

June 27, 2023, Approved Minutes

**Official Proceedings
Pontiac City Council
95th 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, June 27, 2023, at 6:00 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, Kathalee James, Mike McGuinness, Brett Nicholson, William Parker, Jr., and Melanie Rutherford

Mayor Greimel was present.
A quorum was announced.

Excuse Councilmembers

Motion to excuse Councilman Mikal Goodman for personal reasons. Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Parker.

Ayes: Carrington, James, McGuinness, Nicholson, Parker, 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 amend the agenda to remove item #4 (Resolution to approve the First Reading for a Zoning Map Amendment at 31. N. Astor Street) from the agenda. Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Carrington.

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

Motion Carried

Motion to amend the agenda to add two Special Presentations. (Announcing Funding Award to the City of Pontiac and Oakland County Water Resources Proposed Rate Changes) Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Carrington.

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

Motion Carried

The vote was taken to approve the agenda as amended.

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

No: None

Motion Carried

Councilwoman Rutherford was absent during the vote.

Consent Agenda

23-245 (A-D) **Resolution to approve the consent agenda for June 27, 2023.** Moved by Councilperson Parker and second by Councilperson Nicholson.

Whereas, the City Council has reviewed the consent agenda for June 27, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council approves the consent agenda for June 27, 2023, including June 20, 2023, City Council Meeting Minutes, Resolution to amend and Extend Contract with AmeriScan for City Document Scanning Project, Resolution Updating Grant Agreement with Oakland County for Senior Center Upgrades, and Memo Informing Council of Salary Reconciliation for Ashley Johnson with Michigan indigent Defense Commission.

23-245 (B) **Resolution to amend and Extend Contract with AmeriScan for City Document Scanning Project.** Moved by Councilperson Parker and second by Councilperson Nicholson.

WHEREAS, The Purchasing Division has completed its due diligence by conducting the competitive bid process for Document Scanning Services in accordance with the City's municipal code, Division II. Purchasing, Section 2-519;

WHEREAS, The Purchasing Manager is requesting that Council approves the extension of an amendment with AmeriScan Imaging Services, Inc.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Pontiac City Council approves the contract amendment for CBRE, Inc. and authorizes the Mayor to execute the amendment.

23-245 (C) **Resolution Upgrading Grant Agreement with Oakland County for Senior Center Upgrades.** Moved by Councilperson Parker and second by Councilperson Nicholson.

WHEREAS, the City of Pontiac was awarded \$144,000 assigned to the Robert Bowens Center and \$150,000 assigned to the Ruth Peterson Center through the Oakland County Senior Center Matching Grant Program; and,

WHEREAS, the grant will allow the city to renovate and update structurally deficient, unsafe and inaccessible senior facilities so they can be used and enjoyed by the older adult and disabled communities in safe, inclusive, and innovative ways for years to come; and,

WHEREAS, the matching requirement for this Grant Program has been waived by Oakland County; and,

WHEREAS, the Grant Program requires that the City of Pontiac certify compliance with all Grant Program requirements, including commitment to long-term maintenance and all project cost overruns.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Pontiac City Council hereby authorizes Mayor Tim Greimel to execute the amendments to the Agreement for Local Fiscal Recover Fund Distribution between Oakland County and the City of Pontiac for the Oakland County Senior Center Matching Grant Program for the awards assigned to the Ruth Peterson Center and the Robert Bowens Center.

Ayes: Nicholson, Parker, Carrington, James, McGuinness

No: None

Resolution Passed

Councilwoman Rutherford was absent during the vote.

Recognition of Elected Officials - None

Agenda Address

1. Deirdre Waterman addressed the budget (not on the agenda)
2. Ronnie Fleming addressed item #4 (removed from the agenda)
3. Darlene Clark addressed item #1(postponed for one week)

Special Presentations – Agenda Add-on

1. Announcing Substantial Financing Funding Award to the City of Pontiac – Mayor Tim Griemel
2. Oakland County Water Resources Proposed Rate Changes - Commissioner Jim Nash and Staff

Agenda Items

Ordinance

Motion to postpone Municipal Code Ordinance Text Amendment to Amend Article 2, Chapter 94, Section 26 (Refuse containers and yard waste containers, specifications) to add Subsection (g) regarding regulation of waste containers storage for one week. (Second Reading Postponed from June 6, 2023, City Council Meeting) Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Nicholson.

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

No: None

Motion Carried

Resolutions

Finance

23-246 **Resolution to approve the proposed budget amendment for the Budget Year 2022-2023. Increase budget appropriation in the following GL Account 226-528-818.009 – Sanitation Services - \$400,000. Decrease in Sanitation Fund Balance - \$400,000.** Moved by Councilperson Parker and second by Councilperson Rutherford.

WHEREAS the City Council appropriated \$3,138,400 in the current fiscal year (FY 2023) in the fund 226-Sanitation Fund to cover the cost of trash pickup services.; and,

WHEREAS more appropriation is necessary to pay the remaining invoices through June 2023; and,

WHEREAS this budget amendment decreases the fund balance in the 226-Sanitation fund; and,

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 accounts:

226-528-818.009 –	Sanitation Services-	\$400,000
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Ayes: Rutherford, Carrington, James, McGuinness, Nicholson, and Parker

No: None

Resolution Passed

Planning

23-247 **Resolution to approve the First Reading for a Zoning Map Amendment at 1461 Baldwin Avenue.** Moved by Councilperson James and second by Councilperson Nicholson.

WHEREAS, before the City of Pontiac City Council for consideration is an Ordinance to amend the City of Pontiac Zoning Ordinance Map to rezone 0.21-acre parcel at 1461 Baldwin Avenue; specifically, to amend the Zoning Ordinance Map which list these properties as C-1 Local Business to C-3 Commercial Corridor.

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

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Pontiac City Council that it hereby adopts the first reading of the amendments as presented to the City Council on June 27, 2023, to the City's Zoning Ordinance Map.

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

No: None

Abstain: Rutherford

Resolution Passed

Purchasing

23-248

Resolution for approval to award the bid and execute a contract with Covenant Cemetery Services. Moved by Councilperson Nicholson and second by Rutherford.

WHEREAS, The Purchasing Manager has ensured that the purchase is following the City's municipal code, Division II. Purchasing, Section 2-517, 2-518, and 2-519 pertaining to major purchases.

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Manager is requesting approval to execute a City contract with Covenant Cemetery Services;

NOW, THEREFORE, The Pontiac City Council approves the Mayor or Mayor Designee to execute a City contract with Covenant Cemetery Services as stated herein.

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

No: None

Resolution Passed

Public Comment

1. Rahim Harris
2. Jackie Curry
3. Claude Vinegar
4. Dr. Deirdre Waterman
5. Billie Swazer
6. Karen Jorgensen
7. Darlene Clark
8. Chuck Johnson
9. Gloria Miller

Discussions

Links at Crystal Lakes Golf Course Private Sale Status Update

Communications

City Council and Mayor's Office

Mayor, Clerk and Council Closing Comments

Mayor Tim Greimel, Deputy Mayor Khalfani Stephens, Councilwoman Melanie Rutherford, Councilman Nicolson, Councilman William Parker Jr., Councilwoman 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 Carrington.

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

No: None

Motion Carried

Council President Mike McGuinness adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Sheila R. Grandison
Deputy City Clerk