

**Official Proceedings
Pontiac City Council
50th 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, September 13, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. by Council President Mike McGuinness.

Invocation – Pastor Laurie Kelsey, First Presbyterian 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, William Parker, Jr. and Melanie Rutherford

Mayor Greimel was present.
Deputy Mayor Stephens 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 Goodman.

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

Motion Carried

Consent Agenda

22-244 **Resolution to approve the consent agenda for September 13, 2022.** Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Goodman.

Whereas, the City Council has reviewed the consent agenda for September 13, 2022.
Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the City Council approves the consent agenda for September 13, 2022 including the City Pontiac Fund Balance Sheet, September 6, 2022 City Council Meeting Minutes and September 8, 2022 Finance and Personnel Subcommittee Minutes.

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

Resolution Passed

Resolution

City Council

22-245 **Resolution Celebrating 2022 Golden Gloves National Champion Kentrell Rouser of Pontiac.** Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Carrington.

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Whereas, it is the sense of this legislative body to honor an outstanding, young adult of remarkable character, who is inspirational and who serves as a role-model to others; and,

Whereas, Kentrell Rouser, a 19 year-old Pontiac native is an extraordinary and talented Amateur Boxer who stands head and shoulders above the rest and who has accomplished what others can only dream of; and,

Whereas, Kentrell Rouser, son of Shavon and Kenyell Rouser, started his boxing career in 2007 at the astonishing age of four; and,

Whereas, for Kentrell Rouser, boxing is second nature, as boxing started with Kentrell's grandfather, Keith Rouser down to his father who also serves as his head coach; and,

Whereas, Kentrell Rouser recently won the national Golden Gloves Championship in the 139 weight class and also winning fighter of the tournament out of 300 hundred other boxers in Tulsa, Oklahoma; and,

Whereas, Kentrell Rouser is currently ranked the #1 Boxer in Michigan and in the united States, Kentrell is now qualified to participate in the Olympic qualifiers to qualify for the youth Olympic team in December; and,

Whereas, Kentrell Rouser is determined to win more national tournaments, qualify for the Olympic team and ultimately become a professional boxer; and,

Whereas, Kentrell Rouser's humbled spirit, unwavering dedication, discipline and acknowledgement that he is a "child of God," proves that Kentrell Rouser is in fact a rising star who serves as an example to others, the sky is the limit, there is hope for a better tomorrow and the possibilities are endless; now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Pontiac City Council, and members of this great community, honor and salute the personal accomplishments and achievements of Kentrell Rouser for a job well done and for truly, representing the City of Pontiac. Congratulations.

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

No: None

Resolution Passed

Special Presentation

Celebrating 2022 Golden Gloves national Champion Kentrell Rouser of Pontiac

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

Recognition of Elected Officials – Damjana Gjetaj - State Representative Brenda Carter Office

Agenda Address

1. Bill Maxey
2. Chuck Johnson addressed item #10
3. Gloria Miller

Agenda Items

Resolutions Continued

City Council

22-246 **Resolution Recognizing the Friends of the Clinton River Trail.** Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Parker.

Whereas, the Clinton River Trail is a rail-trail that extends across 16 miles of Oakland County, Michigan, through suburban, urban and rural portions of Detroit's northern suburbs; and,
Whereas, Friends of the Clinton River Trail are a dynamic and phenomenal all-volunteer, non-profit citizen group with a membership of over 450 people from communities on or near the Clinton River Trail (CRT) organization; and,
Whereas, Friends of the Clinton River Trail is a collaborative partner to the City of Pontiac that has a steadfast and unwavering commitment and loyalty to promoting the Clinton River Trail as a safe and enjoyable recreational destination and an epicenter, by providing opportunities to connect people with the natural environment and cultural amenities; and,
Whereas, Friends of the Clinton River Trail remarkable completed a year-long 15th Anniversary celebration with 16 special events throughout all five Clinton River Trail communities; and,
Whereas, Friends of the Clinton River Trail have been invaluable and vital to the revitalization of the City of Pontiac; and,
Whereas, Friends of the Clinton River Trail worked with Oakland County EDCA to draft an RFP for the City of Pontiac to address both rehabilitation of the existing trail and development of the new Spur segment in addition to partnering with St. Joseph Mercy Hospital to clean-up along the trail and river between Beaudette Park and Bagley St. in Pontiac; and,
Whereas, Friends of the Clinton River trail are currently working with the City of Pontiac, City of Sylvan lake, Healthy Pontiac We Can Coalition, Oakland County and other stakeholders to make essential safety improvements and accessibility renovations to the Clinton River Trail in Pontiac as well as implement goals and objectives identified in the 2017 Complete Streets Pontiac Plan and the 2021 Pontiac Parks & Recreation Master Plan; now,
Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Pontiac City Council, and members of this great community recognize and graciously thank Friends of the Clinton River Trails for providing a valued and outstanding service and for enriching the lives of families and individuals in our community.

