

**Official Proceedings
Pontiac City Council
2nd 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, January 11, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. by Council President Mike McGuinness.

Invocation- Bishop Theresa Lee, Pastor, New Birth International

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

Roll Call

Members Present – William A. 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

22-12 **Motion to approve the agenda.** Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Parker.

There was discussion on the motion.

- a. **Motion to add Resolution Honoring the Life of Robert Karazim as the new item #3 and Resolution Honoring the Life of Blanche Teasley as new item #4 on the agenda. The remaining items would be renumbered.** Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Nicholson.

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

Then the vote was taken to approve the agenda with amendments.

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

Consent Agenda

22-13 **Motion to approve the consent agenda (meeting minutes for January 4, 2022 and the 2022 Meeting Schedule).** Moved by Councilperson Carrington and second by Councilperson Rutherford.

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

****2022 Meeting Schedule attached as Exhibit A.****

Subcommittee Reports

The functions and members of the subcommittees were announced.

- A. Communications, Engagement and Operations
Chair: Councilman Goodman
Members: Council Pro Tem Carrington and Council President McGuinness
Alternate: Councilman Parker

- B. Economic Development, Housing and Planning
Chair: Council President McGuinness
Members: Councilman Goodman and Councilman Nicholson
Alternate: Councilwoman Rutherford

- C. Facilities and Property
Chair: Council Pro Tem Carrington
Members: Councilman Parker and Council President McGuinness
Alternate: Councilwoman James

- D. Finance and Personnel
Chair: Councilman Nicholson
Members: Councilwoman James and Councilman Parker
Alternate: Council Pro Tem Carrington

- E. Law and the Courts
Chair: Councilman Parker
Members: TBD (To be determined)
Alternate: TBD

- F. Parks, Recreation and Public Works
Chair: Councilwoman James
Members: Councilman Goodman and Councilwoman Rutherford
Alternate: Councilman Nicholson

- G. Public Safety, Health and Wellness
Chair: Councilwoman Rutherford
Members: Councilman Carrington and Councilwoman James
Alternate: TBD

Recognition of Elected Officials - School Board President Gill Garrett, School Board Treasurer ShaQuana Davis-Smith,

Agenda Address – None

Agenda Items

City Clerk

22-14 **Resolution to approve a Proposed Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Amend the Elections (191) and Clerk (215) budgets to cover expenses for the Special Election and Charter Commission.** Moved by Councilperson Parker and second by Councilperson Rutherford.

Whereas, the City of Pontiac timely approved the FY 2021-2022 budget on June 24, 2021; and
Whereas, the City Clerk is requesting \$23,700 in funds to be transferred from the general fund balance GL Account 101-000-390.000 to the following accounts 101-191-702.004 overtime wages \$1,200; 101-191-740.000 operating supplies \$10,000; 101-191-809.000 services-elections \$10,000; 101-215-809.002 Charter Commission \$2,500; and

Whereas, these transfers are necessary to pay for the additional cost that will be incurred for the Special Election on May 3, 2022 and to support the Charter Commission and

Whereas, section 5.106 of the Charter states “after adoption of the appropriations ordinance, and upon at least one week’s notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the City, the Council by a resolution of five members, may amend such ordinance to authorize the transfer of an unused balance appropriated for one purpose to another purpose, or to appropriate available revenues not previously appropriated.”; and
Now therefore, be it resolved that the City Council approves the budget amendment for fiscal year 2021-22 budget transferring \$23,700 from general fund balance GL Account 101-000-390.000 to the following accounts 101-191-702.004 overtime wages \$1,200; 101-191-740.000 operating supplies \$10,000; 101-191-809.000 services-elections \$10,000; 101-215-809.002 Charter Commission \$2,500.

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

No: None

Resolution Passed

22-15 **Resolution Celebrating Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.** Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Carrington.

