

February 18, 2025, Approved Minutes

**Official Proceedings
Pontiac City Council
183rd 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, February 18, 2025, at 6:01 p.m. by Council President Mike McGuinness.

Invocation – Pastor Larry Mann

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States

Moment of Silence

Roll Call

Members Present – William Carrington, Kathalee James, Milanna Jones, Mike McGuinness, and William Parker, Jr.

Mayor Tim Greimel was present

A quorum was announced

Excuse Councilmembers

Motion to excuse Councilwoman Melanie Rutherford from the meeting for personal reasons. Moved by Councilperson Parker and seconded by Councilperson Jones.

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

No: None

Motion Carried

Councilman Mikal Goodman arrived at 6:10 p.m.

Amendments to and Approval of the Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda. Moved by Councilperson Jones and seconded by Councilperson Parker. Discussion.

Motion to amend the agenda to remove item #4 (Resolution to Approve the First Reading of an Ordinance Amending the Reinstated Pontiac General Employees Retirement System (REGERS) to Incorporate SECURE Act 2.0 Requirements and Amending Pontiac General Employees Retirement System (GERS) to Incorporate SECURE Act 2.0 Requirements) and item #5 (Resolution to Approve the First Reading of an Ordinance Amending Police and Fire Pension Fund to Incorporate SECURE Act 2.0 Requirements), add two Resolutions to the consent agenda Honoring the Life and Service of Sheila Hamilton-Causey, and Seeking Clarity on hold-up of Small Business Grant Awards to Small Businesses in the City of Pontiac. Moved by Councilperson Goodman and seconded by Councilperson Parker.

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

No: None

Motion Carried

****Vote was taken to approve the agenda as amended****

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

No: None

Motion Carried

Approval of the Consent Agenda

25-30 **Resolution to approve the consent agenda.** Moved by Councilperson Carrington and seconded by Councilperson Parker.

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed the consent agenda for February 18, 2025. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council approves the consent agenda for February 18, 2025, including City Council Special Meeting Minutes including the Closed Session Minutes from February 4, 2025, City Council Regular Meeting Minutes from February 4, 2025, Resolution Recognizing March 2025 as Women's History Month in Pontiac, Resolution Approving Annual Renewal of BS&A System Software Licenses, Resolution Approving Temporary License Agreement for Work that will Occur on City Park Property for the Augusta Drain (North Kiwanis Park, near Osmun Lake), Resolution Approving Construction Engineering Contract for Mattie McKinney Hatchett Park Improvements (Construction Contract Already Approved by City Council, this is Engineering Oversight by Nowak & Fraus), Resolution Authorizing Clerk to Post Notice of Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2024-25 for Violence Intervention Specialists Positions, Resolution Approving Contract Extension with Procurement Consulting Group for Purchasing Services, Resolution Amending Contract with Attorney Richard Taylor for Michigan Indigent Defense Services, Resolution Extending Contract with NTH Consulting by Six Months for As-Needed Engineering Services, Resolution Extending Contract with Hubbell, Roth & Clark (HRC) by Six Months for As-Needed Engineering, Resolution Extending Contract with Nowak & Fraus by Six Months for As-Needed Engineering Services, Resolution Requesting Remediation Strategy for Derelict City-Owned Structure at University Drive, M59, Resolution Stressing Need for Huron Street Light Outages Replaced, Requesting Written Status Update, Resolution Stressing Need for Joslyn Street Light Outages Replace, Requesting Written Status Update, Resolution Stressing Need for Orchard Lake Street Light Outages Replaced, Requesting Written Status Update, Resolution Stressing Need for Perry Street Light Outages Replaced, Requesting Written Status Update, Resolution Stressing Need for Baldwin Street Light Outages Replaced, Requesting Written Status Update, Resolution to Proceed in Closed Session Re-enactment of December 10, 2024, City Council Resolution, Resolution Honoring the Life and Service of Sheila Hamilton-Causey, and Resolution Seeking Clarity on hold-up of Small Business Grant Awards to Small Businesses in the City of Pontiac.

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

No: None

Resolution Passed

25-30 (C) **Resolution Recognizing March 2025 as Women's History Month in Pontiac.** Moved by Councilperson Carrington and seconded by Councilperson Parker.

