

April 18, 2023 Approved Minutes

**Official Proceedings
Pontiac City Council
81st 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, April 18, 2023 at 6:05 p.m. by Council President Mike McGuinness.

Invocation – Rabbi Matthew Bauer

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 Goodman and second by Councilperson Nicholson. Discussion.

Motion to amend the agenda to add a resolution declaring April 28, 2023 as Workers Memorial Day for the new agenda item #3. Moved by Councilperson Goodman and second by Councilperson Nicholson.

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

Motion Carried

The vote was taken to approve the agenda as amended.

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

Motion Carried

Consent Agenda

23-149 **Resolution to approve the consent agenda for April 18, 2023.** Moved by Councilperson Parker and second by Councilperson Carrington.

Whereas, the City Council has reviewed the consent agenda for April 18, 2023.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council approves the consent agenda for April 18, 2023 including April 11, 2023 City Council Meeting Minutes.

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

Resolution Passed

Recognition of Elected Officials – None

Agenda Address

1. Dr. Deirdre Waterman addressed item #4
2. Darlene Clark addressed item #2

Ordinance

~~23-150-~~ **Resolution to approve the First Reading of a Zoning Text Amendment for Mixed use District Language Updates including Zoning Text Amendment regulating Donation Bins and Zoning Text Amendment regulating Container Pods.** Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Goodman. Presentation Issues.

Motion to place item #2 (Resolution to approve the First Reading of a Zoning Text Amendment for Mixed use District Language Updates including Zoning Text Amendment regulating Donation Bins and Zoning Text Amendment regulating Container Pods) on the table. Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Goodman.

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

No: None

Motion Carried

Resolutions

City Council

23-151 **Resolution Declaring April 28, 2023 as Workers Memorial Day in Pontiac. (Agenda Add-on)** Moved by Councilperson Carrington and second by Councilperson Parker.

Whereas, every year on April 28, communities and worksites around the world honor friends, family members, and colleagues who have been killed or injured on the job; and

Whereas, in 2021, The Federal Bureau of labor Statistics estimated that 5,190 workers were killed by traumatic injuries on the job. On average, nearly 100 workers died every week, at roughly 14 workplace deaths a day; and

Whereas, in 2021, 140 workers were lost through fatal workplace accidents in Michigan; and

Whereas, it is appropriate to honor the memory of the courageous and dedicated members of Michigan's labor force who have been injured or disabled or have died as a result of workplace accidents; and

Whereas, we remember those who have died in workplace catastrophes, suffered occupational-related diseases, or have been injured due to dangerous conditions; and

Whereas, recognition of the integrity of Michigan's workforce and its achievements on behalf of the economic growth of our state is necessary; and,

Whereas, the Pontiac City Council wished to pay tribute to the workers who have died or been injured or disabled in workplace accidents. We honor the contributions of Michigan's workforce and call for increased workplace safety; and,

Whereas, the Pontiac City Council renews our efforts to seek stronger workplace safety and health protections, better standards and enforcement, and fair and just compensation; and by rededicating ourselves to improving safety and health in every city workplace; now,

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Pontiac City Council that the members of this legislative body declare April 28, 2023, as Workers Memorial Day in Pontiac, Michigan.

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

No: None

Resolution Passed

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Ordinance Continue

Motion to remove item #2 (Resolution to approve the First Reading of a Zoning Text Amendment for Mixed use District Language Updates including Zoning Text Amendment regulating Donation Bins and Zoning Text Amendment regulating Container Pods) from the table. Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Goodman.

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

Mayor Tim Greimel arrived at 6:58 p.m.

23-150 **Resolution to approve the First Reading of a Zoning Text Amendment for Mixed use District Language Updates including Zoning Text Amendment regulating Donation Bins and Zoning Text Amendment regulating Container Pods.** Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Goodman.

WHEREAS, before the City of Pontiac City Council for consideration is an Ordinance to amend the City of Pontiac Zoning Ordinance to Amend Article 3, Chapter 7 (Mixed Use Districts), to Amend Article 4, Chapter 1 to add Section 4.104 regarding Donation Boxes, and to Amend Article 4, Chapter 1 to add Section 4.105 regarding PODS.

