

September 12, 2023, Approved Minutes

**Official Proceedings
Pontiac City Council
107th 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, September 12, 2023, at 6:08 p.m. by Council President Mike McGuinness.

Invocation – Pastor Laura Kelsey - All Saints Episcopal Church – 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, William Parker Jr., and Melanie Rutherford

Mayor Tim Greimel was present.
A quorum was announced.

Excuse Councilmembers

Motion to excuse Councilman Brett Nicholson for personal reasons. Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Parker.

Ayes: Carrington, Goodman, James, McGuinness, 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 agenda and add the August 10, 2023, Finance and Personnel Subcommittee Minutes as the new item #A; remove the old item #C Resolution to approve the Finance Director establishing a line of credit with TriMark, a supplier of Strategic Equipment, LLC for an amount not exceeding \$20,462 to procure a commercial hood for Ruth Peterson Senior Center; add a Resolution Recognizing September 15 through October 15 as Hispanic Heritage Month as the new item #D; add three discussions: Increasing number of Speed Humps in neighborhoods, Senior Center Renovations concerning delays, and Oak Hill Cemetery Walk; and a resolution on TriMark Line of Credit to the agenda. Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson James.

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

No: None

Motion Carried

Motion to add a Resolution to override the Mayor's Veto on Resolution 23-312. Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Goodman.

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

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No: None

Motion Carried

The vote was taken to approve the agenda as amended.

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

No: None

Motion Carried

Consent Agenda

23-324 **Resolution to approve the consent agenda for September 12, 2023.** Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Parker.

Whereas, the City Council has reviewed the consent agenda for September 12, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council approves the consent agenda for September 12, 2023, including August 10, 2023, Finance and Personnel Subcommittee Minutes, (**Agenda Add-on**), August 28, 2023, Parks, Recreation, and Public Works Subcommittee Meeting Minutes, September 5, 2023, City Council Meeting Minutes, and a Resolution Recognizing September 15 through October 15 as Hispanic Heritage Month. (**Agenda Add-on**)

23-324 (D) **Resolution Recognizing September 15 through October 15 as Hispanic Heritage Month.** Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Parker.

Whereas, from September 15, 2023, through October 15, 2023, the United States celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month; and,

Whereas, federal Census figures estimate the Hispanic population living in the fifty states at more than 60,000,000 people, plus an additional 3,200,000 living in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, making Hispanic Americans 18.5 percent of the total population of the United States and the largest racial or ethnic minority group in the United States; and,

Whereas, figures from the 2020 Census show that the 564,422 Hispanic and Latin American residents in Michigan make up 5.6% of the state's population and 19.1% of Pontiac's population, respectively; and,

Whereas, the Hispanic and Latin American community in the United States has made many important advances in the area of law, business, religion, agriculture, art, music, education, technology, architecture, cuisine, theater, innovation, and exploration; and,

Whereas, Hispanics and Latin Americans have provided Michigan and the United States with unique social and cultural influences, fundamentally enriching the extraordinary character of our state and nation; and,

Whereas, Pontiac and Michigan are fortunate to count among its population a large number of residents of Hispanic and Latin American descent, who grow businesses, offer innovative ideas, strengthen our economy, create jobs, build neighborhoods, enhance a sense of community, and contribute to our daily lives; and,

Whereas, during this month, Michigan's Hispanic and Latin American community will celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month through a series of special events featuring Hispanic history, food, dance, and art, celebrating the rich traditions and many contributions this community has made to the State of Michigan; now,

Therefore, Be It Resolved, the Pontiac City Council hereby recognizes September 15, 2023, through October 15, 2023, as Hispanic Heritage Month in the City of Pontiac; and further,

Resolved, on behalf of the entire Pontiac community, the City Council appreciates and honors the countless achievements of Hispanic and Latin Americans and will continue our efforts to ensure our community and our state is a welcoming and inclusive place that provides just and equal opportunities for all; and further,

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Resolved, the City Council acknowledges, respects, and celebrates the integral role of the Hispanic and Latin American community in our economy, culture, and identity of the United States and our home of Pontiac, Michigan; and further,

Resolved, we encourage the citizens, organizations, and businesses of Pontiac to observe Hispanic Heritage Month with appropriate programs and activities the celebrate our Hispanic and Latin American neighbors and the contributions of the Hispanic and Latin American community.