WHEREAS women in the United States were once considered property or chattel of their husbands and were subjected to second class citizenship.
WHEREAS through tireless determination and opposition to that adversity, women nevertheless persisted and gained greater rights and independence;
WHEREAS the month of March is National Women's History Month, which recognizes and spreads awareness of the importance of women in the history of the United States;

WHEREAS, throughout the history of the United States, whether in the home, the workplace, schools, the courts, in peace or in wartime, women have fought for themselves, for their families, and for all people of our country;

WHEREAS women led efforts to secure suffrage and equal opportunity for women and also served in the abolitionist movement, emancipation movement, labor movements, Civil Rights movement, and other causes to create a more fair and just society for all;

WHEREAS suffragists wrote, marched, organized, faced arrests, and ultimately succeeded in achieving the enactment of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, section one of which provides that “the right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex,” and with the later Voting Rights Act of 1965, protections were extended for the right to vote for women of color and women who speak languages other than English;

WHEREAS women had once been barred from attending medical schools in this country, but now make up most enrollments in medical schools, and there are many women in the Pontiac community who are thriving in the medical profession;

WHEREAS women were previously turned away from law school, but now represent approximately half of law students in the United States, and there are many women in the Pontiac community who are thriving in the legal profession;

WHEREAS women have served in the United States Armed Forces since the American Revolution and the American Civil War, noting one woman in particular, Harriet Tubman, who was enslaved but took her freedom, brought others to freedom, and served as a spy and a commander in the Civil War;

WHEREAS women serve in volunteer and enlisted United States military positions, with more than 200,000 active-duty servicewomen and 2,00,000 veterans representing every branch of service: now, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved, the Pontiac City Council recognizes March 2025 as Women’s History Month in the City of Pontiac, Michigan; and further

RESOLVED, the City Council honors the many contributions women has made to the City of Pontiac through the generations and celebrates educating Pontiac residents of the many achievements and contributions made by women to our City’s cultural, spiritual, economic, and political development; and further

RESOLVED, the City Council joins other organizations throughout the State of Michigan and this nation in using this occasion to celebrate the milestones that have been achieved, continue the pursuit toward equal treatment under the law and opportunity of access for women in our community and nationally; and further

RESOLVED, we honor the leaders and activists from Pontiac and throughout the nation who helped pave the way for equal treatment and equal access for women; and further

RESOLVED, we recognize the dynamic Pontiac women who were trailblazers in our community and accomplished many ‘firsts’ and notable milestones in our city’s history; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, the City Council welcomes additional opportunities for us as a community to better acknowledge, celebrate, and preserve the people, places, events, and organizations that constitute Pontiac’s phenomenal local women’s history.

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

No: None

Resolution Passed

25-30 (D) **Resolution Approving Annual Renewal of BS&A System Software Licenses.** Moved by Councilperson Carrington and seconded by Councilperson Parker.

WHEREAS, the City of Pontiac utilizes BS&A as its Enterprise Resource Planning software; and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Division is recommending that the City of Pontiac's Information Technology Division renew the annual licenses; and
WHEREAS, the Information Technology Division will renew 11 BS&A Application licenses; and
WHEREAS, the Information Technology Divisions funding source is general ledger account 101-228-818.080 (Computer Software) to renew the licenses; and
WHEREAS the Purchasing Division will issue a contract purchase order (CPO) for the total renewal price of \$52,635.00; and
WHEREAS the purchasing manager has met the City's Cooperative Purchasing Participation requirement (Article VI. Finance, Section 2-523) to renew these licenses; and
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council authorizes the Information Technology Division 11 BS&A Application licenses for a cost of \$52,635.00.

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

No: None

Resolution Passed

25-30 (E) **Resolution Approving Temporary License Agreement for Work that will Occur on City Park Property for the Augusta Drain. (North Kiwanis Park, near Osmun Lake)** Moved by Councilperson Carrington and seconded by Councilperson Parker.

WHEREAS Oakland County Water Resources Authority (OCWRC) has requested on behalf of the Augusta Drain Drainage District a license in order to access property located along Osmun Lake within North Kiwanis Park, also known locally as Stanley Park, in order to accomplish work associated with the Augusta Drain; and

WHEREAS the City supports the project and is interested in seeing the project move forward to completion to improve water quality and allow for the staging of equipment in order to construct a riparian buffer strip along the perimeter of the perimeter of Osmun Lake.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Pontiac City Council authorizes a Revocable license to the Augusta Drain Drainage District for temporary use of the property located along Osmun Lake within North Kiwanis Park, also known locally as Stanley Park; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor or his designee is authorized to execute the License in a form approved by the City Attorney.

