

January 9, 2024 Approved Minutes

**Official Proceedings
Pontiac City Council
125th Session of the Eleventh Council**

Call to order

A Regular 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 9, 2024, at 6:04 p.m. by Council President Mike McGuinness.

Invocation – Pastor Kathy Dessureau – 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, William Parker Jr., and Melanie Rutherford.

Mayor Tim Greimel was absent.
Deputy Mayor Khalfani Stephens was present.
A quorum was announced.

Excuse Councilmember

Motion to excuse Councilman Brett Nicholson for personal reasons. Move by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Goodman.

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

No: None

Motion Carried

Amendments to and Approval of the Agenda

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

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

No: None

Motion Carried

Consent Agenda

24-5 **Resolution to approve the consent agenda for January 9, 2024.** Moved by Councilperson Carrington and second by Councilperson Parker.

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed the consent agenda for January 9, 2024.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council approves the consent agenda for January 9, 2024, including the January 3, 2024, City Council Meeting Minutes.

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

No: None

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Special Presentation

Audit for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023, Completed on Time, Submitted to State of Michigan
Presentation Presenters: Khalfani Stephens, City of Pontiac Deputy Mayor, and Tim Sadowski, City of Pontiac Finance Director

Recognition of Elected Officials - None

Agenda Address

1. Dr. Deirdre Waterman addressed items #1 and #4
2. Carlton Jones addressed items #1 and #3
3. Darlene Clark addressed item #3

Mayor Tim Greimel arrived at 6:32 p.m.

Agenda Items

Resolutions

City Council

24-6

Resolution Celebrating the Legacy and Impact of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and Recognizing January 15, 2024, as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Goodman.

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 15, 2024, 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.

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

Resolution Passed

Code Enforcement Division

24-7 **Resolution to approve Code Enforcement Full-Time Parking Position and the Lease of 2024 Chevrolet Equinox for Code Enforcement.** Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Carrington.

WHEREAS, The Code Enforcement Division is in need of an additional full-time inspector for Downtown Pontiac and to lease a vehicle for that staff person; and
WHEREAS, these actions required a budget amendment for FY 2023-2024 to cover these costs. City Council authorized the notice of the budget amendment on December 19, 2023, and it was properly published on December 27, 2023. The City Council approved the budget amendment on January 3, 2024. NOW, THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED: The Pontiac City Council approves the following: The changing of the part-time Code Enforcement position to full-time. The lease of a 2024 Chevrolet Equinox from Enterprise Fleet Management and authorizes the Mayor or Deputy Mayor to sign the agreement.

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

Resolution Passed

Grants and Philanthropy Department

24-8 **Resolution to approve the Purchasing Manager to award the contract with LAP + Creative and authorize the Mayor or Deputy Mayor to execute the agreement with the not to exceed amount of \$117,500 for park site planning and community engagement for neighborhood and mini parks in Pontiac.** Moved by Councilperson Carrington and second by Councilperson Rutherford.

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Manager has ensured that the purchase is following the City's municipal code, Division II. Purchasing, Section 2-517, 2-518, and 2-519 pertaining to major purchases; and,
WHEREAS, the City received three bids in response to the solicitation for park site planning design services; and,
WHEREAS, LAP + Creative presented the lowest cost, the most appropriate timeline, and the most detailed proposal in comparison to the other bidders; and,
WHEREAS, LAP + Creative has extensive experience in park redevelopment, site planning, community engagement, and landscape architecture as outlined in the proposal; and,
WHEREAS, the Purchasing Manager is requesting to award the contract to, and execute an agreement with, LAP + Creative; and,
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Pontiac City Council approves the Purchasing Manager to award the contract, and for the Mayor or Mayor Designee to execute the agreement with the LAP + Creative for a not to exceed amount of \$117,500.

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

Resolution Passed

Human Resources (HR)

24-4 **Resolution to authorize the Mayor or Deputy Mayor to enter into a contract with Titan Wealth Advisors for auditing and managing the City's retirement plans in an amount not to exceed \$47,000. (This item was deferred for one week by a vote of the City Council at the Council meeting on January 3, 2024.)** Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson James.

WHEREAS, the Human Resources Department requires assistance with ensuring that the City's three (3) retirement plans are in compliance with state and federal guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the City's received quotes from several companies including Titan Wealth Advisors to audit and manage the City's retirement plans; and

WHEREAS, Human Resources recommended, and the HR and Finance Subcommittee approved entering into a contract for FY 2023-24 with Titan Wealth Advisors for \$47,000 to pay for the referenced services.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Pontiac City Council authorizes the Mayor or his Designee to enter into a contract with Titan Wealth Advisors for auditing and managing the City's retirement plans in an amount not to exceed \$47,000.

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

No: None

Resolution Passed

Public Comment

1. Robert Bass
2. Dr. Deirdre Waterman
3. Carlton Jones
4. Pastor Kathy Dessureau
5. Darlene Clark
6. Beatrice Wright

Discussions

Michigan Department of Transportation has Informed Pontiac City Council that, Following the Votes of the City Council in Opposition to the Repurposing of a Westbound Lane of Huron (M-59) and the Installation of Multiple Pedestrian Refuge Islands on Huron (M-59), they will No Longer be Pursuing those Projects.

Hyundai and Kia Vehicle Thefts Increased Nationally by More Than 1,000% Since 2020; Local News Coverage of Kia Stolen in Pontiac with Christmas Presents Inside, Vehicle Retrieved and Presents Returned to the Family; Oakland County Sheriff Department Distributing Free Steering Wheel Attachments to Local Owners of Kia Vehicles, Call (248) 858-5000 For More Information.

Communications

City Council

Mayor, Clerk and Council Closing Comments

Mayor Tim Greimel, Clerk Garland Doyle, Councilman William Parker Jr., Councilwoman Kathalee James, Councilman Mikal Goodman, Councilwoman Melanie Rutherford, 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 Parker.

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

No: None

Motion Carried

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Council President Mike McGuinness adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Garland S. Doyle
City Clerk