

May 30, 2023, Approved Minutes

**Official Proceedings
Pontiac City Council
91st 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, May 30, 2023, at 6:07 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 Nicholson. Discussion.

Motion to remove item #1 (Clinton River Watershed Council Representative) from the agenda. Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Carrington.

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

No: None

Motion Carried

Motion to add a Discussion regarding the Warrant Clinic after item #9. Moved by Councilperson Goodman, and second by Councilperson Nicholson.

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

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

23-208 (A-E) **Resolution to approve the consent agenda for May 30, 2023.** Moved by Councilperson Nicholson and second by Councilperson Carrington.

Whereas, the City Council has reviewed the consent agenda for May 30, 2023.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council approves the consent agenda for May 30, 2023, including May 23, 2023, City Council Meeting Minutes, Resolution Recognizing Juneteenth Holiday in the City of Pontiac, Resolution Recognizing June as LGBTQ+ Pride Month in the City of Pontiac, Resolution Recognizing June as Men's Health Month in the City of Pontiac, Resolution Proclaiming July 13, 202, as Fiero Day in the City of Pontiac.

23-208 (B) **Resolution Recognizing Juneteenth in the City of Pontiac, Michigan.** Moved by Councilperson Nicholson and second by Councilperson Carrington.

Whereas, Juneteenth is celebrated in recognition of June 19, 1865 as the date on which news of the end of slavery reached the slaves in the southwestern states of the United States of America; and, Whereas, news of the end of slavery did not reach the frontier area of the United States, in particular the State of Texas and other southwestern states, until months after the conclusion of the American Civil War, more than two and a half years after President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863; and, Whereas, on June 19, 1865, Union soldiers, led by Major General Gordon Granger, arrived in Galveston, Texas with news that the Civil War had ended and the enslaved were free; and, Whereas, African Americans who had been slaves in the southwest celebrated June 19, commonly known as Juneteenth Independence Day, as inspiration and encouragement for future generations, and African Americans from the southwest continued the tradition observing Juneteenth through the generations that followed; and, Whereas, Juneteenth has continued to grow in widespread familiarity and celebration throughout the entire country and is now a recognized federal holiday; now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, the Pontiac City Council, in partnership with Mayor Tim Greimel, hereby recognizes June 19, 2023 as Juneteenth in the City of Pontiac; and further Resolved, the City Council warmly welcomes the many programs and observances that are being planned in the City of Pontiac to mark Juneteenth this year; and further Resolved, the City of Pontiac supports the continued celebration of Juneteenth to provide an opportunity for the people of Pontiac and the United States to learn more about the past and to better understand this important, dark era in history.

23-208 (C) **Recognizing June 2023, as LGBTQIA+ Pride Month in the City of Pontiac, Michigan.** Moved by Councilperson Nicholson and second by Councilperson Carrington.

Whereas, in 1969, a Black transgender woman named Marsha P. Johnson, along with other LGBTQIA+ individuals, risked their lives to protest the over-policing of the LGBTQIA+ community and the injustice that threatened their existence on a daily basis – this multi-day protest became known as the Stonewall Riots and is credited by many for starting the modern-day LGBTQIA+ equality movement, and the one-year anniversary of the Stonewall Riots 53 years ago in 1970 was the beginning of Pride; and, Whereas, the LGBTQIA+ movement has endured through tragedy and struggle, including the slow and insufficient government response to assist those with HIV/AIDS, a lack of community and societal acceptance, and the ongoing effort today to educate others and to protect the rights of the LGBTQIA+ community; and, Whereas, the movement has also celebrated victories of recognition, especially the historic Obergefell decision in 2015 which affirmed marriage equality nationwide and the recent Bostock decision in 2020 that upheld federal employment protections for the LGBTQIA+ community; and, Whereas, the City of Pontiac strives to be an exceptional place for all of our residents to live, work, enjoy, learn, and thrive; and, Whereas, the City of Pontiac accepts and welcomes all people of diverse backgrounds and believes a diverse population leads to a more vibrant community; and, Whereas, the Pontiac community benefits from fostering greater acceptance of all residents and further preventing discrimination, harassment, and bullying based on sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression; and, Whereas, it is imperative that people of all ages in our community, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression, feel valued, safe, and supported by their peers and community leaders; and, Whereas, Pontiac's lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, asexual, and nonbinary identifying (LGBTQIA+) community members are a vital part of our overall community and contribute to making our City stronger and more inclusive; and, Whereas, LGBTQIA+ Pride Month is celebrated each June,