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

No: None

Resolution Passed

25-30 (F) **Resolution Approving Construction Engineering Contract for Mattie McKinney Hatchett Park Improvements. (Construction Contract Already Approved by City Council, this is Engineering Oversight by Nowak & Fraus)** Moved by Councilperson Carrington and seconded by Councilperson Parker.

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Manager and key stakeholders conducted a cost analysis review to ensure an accurate price comparison.

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Manager confirmed that the funding source for this project is Other Professional Services and the General Ledger account is 101-699-808.000-MMHPRK totaling \$72,000.

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Division has ensured that the award follows the Pontiac Municipal Code, Chapter 2, Article VI, Division 2, Sections 2-517 through 2-519 related to major purchases.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pontiac City Council authorizes the Mayor or the Mayor's Designee to execute an agreement of the same with Nowak and Fraus engineers, to oversee engineering services for Mattie McKinney Hatchett Park for \$72,000, using Other Professional Services

from the General Ledger Account Number 101-699-808.000.MMHPRK.

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

No: None

Resolution Passed

25-30 (G) **Resolution Authorizing Clerk to Post Notice of Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2024-25 for Violence Intervention Specialists Positions.** Moved by Councilperson Carrington and seconded by Councilperson Parker.

WHEREAS the City of Pontiac created a Group Violence Intervention (GVI) program; and
WHEREAS, the GVI program is currently funded with American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) dollars; and,
WHEREAS, The city would like to add additional positions to the GVI program; and,
WHEREAS, ARPA guidelines do not allow ARPA funds to be used to support positions that were not in existence before December 31, 2024; and
WHEREAS, There are sufficient funds in the General Fund (101) fund balance to cover these employees; and
WHEREAS, There is sufficient cashflow expected in the General Fund (101) to continue to cover the cost of these employees going forward.
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pontiac City Council hereby authorizes the City Clerk to publish notice of a \$85,000 to increase the allocation to the Mayor's budget 101-171 and to decrease the general fund (101-000-390.000) fund-balance by \$85,000

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

No: None

Resolution Passed

25-30 (H) **Resolution Approving Contract Extension with Procurement Consulting Group for Purchasing Services.** Moved by Councilperson Carrington and seconded by Councilperson Parker.

WHEREAS, the professional procurement services term for the Procurement Consulting Group (PCG) expired on January 31, 2025; and
WHEREAS, there is a need to maintain continuity of procurement services and ensure the implementation of best practices, policy, and procedure changes within the procurement department; and
WHEREAS, PCG currently provides one consultant one to two days per week, offering valuable expertise and support; and
WHEREAS, the Purchasing Division is at a critical point in its transformation and requires uninterrupted additional ongoing support from PCG until at least July 31, 2025.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the City's contract with PCG is hereby amended to extend the term until July 31, 2025 under the same cost terms, including an hourly rate of \$105 per hour, monthly work hours up to 400 hours; with additional hours requiring approval from the Mayor or Deputy Mayor; a monthly cost cap of \$42,000, unless pre-approved; and
FURTHER RESOLVED that total budget for the contract term in the amount of \$252,000 shall be paid from the General Ledger Fund 101-233-818.000 (Other professional Services); and
FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor or his designee is authorized to execute the amendment as approved herein on behalf of the City.

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

No: None

Resolution Passed

25-30 (I) **Resolution Amending Contract with Attorney Richard Taylor for Michigan Indigent Defense Services.** Moved by Councilperson Carrington and seconded by Councilperson Parker.

WHEREAS the City of Pontiac entered into a contract with Richard Taylor on April 24, 2023, to serve as the Managed Assigned Counsel Coordinator (MACC), providing services associated with the Court's Indigent Defense program; and

WHEREAS on November 12, 2024, the City entered a contract accepting and approving Grant proceeds from the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission (MIDC) for administration of such program for the 2025 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS the FY24 MACC Agreement has expired, and it is now necessary to amend the agreement to continue uninterrupted MACC services for FY 2025 at the updated rates provided in the renewed grant; and

WHEREAS there is no financial impact to the City as a result of this amendment, as this position is paid through the approved FY25 MIDC Grant appropriated to the City on November 12, 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Pontiac City Council authorizes an amendment to renew the contract for a term extending to September 30, 2025, in an amount not to exceed \$62,500; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor or his designee is hereby authorized to execute the amendment on behalf of the City.

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

No: None

Resolution Passed

25-30 (J) **Resolution Extending Contract with NTH Consulting by Six Months for As-Needed Engineering Services.** Moved by Councilperson Carrington and seconded by Councilperson Parker.

