

July 18, 2023, Approved Minutes

**Official Proceedings  
Pontiac City Council  
98<sup>th</sup> 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, July 18, 2023, at 6:07 p.m. by Council President Pro-Tem William Carrington.

**Invocation** – Pastor Kathalee James

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

**Moment of Silence**

**Roll Call**

**Members Present** – William Carrington, Kathalee James, William Parker, Jr., and Melanie Rutherford

Mayor Greimel was present.  
A quorum was announced.

**Excuse Councilmembers**

**Motion to excuse Councilman Mikal Goodman, Mike McGuinness, and Bret Nicholson for personal reasons.** Moved by Councilperson Parker and second by Councilperson Carrington.

Ayes: Carrington, James, 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 Parker.

Ayes: James, Parker, Rutherford and Carrington

No: None

**Motion Carried**

Council President Mike McGuinness arrived at 6:10 p.m. and assumed the chair

Councilman Mikal Goodman arrived at 6:11 p.m.

**Consent Agenda**

23-258 (A) **Resolution to approve the consent agenda for July 18, 2023.** Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Parker.

Whereas, the City Council has reviewed the consent agenda for July 18, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council approves the consent agenda for July 18, 2023, including July 11, 2023, City Council Minutes, Resolution to extend date for services through September 30, 2023 for the Art Crawl events (no change to cost), and Resolution to approve the amendments to the Agreements for Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Distribution between Oakland County

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and The City of Pontiac for the Healthy Communities Park and Outdoor Recreation Investment Plan Grant award in the amount of \$500,000 for the Crystal Lake Park Revitalization Project.

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

No: None

**Resolution Passed**

23-258 (B) **Resolution to extend date for services through September 30, 2023, for the Art Crawl events. (no change to cost)** Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Parker.

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 amend the contract with The Major Group, LLC by two months, expiring September 30, 2023.; NOW, THEREFORE RESOLVED, The Pontiac City Council approves the Mayor or Mayor Designee to execute the contract amendment with The Major Group, LLC.

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

No: None

**Resolution Passed**

23-258 (C) **Resolution to approve the amendments to the Agreements for Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Distribution between Oakland County and The City of Pontiac for the Healthy Communities Park and Outdoor Recreation Investment Plan Grant award in the amount of \$500,000 for the Crystal Lake Park Revitalization Project.** Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Parker.

WHEREAS, has been awarded \$500,000 from the Oakland County Healthy Communities Park and Outdoor Recreation Investment Plan Grant program in support of Crystal Lake Park; and, WHEREAS, the City of Pontiac requested this funding to reclaim and revitalize Crystal Lake Park so that its abundant environmental, recreational, and historic resources may be enjoyed and utilized by residents; and, WHEREAS, Oakland County requires an Agreement for Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Distribution Between Oakland County and The City of Pontiac to be executed before they can disburse the funds; and, WHEREAS, the agreement was previously approved by the Pontiac City Council, but Oakland County requires an updated resolution to reflect amendments to the original agreement. 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 Recovery Fund Distribution Between Oakland County and The City of Pontiac for the Healthy Communities Park and Outdoor Recreation Investment Plan Grant award in the amount of \$500,000 for the Crystal Lake Park Revitalization Project.

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

No: None

**Resolution Passed**

### **Special Presentation**

Master Plan Update Process

Presentation Presenter: Mark Yandrick, Planning Manager

### **Recognition of Elected Officials**

1. Tameka Ramsey, Chair of the Charter Revision Commission

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2. Beatrice Wright, Precinct #3 Delegate

**Agenda Address**

1. Robert Bass addressed item #1
2. Beatrice Wright addressed item #1
3. Dr. Deirdre Waterman addressed Charter and item #1
4. Darlene Clark addressed item #1
5. Carlton Jones addressed item #1
6. Gloria Miller addressed Charter and item #1

**Agenda Items**

City Council

23-259      **Resolution Honoring the Life and Service of Anthony Dombrowski.** Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Parker.

Whereas, Mr. Anthony Dombrowski was a highly involved member of our Pontiac community for many years, serving through multiple civic organizations and frequent volunteer activities; and, Whereas, Mr. Dombrowski worked for decades for the City of Pontiac, retiring as the Parks and Forestry Supervisor; and, Whereas, through his decades of work, he improved the quality of life for past, present, and future Pontiac residents; and, Whereas, Mr. Dombrowski passed away on July 7, 2023, at the age of 72, which is a tragic loss for his family and our community; now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Pontiac City Council hereby acknowledges the life and service of Mr. Anthony Dombrowski, and mourns his passing; and further Resolved, the City Council extends our deepest sympathies to the family, friends, neighbors, and colleagues of Mr. Dombrowski.

