

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

**Call to order**

A 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 Thursday, September 28, 2023, at 6:20 p.m.

**Roll Call**

**Members Present** – Gill Garrett, Bryan Killian, Lucy Payne, Tameka Ramsey, and Kermit Williams.

A quorum was announced.

**Excuse Commissioners**

23-48           **Motion to excuse Commissioners Norbert Burrows, Scott Stewart, and Bruce Turpin for personal reasons.** Moved by Commissioner Williams and second by Commissioner Garrett.

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

No: None

**Motion Carried**

**Amendments and or Approval of the Agenda**

23-49           **Motion to move item #9 up after Public Comment as the new item #7.** Moved by Commissioner Williams and second by Commissioner Garrett.

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

No: None

**Motion Carried**

23-50           **Motion to approve the agenda as amended.** Moved by Commissioner Williams and second by Commissioner Killian.

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

No: None

**Motion Carried**

**Approval of the Minutes**

23-51           **Motion to approve meeting minutes from September 28, 2023.** Moved by Commissioner Garrett and second by Commissioner Williams.

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

No: None

**Motion Carried**

**Public Comment** – None

**Reviewing of the 2013 Charter**

23-52           **Motion to adopt the 2013 Charter as a guide of framework to assist in amending City Charter.** Moved by Commissioner William and second by Commissioner Killian.

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

No: None

**Motion Carried**

23-53 **Motion to keep Articles 1, General Provisions 1.101 through 1.104 as is.** Moved by Commissioner Williams and second by Commissioner Killian.

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

No: None

**Motion Carried**

23-54 **Motion to amend Article II, Elections, Section 2.101, Elective Officers.** Moved by Commissioner Williams and second by Commissioner Garrett.

The elective officers of the City are the mayor and the seven (7) members of the City Council. ~~Five (5)~~ **Six (6)** council members shall be elected by district and ~~two (2)~~ **one (1)** at-large council member shall be elected citywide.

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

No: None

**Motion Carried**

23-55 **Motion to amend Article II, Elections, Section 2.105, Election Commission.** Moved by Commissioner Williams and second by Commissioner Garrett.

The City Election Commission is composed of:

1. City Clerk
2. ~~City Attorney~~, **a Non-Attorney employee of the city to be appointed by the Mayor**
3. **City Treasurer**
4. **Two residents appointed by City Council**

The Commission has general supervision of all elections in the city and may hire assistants, inspectors, and other election personnel **and be consulted by Attorney or Firm.**

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

No: None

**Motion Carried**

23-56 **Motion to amend Article II, Elections, Section 2.106, Electoral Districts and Re-Apportionment.** Moved by Commissioner Williams and second by Commissioner Garrett.

The City id divided into ~~five (5)~~ **six (6)** Electoral districts.

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

No: None

**Motion Carried**

23-57 **Motion to amend Article II, Elections, Section 2.107, Candidates for Nomination.** Moved by Commissioner Williams and second by Commissioner Garrett.

Nominating petitions of a candidate for nomination to a City Council District seat shall contain the signatures of at least ~~50~~ 100 and not more than ~~400~~ 150 registered electors of the district involved.

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

No: None

**Motion Carried**

23-58 **Motion to adopt Article II, Elections, Section 2.101 through 2.112 as amended.**  
Moved by Commissioner Williams and second by Commissioner Killian.

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

No: None

**Motion Carried**

23-59 **Motion to amend Article III, Legislative Branch, Chapter 1-City Council, Section 3.102, District Representation: Term of Office.** Moved by Commissioner Garrett and second by Commissioner Williams.

The ~~two~~ one Council ~~members~~ member at-large shall be nominated and elected by the electors of the entire city.

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

No: None

**Motion Carried**

Commissioner Jose Ybarra III arrived at 7:00 p.m.

23-60 **Motion to amend Article III, Legislative Branch, Chapter 1-City Council, Section 3.103, Beginning of Term.** Discussion.

**Motion to table amend Article III, Legislative Branch, Chapter 1-City Council, Section 3.103, Beginning of Term to the next meeting on October 12, 2023.** Moved by Commissioner Garrett and second by Commissioner Williams.

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

No: None

**Motion Carried**

23-61 **Motion to amend Article III, Legislative Branch, Chapter 1-City Council, Section 3.106, Public Access: Rules.** Moved by Commissioner Payne and second by Commissioner Garrett.

The Council shall determine its own rules ~~and~~ and order of business and shall keep a journal of its proceedings, in English ~~and reproduced in Spanish~~.

Ayes: Williams, Ybarra III, Garrett, Payne, and Ramsey

No: None

**Motion Carried**

Commissioner Killian was absent during the vote.

23-62 **Motion to amend Article III, Legislative Branch, Chapter 1-City Council, Section 3.108, Voting.** Moved by Commissioner Williams and second by Commissioner Payne.

Except as otherwise required by this charter, no action of the Council shall be effective unless adopted by a majority of Council members serving. ~~present and voting during that action's vote.~~

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

No: None

**Motion Carried**

23-63 **Motion to amend Article III, Legislative Branch, Chapter 1-City Council, Section 3.110, Compensation.** Moved by Commissioner Williams and second by Commissioner Garrett.

Council membership is a part-time position, **except for the City Council President, who will be full-time.**

Ayes: Williams, Ybarra III, Garrett, and Ramsey

No: Killian and Payne

**Motion Carried**

23-64 **Motion to amend Article III, Legislative Branch, Chapter 1-City Council, Section 3.111, Appointment of Clerk.** Moved by Commissioner Williams, he withdrew his motion. Moved by Commissioner Garrett and second by Commissioner Ybarra III.

The Council shall appoint a City Clerk for an indefinite period **upon a satisfactory evaluation; the Clerk shall continue its appointment with a yearly evaluation.** The Clerk is removable by five (5) members of the council **or Council President and three members of Council.**

Ayes: Ybarra III, Garrett, Payne, Ramsey, and Williams

No: Killian

**Motion Carried**

23-65 **Motion to amend Article III, Legislative Branch, Chapter 1-City Council, Section 3.115, Staff.** Moved by Commissioner Williams and second by Commissioner Garrett.

The Council may, within appropriations provided in the budget, appoint staff or contract for services. Staff or persons engaged pursuant to contract serve at the pleasure of the Council **without interference of the Mayor, appointee of the Mayor, or staff from the Executive Branch.**

Ayes: Garrett, Killian, Ramsey, Williams, and Ybarra III

No: None

Abstain: Payne

**Motion Carried**

### **Discussions**

Charter Commissioners discussed waiting until they have an amended Charter to go over it in Training.

Forms of Government: City Council with 1 at Large Council Seat with President being a full-time position voted by the people or the rest of the City Council Members.

**Closing Comments** – Commissioner Gill Garrett, Commissioner Bryan Killian, Commissioner Jose Ybarra III, and Chair Tameka Ramsey made closing comments.

September 28, 2023, Approved Minutes

**Adjournment**

Chair Tameka Ramsey adjourned the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

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Sheila R. Grandison  
Deputy City Clerk