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works has identified the need for continued professional engineering services for municipal construction projects, including oversight, inspections, material testing, and contract administration; and

WHEREAS, the contract with NTH Consultants, Ltd. (NTH) was originally executed on February 10, 2017, and an amendment, effective February 24, 2023, extended the agreement for two years to February 23, 2025, or on the date upon which all tasks and/or projects assigned to NTH are completed to the City's satisfaction; and

WHEREAS, the City is now requesting an additional six-month extension until August 22, 2025, to allow for continuity of services, with an additional funding allocation of up to \$20,000; and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Division has confirmed that the funding source for this contract is Other Professional Services under General Ledger Account 101-447-806.000, totaling \$20,000; and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Division has ensured that the award follows the Pontiac Municipal Code, Chapter 2, Article VI, Division 2, Sections 2-517 through 2-519 related to major purchases.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pontiac City Council approves the extension of the professional engineering services agreement with NTH Consultants, Ltd. (NTH) and the allocation of an additional amount not to exceed \$20,000 and authorizes the Mayor or the Mayor's Designee to execute an Amendment to the agreement using Other Professional Services funding from General Ledger Account 101-447-806.000.

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

No: None

Resolution Passed

25-30 (K) **Resolution Extending Contract with Hubbell, Roth & Clark (HRC) by Six Months for As-Needed Engineering.** Moved by Councilperson Carrington and seconded by Councilperson Parker.

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works has identified the need for continued professional engineering services for municipal construction projects, including oversight, inspections, material testing, and contract administration; and

WHEREAS, the contract with Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Inc. (HRC) was originally executed on February 24, 2017, and an amendment, effective February 24, 2023, extended the agreement for two years to February 23, 2025, or on the date upon which all tasks and/or projects assigned to HRC are completed to the City's satisfaction; and

WHEREAS, the City is now requesting an additional six-month extension until August 22, 2025, to allow for continuity of services, with an additional funding allocation of up to \$20,000; and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Division has confirmed that the funding source for this contract is Other Professional Services under General Ledger Account 101-447-806.000, totaling \$20,000; and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Division has ensured that the award follows the Pontiac Municipal Code, Chapter 2, Article VI, Division 2, Sections 2-517 through 2-519 related to major purchases.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pontiac City Council approves the extension of the professional engineering services agreement with Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Inc. (HRC) and the allocation of an additional amount not to exceed \$20,000 and authorizes the Mayor or the Mayor's Designee to execute an Amendment to the agreement using Other Professional Services funding from General Ledger Account 101-447-806.000.

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

No: None

Resolution Passed

25-30 (L) **Resolution Extending Contract with Nowak & Fraus by Six Months for As-Needed Engineering Services.** Moved by Councilperson Carrington and seconded by Councilperson Parker.

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works has identified the need for continued professional engineering services for municipal construction projects, including oversight, inspections, material testing, and contract administration; and

WHEREAS, the contract with Nowak & Fraus Engineers (NFE) was originally executed on February 10, 2017, and an amendment, effective February 24, 2023, extended the agreement for two years to February 23, 2025, or on the date upon which all tasks and/or projects assigned to NFE are completed to the City's satisfaction; and

WHEREAS, the City is now requesting an additional six-month extension until August 22, 2025, to allow for continuity of services, with an additional funding allocation of up to \$20,000; and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Division has confirmed that the funding source for this contract is Other Professional Services under General Ledger Account 101-447-806.000, totaling \$20,000; and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Division has ensured that the award follows the Pontiac Municipal Code, Chapter 2, Article VI, Division 2, Sections 2-517 through 2-519 related to major purchases.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Pontiac City Council approves the extension of the professional engineering services agreement with Nowak & Fraus Engineers (NFE) and the allocation of an additional amount not to exceed \$20,000 and authorizes the Mayor or the Mayor's Designee to execute an Amendment to the agreement using Other Professional Services funding from General Ledger Account 101-447-806.000.

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

No: None

Resolution Passed

25-30 (M) **Resolution Requesting Remediation Strategy for Derelict City-Owned Structure at University Drive, M59.** Moved by Councilperson Carrington and seconded by Councilperson Parker.

