

August 29, 2023, Approved Minutes

**Official Proceedings  
Pontiac City Council  
105<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 29, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. by Council President Mike McGuinness.

**Invocation** – Pastor William Parker Jr. – 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, Brett Nicholson, William Parker, Jr., and Melanie Rutherford.

Mayor Tim 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 Goodman.

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

No: None

**Motion Carried**

**Consent Agenda**

23-312 **Resolution to approve the consent agenda for August 29, 2023.** Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Goodman.

Whereas, the City Council has reviewed the consent agenda for August 29, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council approves the consent agenda for August 29, 2023, including August 22, 2023, City Council Minutes, August 25, 2023, Facilities and Property Subcommittee Meeting Minutes, August 25, 2023, Communications, Engagement, and Operations Subcommittee Meeting Minutes, and Resolution changing Compensation Level for Pontiac Grants and Philanthropy Director Position.

23-312(B) **Resolution changing Compensation Level for Pontiac Grants and Philanthropy Director Position.** Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Goodman.

Whereas, the current compensation level for the City of Pontiac Grants and Philanthropy Director position is a \$108,150.12 annual salary; and,

Whereas, the City of Pontiac Grants and Philanthropy Department is critical to expanding the resources of the City in order to provide increased city services and improved quality of life for Pontiac residents; and,  
Whereas, the Grants and Philanthropy Department has experienced an exponential increase in responsibilities, initiatives, compliance requirements, and grants funding awarded from federal, state, county, and philanthropic sources; now,

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Therefore, Be It Resolved, the Pontiac City Council instructs Pontiac Mayor Tim Greimel to increase the City of Pontiac Grants and Philanthropy Director position's annual salary to \$115,000; and further, Resolved, the City Council requests the Mayor to determine whether a budget amendment is needed to ensure adequate appropriations in the impacted General Ledger accounts and prepare a budget amendment for consideration by the City Council if it is determined to be needed for implementation of this compensation level change; and further, Resolved, the City Council requests a formal written update from the Mayor on the implementation of the position's salary change by September 30, 2023.

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

No: Nicholson and Carrington

**Resolution Passed**

### **Special Presentations**

Pontiac City Council Pride and Beautification Award Signs Distribution

Pontiac Alumni 2023 Homecoming Spirit Week in the City

**Recognition of Elected Officials** – None

### **Agenda Address**

1. Quincy Stewart addressed item #14
2. Dr. Deirdre Waterman addressed item #D
3. Gloria Miller addressed item #D

### **Agenda Items**

#### **Resolutions**

City Council

23-313

**Resolution Honoring the Life and Service of Ernie Allen Sr.** Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Nicholson.

WHEREAS, the Pontiac City Council would like to pay proper tribute to Ernie Allen, an individual of exemplary character and an excellent professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and,

WHEREAS, Ernie Allen, born on October 1, 1937, and grew up in Port Allen, Louisiana; and later moved to Pontiac, Michigan and,

WHEREAS, Ernie Allen, departed this life on July 17, 2023, which was a major loss for the family and for our community; and,

WHEREAS, Ernie Allen, served as the Secretary for the City of Pontiac's Charter Revision Commission, and during the 1980's served as a City Councilman for District Six and;

WHEREAS, Ernie Allen, proudly served as the Deputy Mayor from 1995-2001 and,

WHEREAS, Ernie Allen, enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife Willa, whom he affectionately called his "better half" years; and prided himself on being a family man; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Members of the Pontiac City Council and members of this great community will greatly miss Ernie Allen 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 Ernie Allen.

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

No: None

**Resolution Passed**

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23-314            **Resolution Honoring the Pontiac School District of the City of Pontiac Board of Education for Michigan Association of School Board Recognition.** Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Nicholson.

WHEREAS, the Pontiac City Council takes great pleasure in recognizing the recent accomplishments of the Pontiac School District Board of Education; and,  
WHEREAS, The Pontiac School District Board of Education was recently recognized by the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) by earning its Honor Board Designation; and,  
WHEREAS, this distinctive honor is given to boards annually who have achieved full certification status, meaning all board members have completed and attained their certification; and,  
WHEREAS, this prestigious designation is only achieved by a few boards across the state each year and;  
WHEREAS, we honor the commitment to excellence by Pontiac School District board members, Gill Garrett, G. Kevin Gross, Anisha Hannah, Marcus Terry, Kenyada Bowman, ShaQuana Davis Smith, and Troy Craft; and,  
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Members of the Pontiac City Council recognizes the tireless work that the Pontiac School Board of Education has exhibited, and we express our sincerest appreciation.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the Pontiac City Council are very proud of the Pontiac School Board's achievement and grateful for the commitment to the important role they play in the success of the school district.