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

No: None

Resolution Passed

Finance

22-247

Resolution to Approve a 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 Rutherford and second by Councilperson Nicholson.

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 approves the amendment for the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Budget 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: Parker, Rutherford, Carrington, Goodman, James, McGuinness and Nicholson
No: None

Resolution Passed

Grants

22-248 **Resolution to Authorize the City Clerk to Publish the Proposed Budget Amendment to Increase Budgeted Revenues in the Amount of \$19,372 to General Fund in Account 101-000-532-000-FBI-Federal Grants Others, and Appropriations in the Amount of \$19,372 to Account 101-301-818-069-FBI-Professional Service-Oakland County Sheriff OT.**

Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Nicholson.

Whereas, the City of Pontiac was awarded \$19,372 in reimbursement from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and;

Whereas, the reimbursement is for the cost of overtime incurred by officers assigned full-time to FBI-managed task forces provided the overtime expenses were incurred as a result of task force-related activities, and;

Whereas, the reimbursement is for fiscal year 2022, the maximum limits for reimbursements under these CRAs are \$1,614.33 per month and \$19,372 per year for each officer assigned full-time to the task force, and;

Whereas, the funds from the reimbursement will increase the budgeted revenue for the current fiscal year 2022-2023 in the amount of \$19,372 for grant income, and increase the appropriations in the amount of \$19,372, representing expenditures.

Whereas, the increased appropriations will not affect the fund balance in the General Fund due to increase in the revenue for the same amount.

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 \$19,372 General Fund in account 101-000-532.000-FBI- Federal Grants Others, and appropriations in the amount of \$19,372 to account 101-301-818.069-FBI - Professional Service - Oakland County Sheriff OT.

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

Resolution Passed

Planning

22-249 **Resolution to Approve the Specially Designated Merchant [SDM] and Class C, 'Bistro' License by the Petitioner, Workspace Pontiac LLC at 2 & 4 Saginaw Street, PIN 64-14-29-477-010 & 64-14-29-477-011 and Further Recommend this Application to be considered for Approval by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.** Moved by Councilperson Nicholson and second by Councilperson Rutherford.

Whereas, the City of Pontiac chooses to engage in PA 58, 1998, MCL 436.1521a(1)(b)(i) for issuance of New On-Premises Development District License and establishment of Redevelopment Liquor Licenses in the Tax Increment Finance Authority Act (TIFA) District under Part 3 of Public Act 57 of 2018.

Whereas, Workspace Pontiac LLC, 2 & 4 N. Saginaw St, Parcel 64-14-29-477-010 & 011, has made petition for a Class c, 'Bistro' License, and meets eligibility requirements for licensure issuance under MCL 436.1521a(1)(b)(i).

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Whereas, the City of Pontiac Planning Commission unanimously approved a recommendation at the September 7, 2022 meeting, that the Class C Bistro License for Workspace Pontiac, LLC, at 2 & 4 N. Saginaw St, be approved for license issuance to the Pontiac City Council.

Whereas, Workspace Pontiac LLC, at 2 & 4 N. Saginaw St, shall comply with the City of Pontiac Zoning Ordinance, Article 2, Chapter 5, Section 2.550 Bistro Restaurants to allow for Redevelopment Liquor Licenses and Conditions for issuance and operations of the petitioned Class C, 'Bistro' License and MCL 436.1521a(1)(b)(i).

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the petition for Specially Class C, 'Bistro' License on behalf of the petitioner, Workspace Pontiac, LLC, at 2 & 4 N. Saginaw St, is hereby approved and the City Council further recommends this application be considered for approval by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.

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

No: None

Resolution Passed

Public Comment

1. Joann Green
2. Chuck Johnson
3. H. Bill Maxey
4. Shawnithia Williams
5. Gloria Miller

Discussion- None

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 Rutherford and second by Councilperson Goodman.

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

No: None

Motion Carried

Council President Mike McGuinness adjourned the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

Sheila R. Grandison
Deputy City Clerk