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with origins in the June 1969 New York City uprising at the Stonewall Inn; now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, the Pontiac City Council, in partnership with Mayor Tim Greimel, hereby recognizes June 2023 as LGBTQIA+ Pride Month in Pontiac; and further Resolved, the City Council affirms that Pontiac lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, asexual, and nonbinary identifying residents are accepted, welcomed, and valued members of our Pontiac community; and further Resolved, the City of Pontiac renews our commitment to fostering greater acceptance, safety, and inclusion of residents in our community regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression.

23-208 (D) Resolution Recognizing June 2023, as Men’s Health Month in the City of Pontiac, Michigan. Moved by Councilperson Nicholson and second by Councilperson Carrington.

Whereas, the City of Pontiac strives to be an exceptional place for all of our residents to live, work, enjoy, and thrive; and, Whereas, despite advances in medical technology and research, presently in America men continue to live an average of five years less than women, with Native American and African American men having the lowest life expectancy; and, Whereas, educating the public and health care providers about the importance of a healthy lifestyle and early detection of male health problems will result in reducing rates of mortality from disease, as well as improve male residents’ quality of life; and, Whereas, men who are educated about the value that preventive health can play in prolonging their lifespan and their role as family members will be more likely to participate in health screenings and other preventive health practices; and, Whereas, Father’s Day falls in June, and fathers who maintain a healthy lifestyle are role models for their children and will inevitably help raise happier, healthier children; now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, the Pontiac City Council, in partnership with Mayor Tim Greimel, hereby recognizes June 2023 as Men’s Health Month in Pontiac; and further Resolved, the City Council encourages residents to strengthen their awareness and understanding of the importance of a healthy lifestyle, regular exercise, health screenings, and regular medical check-ups; and further Resolved, we are hopeful that Men’s Health Month draws greater attention to the positive health attitudes and preventive health practices for men, boys, and their families, and motivate families to lessen the pervasive health challenges of heart disease, mental health challenges, diabetes, and prostate, testicular, and colon cancer.

23-208 (E) Resolution Declaring July 13, 2023, as Fiero Day in the City of Pontiac, Michigan. Moved by Councilperson Nicholson and second by Councilperson Carrington.

Whereas, the City of Pontiac strives to be an exceptional place for all of our residents and visitors to live, work, enjoy, and thrive; and, Whereas, for generations our community has dramatically shaped the field of transportation including when General Motors built the iconic Pontiac Fiero model here in our City of Pontiac for its four years of production existence; and, Whereas, 2023 marks the fortieth anniversary of the Pontiac Fiero automobile; and, Whereas, from July 12, 2023 to July 16, 2023 the National Convention of Midwest Fiero Car Clubs of the Antique Automobile Club Association will be held in our great City of Pontiac, Michigan with the Opening Ceremonies being held on July 13, 2023; and, Whereas, the Pontiac Transportation Museum, M1 Concourse, Centerpoint Marriott hotel, Crofoot Ballroom, and downtown Pontiac are all sites for major events during the National Convention and actively participating in the gathering’s planning; now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, the Pontiac City Council, in partnership with Mayor Tim Greimel, hereby declares July 13, 2023 as Fiero Day in the City of Pontiac; and further Resolved, the City Council warmly welcomes members of the Midwest Fiero Car Clubs of the Antique Automobile Club Association to our great city; and further Resolved, the City of Pontiac wishes all attendees an enjoyable National Convention of the Midwest Fiero Car Clubs from July 12, 2023 to July 16, 2023; and further Resolved, we celebrate this iconic automobile manufactured here in Pontiac, Michigan and the past and present Pontiac residents and employees who built the Fieros.

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

No: None

Motion Carried

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Resolution Passed

Special Presentations

Oakland Community Health Network Services and Resources

Presentation Presenter: Kyle Glasgow, OCHN Director of Access and Crisis Services, and Tradina Taylor, OCHN Manager

Oakland County Pursuing Ottawa towers Purchase in Downtown Pontiac

Presentation Presenter: Mayor Tim Greimel

Recognition of Elected Officials – Tameka Ramsey, Chairperson, Charter Revision Commission

Agenda Address

1. Robert Bass addressed item #3.
2. Dr. Deirdre Waterman addressed item #3.
3. Darlene Clark addressed item #3.
4. Chuck Johnson addressed item #3.
5. Gloria Miller addressed item #3.
6. Kermit Williams addressed item #3.

