

August 22, 2023 Approved Minutes

**Minutes Amended on September 5, 2023 pursuant to a motion to Amend Minutes Previously Adopted.**

**Official Proceedings  
Pontiac City Council  
104<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, August 22, 2023, at 6:01 p.m. by Council President Mike McGuinness.

**Invocation** – Minister Veronica Taylor – Pontiac, Michigan

**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, and William Parker, Jr.

Mayor Tim Greimel was present.  
A quorum was announced.

**Amendments to and Approval of the Agenda**

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

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

**Motion Carried**

**Consent Agenda**

23-301 **Resolution to approve the consent agenda for August 22, 2023.** Moved by Councilperson Carrington and second by Councilperson Parker.

Whereas, the City Council has reviewed the consent agenda for August 22, 2023.  
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council approves the consent agenda for August 22, 2023, including August 15, 2023, City Council Minutes.

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

**Resolution Passed**

Councilwoman Melanie Rutherford arrived at 6:08 p.m.

**Special Presentation**

City of Pontiac Reestablished General Employees' Retirement System (GERS & REGERS) Updates  
Presentation Presenter: Sheldon Albritton, GERS & REGERS Board Chair

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**Recognition of Elected Officials** – Beatrice Wright – Precinct Delegate and Tameka Ramsey – Chairperson of the Charter Revision Commission

**Agenda Address**

1. Beatrice Wright addressed item #1; salary increase for Alexandra Borngesser (item not on the agenda that was approved)
2. Kathi McInally addressed item #1
3. Quincy Stewart addressed item #28
4. Dr. Deirdre Waterman addressed item #8 and MOU (item not on the agenda that was approved)
5. (Darlene Clark addressed item #1)
6. (Gloria Miller addressed item #1)
7. (Patrice Waterman addressed item #1)

Councilman Brett Nicholson arrived at 6:30 p.m.

**Public Hearing**

Council President Mike McGuinness opened a public hearing at 7:14 p.m. on an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Application Exemption Certificate for 46 N. Saginaw Street HCP LLC for parcel number 14-29-434-023. There were nine (9) individuals who addressed the body during the public hearing.

1. Billie Swazer – I thought this was the old Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital.
2. Chuck Johnson – Developer is trying to bring foot traffic in the downtown area.
3. Beatrice Wright – We are a city of 66% renters. Why don't you build condominiums? We should be a city of homeowners.
4. Veronica Taylor – Affordability
5. Tameka Ramsey – We do need to look at condominiums. I support it.
6. Gloria Miller – Do we know how many people are living in hotels with kids. Let's look at housing for young people.
7. Cameron Blunt – Habitat homes on street
8. Darlene Clark – Are we pushing residents out if rent is going to start at \$1,250 a month.
9. Carlton Jones – We can ask for mix use. I do support the development for downtown.

Council President Mike McGuinness closed the public hearing at 7:28 p.m.

**Agenda Items**

**Ordinances**

23-302            **Resolution to approve the first reading of a Zoning Map Amendment at 121 Orchard Lake Road, from C-1 to M-1 Rezoning. (First reading)** Moved by Councilperson Carrington and second by Councilperson James.

WHEREAS, before the City of Pontiac City Council for consideration is an Ordinance to amend the City of Pontiac Zoning Ordinance Map to rezone the 1.6-acre parcel (64-14-10-378-012, 64-14-10-378-013, 64-14-10-378-018, 64-14-10-378-019) at 1075 East Walton Boulevard; specifically, to amend the Zoning Ordinance Map which list these properties as C-1 Local Business to M-1 Light Manufacturing.

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 August 22, 2023, to the City's Zoning Ordinance Map.

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

No: None

**Resolution Passed**

Councilman Brett Nicholson was absent during the vote.

23-303      **Resolution to approve the first reading of a Zoning Map Amendment at 1075 E. Walton Blvd, from R-1 to C-1 Rezoning. (First reading)** Moved by Councilperson Goodman and second by Councilperson Carrington.

WHEREAS, before the City of Pontiac City Council for consideration is an Ordinance to amend the City of Pontiac Zoning Ordinance Map to rezone the 2.89-acre parcel (64-14-10-378-012, 64-14-10-378-013, 64-14-10-378-018, 64-14-10-378-019) at 1075 E. Walton Blvd.; specifically, to amend the Zoning Ordinance Map which list these properties as R-1 One Family Dwelling to C-1 Local Business. 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 August 22, 2023, to the City’s Zoning Ordinance Map.

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

No: None

**Resolution Passed**

**Resolutions**

City Council

23-304      **Resolution Honoring the Life and Service of Retired Police Chief Larry Miracle.** Moved by Councilperson Carrington and second by Councilperson Parker.

