

**Official Proceedings  
Pontiac City Council  
54<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, October 11, 2022 at 6:03 p.m. by Council President Mike McGuinness.

**Invocation** – Pastor Cornelius Berry, Word Believing Christian Center, 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, and William Parker, Jr. and Melanie Rutherford

Mayor Greimel was present.  
Deputy Mayor Stephens was present.  
A quorum was announced.

**Excuse Councilmembers**

**Motion to excuse Councilmember Bret Nicholson for personal reasons.** Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Goodman.

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

No: None

**Motion Carried**

**Amendments to and Approval of the Agenda**

**Motion to approve the agenda.** Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Goodman.

**Motion to move item #11 (Resolution to approve the appointment of Paula Bridges as Communications Director) after consent agenda.** Moved by Councilperson Goodman and second by Councilperson Rutherford.

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

No: None

**Motion Carried**

**The vote was taken to approve the agenda as amended**

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

No: None

**Motion Carried**

**Consent Agenda**

22-268      **Resolution to approve the consent agenda for October 11, 2022.** Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Goodman.

Whereas, the City Council has reviewed the consent agenda for October 11, 2022.  
Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the City Council approves the consent agenda for October 11, 2022 including the September 30, 2022 Communications, Engagement and operations Subcommittee Meeting Minutes, October 3, 2022 Economic Development, Housing & Planning Subcommittee Meeting Minutes, and October 4, 2022 City Council Meeting Minutes.

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

No: None

**Resolution Passed**

**Agenda Items**

**Resolutions**

**Human Resources (HR)**

22-269      **Resolution to approve the appointment of Paula Bridges as Communications Director.** Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Goodman.

WHEREAS, The City of Pontiac has created a Communications Department with the passing of the FY22-23 budget and;

WHEREAS, The City of Pontiac currently has no Director overseeing that department and;

WHEREAS, Paula Bridges has been nominated by the Mayor for the positions of Director of Communications and;

WHEREAS, Paula Bridges has 30 years of expertise and diversified experience providing communication services in the public sector and;

WHEREAS, Paula Bridges is highly qualified to lead the department;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Pontiac City Council approves Ms. Paula Bridges to be the Director of Communications for the City of Pontiac.

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

No: None

**Resolution Passed**

**Subcommittee Reports**

1. Communications, Engagement & Operations - Chair Goodman
2. Economic Development, Housing & Planning - Chair McGuinness
3. Facilities & Property - Chair Carrington
4. Finance & Personnel - Chair Nicholson
5. Law & The Courts - Chair Parker
6. Parks, Recreation & Public Works - Chair James
7. Public Safety, Health & Wellness - Chair Carrington

**Recognition of Elected Officials** – County Commissioner Angela Powell and Library Board Member H. Bill Maxey

**Agenda Address**

Dr. Deirdre Waterman addressed item #30

**Agenda Items Continued**

**Resolutions  
City Council**

22-270 **Resolution Adopting a Formal Land Acknowledgement.** Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Goodman.

WHEREAS, A Land Acknowledgment is a formal statement that recognizes and respects Indigenous Peoples as traditional stewards of this land and the enduring relationship that exists between Indigenous Peoples and their traditional territories.

WHEREAS, a formal statement of a land acknowledgment is a proper method to recognize the traditions of Indigenous peoples and ancestral land;

WHEREAS, a land acknowledgment is a practice that honors and respects contemporary Indigenous peoples' connection to their ancestral lands;

WHEREAS, a land acknowledgment serves as a reminder and a reflection on the impacts of colonialism, past and present;

WHEREAS, a land acknowledgment recognizes Indigenous peoples' voices that have been devalued in past contexts;

WHEREAS, a land acknowledgment is a way to show both gratitude and appreciation for those who were first on the land and encourages a broadening of awareness of Indigenous peoples; and

WHEREAS, it is encouraged that formal land acknowledgments be performed at introductions of public and ceremonial events: Now,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Pontiac City Council honors the legacy of Indigenous peoples who inhabited the land before the establishment of the City of Pontiac and recognizes their significance and ongoing contributions to the City of Pontiac; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Pontiac City Council adopts the following Land Acknowledgement:

*“Pontiac resides on the ancestral, traditional, and contemporary lands of the Anishinaabe, also known as the Three Fires Confederacy, comprised of the Ojibwe, Odawa, and Potawatomi. The land was ceded in the 1807 Treaty of Detroit and makes up southeast Michigan.*

*In recognizing the history and respecting the sovereignty of Michigan’s Indian Nations, The City of Pontiac honors the heritage of Indigenous communities and their significant role in shaping the course of this region. Further, we recognize the wrongs done to those forcibly removed from their Homelands and commit to fostering an environment of inclusion that is responsive to the needs of First Peoples through our words, policies, and actions.”*

and calls on other City Governmental Agencies to encourage formal land acknowledgments, whether verbal or written, before public or ceremonial events.