WHEREAS, the City of Pontiac strives to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all residents of our City, and for our neighborhoods and business corridors to be clean, presentable, and pleasant for our residents; and, WHEREAS, City Council is concerned about the city-owned property at University Drive and M-59 that is in an advanced state of deterioration, with graffiti, overgrowth, debris, and compromised structural elements causing the highly-visible property to harm the presentability and attractiveness of the surrounding area; and,

WHEREAS, City Council has previously raised these concerns with the Administration over the past three years and is seeking a strategy and a path forward to either improve and utilize the structure and surrounding property, or to demolish and remediate the property; now,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Pontiac City Council hereby requests a strategy for how the City of Pontiac intends to address the poor conditions and appearance of the city-owned structure at University Drive and M-59; and further Resolved, the City Council requests that Mayor Greimel ensures a written strategy is provided to City Council that communicates the plan for the structure, including an anticipated timeline and whether City Council consideration will be needed on forthcoming requests from the Administration related to the property's future.

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

No: None

Resolution Passed

25-30 (N) **Resolution Stressing Need for Huron Street Light Outages Replaced, Requesting Written Status Update.** Moved by Councilperson Carrington and seconded by Councilperson Parker.

WHEREAS, the City of Pontiac strives to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all residents of our city and all those traveling on the roads in our city; and,

WHEREAS, City Council is concerned about the concentration of streetlights that are out along Huron Street, specifically from Telegraph Road west to Johnson Street, and has received strong concerns regarding safety and traffic from surrounding residents; and,

WHEREAS, City Council has previously verbally raised these and other streetlight outage concerns with the Administration and is seeking a status update on when repairs will be able to be made for the lights to be on; now,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Pontiac City Council hereby stresses the need for Huron Street's streetlight outages to be repaired as soon as is practicable; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, the City Council requests that Mayor Greimel ensures a written update is provided to City Council that communicates the status of the streetlight outage repairs and an anticipated timeline on when the repairs are estimated to be completed.

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

No: None

Resolution Passed

25-30 (O) **Resolution Stressing Need for Joslyn Street Light Outages Replace, Requesting Written Status Update.** Moved by Councilperson Carrington and seconded by Councilperson Parker.

WHEREAS, the City of Pontiac strives to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all residents of our city and all those traveling on the roads in our city; and,
WHEREAS, City Council is concerned about the concentration of streetlights that are out along Joslyn Street, specifically, from Montcalm north to Madison; and,
WHEREAS, City Council has previously verbally raised these and other streetlight outage concerns with the Administration and is seeking a status update on when repairs will be able to be made for the lights to be on; now,
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Pontiac City Council hereby stresses the need for Joslyn Street's streetlight outages to be repaired as soon as is practicable; and
FURTHER RESOLVED, the City Council requests that Mayor Greimel ensures a written update is provided to City Council that communicates the status of the streetlight outage repairs and an anticipated timeline on when the repairs are estimated to be completed.

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

No: None

Resolution Passed

25-30 (P) **Resolution Stressing Need for Orchard Lake Street Light Outages Replaced, Requesting Written Status Update.** Moved by Councilperson Carrington and seconded by Councilperson Parker.

WHEREAS, the City of Pontiac strives to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all residents of our city and all those traveling on the roads in our city; and,
WHEREAS, City Council is concerned about the concentration of streetlights that are out along Orchard Lake Road, specifically, between Voorheis and Old Telegraph at various intervals; and,
WHEREAS, City Council has previously verbally raised these and other streetlight outage concerns with the Administration and is seeking a status update on when repairs will be able to be made for the lights to be on; now,
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Pontiac City Council hereby stresses the need for Orchard Lake Road's streetlight outages to be repaired as soon as is practicable; and
FURTHER RESOLVED, the City Council requests that Mayor Greimel ensures a written update is provided to City Council that communicates the status of the streetlight outage repairs and an anticipated timeline on when the repairs are estimated to be completed.

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

No: None

Resolution Passed

25-30 (Q) **Resolution Stressing Need for Perry Street Light Outages Replaced, Requesting Written Status Update.** Moved by Councilperson Carrington and seconded by Councilperson Parker.

WHEREAS, the City of Pontiac strives to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all residents of our city and all those traveling on the roads in our city; and,
WHEREAS, City Council is concerned about the concentration of streetlights that are out along Perry Street, specifically, between Glenwood north to Joslyn at various intervals; and,
WHEREAS, City Council has previously verbally raised these and other streetlight outage concerns with the Administration and is seeking a status update on when repairs will be able to be made for the lights to be on; now,
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Pontiac City Council hereby stresses the need for Perry Street's streetlight outages to be repaired as soon as is practicable; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, the City Council requests that Mayor Greimel ensures a written update is provided to City Council that communicates the status of the streetlight outage repairs and an anticipated timeline on when the repairs are estimated to be completed.