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

No: None

Resolution Passed

Special Presentations

Proposed Park Action for Pontiac Oaks

Presentation Presenter: Donna Folland, Oakland County Parks Commission

Special Election scheduled for November 7, 2023, on Marihuana Ordinance Proposals Cancelled

Presentation Presenter: Garland Doyle, City Clerk

Access and Youth Services from Oakland County Community Health Network

Presentation Presenter: Dana Lasenby, OCHN CEO and Kyle Glasgow, OCHN Director of Access and Crisis

Subcommittee Reports

1. Communications, Engagement & Operations
2. Economic Development, Housing & Planning
3. Facilities & Property
4. Law & The Courts
5. Parks, Recreation & Public Works
6. Public Safety, Health & Wellness

Recognition of Elected Officials – None

Agenda Address

1. Beatrice Wright Addressed item #1
2. Carlton Jones addressed items #2 and #11
3. Dr. Deirdre Waterman addressed item #11
4. Darlene Clark addressed item #1
5. Chuck Johnson addressed item #1

Agenda Items

Ordinance

23-325 **Resolution to approve the first reading of an Ordinance to Amend Ordinance 2406 An Ordinance to Allow Adult-Use Marihuana Establishments to Operate in the City of Pontiac Pursuant to the Michigan Regulation And Taxation Of Marihuana Act, Initiated Law 1 of 2018, MC 333.27951 Et Seq.; to Provide for Standards and Procedures to Permit and Regulate Adult-Use Marihuana Establishments; to Provide for the Imposition of Permit Application Fees and Renewal Fees; and to Impose Conditions For The Operation Of Adult-Use Marihuana Establishments.**

Moved by Councilperson Goodman and second by Councilperson Parker.

WHEREAS, The City of Pontiac would like to allow adult-use marihuana establishments to operate in the city of Pontiac; and

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WHEREAS, the original ordinance that would have allowed that was delayed because of a referendum; and

WHEREAS, the ballot referendum has been rescinded.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Pontiac City Council hereby authorizes the first reading of an amended ordinance to allow for adult-use marihuana establishments to operate in the City of Pontiac.

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

No: None

Abstain: Rutherford

Resolution Passed

Resolutions

City Council

23-325

Resolution to override the Mayor's Veto on Resolution #23-312. (Agenda add-on)

Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Goodman.

Whereas, on September 11, 2023, at 5:26 pm, Mayor Tim Greimel vetoed Resolution #23-312,

“Changing Compensation Level for Pontiac Grants and Philanthropy Director Position” and;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, pursuant to Section 3.112 (f) of the Pontiac City Charter, five council members may adopt the ordinance or resolution over the Mayor's Veto and;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Pontiac City Council adopts Resolution #23-312 “Changing Compensation Level for Pontiac Grants and Philanthropy Director Position” over the Mayor's Veto.

Ayes: Rutherford, Goodman, James, and McGuinness

No: Carrington, and Parker

Resolution Failed

Suspend the Rules

Motion to suspend the rules to take up a Resolution that's not currently on the approved agenda. Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Goodman.

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

No: None

Motion Carried

Resolutions Continued

City Council

23-326

Resolution authorizing an Increase in the Maximum Compensation Level for Pontiac Grants and Philanthropy Director Position. (Agenda add-on) 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,

Therefore, Be It Resolved, the Pontiac City Council authorizes increasing 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

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amendment for consideration by the City Council if it is determined to be needed for implementation of compensation level changes; and further, Resolved, the City Council requests a formal written update from the Mayor on the implementation of the position's compensation change by September 30, 2023.

