

May 18, 2023 Approved Special Budget Meeting

**Official Proceedings  
Pontiac City Council  
88<sup>th</sup> Session of the Eleventh Council**

**Call to order**

A Special Meeting on the Budget of the City Council of Pontiac, Michigan was called to order at the City Hall Council Chambers, 47450 Woodward Ave Pontiac, MI 48342 on Thursday, May 18, 2023 at 5:23 p.m. by Council President Mike McGuinness.

**Invocation** – None

**Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States**

**Moment of Silence**

**Roll Call**

**Members Present** – William Carrington, Mike McGuinness, Brett Nicholson, and Melanie Rutherford

Mayor Tim Greimel was present  
A quorum was announced

**Excuse Councilmembers**

**Motion to excuse Councilperson Mikal Goodman, Kathalee James and William Parker Jr. for personal reasons.** Move by Councilperson Carrington and second by Councilperson Rutherford.

Ayes: Carrington, McGuinness, Nicholson and Rutherford

No: None

**Motion Carried**

**Amendments to and Approval of the Agenda**

**Motion to approve the agenda.** Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Carrington. Discussion.

**Motion to add a Resolution to proceed into Closed Session to consider and discuss a Confidential Legal Opinion concerning the City’s Legal Obligations regarding the Phoenix Center and Budget-Related Implications.** Moved by Councilperson Nicholson and second by Councilperson Rutherford.

Ayes: McGuinness, Nicholson, Rutherford and Carrington

No: None

**Motion Carried**

Vote was taken to approve the agenda as amended

Ayes: McGuinness, Nicholson, Rutherford and Carrington

No: None

**Motion Carried**

Councilman Mikal Goodman arrived at 6:01 pm  
Councilwoman Kathalee James arrived at 6:02 pm

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**Agenda Items**

**Department Hearings**

- 1. Finance
  - Dept. 202- Income Tax Administration
  - Dept. 206 – Finance Administration
  - Dept. 233 – Purchasing
  - Dept. 253 – Treasurer

Councilman William Park Jr. arrived at 6:38 pm

- 2. Communications
  - Dept. 227 – Communications
  - Dept. 291 – Cable
  - Cable Fund - 231
  - Dept. 228 – Information Technology (IT)

**Public Comment - None**

**Closed Session**

23-194      **Resolution to proceed into Closed Session at 7:17 p.m. pursuant to Section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.268(h) to review and discuss the Confidential attorney-client Memorandum dated May 18, 2023 concerning legal issues in connection with the City’s obligations involving the Phoenix Center.** Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Carrington.

WHEREAS, the Mayor directed the City’s outside legal counsel, Clark Hill PLC, to provide an attorney-client privileged legal opinion addressing legal issues related to the City’s obligations associated with to the Phoenix Center and any budget-related implications, and Clark Hill PLC has prepared a Memorandum dated May 18, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Open Meetings Act provides that a public body may meet in Closed Session to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute; and

WHEREAS, written confidential communications that are the subject of attorney-client privilege are exempt from disclosure and may be discussed in Closed Session pursuant to Section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.268(h).

NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED, the City Council will proceed in Closed Session pursuant to Section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.268(h) to review and discuss the confidential attorney-client Memorandum dated May 18, 2023 concerning legal issues in connection with the City’s obligations involving the Phoenix Center.

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

**Resolution Passed**

**Motion to come out of Closed Session at 8:06 p.m.** Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and seconded by Councilperson Parker.

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

**Motion Carried**

**Adjournment**

**Motion to adjourn the meeting.** Moved by Councilperson Parker and second by Councilperson Rutherford.

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

No: None

**Motion Carried**

Council President Mike McGuinness adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

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Garland S. Doyle  
City Clerk