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

No: None

**Resolution Passed**

23-260      **Resolution in support of Webster Community Center.** Moved by Councilperson Carrington and second by Councilperson Rutherford.

Whereas, the City of Pontiac strives to be an exceptional place for all of our residents to live, work, enjoy, and thrive; and, Whereas, the redevelopment of the former Webster Elementary School, currently vacant and in disrepair, into a thriving community center will have a massively positive impact on the surrounding neighborhood and the entire City of Pontiac; and, Whereas, this project will transform the existing large blighted structure into an active center for residents to use for physical activity, health services, fresh produce, nonprofit spaces, and a hub for local entrepreneurs and community gatherings; and, Whereas, the former Webster Elementary School is an important historic landmark for the City of Pontiac as well as the nation, and in January 2022 the Pontiac City Council adopted a resolution supporting the addition of the Webster School to the National Register of Historic Places, which did successfully take place later that year; and, Whereas, the Micah 6 Community nonprofit organization has successfully secured the substantial resources necessary to undertake this project construction; now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, the Pontiac City Council hereby formally declares the City of Pontiac’s support for the Webster Community Center project; and further Resolved, the City submits our support of the project via correspondence to the Michigan Strategic Fund for their review; and further Resolved, we are grateful for the Michigan Strategic Fund’s continued interest in this crucial project in our Pontiac community.

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

**Resolution Passed**

Councilman Mikal Goodman was absent during the vote

Grants and Philanthropy

23-261 **Resolution to approve the agreement for participation in the OCAT Project and Receipt of Automobile Theft Prevention Authority (ATPA) Grant Funds between Oakland County (Oakland County Sheriff's Office) and the City of Pontiac (Oakland County Sheriff's Office-Pontiac)** Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Carrington.

WHEREAS, the goal of OCAT is to reduce the number of motor vehicle thefts in each grant area by investigating cases that have the highest potential for reducing the demand for stolen vehicles, arresting individuals who are involved, and reducing false motor vehicle theft reports; and,  
WHEREAS, this Agreement will reduce the economic gain associated with motor vehicle theft by recovering stolen vehicles/parts/equipment and by identifying fraudulent insurance activity; and,  
WHEREAS, OCAT will submit an application to the ATPA (Auto Theft Prevention Authority) Grant program for reimbursement of Police Officer overtime wages through participation in OCAT; and,  
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council hereby authorizes the Mayor, Tim Greimel, to sign onto the Agreement for Participation in OCAT between Oakland County and City of Pontiac (Oakland County Sheriff's Office –Pontiac) and City of Hazel Park (Hazel Park Police Dept.) and City of Farmington Hills (Farmington Hills Police Dept.) and City of Detroit (Detroit Police Dept.) and City of Southfield (Southfield Police Dept.)

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

**Resolution Passed**

23-262 **Resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute the Lowe's Hometowns Grant Program Agreement 2023.** Moved by Councilperson Carrington and second by Councilperson Rutherford.

WHEREAS, the City of Pontiac has been awarded \$200,000 from the Lowe's Hometowns Grant Program; and,  
WHEREAS, the Lowe's Hometowns Grant Program will serve as the grant maker, and is administered by Points of Light; and,  
WHEREAS, the grant award will support critical improvements to the Ruth Peterson Senior Center; and,  
WHEREAS, the grant award does not have a matching requirement; and,  
WHEREAS, the term of the Agreement ends November 15th, 2023.  
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council hereby authorizes Mayor Tim Greimel to execute the Lowe's Hometowns Grant Program Agreement 2023 in acceptance of the \$200,000 grant award, and to submit and execute documents requested by Lowe's Hometowns Grant Program related to the grant award.

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

**Resolution Passed**

23-263 **Resolution to authorize the City Clerk to publish the proposed budget amendment for Fiscal Year 2023-24 to increase budgeted revenues in the amount of \$200,000 to account 212-000-675.000-LOWESH – Contribution from private source, and appropriations in the amount of \$37,308 to account 212-813-818.000-LOWESH – Other Professional Services, \$70,792 to account**

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**212-813-976.001-LOWESH - Building Additions and Improvements, and \$91,900 to account 212-813-977.008-LOWESH – Special Equipment, reflecting the Lowe’s Hometowns Grant Award.**

Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Carrington.