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

**Resolution Passed**

Department of Public Works (DPW)

23-315            **Resolution to execute an agreement with DLZ for the replacement of the Sheriff Building Cooling Tower for the City of Pontiac.** Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Parker. Discussion.

**Motion to postpone for one week the Resolution to execute an agreement with DLZ for the replacement of the Sheriff Building Cooling Tower for the City of Pontiac.** Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Carrington.

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

**Motion Carried**

Grants and Philanthropy

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 \$12,277.50 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.) (Postponed from 8/22/2023 Council Meeting.)** Moved by Councilperson Parker and second by Councilperson Rutherford.

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.

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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 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 \$12,277.50 to account 101-818-806.001-OAKPSD and \$2,722.50 to account 101-818-818.000-OAKPSD.

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

No: None

**Resolution Passed**

Purchasing

23-316

**Resolution to authorize the City Clerk to publish the proposed budget amendment for the Budget Year 2023-2024 increase budget appropriation in the following GL accounts: 101-233-702.00 – Salaries & Wages - \$45,833, 101-233-715.000 – FICA -City Contribution - \$3, 506, 101-233-718.500 – MERS Employer Contribution - \$1,833, 101-233-716.000 – Medical Insurance - \$9,813, 101-233-719.001 – Dental insurance - \$473, 101-233-716-011 – Hearing/Optical Insurance - \$8, 101-233-717.000 – Short-term Disability, 101-233-719.0 – Workers’ Comp Insurance - \$833, 101-233-725.000 – Sick & Vacation Contribution - \$441.** Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Carrington.

WHEREAS the Purchasing Division is in urgent need of a Purchasing Administrative Assistant to aid the Purchasing Manager; and

WHEREAS the Purchasing Administrative Assistant is to be paid at an annual salary of up to \$55,000:

WHEREAS the Purchasing Division require additional funding for the period from September through June in the current fiscal year to pay for this essential service; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the budget of the City of Pontiac, Michigan for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, is hereby amended as follows for the Purchasing Division:

The appropriation for GL Account number 101-233-702.000 – Salaries & Wages - shall be increased by \$45,833.

The appropriation for GL Account number 101-233-715.000 – FICA - City Contribution - shall be increased by \$3,506.

The appropriation for GL account number 101-233-718.500 – MERS Employer Contribution - shall be increased by \$1,833.

The appropriation for GL account number 101-233-716.000 – Medical Insurance - shall be increased by \$9,813.

The appropriation for GL account number 101-233-719.001 – Dental Insurance - shall be increased by \$473.

The appropriation for GL account number 101-233-716.011 – Hearing/Optical Insurance - shall be increased by \$8.

The appropriation for GL account number 101-233-717.000 – Short-term Disability - shall be increased by \$773.

The appropriation for GL account number 101-233-719.000 – Workers’ Comp Insurance - shall be increased by \$833.

The appropriation for GL account number 101-233-725.000 – Sick & Vacation Contribution - shall be increased by \$441.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the total increase in appropriation for these nine (9) items for the Purchasing Division shall be \$63,513.

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

No: None

**Resolution Passed**

**Public Comment**

1. Regina Campbell
2. Quincy Stewart
3. Renee Beckley
4. Kevin Stewart
5. Billie Swazer
6. Dr. Deirdre Waterman
7. Anita Bow
8. Chuck Johnson
9. Darlene Clark
10. Gloria Miller

**Communications**

City Council and Mayor's Office

**Mayor, Clerk and Council Closing Comments**

Mayor Tim Greimel, Councilman William Parker Jr., Councilwoman Kathalee James, Councilman Mikal Goodman, Councilman Brett Nicholson, Councilwoman Melanie Rutherford, Council President Pro-Tem William Carrington, and Council President Mike McGuinness made closing comments.

**Adjournment**

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

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

No: None

**Motion Carried**

Council President Mike McGuinness adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

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Jonathan Starks  
Deputy City Clerk