tab was prepared and reviewed and Great Lakes Contracting Solutions 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 Great Lakes Contracting Solutions for the “2022 CDBG SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM” contract.

Ayes: Parker, Carrington, Goodman, James, McGuinness and Nicholson
No: Rutherford

Resolution Passed

Finance

22-232 **Resolution to approve a 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 Goodman and second by Councilperson Rutherford.

Whereas, the City of Pontiac timely approved the FY 2022-23 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 \$5,870.00 be transferred to the General Fund GL Account 101-690-702.000 – Salaries and Wages, Redevelopment and Housing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby approves a 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: Rutherford, Carrington, Goodman, James, McGuinness, Nicholson and Parker

No: None

Resolution Passed

Grants

22-233 **Resolution to approve the Agreement for Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Distribution between Oakland County and the City of Pontiac for the Pontiac Storm and Sanitary Sewer Inflow and Infiltration Removal and Sewer Rehabilitation Project in the amount of \$500,000.** Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Goodman.

WHEREAS, the City of Pontiac was awarded a \$500,000 grant from the Oakland County Local Government Critical Infrastructure Grant Program, and;

WHEREAS, the grant is for the purpose of preparation of a Clean Water SRF Project Plan in order to apply for a low interest loan and potential disadvantaged principal forgiveness for a project to remove inflow and infiltration from the sanitary sewer system. The project will also include additional planning efforts to evaluate and identify storm and sanitary sewer pipes that require rehabilitation, determine the most cost-effective intervention, and prepare a 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) that coordinates construction with other infrastructure improvements in the City, and;

WHEREAS, this grant award has no matching requirement, and;

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 resolved that the City Council hereby authorizes Mayor Tim Greimel to execute the Agreement for Local Fiscal Recover Fund Distribution between Oakland County and the City of Pontiac for the Pontiac Storm and Sanitary Sewer Inflow Infiltration Removal and Sewer Rehabilitation Project.

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

No: None

Resolution Passed

22-234 **Resolution to Authorize the City Clerk to Publish the Notice of a Proposed Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2022-23 to Increase Budgeted Revenues in the Amount of \$500,000 to the General Fund in Account 101-000-513.000, and Appropriation in the Amount of \$250,000 to Account 101-699-818.000 Other Professional Services, and \$250,000 to Account 101-699-959.001 Contribution to WRC.** Moved by Councilperson Goodman and second by Councilperson Rutherford.

WHEREAS, the City of Pontiac was awarded a \$500,000 grant from the Oakland County Local Government Critical Infrastructure Grant Program, and;

WHEREAS, the grant is for the purpose of preparation of a Clean Water SRF Project Plan in order to apply for a low interest loan and potential disadvantaged principal forgiveness for a project to remove inflow and infiltration from the sanitary sewer system. The project will also include additional planning efforts to evaluate and identify storm and sanitary sewer pipes that require rehabilitation, determine the most cost-effective intervention, and prepare a 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) that coordinates construction with other infrastructure improvements in the City, and;

WHEREAS, this grant award has no matching requirement, and;

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.

WHEREAS, the funds from the grant will increase the budgeted revenue for the current fiscal year 2022-2023 in the amount of \$500,000 for grant income, and increase the appropriations in the amount of \$500,000, representing grant expenditures.

WHEREAS, the increased appropriations will not cause the fund balance in the General Fund to go below the policy mandated thresholds and;

NOW THEREFORE, be resolved that the City Council hereby authorizes the City Clerk to publish in a

newspaper the proposed budget amendment for Fiscal Year 2022-23 as requested by the Administration receiving revenues in the amount \$500,000 to the General Fund in account 101-000-513.000, and appropriations in the amount of \$250,000 to account 101-699-818.000 Other Professional Services, and \$250,000 to account 101-699-959.001 Contribution to WRC.

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

No: None

Resolution Passed

Human Resources (HR)

22-235 **Resolution to approve the Mayor to Sign and Enter into a Contract with ADP to replace the City's HR and Payroll Software System.** Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Nicholson.

Whereas, The City of Pontiac has experienced continuous issues with the current HR software for payroll and;

Whereas, Over the course of the last six months a solution has not been reached and;

Whereas, The 8/25/2022 payroll was delayed by no fault of the city and;

Whereas, The administration was already collecting quotes for new software and;

Whereas, ADP is the only qualified company to have responded to date:

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, The Pontiac City Council authorizes the Mayor to sign and enter into a contract with ADP to replace the City's HR and Payroll software as quoted.

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

No: None

Resolution Passed

Mayor's Office

22-236 **Resolution to Receive Oakland County Appropriating American Rescue Plan Act – Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to Address Safety Concerns in the School District of the City of Pontiac – Funding Source for Police School Liaison Officer Program Agreement.** Moved by Councilperson Goodman and second by Councilperson James.

Whereas, the Oakland County Board of Commissioners on August 4, 2022 authorized a one-time appropriation not to exceed \$200,000 in American Rescue Plan Act Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to the Oakland County Sheriff Office budget to address safety concerns by creating one Deputy II position to be assigned to the School District of the City of Pontiac; now,

Therefore, Be It Resolved, the Pontiac City Council hereby approves the agreement for Local Fiscal Recovery Fund distribution between Oakland County and the City of Pontiac for appropriating American Rescue Plan Act Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to address safety concerns in the School District of the City of Pontiac – Funding Source for Police School Liaison Officer Program Agreement.

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

No: None

Resolution Passed

22-237 **Resolution to approve the Police School Liaison Officer Program Agreement between the School District of the City of Pontiac and the City of Pontiac and to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement.** Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Carrington. Discussion.

Motion to postpone for one week the Resolution to approve the Police School Liaison Officer Program Agreement between the School District of the City of Pontiac and the

City of Pontiac and to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement. Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Carrington.

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

No: None

Motion Carried

Public Comment

1. Quincy Stewart
2. Renee Beckley
3. Chuck Johnson
4. Gloria Miller
5. H. Bill Maxey
6. Veronica Taylor

Discussions

Youth Recreation – Update Regarding Youth Recreation Center and Location

Pontiac Teenager Anthony Rodriguez Reported Missing (Agenda add-on)

“Sickle Cell” Blood Drive Sing Up (Agenda add-on)

Community Foundation of Southeastern Michigan Pontiac Capacity Building Grant Opportunity (Agenda add-on)

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, Council President Pro-Tem Carrington and Council President McGuinness made closing comments.

Adjournment

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

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

No: None

Motion Carried

Council President Mike McGuinness adjourned the meeting at 10:08 p.m.

Garland S. Doyle
City Clerk