Ayes: Carrington, Goodman, James, Nicholson and Parker

No: None

**Resolution Passed**

**50<sup>th</sup> District Court**

22-271 **Resolution to approve the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission D50 Fiscal Year 2023 Grant Contract.** Moved by Councilperson Carrington and second by Councilperson Rutherford.

WHEREAS, The Michigan Indigent Defense Commission (MIDC) has the City of Pontiac grant funding in the amount of \$594,629.76 for the period of October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023.

WHEREAS, The total program budget is \$612.793.81, which includes the required local share contribution by the City of Pontiac in the amount of \$18,164.05.

WHEREAS, The FY2023 grant award is \$612.793.81, more than the previous year’s award.

WHEREAS, The award provides funding to the 50th District Court for the purpose of continuing to bring indigent defense systems into compliance with the first four minimum indigent defense standards, MCL 780.993(6); and CITY OF PONTIAC OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM

WHEREAS, The Michigan Indigent Defense Commission Act (MIDC Act), MCL 780.981, et al., requires local funding units to take over the delivery of indigent defense systems, MCL 780.983(g) and MCL 780.993(10) as specified in standards 1 – 5.

WHEREAS, The City of Pontiac is the local funding unit for the 50th District Court.

WHEREAS, The MIDC Act requires the City of Pontiac to create an annual compliance plan and cost analysis required to deliver indigent defense services in compliance with the approved MIDC standards, MCL 780.993(3).

WHEREAS, The MIDC Act requires the MIDC to appropriate funds and provide grant monies to local funding units for the costs in excess of the local share to continue to provide indigent defense services that comply with the minimum standards established by the MIDC, MCL 780.993(6).

WHEREAS, The grant award funds the following positions within 50th District Court: one (1) MIDC Executive position, one (1) Contract MIDC Attorney Coordinator position, and two (2) part time MIDC Court Officers.

WHEREAS, The grant agreement has completed the grant review process in accordance with the Pontiac City Council Procedures.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The City Council approves the MIDC FY 2023 Grant Contract with an authorized total budget of \$612,793.81.

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

No: None

**Resolution Passed**

#### **Finance**

22-272

**Resolution to approve the Extension of the Contract with Compone Administration through December 31, 2022.** Moved by Councilperson Nicholson and second by Councilperson Goodman.

WHEREAS, The City of Pontiac requires approval for TPA contract extension, expiring December 31, 2022.

WHEREAS, the existing contract was operating on a month-to-month basis;

WHEREAS, Securing Compone services is advantageous to the City in that TPA services will remain in effect, as mandated by the State, until the contract expires and the competitive bid process is complete.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby authorizes Mayor Tim Greimel, to execute the agreement for continued TPA services with Compone Administrators.

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

No: None

**Resolution Passed**

#### **Treasury**

22-273

**Resolution to approve Drain Assessment to be levied on 2022 Winter Tax Roll.** Move by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Parker.

Whereas, the Water Resources Commissioner has notified the City of property assessments for nearly 5,536 parcels in the City of Pontiac that specifically benefited the property owner; and,

Whereas, the property assessments to the homeowners in their respective drain districts will have an average assessment between \$0.57 to \$88.00 per parcel, and;

Whereas, the Pontiac City Council believes that it is in the best interest of the City, that property owners who receive a direct benefit from the drain should pay for the benefit;  
Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Pontiac City Council directs that the City Treasurer spread \$15,274.88 of property assessment on the 2022 winter tax rolls by director by the Water Resources Commissioner.

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

No: None

**Resolution Passed**

**Public Comment**

1. Andrea Manns
2. Bill Maxey
3. Jose Ybarra III
4. Darlene Clark
5. Gloria Miller

**Communications**

City Council and Mayor's Office

**Mayor, Clerk and Council Closing Comments**

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

**Adjournment**

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

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

No: None

**Motion Carried**

Council President Mike McGuinness adjourned the meeting at 8:46 p.m.

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Garland S. Doyle  
City Clerk