

January 24, 2023 Approved Minutes

**Official Proceedings
Pontiac City Council
69th 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 24, 2023 at 6:02 p.m. by Council President Mike McGuinness.

Invocation – Pastor Chris Johnson, All Saints Episcopal Church

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
A quorum was announced.

Amendments to and Approval of the Agenda

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

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

Motion Carried

Consent Agenda

23-39 **Resolution to approve the consent agenda for January 24, 2023.** Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Carrington.

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed the consent agenda for January 24, 2023.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council approves the consent agenda for January 24, 2023 including the Resolution approving Interlocal Agreement for Assessing and January 17, 2023 City Council Meeting Minutes.

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

Resolution Passed

Special Presentation

Introducing Pontiac’s New Building Official Larry Domski

Public Hearing

Council President McGuinness opened up Public hearing at 6:20 regarding the purchase of the former McCarroll School Site located at 191 N. Glenwood Pontiac, MI. Twelve (12) individuals addressed the body during the public hearing.

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1. Quincy Stewart stated he is disappointed we could not get Wisner. McCarroll is in bad shape.
2. Chuck Johnson said McCarroll is a good site, tear it down and build a new facility.
3. Chris Northcross express his disappointment in not getting Wisner.
4. Carlton Jones said get behind City Officials and school board officials. He is interest in youth in our City; build a brand new facility on McCarroll site.
5. Norman Elam asked when are we going to value our youth.
6. Dr. Deirdre Waterman stated we had a youth center in Pontiac on Golf Dr.
7. Kermit Williams said look to see what the plan would be.
8. Gloria Miller stated 3.2 million was set aside by the 10th Council for a building, Wisner was dangerous and rooms were too small. Stop second grading us and stop playing politics with the money.
9. Larry Jasper stated 6 months diligence and what about a pool.
10. Roslyn Northcross asked what we want to put in the City. We need an assessment.
11. Tameka Ramsey stated seniors wanted the kids to have the best. What is the time frame for tearing down the school? She refuses to let her son go to Golf Dr.
12. Darlene Clark stated we need tools, science center and computer room.

Council President McGuinness closed the public hearing at 6:48 p.m.

Recognition of Elected Officials – Charter Commissioner Chair Tameka Ramsey and Charter Commissioner Vice-Chair Kermit Williams

Agenda Address

1. Norman Elam addressed item #3
2. Carlton Jones addressed item #3
3. Quincy Stewart addressed item #5
4. Aaron Geyer addressed item #3
5. Michael Dowdell addressed item #3
6. Joseph Aiello addressed item #3
7. Jenn Zielinski addressed item #3
8. Chuck Johnson addressed item #3
9. Dr. Deirdre Waterman addressed item #3
10. Gloria Miller addressed item #3
11. Larry Jasper addressed items #3

Agenda Items

Ordinance

Postpone the Adoption of City of Pontiac Adult-Use Marihuana Business Ordinance for one week. (Second Reading Postponed from January 10, 2023 City Council Meeting) Moved by Councilperson Parker and second by Councilperson Goodman.

Ayes: James, McGuinness, Parker, Carrington and Goodman

No: Nicholson

Abstain: Rutherford

Motion Carried

Resolutions

City Council

23-40

Resolution by City Council Calling for Concentrated and Coordinated State, County, Local Mental Health Resources. Moved by Councilperson Nicholson and second by Councilperson Parker.

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Whereas, the Pontiac community has been centering conversations about the state of our state and nation's fractured and insufficient mental health system, with strong concerns about our neighbors when they are struggling with mental health crises; and

Whereas, Pontiac residents and surrounding communities have been underserved by the disinvestment and privatization of Michigan's mental health services in recent decades, and pervasive barriers to finding information and services about the remaining patchwork of agencies and accessibility for their services continue; and

Whereas, the City of Pontiac has in recent months made a concerted push to make the existing public and private resources and agencies working with a focus on addressing mental health, and in the past few months it has been featured on the home page of the City's website; now,

Therefore, Be It Resolved, the Pontiac City Council hereby calls for more concentrated and coordinated state, county, and federal resources to better assist Pontiac residents contending with mental health challenges; and further

Resolved, the City of Pontiac is an eager partner for courageous conversations with the elected and appointed leaders in the State of Michigan government, the Michigan Legislature, the Oakland County Government, and surrounding municipalities on how we can address these challenges directly and proactively; and further

Resolved, the City Council acknowledges the work actively underway by the Oakland County Task Force on Poverty and Homelessness to inventory and assess the emergency resources available to residents of Pontiac and Oakland County; and further

Resolved, the City Council requests for the Mayor and his Administration to engage with the Oakland County Task Force on Poverty and Homelessness on that initiative; and further

Resolved, the City Council requests for the Mayor and his Administration to pursue further internal and external opportunities for expanding the communicating out of all currently available mental health resources available to residents.

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

No: None

Resolution Passed

Councilwoman Melanie Rutherford was absent during the vote

23-41 **Resolution authorizing the continuation of the Flock Safety Camera Systems trial Period in Pontiac.** Moved by Councilperson Parker and second by Councilperson Carrington.