WHEREAS, the City of Pontiac was awarded \$200,000 from the Lowe’s Hometowns Grant Program; and,

WHEREAS, the grant award will support kitchen and flooring renovations at the Ruth Peterson Senior Center; and,

WHEREAS, the funds from the grant will increase the budgeted revenue for the current fiscal year 2023-2024 in the amount of \$200,000 for grant income, and increase the appropriations in the amount of \$200,000, representing grant expenditures.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the City Council hereby authorizes the City Clerk to publish the proposed budget amendment for the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget as requested by the Administration to increase budgeted revenues in the amount of \$200,000 to account 212-000-675.000-LOWESH – Contribution from private source, and appropriations in the amount of \$37,308 to account 212-813-818.000-LOWESH – Other Professional Services, \$70,792 to account 212-813-976.001-LOWESH - Building Additions and Improvements, and \$91,900 to account 212-813-977.008-LOWESH – Special Equipment

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

No: None

**Resolution Passed**

23-264      **Resolution to authorize the City Clerk to publish the proposed budget amendment for Fiscal Year 2023-24 to establish budget appropriations in the amount of \$1,100,000 to account 285-699-818.000-ARPHRP Other Professional Services.** Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Parker.

WHEREAS, 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 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022, allocating \$3,622,000 to establish a home repair program and fund the administration of the program, and;

WHEREAS, in an effort to put ARPA funds into action, and to mitigate the impacts of COVID-19 on Pontiac residents, the City has established the Pontiac Home Repair Program (PHRP), and;

WHEREAS, the Pontiac City Council approved phase 1 of the PHRP funding on March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023, and;

WHEREAS, the number of inquiries the PHRP team received far surpasses the amount of resources that are available under Phase 1 of the program, and;

WHEREAS, the following budget amendment reflects Phase 2 funding for the Pontiac Home Repair Program and associated costs, and;

WHEREAS, the budget amendment will increase the budgeted appropriations in the amount of \$1,100,000, representing the Pontiac Home Repair Program expenditures.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the City Council hereby authorizes the City Clerk to publish the proposed budget amendment for the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget to establish budget appropriations in the amount of \$1,100,000 to account 285-699-818.000-ARPHRP Other Professional Services.

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

**Resolution Passed**

Mayor's Office

23-265

**Resolution to approve an agreement with National Network for Safe Communities to develop and implement a Group Violence Program in the City of Pontiac for a two-year period.**

Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Carrington.

WHEREAS, the National Network for Safe Communities presented the City of Pontiac with a proposal to implement the Group Violence Intervention Program for two years; and, WHEREAS, the Mayor, has reviewed and recommends the proposal; and WHEREAS, there is available funding through ARPA funds; NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council approves the proposal from the National Network for Safe Communities and authorizes the Mayor to enter into a two year agreement with the National Network for Safe Communities for Group Violence Intervention for an amount not to exceed \$283,952.

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

**Resolution Passed**

**Public Comment**

1. Carlton Jones
2. Beatrice Wright
3. Robert Bass
4. Jean Matthews
5. Darren Gordon
6. Tameka Ramsey
7. Darlene Clark
8. Dennis Thompson
9. Dr. Deirdre Waterman
10. Gloria Miller

**Closed Session**

23-266

**Resolution to proceed into closed session at 8:27 p.m. pursuant to Section 8(d) of the Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.268(d) to consider the purchase or lease of real property.** Moved by Councilperson Goodman and second by Councilperson Parker.

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to consider the purchase or lease of real property and WHEREAS, the Michigan Open Meetings Act Section 8(d) of MCL 15.268 provides that a public body may meet in closed session to consider the purchase or lease of real property up to the time an option to purchase or lease such real property is obtained.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the City Council will proceed in Closed Session pursuant to Section 8(d) of the Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.268(d) to consider the purchase or lease of real property.

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

**Motion Carried**

Councilwoman Melanie Rutherford was absent during the vote

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**Motion to come out of closed session at 9:54 p.m.** Moved by Councilperson Parker and second by Councilperson Goodman.

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

No: None

**Motion Carried**

**Communications**

City Council and Mayor's Office

**Mayor, Clerk and Council Closing Comments**

Councilwoman Melanie Rutherford and Council President Mike McGuinness made closing comments.

**Adjournment**

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

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

No: None

**Motion Carried**

Council President Mike McGuinness adjourn the meeting at 10:01 p.m.

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Garland S. Doyle  
City Clerk