Whereas, the City of Pontiac, Michigan has witnessed many developments in the Civil Rights Movement, with many current and former citizens who have fought against legalized racial discrimination, disenfranchisement, and segregation in the United States; and

Whereas, the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was a prominent leader in the movement and, among many efforts throughout our nation, he visited Pontiac, Michigan in March 1958 and over 1,000 attendees witnessed Dr. King address the historic Trinity Baptist Church in Pontiac following the invitation from Trinity’s Pastor Richard H. Dixon; and

Whereas, many Pontiac residents marched, protested, boycotted, and organized alongside Dr. King and many other activists and movement leaders, including at the June 23, 1963 Walk to Freedom in Detroit, Michigan that drew over 125,000 people and was known as the largest civil rights demonstration in United States history at that time; and

Whereas, in the decades following Dr. King’s life being brutally cut short by an assassin’s bullet in 1968, the State of Michigan recognized Dr. King’s January 15 birthday as a holiday, the United States recognized it as a federal holiday starting in 1983, and the City of Pontiac renamed East Boulevard as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard, among other local honors and designations; and

Whereas, our community continues to mark his legacy annually with marches, interfaith religious services, programs, community service projects, and more; and

Whereas, Pontiac city operations and Pontiac City Hall shall be closed on Monday, January 17, 2022 in observation of the Martin Luther King Day, Jr. Federal Holiday.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, the Pontiac City Council in concert with Mayor Tim Greimel hereby celebrates the life and legacy of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; and further

Resolved, the City Council joins the Pontiac community in honoring his legacy through local marches, religious services, programs, public service projects, and other commemorative efforts; and further

Resolved, he continues to be remembered by the City Council and the Pontiac community as a consequential leader of global importance who made a difference in our city, our region, our state, our nation, and this world; and further

Resolved, that the City Council encourages all residents to participate, as they are able and as health considerations allow in community celebrations and personal reflections honoring Dr. King.

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

No: None

Resolution Passed

22-16 **Resolution Honoring the Life of Robert Karazim.** Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Nicholson.

Whereas, the City of Pontiac, Michigan has been privileged to have many exemplary civic volunteers serve on City Board and Commissions over the decades, whose hard work and dedication directly improved the quality of life for our citizens;

Whereas, Mr. Robert G. Karazim was a resident representative on the Pontiac Historic District Commission for the City for many years, working to preserve and enhance the multiple historic districts throughout our City;

Whereas, Mr. Karazim also served as a resident representative on the Pontiac Arts Commission for the City, volunteering to advance arts and cultural vitality throughout our community, and he helped establish the Canvas Pontiac initiative in our downtown;

Whereas, Mr. Karazim was a talented craftsman and entrepreneur who labored to restore multiple downtown Pontiac buildings to their historical glory;

Whereas, Mr. Karazim had an immensely positive impact on our City, his downtown Pontiac neighborhood, his friends, and his family;

Whereas, Mr. Karazim passed away January 9, 2022 at the age of 67, which is a tremendous loss to our entire community;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, the Pontiac City Council hereby mourns the passing of Mr. Robert G. Karazim; and

Further Resolved, the Pontiac City Council expresses our deepest gratitude for Mr. Karazim's dedicated service to our City and to the citizens whose lives he enriched; and

Further Resolved, he will be remembered by this Council and the entire Pontiac community as a dynamic, talented, passionate person who made a positive difference in downtown Pontiac and throughout our City; and

Further Resolved, that we extend our deepest sympathies to his partner Karen Jorgensen and all of his family, friends, neighbors, and colleagues.

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

No: None

Resolution Passed

22-17 **Resolution Honoring the Life of Blanche Teasley.** Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Parker.

Whereas, the City of Pontiac, Michigan has been privileged to have many exemplary civic volunteers serve on City Board and Commissions over the decades, whose hard work and dedication directly improved the quality of life for our citizens;

Whereas, Ms. Blanche Teasley worked for the City at Pontiac General Hospital for many years, serving with dedication and passion until her retirement;

Whereas, Ms. Teasley remained active in her retirement by following the activities of the City of Pontiac General Employees' Retirement System and continued her community involvement including at Welcome Missionary Baptist Church, and remained a resident of the City on Auburn Avenue;

Whereas, Ms. Teasley had an immensely positive impact on our City, her hospital coworkers, her fellow retirees, her neighbors, and her beloved family;

Whereas, Ms. Teasley passed away January 5, 2022 at the age of 81, which is a tremendous loss to our entire community;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, the Pontiac City Council hereby mourns the passing of Ms. Blanche Teasley; and

Further Resolved, the Pontiac City Council expresses our deepest gratitude for Ms. Teasley dedicated service to our City and to the citizens whose lives she enriched; and

Further Resolved, she will be remembered by this Council and the entire Pontiac community as a wonderful human being who made a positive difference in our City; and

Further Resolved, that we extend our deepest sympathies to her family, friends, neighbors, and colleagues.