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

No: None

Resolution Passed

25-30 (R) **Resolution Stressing Need for Baldwin Street Light Outages Replaced, Requesting Written Status Update.** Moved by Councilperson Carrington and seconded by Councilperson Parker.

WHEREAS, the City of Pontiac strives to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all residents of our city and all those traveling on the roads in our city; and,

WHEREAS, City Council is concerned about the concentration of streetlights that are out along Baldwin Road, specifically, between Walton Boulevard north to Collier Road at various intervals; and,

WHEREAS, City Council has previously verbally raised streetlight outage concerns with the Administration and is seeking a status update on when repairs will be able to be made for the lights to be on; now,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Pontiac City Council hereby stresses the need for Baldwin Road's streetlight outages to be repaired as soon as is practicable; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, the City Council requests that Mayor Greimel ensures a written update is provided to City Council that communicates the status of the streetlight outage repairs and an anticipated timeline on when the repairs are estimated to be completed.

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

No: None

Resolution Passed

25-30 (S) **Resolution to Proceed in Closed Session Re-enactment of December 10, 2024, City Council Resolution.** Moved by Councilperson Carrington and seconded by Councilperson Parker.

WHEREAS, the Michigan Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.268(1)(e) authorizes a public body to meet in Closed Session to consult with its attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with specific pending litigation, but only if an open meeting would have a detrimental financial effect on the litigating or settlement position of the public body; and

WHEREAS, on December 10, 2024, the City went into Closed Session for the stated purpose of consulting with its attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with specific pending litigation but failed to identify the specific case that was the subject of the Closed Session, and

WHEREAS the City now wishes to clarify the record by re-enacting the resolution to correct the error.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council is authorized to proceed into closed session pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.268(1)(e), to consult with its attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with City of Pontiac Retired Employees Association v. City of Pontiac, et. al., U.S. Eastern District Case #12-12830 because an open meeting would have a detrimental financial effect on the City's litigating or settlement position.

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

No: None

Resolution Passed

25-30 (T) **Resolution Honoring the Life and Service of Sheila Hamilton-Causey.** Moved by

Councilperson Carrington and seconded by Councilperson Parker. (Agenda add-on)

WHEREAS, the City of Pontiac has been privileged to have many exemplary community leaders and public servants employed in the City of Pontiac over the decades; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Sheila Hamilton-Causey worked for years for the City of Pontiac with the City's Building Maintenance Department, and she labored to keep the many city facilities including Pontiac City Hall operational, clean, and safe; and,

WHEREAS, after years of faithful service, Ms. Hamilton-Causey's time with the City concluded and those worked alongside her remember her as hardworking, task oriented, good-natured, and warm-hearted; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Hamilton-Causey passed away on February 15, 2025, at the age of 73, which is a tragic loss for her family and for our community; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Pontiac City Council in partnership with Mayor Tim Greimel hereby mourns the passing of Sheila Hamilton-Causey; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, the City Council expresses our deepest gratitude for Ms. Sheila Hamilton-Causey's many years of dedicated services to our City and to the citizens whose lives she enriched; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, she will be remembered by this Council and the Pontiac community as a dedicated and hardworking person who made a positive difference in our City throughout the decades; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, the City of Pontiac extends our deepest sympathies to her family, friends, neighbors, and past City colleagues.

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

No: None

Resolution Passed

25-30 (U) **Resolution Seeking Clarity on holdup of Distributing Previously Approved Pontiac Small Business Grant Awards.** Moved by Councilperson Carrington and seconded by Councilperson Parker. (Agenda add-on)

WHEREAS, the City of Pontiac conducted their initial round of Pontiac Small Business Grant Awards; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council previously voted to authorize the awards and distribution of funds to the awareness; and,

WHEREAS, this City Council has learned that the funds have not yet been distributed to the awardees; now,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Pontiac City Council hereby formally requests from the mayor of Pontiac an update and clarity from his Administration on the City of Pontiac Small Business Grant Awards funding distribution status, including what has prevented the funds from being disbursed to date; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, the City Council requests that the update be provided in writing.