WHEREAS, the Pontiac City Council would like to pay proper tribute to Larry Miracle an individual of exemplary character and a consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and, WHEREAS, Larry Miracle, born on May 20, 1955, in Pontiac, Michigan; and, WHEREAS, Larry Miracle departed this life on July 21, 2023, which is a unexpected loss for the family and for our community; and, WHEREAS, Larry Miracle served with acumen and alacrity as a member of member of the Pontiac Police department where he retired as the Chief of Police; and, WHEREAS, Larry Miracle loved sports as he excelled in basketball, baseball, and football, and was a member of the of the football team at Eastern Michigan University and, WHEREAS, Larry Miracle enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife Kimberlee of 46 astonishing years; and was also deeply devoted to his family, as he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and, NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Members of the Pontiac City Council and members of this great community will greatly miss Larry Miracle as he leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and we give our sincerest condolences to the family and friends of Larry Miracle.

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

No: None

**Resolution Passed**

Grants

23-305           **Resolution to approve the proposed budget amendment to increase budgeted revenues in the amount of \$7,497,100 to account 445-000-539.000-OPDCON, and appropriations in the amount of \$1,250,000 to account 445-451-974.074-OPDCON, \$1,565,000 to account 445-463-974.072-OPDCON, \$1,930,000 to account 445-451-974.001-OPDCON, \$1,423,500 to account 445-000-539.000-PODCON, and \$1,328,600 to account 445-000-539.000-OPDCON to reflect the Michigan Enhancement Grant.** Moved by Councilperson Parker and second by Councilperson Carrington.

WHEREAS, the City of Pontiac was awarded \$7,500,000 assigned to the Meadow Street Extension and Clinton River Trail Expansion Project through the Michigan Economic Development Corporation’s Enhancement Grant Program; and,

WHEREAS, the grant will allow the City to extend Meadow Drive to connect with Opdyke Road, extend Clinton River Trail to connect to Murphy Park and to M-59, and to repair the concrete on Centerpointe Parkway North; and,

WHEREAS, this grant is part of a larger strategic project to acquire at least 40 acres of land to offset the City’s Park deficit; and,

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the City Council hereby approves the proposed budget amendment for the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget as requested by the Administration to increase budgeted revenues in the amount of \$7,497,100 to account 445-000-539.000-OPDCON, and appropriations in the amount of \$1,250,000 to account 445-451-974.074-OPDCON, \$1,565,000 to account 445-463-974.072-OPDCON, 1,930,000 to account 445-451-974.001-OPDCON, 1,423,500 to account 445-000-539.000-OPDCON, and \$ 1,328,600 to account 445-000-539.000-OPDCON to reflect the Michigan Enhancement Grant.

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

No: None

**Resolution Passed**

23-306           **Resolution to approve the proposed budget amendment to established appropriations in the amount of \$41,700 to account 285-699-816.000-ARPCPK for the purpose of ballfield renovations at Beaudette Park.** Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Nicholson.

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 \$2,000,000 to establish a park revitalization program for community parks, and to 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 Park Revitalization Program, and;

WHEREAS, the following budget amendment reflects funding for costs associated with urgent repairs needed to ballfields at Beaudette Park, and;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the City Council hereby approves the proposed budget amendment to establish budget appropriations in the amount of \$41,700 to account 285-699-816.000-ARPCPK for the purpose of ballfield renovations at Beaudette Park.

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

**Resolution Passed**

23-307 Resolution to approve the proposed budget amendment to increase budgeted revenues in the amount of \$12,277.50 to account 101-000-532.000-OAKPSD, and expenditures in the amount of \$12,722.50 to account 101-818-806.001-OAKPSD and \$2,722.50 to account 101-818-818.000-OAKPSD. (This proposed budget amendment relates to the SEMCOG Grant.) Moved by Councilperson Parker and second by Councilperson Rutherford. Discussion.

**Motion to postpone the proposed budget amendment to increase budgeted revenues in the amount of \$12,277.50 to account 101-000-532.000-OAKPSD, and expenditures in the amount of \$12,722.50 to account 101-818-806.001-OAKPSD and \$2,722.50 to account 101-818-818.000-OAKPSD for one week. (This proposed budget amendment relates to the SEMCOG Grant.)** Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Nicholson.

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

**Motion Carried**

23-308 **Resolution to approve the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Sub Grant Agreement.** Moved by Councilperson Nicholson and second by Councilperson Rutherford.