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

No: None

Resolution Passed

Department of Public Works (DPW)

~~22-18~~ **Resolution to approve the 2022 No Haz Interlocal Agreement.** Moved by Councilperson Nicholson and second by Councilperson Carrington. There was discussion on the motion.

22-18 **Motion to postpone Resolution to approve the 2022 No Haz Interlocal Agreement for one week.** Moved by Councilperson James and second by Councilperson Parker.

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

No: None

Motion Carried

Finance

~~22-19~~ **Resolution to approve a One Year Contract Extension with the Waterford Regional Fire Department.** Moved by Councilperson Carrington and second by Councilperson Rutherford. There was discussion on the motion. Councilman Nicholson requested more information from the Waterford Regional Fire Department and Councilman Parker ask about their staffing plan.

22-19 **Motion to postpone Resolution to approve a One Year Contract Extension with the Waterford Regional Fire Department for one week.** Moved by Councilperson Nicholson and second by Councilperson Rutherford.

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

No: None

Motion Carried

22-20 **Resolution to approve the budget amendment for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget, transferring \$55,000 out of the General Fund Balance GL account 101-101-804.000 – Legal Services and \$55,000 is transferred into the Capitol Improvement Fund, GL account 445-265-976.01 – Building Additions & Improvements to support the Pontiac Skate Park Project.** Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Carrington.

WHEREAS, the City of Pontiac passed a resolution supporting the Pontiac Skate Project allocating \$180,000.00 from the Capital Improvement Fund; and,

WHEREAS, the funds Council approved for the allocation were to come out of the appropriations for the current year FY 2021-22 from the Capital Improvement Fund GL account 445-265-976.001; and,

WHEREAS, at the direction of the Administration, a budget amendment was proposed to replace the funds back into the Capital Improvement Fund; and,
WHEREAS, subsequently, in a letter dated November 23, 2021, addressed to Mayor Waterman from the Oakland County Board of Commissioners, the Board of Commissioners expressed their interest to partner on the construction of the new skate park as part of the Skatepark Project (formerly the Tony Hawk Foundation) matching grant initiative (*letter attached*); and,
WHEREAS, on December 1, 2021 and at a Board of Commissioners' Economic Development & Infrastructure Committee meeting, the Committee considered and passed a resolution allocating funds dollar for dollar, up to **\$125,000.00** matching with any city and other locally raised funds, securing the full match the Skatepark Project made available to Pontiac; and,
WHEREAS, due to the recent change of events and as a consequence of the delightful **\$125,000.00** commitment from Oakland County to the Skate Park Project, the City of Pontiac's matching obligation has been substantially reduced to **\$55,000.00**; and,
WHEREAS, to fund the current appropriation, **\$55,000.00** is to be transferred out of the General Fund Balance GL account 101-101-804.000- Legal Services into the Capital Improvement Fund; and,
WHEREAS, to date, the City of Pontiac has not advanced or submitted any payments on behalf of the Project.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council approves the budget amendment for Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budget, transferring **\$55,000.00** out of the General Fund Balance GL account 101-101-804.000- Legal Services and **\$55,000.00** is transferred into the Capital Improvement Fund, GL account 445-265-976.01-Building Additions & Improvements.

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

22-21 **Resolution to approve budget amendment to Increase Budgeted Revenues in the amount of \$90,000 to the General Fund in account 101-000-532.000 – Grant Income, and Appropriations in the amount of \$90,000 in a General Fund Account due to the Acceptance of the \$90,000 Grant from Nextfifty Initiative to Support Infrastructure Improvements at Pontiac Senior Centers.** Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Parker.

WHEREAS, the City of Pontiac was awarded a \$90,000 grant from the NextFifty Initiative; and;
WHEREAS, the grant is for the purpose of renovating and updating structurally deficient, unsafe and/or inaccessible facilities so that they can be used and enjoyed by the older adult and disabled communities in safe, inclusive, and innovative ways, and;
WHEREAS, the grant award from NextFifty Initiative does not have a matching requirement; and;
WHEREAS, the funds from the grant will increase the budgeted revenue for the current fiscal year 2021-2022 in the amount of \$90,000 for grant income, and increase the appropriations in the amount of \$90,000, 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 approves the budget amendment to increase budgeted revenues in the amount of \$90,000 to the General Fund in account 101-000-532.000 -Grant Income, and appropriations in the amount of \$90,000 in a General Fund account.