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

No: None

Resolution Passed

Special Presentations

Reinstated General Employees Retirement System (GERS) Update to City Council

Annual Planning Commission Report to City Council

Oakland County Downtown Redevelopment Project Update, from Deputy County Executive Sean Carlson

Public Comment (Three Minutes Time Limit)

1. Carlton Jones
2. Dr. Deirdre Waterman
3. Robert Bass
4. Delania Stevens
5. Beatrice Wright
6. Elida Reyes
7. Marcus Kelly
8. Bille Swazer
9. Pastor Kathy Dessureau
10. Kathy M.
11. Cassandra Bradford
12. Darlene Clark
13. Gloria Miller
14. Charles Blackwell (written)

Recognition of Elected Officials – None

Agenda Address

1. Carlton Jones addressed item #6
2. Dr. Deirdre Waterman addressed items #1 and #10
3. Robert Bass addressed items #3 and #6
4. Beatrice Wright addressed item #3
5. Darlene Clark addressed items #1 and #10
6. Gloria Miller addressed items #1 and #10

Resolutions

Parks and Recreation Department

25-31— **Resolution Amending Contract with Racer/MRSA to Reflect Youth Recreation Center Council-Directed Scope of Design Work.** Moved by Councilperson Carrington and seconded by Councilperson Jones.

WHEREAS the City of Pontiac entered into a contract with MRSA, P.C. d/b/a Racer MRSA Design Studio April 12, 2024, per Resolution #24097 adopted on April 2, 2024 (Contract #B133-2019); and WHEREAS, such contract is for the purpose to provide architectural and engineering services for the Pontiac Community Recreation Center; and

WHEREAS, among other fees, the original contract contained a not to exceed amount of \$1,750,000 for the design development, construction documents and construction administrative phase (“A/E Fees”); WHEREAS, the A/E Fees were based on 7% of the then anticipated Cost of the Work, with the initial anticipated Cost of the Work being \$25,000,000; and

WHEREAS, on August 27, 2024, the City Council approved Resolution #24-257 authorizing the total project cost in the increased amount of \$37,033,018; and

WHEREAS Based on the City Council’s prior approval of the schematic design and cost estimate, the updated Cost of the Work estimate using the schematic design has increased to \$33,718,238; and

WHEREAS, contract provides the A/E Fees shall be adjusted to a lump sum amount after approval of the schematic design, based on 7% of the updated estimate of the Cost of the Work at the conclusion of schematic design phase, which adjustment requires the City and City Council approval;

WHEREAS, using the A/E Fee formula in the contract, the new A/E Fee is therefore \$2,360,276.66 (7% x \$33,718,238 = \$2,360,276.66);

WHEREAS, an amendment to the contract is necessary to comport with the authorization granted by the City Council on August 27, 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Pontiac City Council authorizes an amendment to the contract, increasing the lump sum fee for design development, construction documents and construction administrative phase to \$2,360,276.66; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor or his designee is hereby authorized to execute the amendment on behalf of the City.

Ayes: McGuinness, Carrington, and James

No: Goodman, and Jones

Resolution Failed

Councilman Parker was absent for the vote

Suspend the Rules

Motion to suspend the rules to add two discussion items on the agenda. (Star EMS and Senior Core Program) Moved by Councilperson Carrington and seconded by Councilperson Jones.

Ayes: Carrington, Goodman, James, Jones, and McGuinness

No: None

Motion Carried

Councilman Parker was absent for the vote

Resolution Continued

Parks and Recreation Department

Motion to reconsider Resolution Amending Contract with Racer/MRSA to Reflect Youth Recreation Center Council-Directed Scope of Design Work. Moved by Councilperson Goodman and seconded by Councilperson James.

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

No: None

Motion Carried

Motion to postpone Resolution Amending Contract with Racer/MRSA to Reflect Youth Recreation Center Council-Directed Scope of Design Work until the next Council Meeting on March 4, 2025. Moved by Councilperson Goodman and seconded by Councilperson Parker.

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

No: None

Motion Carried

Suspend the Rules

Motion to suspend the rules to add a Resolution Stating Disapproval of Conduct at February 4, 2025, City Council Meeting. Moved by Councilperson Goodman and seconded by Councilperson Parker.

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

No: None

Motion Carried

~~25-32~~ **Resolution Stating Disapproval of Conduct at February 4, 2025, City Council Meeting.** (Agenda add-on) Moved by Councilperson Goodman and seconded by Councilperson James. Discussion.

Motion to amend Resolution Stating Disapproval of Conduct at February 4, 2025, City Council Meeting to remove the fourth paragraph. Moved by Councilperson Parker and seconded by Councilperson James.

