

**PONTIAC CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION**

**Chair, Tameka Ramsey**

**Vice Chair, Kermit Williams**

**Norbert Burrows**

**Gill Garrett**

**Bryan Killian**

**Lucy Payne**

**Scott Stewart**

**Bruce Turpin**

**Jose Ybarra III**



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Sheila Grandison, MiPMC, Deputy City Clerk

**36<sup>th</sup> Session**

**SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA**

**June 13, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.**

**Meeting Location: City Council Chambers 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**

**Pontiac City Hall**

**47450 Woodward Ave. Pontiac, MI 48342**

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Roll Call**
- III. Authorization to Excuse Commissioners**
- IV. Amendments to and Approval of the Agenda**
- V. Approval of the Minutes**  
April 14, 2024
- VI. Public Comment**
- VII. Discussion on the Budget**
- VIII. Outreach Discussion**
- IX. New Meeting Dates**
- X. Marketing Strategies**
- XI. Closing Comments**
- XII. Adjournment**

**V.**

# **Minutes**

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**Official Proceedings  
2022 Pontiac Charter Revision Commission  
35<sup>th</sup> Session**

**Call to order**

A Special Meeting of the 2022 Charter Revision Commission of Pontiac, Michigan was called to order by Chair Tameka Ramsey at the City Hall Council Chambers, 47450 Woodward Ave Pontiac, MI 48342 on Sunday, April 14, 2024, at 1:09 p.m.

**Roll Call**

**Members Present** – Bryan Killian, Lucy Payne, Tameka Ramsey, Bruce Turpin, and Kermit Williams

A quorum was announced.

**Excuse Commissioners**

24-299 **Motion to excuse Commissioner Norbert Burrows, Gill Garrett, Scott Stewart, and Jose Ybarra for personal reasons.** Moved by Commissioner Williams and second by Commissioner Killian.

Ayes: Killian, Payne, Ramsey, Turpin, and Williams

No: None

**Motion Carried**

Commissioner Gill Garrett arrived at 1:10 p.m.

**Amendments and or Approval of the Agenda**

24-300 **Motion to add a Resolution to approve the new 2024 Proposed Charter after public comment and before closing comments as the new item #8.** Moved by Commissioner Williams and second by Commissioner Killian.

Ayes: Killian, Payne, Ramsey, Turpin, Williams, and Garrett

No: None

**Motion Carried**

24-301 **Motion to approve the agenda as amended.** Moved by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Turpin.

Ayes: Payne, Ramsey, Turpin, Williams, Garrett, and Killian

No: None

**Motion Carried**

**Approval of Minutes**

24-302 **Motion to approve the minutes for March 20, 2024.** Moved by Commissioner Williams and second by Commissioner Killian.

Ayes: Ramsey, Turpin, Williams, Killian, and Payne

No: None

**Motion Carried**

Commissioner Garrett was absent for the vote.

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**Public Comment – None**

**Correspondence from Governor's Office and Attorney General's Office**

24-302 **Motion to amend section 5.205 – Tax Limits.** Moved by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Turpin.

The total amount of taxes which may be levied against property for City purposed in any one year shall not exceed \$10.00 on each \$1,000.00 of the assessed valuation. An additional tax of \$1.50 on each \$1,000.00 assessed valuation may be levied for capital improvements or to pay principal and interest on bonds therefor; and a further additional tax of \$2.00 on each \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation may be levied to be utilized for salaries, benefits, or other expenses of firemen ~~assigned to duty as required by Section 4.504 of this Charter,~~ in addition to such other revenues as may be regularly utilized for those purposes. The provisions of this 2024 Proposed Charter 21 section shall not prevent the levy and collection on the full amount of taxes required by law for the payment of debts.

Ayes: Turpin, Williams, Garrett, Killian, Payne, and Ramsey

No: None

**Motion Carried**

24-303 **Motion to amend Section 6.101 - Non-Discrimination.** Moved by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commission Turpin.

City government shall provide equal opportunity in employment for all persons; ~~and shall comply with the provisions of the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act, MCL §37.2101, as amended.~~ ~~prohibit discrimination in employment because of race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, handicap, marital status, sexual orientation, height, or weight.~~

Ayes: Turpin, Williams, Garrett, Killian, Payne, and Ramsey

No: None

**Motion Carried**

Commissioner Jose Ybarra arrived at 1:19 p.m.

24-304 **Motion to amend section 6.106 – Conflict of Interest.** Moved by Commissioner Williams and second by Commissioner Garrett.

(a) Except as otherwise required by law, and subject to limitations of MCL §15.328, as amended:

(1) An elective officer, appointee, or employee who has a conflict between personal interest and the public interest as defined by law, this Charter, or ordinance shall disclose fully to the City Attorney the nature of the conflict, who shall provide the Mayor, City Council, and the Office of Public Integrity with a summary of the stated conflict. Except as provided by law or ordinance, no elective officer, appointee, or employee of the City may participate in or act upon or vote upon any matter if a conflict of interest exists.

Ayes: Williams, Garrett, Killian, Payne, Ramsey, and Turpin

No: None

Abstain: Ybarra III

**Motion Carried**

Commissioner Norbert Burrows arrived at 1:22 p.m.