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

Planning

22-22 **Resolution to approve Zoning Map Amendment {ZMA 21-04} at 327 Midway, PIN 64-14-33-407-035, 036 & 037 from R-1 One Family Dwelling to C-1 Local Business Zoning District.** Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Carrington.

There was discussion on the motion. During the discussion a Motion to postpone Resolution to approve Zoning Map Amendment {ZMA 21-04} at 327 Midway, PIN 64-14-33-407-035-036 & 037 from R-1 One Family Dwelling to C-1 Local Business Zoning District for one week. Moved by Councilperson Goodman and second by Councilperson Parker. Discussion. Councilperson Goodman withdrew his motion and Councilperson Parker withdrew his second.

Whereas, the City has received an application for a Zoning Map Amendment at 327 Midway Ave. identified as PIN 64-14-33-407-035, 036 & 037 from Dolor Konja c/o Four Brothers Real Estate Holdings, LLC for the rezoning of the aforementioned parcel; and

Whereas, The Planning Division has reviewed the applicant's rezoning request in regards to the City's Master Plan Update and the request conforms to the goals and vision contained within the plan; and
Whereas, The Planning Division has reviewed the applicant's rezoning request and the requirements set forth by Section 6.804 of the Zoning Ordinance. The Planning Division has determined the aforementioned request and proposed intended use of the property complies with the City of Pontiac Zoning Ordinance; and

Whereas, In accordance with the procedures outlined in the Zoning Ordinance, Sections 6.802 as it relates to Zoning Map Amendments, the request has undergone the required: Technical Review, Public Hearing, and Planning Commission recommendation; and

Whereas, On August 4, 2021, a Public Hearing was held, and in consideration of public opinion, the Planning Commission recommends City Council to approve the Zoning Map Amendment request for 327 Midway Ave, approving the change from the current R-1 One Family Dwelling zoning district to C-1 Local Business zoning district; and

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the City Council for the City of Pontiac approve the Planning Commission recommendation for the Zoning Map Amendment (ZMA 21-04) request for 327 Midway Ave, also known as Parcel No. #64-14-33-407-035, 036 & 037 to amend the zoning from R-1 One Family Dwelling to C-1 Local Business zoning district.

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

No: None

Resolution Passed

Public Comment

Eight individuals addressed the body during public comment

1. Lloyd Gary
2. Chuck Johnson
3. Quincy Stewart
4. Kenny Anderson
5. Gloria Miller
6. H. Bill Maxey
7. Tameka Ramsey
8. James Sabisch

Mayor, Clerk and Council Closing Comments

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

Adjournment

22-23 **Motion to adjourn the meeting.** Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Carrington.

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

No: None

Motion Carried

Council President Mike McGuinness adjourned the meeting at 8:52 p.m.

Garland S. Doyle
Interim City Clerk



The Pontiac City Council

Announces

THE 2022 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS OF THE PONTIAC CITY COUNCIL

To comply with the Michigan Open Meeting Act (MCL 15.265)

The Pontiac City Council will hold its regular meeting on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall 47450 Woodward Ave Pontiac, Michigan 48342 unless otherwise noted.

Internet website where meetings are posted www.pontiac.mi.us

The dates are as follows:

Tuesday, January 4, 2022 Noon Formal Meeting (Organizational Meeting)

Tuesday, January 11, 2022 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 18, 2022 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 25, 2022 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, February 1, 2022 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, February 8, 2022 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, February 15, 2022 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, February 22, 2022 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 1, 2022 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 8, 2022 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 15, 2022 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 22, 2022 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 29, 2022 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 5, 2022 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 12, 2022 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 19, 2022 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 26, 2022 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 5, 2022 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 10, 2022 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 17, 2022 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 24, 2022 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 31, 2022 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 7, 2022 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 14, 2022 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 21, 2022 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, July 5, 2022 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, July 12, 2022 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, July 19, 2022 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, July 26, 2022 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, August 4, 2022 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, August 9, 2022 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, August 16, 2022 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, August 23, 2022 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, August 30, 2022 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, September 6, 2022 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, September 13, 2022 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, September 20, 2022 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, September 27, 2022 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, October 4, 2022 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, October 11, 2022 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, October 18, 2022 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, October 25, 2022 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, November 1, 2022 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, November 10, 2022 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, November 15, 2022 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, November 22, 2022 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, November 29, 2022 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, December 6, 2022 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, December 13, 2022 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, December 20, 2022 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, December 27, 2022 6:00 p.m.

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