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

Resolution Passed

Community Development
Code Enforcement Division

23-327 **Resolution to approve the position of Code Enforcement Assistant Manager.** Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Goodman.

WHEREAS, The City of Pontiac approved the new position with the org chart and;
WHEREAS, The Code Enforcement Division, has the need to fill the positions and;
WHEREAS, The Code Enforcement funds have budgeted dollars in the 2023/2024 Fiscal Year budget to cover these costs,
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: The Pontiac City Council approves the position of Code Enforcement Assistant Manager.

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

Resolution Passed

Finance
Purchasing Division

~~23-328~~ **Resolution approval for the Purchasing Manager and Finance Director request that the Pontiac City Council approve the Finance Director establishing a line of credit with TriMark a supplier of Strategic Equipment, LLC, up to a not-to-exceed amount of \$50,000 to procure a commercial hood for the Ruth Peterson Senior Center. (Agenda add-on)** Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson James. Discussion.

Motion to amend the Resolution approval for the Purchasing Manager and Finance Director request that the Pontiac City Council approve the Finance Director establishing a line of credit with TriMark a supplier of Strategic Equipment, LLC, up to a not-to-exceed amount of \$50,000, to procure a commercial hood for the Ruth Peterson Senior Center. (Agenda add-on) Moved by Councilperson Parker and second by Councilperson Carrington.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Pontiac City Council approves the Mayor or Mayor Designee to allow the Finance Director to execute the line of credit application with Strategic Equipment, LLC to purchase the commercial hood, ~~and air~~ **heating serving table and cold serving table** for the Ruth Peterson Senior Center.

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

Motion Carried

23-328 **Amended Resolution approval for the Purchasing Manager and Finance Director request that the Pontiac City Council approve the Finance Director establishing a line of credit with TriMark a supplier of Strategic Equipment, LLC, up to a not-to-exceed amount of \$50,000 to**

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procure a commercial hood for the Ruth Peterson Senior Center. (Agenda add-on) Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson James.

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 Strategic Equipment, LLC up to a not-to-exceed amount of \$50,000.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Pontiac City Council approves the Mayor or Mayor Designee to allow the Finance Director to execute the line of credit application with Strategic Equipment, LLC to purchase the commercial hood, heating serving table and cold serving table for the Ruth Peterson Senior Center.

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

No: None

Resolution Passed

23-329 **Resolution to approve the position of Purchasing Administrative Assistant.** Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Parker.

WHEREAS the Purchasing Division is currently experiencing an urgent imperative for the acquisition of a Purchasing Administrative Assistant, with the express purpose of providing essential support to the Purchasing Manager; and

WHEREAS it has been determined that the appropriate annual compensation for the Purchasing Administrative Assistant shall not exceed the amount of \$55,000; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pontiac City Council hereby extends its official sanction towards the establishment of the subsequent position, denoted as the "Purchasing Administrative Assistant."

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

No: None

Resolution Passed

23-330 **Resolution to approve 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 (This amendment relates to the establishment of the Purchasing Administrative Assistant Position.)** Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Parker.

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.

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

No: None

Resolution Passed

Public Comment

1. Beatrice Wright
2. Carlton Jones
3. Vicki Evans
4. Dr. Deirdre Waterman
5. Chuck Johnson
6. Darlene Clark
7. Gloria Miller

Discussions

Increasing Number of Speed Humps in Neighborhoods (**Agenda add-on**)

Senior Center Renovations Concerning Delays (**Agenda add-on**)

Oak Hill Cemetery Walk (**Agenda add-on**)

Communications

City Council and Mayor’s Office

Mayor, Clerk and Council Closing Comments

Mayor Tim Greimel, Councilman William Parker Jr., Councilwoman Kathalee James, Council President Pro-Tem William Carrington, Councilman Mikal Goodman, 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: Carrington, Goodman, James, McGuinness, Parker, and Rutherford

No: None

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Council President Mike McGuinness adjourn the meeting at 10:00 p.m.

Garland S. Doyle
City Clerk