24-305 **Motion to amend section 6.107 – Retirement Plans.** Moved by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Killian. Discussion. Commissioner Williams rescinded his motion and Commissioner Killian rescinded his second. **New motion to table and revisit section 6.107 – Retirement Plans after all other items are amended.** Moved by Commissioner Williams and second by Commissioner Killian.

Ayes: Burrows, Garrett, Killian, Payne, Ramsey, Tupin, Williams, and Ybarra III

No: None

**Motion Carried**

24-306 **Motion to amend section 6.402 – Duties of Council and Petitions.** Moved by Commissioner Ybarra III and seconded by Commissioner Williams.

If such certificate shows that the number of registered electors of the City signing the is not less than 10% ~~but less than or equal to 15%~~ of the registered electors of the City voting at the preceding Presidential election, the Council shall within 20 days thereafter either:

- (a) adopt the ordinance without alteration (subject to the referendum provided by Charter); or
- (b) at the next election to be held in accordance with state law, the proposed ordinance shall be submitted without alteration to the voters.

Ayes: Garrett, Killian, Payne, Ramsey, Turpin, Williams, Ybarra III, and Burrows

No: None

**Motion Carried**

24-307 **Motion to amend section 7.102 – Disclosures.** Moved by Commissioner Garrett and seconded by Commissioner Ybarra III.

(a) Except as otherwise provided by applicable law, including MCL §15.328, a public servant shall disclose:

- (1) Any financial interest, direct or indirect, that they or an immediate family member has in any contract or matter pending before Council;
- (2) Any financial interest, direct or indirect, that they or an immediate family member has in any contract or matter pending before or within any office, department, or agency of the City;
- (3) Any interest that they, or an immediate family member has in real and personal property that is subject to a decision by the City regarding purchase, sale, lease, zoning, improvement, special designation tax assessment or abatement or a development agreement;
- (4) Campaign contributions and expenditures, regarding City proposals or City elections, in accordance with applicable laws; or
- (5) The identity of any immediate family member employed by the City or who is making application to the City.

(b) In addition to compliance with the above section, contractors and vendors shall disclose:

- (1) The identity of all entities and persons with any financial interest, direct or indirect, in any contract or matter the vendor or contractor has pending before Council; and
- (2) The identity of all entities and persons with any financial interest, direct or indirect, in any contract or matter the vendor or contractor 2024 Proposed Charter 41 has pending before or within any office, department or agency of the City.

(c) The above disclosures shall be made in writing and be made by sworn, notarized affidavit, in accordance with City ordinance and applicable laws.

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Ayes: Killian, Payne, Ramsey, Turpin, Williams, Ybarra III, Burrows, and Garrett

No: None

**Motion Carried**

24-308 **Motion to amend section 9.101 (b) – Electoral Vote and Effective Date.** Moved by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Garrett.

(b) If this Charter is adopted, this Charter shall take effect on ~~July April 1, 2025~~, approval by the county board of canvassers and issuance of a certificate of election to the State of Michigan Office of the Great Seal and Oakland County Clerk.

Ayes: Payne, Ramsey, Turpin, Williams, Ybarra III, Burrows, Garrett, and Killian

No: None

**Motion Carried**

24-309 **Motion to amend section 6.107 – Retirement Plans.** Moved by Commissioner Garrett and seconded by Commissioner Payne.

**Retirement Plans Continued**

The City may establish, by ordinance, its retirement plans consistent with law. ~~that does not extend liability beyond the current fiscal year.~~ The existing governing bodies for administering those plans, the benefit schedules for those plans, and the terms for accruing rights to and receiving benefits under those plans shall ~~have ordinance status~~ remain under this after the effective date of this Charter.

Ayes: Ramsey, Turpin, Williams, Ybarra III, Burrows, Garrett, Killian, and Payne

No: None

**Motion Carried**

24-310 **Resolution to adopt the New 2024 Proposed Charter.** Moved by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Garrett.

At a special meeting of the City of Pontiac Charter Commission held on April 14, 2024, the following resolution was offered by Charter Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Garrett. RESOLVED that the City of Pontiac Charter Commission hereby adopts the proposed new 2024 Charter for the City of Pontiac presented at its meeting (subject to editorial changes, including grammar, punctuation, numbering, etc.) in place of the Charter adopted on February 10, 2024, and March 20, 2024, and the Commission's attorney is directed to transmit a copy of this charter to the Governor of the State of Michigan for her approval and the office of the Attorney General in accordance with State law. IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

- (1) A copy of the proposed Charter shall be filed with the City Clerk;
- (2) Copies of the proposed Charter shall be distributed to the Oakland County Clerk, the Mayor, and the City Council; and
- (3) The City Clerk and the County Clerk shall be and hereby are requested to submit the proposed Charter to a vote of the qualified electors of the City at the election to be held on Tuesday, August 6, 2024, with the following question:

Shall the 2024 City Charter proposed by the Pontiac Charter Revision Commission be adopted?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_

No \_\_\_\_\_

- (4) This proposed Charter shall be published online and in accordance with State law and copies made available at the City Clerk's office.

Ayes: Turpin, Williams, Ybarra III, Burrows, Garrett, Killian, Payne, and Ramsey

No: None

**Resolution Passed**

**Closing Comments** – Commissioner Ybarra III, Commissioner Burrows, Commissioner Garrett, and Commissioner Killian made closing comments.

**Adjournment**

Chair Ramsey adjourned the meeting at 1:50 p.m.

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Sheila R. Grandison  
Deputy City Clerk