~~Whereas, the 11th City Council Meetings have often been orderly, courteous, efficient, and effective over the past three plus years; and~~

Ayes: Jones, McGuinness, Parker, Goodman, and James

No: Carrington

Motion Carried

Motion to amend Resolution Stating Disapproval of Conduct at February 4, 2025, City Council Meeting to remove the last two paragraphs. Moved by Councilperson James and seconded by Councilperson Parker.

~~Resolved, this City Council strongly reminds all City Councilmembers of the City Council Rules and Procedures that were unanimously approved and agreed upon by the City Council and requests for Councilmembers to always maintain order during City Council meeting proceedings; and further Resolved, this City Council will continue to work hard to ensure orderly, courteous, efficient, and effective City Council Meetings for the benefit of this Body, this City, and our residents.~~

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

No: None

Motion Carried

25-32 **Amended Resolution Stating Disapproval of Conduct at February 4, 2025, City Council Meeting.** (Agenda add-on) Moved by Councilperson Goodman and seconded by Councilperson James.

Whereas, the Pontiac City Council adopted the 11th City Council Rules and Procedures to ensure the orderly, courteous, efficient, and effective consideration of City matters; and,
Whereas, the Council Rules and Procedures state the “no Councilmembers shall speak until recognized for that purpose by the Presiding Officer, maintain a courteous tone, and avoid interjecting a personal note into debate;” and,
Whereas, the February 4, 2025, City Council meeting was temporarily interrupted by disorderly and disruptive conduct by City Councilwoman Melanie Rutherford, which included speaking when they were not recognized by the Presiding Officer, disregarding the Presiding Officer’s attempts to bring order back to the proceedings, and engaging in a discourteous and disorderly manner; now,
Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Pontiac City Council hereby states our disapproval with the disruptive conduct by City Councilwoman Melanie Rutherford at the February 4, 2025, City Council meeting that were in violation of our Council Rules and Procedures.

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

No: None

Resolution Passed

Communication from the Mayor

Mayoral Veto of Resolution 25-20 (E) Resolution Expressing Opposition to Federal Government Raids, Deportations of our Pontiac Neighbors dated February 13, 2025.

~~25-20 (E)~~ **Resolution Expressing Opposition to Federal Government Raids, Deportations of our Pontiac Neighbors.** Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and seconded by Councilperson Carrington.

Whereas, the City of Pontiac is a richly diverse community, and has been for generations, with many neighbors who have come from other countries; and,
Whereas, the City of Pontiac is dedicated to the wellbeing and future of all residents and members of our community, including our neighbors who have immigrated to America and to Pontiac; and,
Whereas, leaders of the United States Government and the new Administration have spoken publicly about the intent to conduct immigration raids, undertake detention measures, and have threatened deportation of entire families; and,
Whereas, Pontiac residents have expressed their fear over the changing policies of the federal government, and there is growing anxiety about the prospect of federal agencies conducting raids within our Pontiac community and the detentions and deportations that could follow; now,
Therefore, Be It Resolved, the Pontiac City Council hereby expresses our opposition to the possibility of federal agencies conducting immigration raids into the City of Pontiac; and further
Resolved, the City Council stands in solidarity with our immigrant neighbors, who have contributed greatly to the City of Pontiac and have strengthened our neighborhoods and enriched our culture; and further
Resolved, the City Council requests that the City’s Administration consider steps that our municipal government can take to partner with community organizations and agencies that can help ensure our immigrant neighbors have improved access to legal aid services, can know their rights, and can protect their families’ wellbeing as much as possible given the evolving legal and policy landscape.

****Resolution was passed on February 4, 2025, and Veto on February 13, 2025****

Discussions

- Congratulations & Thank You to Youth Recreation Team on Successful Daddy-Daughter Dance
- Home Invader Apprehended Following String of Burglaries on Eastside
- City of Pontiac Retiree Benefits Status Update
- Finance Department Leadership Status Update
- Department of Public Works Leadership Status Update
- Star EMS (Agenda add-on)
- Senior Chore Program (Agenda add-on)
- Youth Recreation Center Comprehensive Strategy for Completion

Public Communications

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Closing Comments

Councilman William Parker Jr., Mayor Tim Greimel, Councilwoman Milanna Jones, Councilman Mikal Goodman, Councilwoman Kathalee James, President Pro-Tem Carrington, and Council President Mike McGuinness made closing comments.

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Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting. Moved by Councilperson Goodman and seconded by Councilperson Jones.

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

No: None

Motion Carried

Council President Mike McGuinness adjourned the meeting at 10:15 p.m.

Garland S. Doyle
City Clerk