Public Hearing

Council President Mike McGuinness opened up public hearing regarding the Proposed 2023-2024 Fiscal Year Budget at 7:42 p.m. There were ten (10) individuals who spoke during the public hearing.

1. Lazarus Lenoir. He spoke on home repair, concerned about homeowner's insurance.
2. Carlton Jones. We need on-the-job training. How do we invest in our people?
3. Dr. Deirdre Waterman. She spoke on ARP Funding. The Administration wants to take ten million from ARP and put it in the general fund.
4. Gloria Miller. How much money was put into home repair? We need money for street signs.
5. Bryan Killian – Bey. Three areas to invest in budget. 1. Mental Health 2. Youth Center 3. Returning Citizens.
6. Kermit Williams. 1. Retore the Revolving Loan Fund 2. \$300,000 investment in small business grants 3. \$110,000 for Pontiac Health Inspector.
7. Tameka Ramsey. Provide resources for youth sports, grants for small businesses.
8. Lazelle Jacobs. Business grants.
9. Denise Harris. CPR/First Aid Training.
10. Angelo Taylor. Resources for renters and veterans.

Council President Mike McGuinness closed the public hearing at 8:02 p.m.

Agenda Items

Resolutions

Finance

23-209 **Resolution to authorize the City Clerk to publish the proposed budget amendment for Budget Year 2022- 2023, Move the Code Enforcement Division budget appropriations from Fund 101 - General Fund to Fund 249- Building Inspection Fund.** Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Nicholson.

WHEREAS, in the current FY 2023, the City Council appropriated \$1,327,672 for the Code Enforcement division in the 101-General Fund.; and,

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WHEREAS, since the Code Enforcement operation is a part of the Building Inspection function, it is more logical to appropriate the funds for Code Enforcement operations in the 249-Building Inspection fund; and,

WHEREAS, this budget amendment moves the appropriation to the General Fund from the Parking Enterprise fund to satisfy the debt payment in the current fiscal year;

NOW THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED, the Pontiac City Council authorizes the Clerk to publish the proposed budget amendment that moves the appropriation from the 101-General Fund to the 249-Building Inspection Fund in the current fiscal year as given below:

Increase the budget appropriation in the following GL accounts:

Dept 371 – Building Inspection Department:

249-371-702.000	Salaries & Wages	562,719.00
249-371-702.004	Overtime Wages	25,000.00
249-371-707.003	CELL PHONE STIPEND	600.00
249-371-715.000	F.I.C.A. - City Contribution	36,200.00
249-371-716.000	MEDICAL INSURANCE	68,000.00
249-371-717.000	Life Insurance	4,000.00
249-371-718.500	MERS Employer Contributions	12,000.00
249-371-719.000	Workers Compensation Insurance	2,000.00
249-371-719.001	Dental Insurance	4,000.00
249-371-721.010	Health Care Waiver	20,000.00
249-371-727.000	Office Supplies	3,500.00
249-371-728.000	Postage	4,000.00
249-371-731.003	COMPUTER EQUIPMENT	12,000.00
249-371-746.001	Personal Protective Wear	1,000.00
249-371-749.001	Motor Fuel, Oil & Lubricants	4,500.00
249-371-807.000	Services - Membership Dues	2,000.00
249-371-816.010	BLIGHT COURT	15,000.00
249-371-818.000	Other Professional Services	315,000.00
249-371-818.005	Equipment Towing Charges	500.00
249-371-818.006	Contractual Mowing Services	70,000.00
249-371-852.010	SERVICES - CABLE TV/INTERNET	2,640.00
249-371-902.005	Public Notices	1,000.00
249-371-914.000	Insurance Property Coverage	41,013.00
249-371-932.004	Services - Maintenance-Vehicles	1,500.00
249-371-942.002	COPIER SUPPLIES	500.00
249-371-957.002	Training Expense	44,000.00
249-371-977.002	VEHICLES	75,000.00
Total Dept 371 –	Building Inspection Department	1,327,672.00

