

March 7, 2023 Approved Minutes

**Official Proceedings
Pontiac City Council
75th 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 Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at 6:11 p.m. by Council President Mike McGuinness.

Invocation – Pastor Kathy Dessureau

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, William Parker, Jr. and Melanie Rutherford

Mayor Greimel was present
A quorum was announced.

Amendments to and Approval of the Agenda

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

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

Motion Carried

Consent Agenda

23-90 **Resolution to approve the consent agenda for March 7, 2023.** Moved by Councilperson Goodman and second by Councilperson Rutherford.

Whereas, the City Council has reviewed the consent agenda for March 7, 2023.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council approves the consent agenda for March 7, 2023 including February 28, 2023 City Council Meeting Minutes.

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

Resolution Passed

Special Presentations

Tax Foreclosure Prevention initiatives, Resources for Pontiac Homeowners
Presentation Presenter: Oakland County Treasurer Robert Wittenberg

Representatives from Stonegate Pointe Neighborhood Association Formally Expressing Neighborhood Concerns

Recognition of Elected Officials – None

Agenda Address

1. Chris Northcross addressed item #4
2. Norman Elam addressed item #3
3. Christine Elam addressed item #3
4. Carlton Jones addressed item #3
5. Beatrice Wright addressed item #3
6. Dr. Deirdre Waterman addressed item #3
7. Matt Gibb addressed item #3
8. Justin Yurgan addressed item #3
9. Jenn Zielinski addressed item #3
10. Larry Jasper addressed items #3

Agenda Items

Ordinances

23-91 **Resolution to approve the first reading of the Adult Use Marijuana Zoning Text & Map Amendment Ordinance.** Moved by Councilperson Nicholson and second by Councilperson Goodman.

WHEREAS, before the City Council for consideration is an Ordinance to amend the City of Pontiac Zoning Ordinance to authorize Adult-Use Marihuana Businesses in designated overlay Districts; specifically, including the following Adult-Use Marihuana Overlay Districts (AUMODs): (1) Downtown Overlay District; (2) Cesar E. Chavez Overlay District; (3) East Walton Overlay District; and (4) Woodward Overlay District

WHEREAS, the proposed Ordinance amendments also include adoption of amendment to the City's Zoning Map to create the aforementioned AUMODs, including the Woodward Gateway Overlay District. WHEREAS, the proposed Ordinance amendments also include reasonable zoning regulations on the operations of Primary Caregivers.

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it is in the best interest of the health, safety, and welfare, to accept the Planning Commission's Recommendation and approve the amendments to the Zoning Ordinance as presented with the Woodward Overlay District.

Now Therefore, Be It Resolved that the first reading of an Ordinance Amendment to the City's Zoning Ordinance, including amendments to Article 2, Article 3, Article 4, Article 7, and adoption of the amendments to the City of Pontiac Zoning Map.

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

No: None

Abstain: Rutherford

Resolution Passed

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

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

No: None

Abstain: Rutherford

Motion Carried

Resolution

City Council

23-92 **Resolution acknowledging March as Women's History Month.** Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Parker.

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Whereas, the month of March is National Women’s History Month, which recognizes and spreads awareness of the importance of women in our nation’s history; and
Whereas, women in the United States were once considered property or chattel of their husbands and were subjected to second-class citizenship, but through tireless determination and opposition to that adversity, women nevertheless persisted and gained greater rights and independence; and
Whereas, the majority of American citizens are women, and the majority of Pontiac residents are women, and the City of Pontiac, Michigan has been positively shaped by past and present female residents and business owners through the decades;
Whereas, despite substantial advancements for women in the United States, much remains to be done to ensure that women, particularly women of color, are able to realize their full potential as equal members of society; now,
Therefore, Be It Resolved, the Pontiac City Council hereby proclaims March 2023 as Women’s History Month in Pontiac, Michigan; and further
Resolved, the City of Pontiac honors the contributions of all women in the fight for gender equality, racial justice, and social equity and the impact they have made in our city, our state, our nation, and our world; and further
Resolved, the City of Pontiac shall install Women’s History Month exhibits throughout our municipal buildings and be featured on our social media platforms; and further
Resolved, that the City of Pontiac welcomes additional opportunities to commemorate and celebrate the phenomenal women who have shaped the City of Pontiac, the State of Michigan, and the United States of America.

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

Communications

23-93 **Resolution to approve a budget amendment for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 to increase the budget appropriation in the following: 231 – Cable Fund GL Account 231-291-977-041 Video Equipment \$27,564.45.** Moved by Councilperson Carrington and second by Councilperson Goodman.

