

February 16, 2023 Approved Minutes

**Official Proceedings  
Pontiac City Council  
72<sup>nd</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 Thursday, February 16, 2023 at 6:003 p.m. by Council President Mike McGuinness.

**Invocation** – Pastor Chris Johnson, All Saints Episcopal 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 and William Parker, Jr.

Mayor Greimel was present  
A quorum was announced.

**Excuse Councilmembers**

**Motion to excuse Councilwoman Melanie Rutherford for personal reasons.** Move by Councilperson Parker and second by Councilperson Nicholson.

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

**Motion Carried**

Councilman Goodman was absent during the vote

**Amendments to and Approval of the Agenda**

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

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

**Motion Carried**

Councilman Goodman was absent during the vote

**Consent Agenda**

23-62 **Resolution to approve the consent agenda for February 16, 2023.** Moved by Councilperson Nicholson and second by Councilperson Carrington.

Whereas, the City Council has reviewed the consent agenda for February 16, 2023.  
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council approves the consent agenda for February 16, 2023 including February 6, 2023 Economic Development, Housing, Planning Subcommittee Meeting Minutes, February 7, 2023 City Council Meeting Minutes, February 9, 2023 Finance & Personnel Subcommittee Meeting Minutes and February 9, 2023 Public Safety Subcommittee Meeting Minutes.

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

No: None

### **Resolution Passed**

Councilman Goodman was absent during the vote

### **Subcommittee Reports**

1. Communications, Engagement & Operations
2. Economic Development, Housing & Planning
3. Facilities & Property
4. Finance & Personnel
5. Law & The Courts
6. Parks, Recreation & Public Works
7. Public Safety, Health & Wellness

### **Special Presentation**

Community Housing Network Housing Security Resources

Celebrating the Contributions of Legislative Counsel Monique Sharpe

### **Agenda Item**

Resolution

City Council

23-63

### **Resolution Acknowledging the Service of Legislative Counsel Monique Sharpe.**

Moved by Councilperson Carrington and second by Councilperson Goodman.

Whereas, Attorney Monique Sharpe has had an accomplished professional and legal career through the decades, and in each of her roles she has positively impacted the lives of others; and,

Whereas, Attorney Sharpe for the past six years has worked for the City of Pontiac, serving honorably in the role as Legislative Counsel for the City Council; and,

Whereas, as Legislative Counsel, Attorney Sharpe has been a highly valuable member of the City of Pontiac organization, strengthening the legislative branch of the municipal government, advocating for Pontiac taxpayers and the rule of law, and ensuring an effective transition of governance between council; and

Whereas, Attorney Sharpe has decided to conclude her employment with the City of Pontiac, as she embarks on a new role with Michigan's 36<sup>th</sup> District Court; now,

Therefore, Be It Resolved, the Pontiac City Council and Mayor Tim Greimel on behalf of the entire City of Pontiac hereby celebrates the positive impacts that Attorney Monique Sharpe has made in our governmental operations; and further

Resolved, the entire City Council expresses our sincere gratitude for the wise counsel, key assistance, steadfast service, savvy insights, and friendly demeanor of Attorney Sharpe; and further

Resolved, the City Council wishes Attorney Sharpe the very best as she advances onward to excel and achieve in her new professional role, and the very best in every endeavor in life she undertakes.

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

No: None

### **Resolution Passed**

**Recognition of Elected Officials - None**

### **Agenda Address**

1. James McQueen addressed Hawthorne Park
2. Carlton Jones addressed item #11

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3. Chuck Johnson addressed item #17

**Agenda Items Continued**

Ordinance

**Motion to postpone for one week the Adoption of City of Pontiac Adult-use Marihuana Business Ordinance. (Second Reading Postponed from February 7, 2023 City Council Meeting)** Moved by Councilperson Carrington and second by Councilperson James.

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

No: None

**Motion Carried**

**Point of Privilege** – Kermit Williams honoring Attorney Monique Sharpe

Ordinances Continued

23-64 **Resolution to receive the first reading of an Ordinance Amendment to Ordinance 2-372 Clarifying Planning Commission Bylaws.** Moved by Councilperson Goodman and second by Councilperson Parker.

Whereas, the City is proposing to Amend Ordinance 2-372 Clarifying Planning Commission Bylaws. Now Therefore, Be It Resolved that the first reading of an Ordinance Amendment to ordinance 2-372 Clarifying Planning Commission Bylaws is hereby received and read by the Pontiac City Council at the February 16, 2023 Council meeting.