Decrease the budget appropriation in the following GL account:

Dept 733 – Code Enforcement

101-733-702.000	Salaries & Wages	(562,719.00)
101-733-702.004	Overtime Wages	(25,000.00)
101-733-707.003	CELL PHONE STIPEND	(600.00)
101-733-715.000	F.I.C.A. - City Contribution	(36,200.00)
101-733-716.000	MEDICAL INSURANCE	(68,000.00)
101-733-717.000	Life Insurance	(4,000.00)
101-733-718.500	MERS EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS	(12,000.00)
101-733-719.000	Workers Compensation Insurance	(2,000.00)

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101-733-719.001	Dental Insurance	(4,000.00)
101-733-721.010	Health Care Waiver	(20,000.00)
101-733-727.000	Office Supplies	(3,500.00)
101-733-728.000	Postage	(4,000.00)
101-733-731.003	COMPUTER EQUIPMENT	(12,000.00)
101-733-746.001	Personal Protective Wear	(1,000.00)
101-733-749.001	Motor Fuel, Oil & Lubricants	(4,500.00)
101-733-807.000	Services - Membership Dues	(2,000.00)
101-733-816.010	BLIGHT COURT	(15,000.00)
101-733-818.000	Other Professional Services	(315,000.00)
101-733-818.005	Equipment Towing Charges	(500.00)
101-733-818.006	Contractual Mowing Services	(70,000.00)
101-733-852.010	SERVICES - CABLE TV/INTERNET	(2,640.00)
101-733-902.005	Public Notices	(1,000.00)
101-733-914.000	Insurance Property Coverage	(41,013.00)
101-733-932.004	Services - Maintenance-Vehicles	(1,500.00)
101-733-942.002	COPIER SUPPLIES	(500.00)
101-733-957.002	Training Expense	(44,000.00)
101-733-977.002	VEHICLES	(75,000.00)
Total Dept 733 –	Code Enforcement	(1,327,672.00)

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

Resolution Passed

23-210 **Resolution to approve the proposed budget amendment for the Budget Year 2022-2023. Increase the budget appropriation in the following GL account: 445-451-974-.004 -0 Speed Humps and Signage - \$599,200, decrease the budget appropriation in the following GL account: 445-451-974.055 to be determined Road- (\$504,000).** Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Carrington.

WHEREAS, the City Council appropriated \$504,000 in the current budget year (FY 2023) to install the Speed Humps and Signage on three local roads in all the Council Districts and at the Beaudette Park.; and,

WHEREAS, the actual contract amount for this project is \$599,200; and,

WHEREAS, this budget amendment adds \$95,200 to cover the shortfall in the budget appropriation; and,

WHEREAS, this budget amendment will decrease the fund balance in the Fund 445 – Capital Improvement Fund by \$95,200;

NOW THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby approves the proposed budget amendment for Fiscal Year 2022-23 as requested by the Administration as given below:

Increase budget appropriation in the following GL account:

445-451-974.004 – Speed Humps and Signage	\$599,200
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Decrease the budget appropriation in the following GL account:

445-451-974.055 - To Be Determined Road	(\$504,000)
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Net Increase in the Appropriation	\$95,200
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Ayes: Parker, Rutherford, Carrington, Goodman, James, McGuinness, and Nicholson.
 No: None

Resolution Passed

23-211 **Resolution to approve the proposed budget amendment for the Budget Year 2022-2023. Increase the budget appropriation in the following GL accounts: 101-966-999-.445 -Transfer out to Fund 445-751-971.001 - Land Acquisition of Real Property- \$340,739 Increase the estimated revenue in the following GL account: 445-966-699.101 -Transfer in from Fund 101 - \$340,739 Decrease the Fund Balance Committed in the following GL account: 101-000-393.001 - Fund Balance Committed- (\$340,739).** Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Nicholson.