WHEREAS, City Council appropriated funds for the Cable Department to begin on July 1, 2022; and,
WHEREAS, that appropriation assumed certain variables that did not come into being; and,
WHEREAS, that appropriation did not include enough allocation for the purchase approved in FY 2022 for the City Council Chamber microphone system; and,
WHEREAS, this budget amendment decreases the fund balance by \$27, 564.45;
NOW THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby approves the budget amendment for Fiscal Year 2022-23 as requested by the Administration as given below:

Increase the budget appropriation in the following GL accounts:

231-291-977-004	Video Equipment	\$27,564.45
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Ayes: Parker, Rutherford, Carrington, Goodman, James, McGuinness and Nicholson
No: None
Resolution Passed

DPW

23-94 **Resolution approving the salaries of the Sanitation Superintendent, Building Foreman and Sanitation Worker Positions.** Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Goodman. Discussion
Motion to amend Resolution approving the salaries of the Sanitation

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Superintendent, Building Foreman and Sanitation Worker Positions. Moved by Councilperson McGuinness and second By Councilperson Goodman.

Now, Therefore It Is Resolved: The Pontiac City Council approves the salaries of Sanitation Superintendent, Building Foreman and 2 Sanitation Workers.

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

No: None

Motion Carried

23-94 **Resolution approving the salaries of the Sanitation Superintendent, Building Foreman and Sanitation Worker Positions as amended.** Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Goodman.

WHEREAS, The City of Pontiac has approved the new positions with the org chart and;

WHEREAS, The Department of Public Works, has the need to fill the positions and;

WHEREAS, The DPW funds have budgeted dollars in the 2022/2023 Fiscal Year budget to cover these costs,

NOW, THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED: The Pontiac City Council approves the salaries of Sanitation Superintendent, Building Foreman and 2 Sanitation workers.

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

No: None

Resolution Passed

Finance

23-95 **Resolution to authorize the City Clerk to publish the proposed budget amendment for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 to increase the appropriation in the following GL accounts 208-756-719.000 Workers Compensation Ins. -\$5,000, 208-756-779.020 Programming -\$7,500, 208-756-942.001 Copier Lease – \$2,400, 208-756-943.000 Services – Equip Rental City-Owned – \$1,000, 208-775-716.000 – Medical Insurance – \$9,600, 208-775-745.000 – Recreation Supplies – \$2,000 (This proposed budget amendment is for Youth Recreation.)** Moved by Councilperson Goodman and second by Councilperson Parker.

WHEREAS, The Youth Recreation division has been operating without an appropriation for some of the expense line items given below which are essential for the functioning of Youth Recreation operation:

208-756-719.000 Workers Compensation Insurance,

208-756-942.001 Copier Lease,

208-756-943.000 Services – Equip Rental City-Owned,

208-775-716.000 – Medical Insurance; and,

WHEREAS, since there was a delay in securing the “United Way-Out of School Time” grant, City could not use the grant dollars to pay for the recent purchase of Programming Services and Recreation Supplies; and,

WHEREAS, this Budget amendment will reduce the 208-Youth Recreation Millage fund balance by \$27,500 and the estimated fund balance after this amendment is \$294,470;

NOW THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby authorizes the City Clerk to publish in a newspaper the proposed budget amendment for Fiscal Year 2022-23 as requested by the Administration as given below:

This budget amendment allocates the funds in the categories as given below:

208-756-719.000 Workers Compensation Ins. \$5,000,

208-756-779.020 Programming \$7,500,

208-756-942.001 Copier Lease \$2,400,

208-756-943.000 Services – Equip Rental City-Owned \$1,000,

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208-775-716.000 Medical Insurance	\$9,600,
208-775-745.000 Recreation Supplies	\$2,000
Net Decrease in the General Fund Balance	\$27,500

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

No: None

Resolution Passed

Public Comment

1. Norman Elam
2. Christine Elam
3. Carlton Jones
4. Beatrice Wright
5. Dr. Deirdre Waterman
6. Pastor Kathy Dessureau

Communications

City Council and Mayor's Office

Mayor, Clerk and Council Closing Comments

Clerk Doyle, Councilwoman Melanie Rutherford, Councilman Brett Nicholson, Councilwoman Kathalee James, Councilman William Parker Jr., 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 Parker.

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

No: None

Motion Carried

Council President Mike McGuinness adjourned the meeting at 10:11 p.m.

Garland S. Doyle
City Clerk