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

No: None

**Resolution Passed**

23-65 **Resolution to receive the first reading of An Ordinance to Amend Appendix B of the Municipal Code of the City of Pontiac Amending Article 2, Section 2.103 – Zoning Map, to Change the Zoning Classifications for Specific parcels on Woodward Ave. (ZMA 22-011 for Lighthouse of Oakland County at 46156 Woodward Ave.)** Moved by Councilperson Nicholson and second by Councilperson Goodman.

Whereas, the City is proposing an Ordinance to Amend Appendix B of the Municipal Code of the City of Pontiac Amending Article 2, Section 2.103 – Zoning Map, to Change the Zoning Classifications for Specific parcels on Woodward Ave. (ZMA 22-011 for Lighthouse of Oakland County at 46156 Woodward Ave.)

Now Therefore, Be It Resolved that the first reading An Ordinance to Amend Appendix B of the Municipal Code of the City of Pontiac Amending Article 2, Section 2.103 – Zoning Map, to Change the Zoning Classifications for Specific parcels on Woodward Ave. (ZMA 22-011 for Lighthouse of Oakland County at 46156 Woodward Ave.) is hereby received and read by the Pontiac City Council at the February 16, 2023 City Council meeting.

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

No: None

**Resolution Passed**

Resolutions Continued

Purchasing

23-66 **Resolution to recognize Contract Template Change for City Building Scanning Documents Contract.** Moved by Councilperson Parker and second by Councilperson Nicholson.

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Discussion. Mayor Tim Greimel asked for resolution to be postpone until next week to correct some language within the resolution.

**Motion to postpone for one week the Resolution to recognize Contract Template Change for City Building Scanning Documents Contract.** Moved by Councilperson Carrington and second by Councilperson Nicholson.

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

**Motion Carried**

Councilman Goodman was absent during the vote

23-67 **Resolution to approve Lamphere Landscaping’s Tree Trimming and Tree Stump Removal Services Contract Amendment.** Moved by Councilperson Carrington and second by Councilperson Nicholson.

Whereas, The Purchasing Division has completed its due diligence by requesting a contract amendment in accordance with the City’s municipal code, Division II. Purchasing, Section 2-519;

Whereas, the Purchasing Manager recommends moving forward with executing the contract amendment.

Whereas, the firm shall continue providing tree trimming and stump removal services as requested by the Interim Director of the Department of Public Works.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved the Pontiac City Council approves the Mayor to execute the contract amendment for Lamphere Landscaping & tree Service Contract.

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

**Resolution Passed**

Councilman Goodman was absent during the vote

23-68 **Resolution to approve Two-Year Contract Extensions for the following Engineering Services Firms: Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Inc., Nowak & Fraus Engineers, and NTH Consultants, Ltd and authorize the Mayor to execute the agreements.** Moved by Councilperson Carrington and second by Councilperson Nicholson.

WHEREAS, The Purchasing Division has completed its due diligence by requesting a contract extension in accordance with the City’s municipal code, Division II. Purchasing, Section 2-519;

WHEREAS, The Purchasing Manager recommends moving forward with executing extensions for all three engineering firms.

WHEREAS, the firm shall continue providing professional engineering services as requested by the Interim Director of the Department of Public Works.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Pontiac City Council approves Purchasing’s bid award recommendation and authorizes the Mayor to execute contract extensions for Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Inc., Nowak & Fraus Engineers, and NTH Consultants, Ltd.

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

**Resolution Passed**

Councilman Goodman was absent during the vote

**Public Comment**

1. Karen Jorgensen
2. Julia Ruffin

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3. Carlton Jones
4. Pastor Kathy Dessureau
5. Chuck Johnson
6. Darlene Clark

### **Discussion**

Oakland County Sheriff Department Latest Abandoned Vehicles Enforcement Action

### **Communications**

City Council and Mayor's Office

### **Mayor, Clerk and Council Closing Comments**

Mayor Greimel, Attorney Monique Sharpe, Councilman Brett Nicholson, Councilman Mikal Goodman, Councilman William Parker Jr., Councilwoman Kathalee James, Council President Pro-Tem William Carrington and Council President Mike McGuinness made closing comments.

### **Adjournment**

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

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

No: None

**Motion Carried**

Council President Mike McGuinness adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

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Sheila R. Grandison  
Deputy City Clerk