Whereas, the City of Pontiac, the Oakland County Sheriff, and Flock Safety implemented a trial of the Flock Safety system in the City of Pontiac in mid-0222; and,

Whereas, The Flock Safety systems have been placed in locations in the City right-of-way and have actively been utilized to assist law enforcement with public safety initiatives, including the successful apprehension of criminal suspects; and,

Whereas, the City Council resolution authorizing the implementation of Flock Safety camera system for the trial period for six months called for the City Council to consider the continuation of the trial period for the remaining months of that one-year trail period; now,

Therefore, the Pontiac City Council authorizes the continuation of the Flock Safety system within the City of Pontiac right-of-way locations for the remaining months of the one-year trail period at no direct cost to Pontiac taxpayers.

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

No: Goodman

Resolution Passed

Department of Public Works (DPW)

23-42 **Resolution to approve a Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2022-23 to increase the**

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budget appropriation in the GL account 203-463-974-071 Road Construction by \$715,846.90 for the purpose of completing the ASI Road Project. Moved by Councilperson Nicholson and second by Councilperson Goodman.

WHEREAS, the City of Pontiac began a repair project in 2021 to repair local roads including but not limited to Grenada, Gambrelle, Grandville, Oliver, Bynum and Hazel; and

WHEREAS, the project was not completed before the end of the 21-22 FY; and

WHEREAS, it is customary to have funds “rolled over” in this situation to complete the project;

NOW THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED, City Council hereby approves the proposed budget amendment for Budget Year 2022-2023 to increase the budget appropriation in the GL account 203-463-974.074 Road Construction by \$715,846.90 for the purpose of completing the ASI Rd. project.

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

No: Rutherford

Resolution Passed

23-43 **Resolution to approve a Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2022-23 to increase the budget appropriation in the GL account 101-721-902-005 public notices by \$35,000 and 249-371-818-001 Wade trim professional services by \$108,000 and to decrease the balance sheet accounts of funds 101 and 249 by the same numbers respectively.** Moved by Councilperson Nicholson and second by Councilperson Parker.

WHEREAS, the City of Pontiac began the fiscal year with Wade Trim as a contractor; and

WHEREAS, the City transitioned those services in-house; and

WHEREAS, this transition took longer than was originally budgeted; and

WHEREAS, the City combined planning and building under the department of Community Development; and

WHEREAS, \$108,000 is needed to cover the additional expense; and

WHEREAS, the \$108,000 will come from the building department enterprise fund balance sheet account (fund 249); and

WHEREAS, the planning division is required to publish public notices for a variety of reasons; and

WHEREAS, we have accelerated activity in the planning department such that we anticipate an increase in the number of public notices to be posted between now and the end of the fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, \$35,000 is needed to cover the additional expense; and

WHEREAS, the \$35,000 will come from the general fund balance sheet account (fund 101); and

NOW THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED, City Council hereby approves the proposed budget amendment for Budget Year 2022-2023 to increase the budget appropriation in the GL account 101-721-902.005 public notices by \$35,000 and 249-371-818.001 Wade Trim professional services by \$108,000 and to decrease the balance sheet accounts of funds 101 and 249 by the same numbers respectively.

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

No: Rutherford

Resolution Passed

Grants

23-44 **Resolution to approve the City’s of Pontiac’s submission to the grant application title “Pike Street Clinton River Trail Connector” to the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant program.** Moved by Councilperson McGuinness and second by Councilperson Rutherford.

WHEREAS, the City of Pontiac desires to submit an application titled “Pike Street Clinton River Trail Connector” to the US Department of Transportation Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability

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and Equity (RAISE) grant program; and,

WHEREAS, the project will transform 4 miles of critical infrastructure by addressing safety deficiencies, reconstructing distressed infrastructure, improving quality of life, mobility and connectivity, and supporting economic vitality in the downtown core of a Historically Disadvantaged Community and Area of Persistent Poverty; 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.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pontiac City Council hereby approves participation in the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity Grant Program, and authorizes the submission of an application titled “Pike Street Clinton River Trail Connector.”

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

No: None

Resolution Passed

Public Comment

1. Norman Elam
2. Christine Elam
3. Kenny Anderson
4. Chris Crump
5. Valerie Bradley
6. Carlton Jones
7. Quincy Stewart
8. Dr. Deirdre Waterman
9. Charlene Dwyer
10. Chuck Johnson
11. Gloria Miller
12. Larry Jasper

Communications

City Council and Mayor’s Office

Mayor, Clerk and Council Closing Comments

Mayor Greimel, Councilman Parker, Councilwoman Kathalee James, Councilwoman Melanie Rutherford, Councilman Brett Nicholson, Councilman Mikal Goodman, Council President Pro-tem William Carrington and Council President Mike McGuinness made closing comments.

Adjournment

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

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

No: None

Motion Carried

Council President Mike McGuinness adjourned the meeting at 8:54 p.m.

Garland S. Doyle
City Clerk