WHEREAS, the City of Pontiac City Council finds it is in the best interest for the health, safety, and welfare, to accept the Planning Commission’s Recommendation and approve the amendments to the Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments as presented.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Pontiac City Council that it hereby adopts the first reading of the amendments to the City of Pontiac’s Zoning Ordinance as presented to the City Council on April 18, 2023.

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

Department of Public Works (DPW)

23-151 **Resolution to approve the proposed budget amendment to establish budget appropriations in the amount of \$591,004 to account 285-458-977.010-ARPDPW – Street Sweepers.** Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Parker.

WHEREAS, the City of Pontiac was awarded The City of Pontiac was allocated \$37.7 million from the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF) under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), and;

WHEREAS, the funding provided under ARPA provides a unique opportunity for state and local governments to make strategic investments in long-lived assets, rebuild reserves to enhance financial stability, and cover temporary operating shortfalls until economic conditions and operations normalize in the wake of COVID-19, and;

WHEREAS, the City’s Executive Administration worked to build a programming budget for the use of its \$37,700,000 in SLFRF funding that reflects the needs of the community, and;

WHEREAS, the Pontiac City Council unanimously approved the Executive Administration’s ARPA Program Budget on November 10th, 2022, allocating \$1,000,000 to pedestrian enhancements and DPW Support; and,

WHEREAS, in an effort to put ARPA funds into action, and to mitigate the impacts of COVID-19 on Pontiac residents, the administration is proposing the purchase of 2 street sweepers to aid the Department

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of Public Works staff in blight removal, and to reduce sediment collection through storm water infrastructure; and,

WHEREAS, the following budget amendment reflects funding for the associated costs, and;

WHEREAS, the budget amendment will increase the budgeted appropriations in the amount of \$591,004, representing the purchase of the aforementioned equipment.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the City Council hereby approves the proposed budget amendment to establish budget appropriations in the amount of \$591,004 to account 285-458-977.010-ARPDW – Street Sweepers.

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

No: None

Resolution Passed

Grants

23-152

Resolution to authorize the contracted services of Baker Tilly for Technical Assistance Services for the City of Pontiac Code Enforcement Division. Moved by Councilperson Carrington and second by Councilperson Rutherford.

WHEREAS, the City of Pontiac was awarded a \$70,000 grant from the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan, and;

WHEREAS, the grant is for the purpose of conducting an evaluation of current processes and procedures, development of Standard operating procedure and workflow, development of training materials, development of organizational chart and job descriptions, and a compilation of all of the aforementioned to support a Process Improvement Plan for the City of Pontiac Code Enforcement Division, and;

WHEREAS, a budget amendment was passed by the Pontiac City Council recognizing the revenue and accepting the award on November 23rd, 2021, and;

WHEREAS, the grant deliverables require that the work is to be conducted through engagement with Baker Tilly, and;

Whereas, Baker Tilly has provided a letter of engagement and contract that adheres to the required deliverables and timeline per the grant agreement, and;

Now Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Pontiac City Council approves the contract for services with Baker Tilly for Technical Assistance Services for the City of Pontiac Code Enforcement Division and authorizes the mayor to execute the agreement.

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

No: None

Resolution Passed

Public Comment

1. Beatrice Wright
2. Dr. Deirdre Waterman
3. Pastor Kathy Dessureau
4. Darlene Clark
5. Chuck Johnson

Discussions

Citywide Cleanup Activities Underway

Annual Dog License Requirements in Michigan, Dog License Available with Oakland County until June 1, 2023 (delinquency and higher licensing fees begin June 2, 2023)

Communications

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Mayor, Clerk and Council Closing Comments

Mayor Tim Greimel, Deputy Mayor Khalfani Stephens, Councilman William Parker Jr., Councilman Brett Nicholson, 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 Carrington.

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

No: None

Motion Carried

Council President Mike McGuinness adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Garland S. Doyle
City Clerk