WHEREAS, Oakland County is, the legal entity that administers the Narcotic Enforcement Team (NET) and it has submitted an Initiative Description and budget proposal to the Executive Board for Michigan High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) requesting the United States Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) to grant NET an award for the program year 2023 to reimburse NET participating agencies for eligible law enforcement officers overtime costs; and,

WHEREAS, If ONDCP grants NET an award for the program year 2023, the ONDCP disburses the HIDTA funds to the Michigan State Police (MSP); and,

WHEREAS, The County has the authority to allocate a portion of the grant funds to reimburse a participating municipality for qualifying overtime costs subject to the terms and conditions of the agreement; and,

WHEREAS, The City of Pontiac desires to enter into the attached sub-recipient agreement between the city and Oakland County; and,

WHEREAS, Oakland County Corporate Council and the City Executive Branch of the City of Pontiac have approved the attached sub-recipient agreement.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Pontiac approves the 2023 HIDTA sub-grant agreement with the Oakland County and authorizes the Mayor to sign on behalf of the City.

WHEREAS, the City of Pontiac was awarded \$12,277.50 from the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments Planning Assistance Program; and,

WHEREAS, the grant award will fund planning necessary for the Oakland Park Stormwater Drainage Project; and,

WHEREAS, the grant award has a match requirement of \$2,722.50; and,

WHEREAS, the term of the Agreement ends June 30th, 2024.

WHEREAS, the funds from the grant will increase the budgeted revenue for the current fiscal year 2023-2024 in the amount of \$12,277.50 for grant income.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the City Council hereby approves the proposed budget amendment for the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget as requested by the Administration to increase budgeted revenues in the amount of \$12,277.50 to account 101-000-532.000-OAKPSD, and expenditures in the amount of \$12,722.50 to account 101-818-806.001-OAKPSD and \$2,722.50 to account 101-818-818.000-OAKPSD.

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

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No: Rutherford

**Resolution Passed**

Councilman Brett Nicholson was absent during the vote.

Mayor's Office

23-309

**Resolution to approve Lowe's line of credit for \$50,000 for Senior Center Project.**

Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Carrington.

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; and WHEREAS, the Purchasing Manager is requesting approval to establish a line of credit with Lowe's up to a not-to-exceed amount of \$91,900.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Pontiac City Council approves the Mayor or Mayor Designee to execute the line of credit application with Lowe's to purchase appliances for the Ruth Peterson Senior Center.

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

No: None

**Resolution Passed**

Purchasing

23-310

**Resolution to execute an agreement with DLZ for the completion of a Roads**

**master Plan for the City of Pontiac.** Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Nicholson.

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; and WHEREAS, the Purchasing Manager is requesting approval to execute a contract with DLZ to complete the Roads Master Plan no later than November 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Pontiac City Council approves the Mayor or Mayor Designee to execute a contract with DLZ for the Road Master Plan.

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

No: None

**Resolution Passed**

**Public Comment**

1. Quincy Stewart
2. Kevin Stewart
3. Beatrice Wright
4. Kathi McInally
5. Tameka Ramsey
6. Dr. Deirdre Waterman
7. Carlton Jones
8. Anita Bow
9. Dawn Hannah
10. Darlene Clark
11. Gloria Miller

**Discussion**

Better Communicating Road and Parking Closures to Impacted Pontiac Businesses and Residents

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**Closed Session**

23-311      **Resolution to proceed into Closed Session at 9:20 p.m. pursuant to MCL 15.268(1)(e), to discuss the pending matter of The City of Pontiac Retired Employees Association, et. al. v. Louis Schimmel, et. al, United States District Court Case No. 2:12-cv-12380.** Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Parker.

WHEREAS, Counsel for the City is requesting a closed session pursuant to MCL 15.268(1)(e) to discuss the pending matter of The City of Pontiac Retired Employees Association, et. al. v. Louis Schimmel, et. al., United States District Court Case No. 2:12-cv-12380.

NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED, the City Council will proceed into Closed Session pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.268(1)(e) to discuss pending litigation.

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

No: None

**Resolution Passed**

Councilman Brett Nicholson was absent during the vote.

**Motion to come out of Closed Session at 10:16 p.m.** Moved by Councilperson Goodman and second by Councilperson Parker.

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

No: None

**Motion Carried**

Councilman William Carrington was absent during the vote.

Councilwoman Melanie Rutherford was absent during the vote.

**Communications**

City Council and Mayor's Office

**Mayor, Clerk and Council Closing Comments**

Councilman William Parker Jr., Councilwoman Kathalee James, Councilman Mikal Goodman, Councilman Brett Nicholson, 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 Nicholson.

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

No: None

**Motion Carried**

Council President Mike McGuinness adjourn the meeting at 10:36 p.m.

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Garland S. Doyle  
City Clerk