WHEREAS, the City Council committed \$3,200,000 from the General Fund balance in the fiscal year 2018 to acquire of a building for the Youth and Recreation program and the funds remains committed through the current fiscal year 2023.; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council approved the purchase of a building at 191 N Glenwood (former McCarron School) for the purpose of building a Youth and Recreation facility; and,

WHEREAS, the city purchased the 191 N. Glenwood Avenue property on May 3, 2023, at a cost of \$340,739; and,

WHEREAS, this budget amendment will decrease the fund balance in the Fund 101 – General Fund balance by \$340,4739;

NOW THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby approves the proposed budget amendment for Fiscal Year 2022-23 as requested by the Administration as given below:

Increase budget appropriation in the following GL account:

101-966-999.445 – Transfer Out to Fund 445	\$340,739
445-751-971.001 – Land Acquisition of Real Property	\$340,739
Increase the estimated revenue in the following GL account:	
445-966-699.101 – Transfer in From Fund 101	\$340,739
Decrease the Fund Balance Committed in the following GL account:	
101-000-393.001- Fund Balance Committed	(\$340,739)

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

No: None

Resolution Passed

Grants and Philosophy

23-212 **Resolution to approve the proposed budget amendment to recognize the budgeted revenues in the amount of \$60,000 to account 285-000-532.000 -AAPLIF Federal Grants Other, and appropriations in the amount of \$60,000 285-000-699-181.085 -AAMPLIF Professional Serv. - Amplifund.** Moved by Councilperson Carrington and second by Councilperson Rutherford.

WHEREAS, on April 18th, the Pontiac City Council authorized the execution of the agreement between the City of Pontiac and Amplifund for a not-to-exceed amount of \$138,000 for a three-year period, beginning May 2022; and,

WHEREAS, the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund – American Rescue Plan Act defines permissibility of use of funds in the Department of the Treasury Final Rule. The Final Rule clearly defines program evaluation, evidence resources, technology infrastructure, and capacity building resources as enumerated expenses related to investments in data collection and technology; and,

WHEREAS, this activity will recognize the budgeted revenue for the current fiscal year

2022-2023 in the amount of \$60,000, and increase the appropriations in the amount of \$60,000.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the City Council hereby approves the proposed budget amendment for the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Budget as requested by the Administration to recognize the budgeted revenues in the amount of \$60,000 to account 285-000-532.000-AMPLIF Federal Grants Other, and appropriations in the amount of \$60,000 285-699-818.085-AMPLIF Professional Serv-Amplifund.

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

No: None

Resolution Passed

Treasury

23-213

Resolution to approve the City of Pontiac Millage Rates for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year. Moved by Councilperson Nicholson and second by Councilperson Carrington.

WHEREAS, in accordance with MCL Section 211.24e “Truth in Taxation” of the Michigan General Property Tax Act, a public hearing was held on May 23, 2023 regarding the proposed tax rate; and WHEREAS, the City Council shall not approve proposed tax rates until after the public hearing; and WHEREAS, not more than 10 days after the public hearing, a taxing unit may approve the levy of an additional millage rate, but shall not approve an additional millage rate that is greater than a proposed additional millage rate that was published pursuant to subsection (6) and on which the public hearing has been held.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, in accordance with the General Property Tax Act 206 of 1893, the City Council of the City of Pontiac authorizes the following FY 2023-2024, millage rates to be levied and collected on the general property tax of all real and personal property within the City: 12. operating; 1.4519 youth center; 1.3639 capital improvement; 2.7281 sanitation; 0.4839 senior services. The City Treasurer is hereby authorized to impose a one percent (1%) property tax administration fee for all property taxes due, a (3%) late penalty charge when applicable, And a (1%) interest charge, when applicable, in conformance with Section 44 of Public Act 206 of 1893.

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

No: None

Resolution Passed

Discussion

Warrant Clinic (**Agenda Add-on**)

Public Comments

1. Angelo Taylor
2. Bill Maxey
3. Robert Bass
4. Carlton Jones
5. Charlene Dwyer
6. Pastor Kathy Dessureau
7. Darlene Clark
8. Chuck Johnson
9. Gloria Miller
10. Tameka Ramsey
11. Valerie Bates
12. Christine Meyers
13. Edlisha Hayden
14. Dr. Deirdre Waterman
15. ShaQuana Davis-Smith

Communications

City Council and Mayor’s Office

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Mayor, Clerk and Council Closing Comments

Deputy Mayor Khalfani Stephens, Councilwoman Melanie Rutherford, Councilman Brett Nicholson, Councilman Mikal Goodman, Councilman William Parker Jr., Councilman Kathalee James, 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 Rutherford.

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

No: None

Motion Carried

Council President Mike McGuinness adjourn the meeting at 9:47 p.m.

Garland S. Doyle
City Clerk