

October 3, 2023, Approved Minutes

**Official Proceedings
Pontiac City Council
110th 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, October 3, 2023, at 6:03 p.m. by Council President Mike McGuinness.

Invocation – Pastor Kathy Dessureau – 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.

Excuse Councilmembers

Motion to excuse Councilman Brett Nicholson and Councilwoman Melanie Rutherford for personal reasons. Moved by Councilperson Goodman and second by Councilperson Carrington.

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

No: None

Motion Carried

Amendments to and Approval of the Agenda

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

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

No: None

Motion Carried

Consent Agenda

23-346 **Resolution to approve the consent agenda for October 3, 2023.** Moved by Councilperson James and second by Councilperson Carrington.

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed the consent agenda for October 3, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council approves the consent agenda for October 3, 2023, including September 25, 2023, Law, and the Courts Subcommittee Meeting Minutes, September 26, 2023, City Council Meeting Minutes, and a Resolution Recognizing Indigenous Peoples Day.

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

No: None

Resolution Passed

23-346 (C) **Resolution Recognizing Indigenous Peoples Day.** Moved by Councilperson James and second by Councilperson Carrington.

WHEREAS, Indigenous Peoples have lived upon this land since time immemorial and thrived as sovereign nations before the Italian explorer Christopher Columbus voyaged to the place now known as the Americas; and,
WHEREAS historians have largely agreed that Columbus did not “discover” the Americas as indigenous people were already here, nor was he the first European to reach the “New World”; and,
WHEREAS, by resisting the occupation of sacred lands indigenous people were enslaved, murdered, and forcibly removed from ancestral lands; and,
WHEREAS, their populations were decimated through genocide, cultural erasure, and other unspeakable crimes, to support European colonization of the Americas, including the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade; and,
WHEREAS, the idea of Indigenous Peoples' Day was first proposed in 1977 by a delegation of Native Nations to the United Nations-sponsored International Conference on Discrimination Against Indigenous Populations in the Americas; and,
WHEREAS, in 1990, representatives from 120 Indigenous Nations at the First Continental Conference on 500 Years of Indian Resistance unanimously passed a resolution to transform Columbus Day into an opportunity to reveal historic truths about pre-existing Indigenous cultures and Peoples that have survived a violent colonization process and continue to exist and thrive in present day America; and,
WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians has passed a resolution: (1) officially recognizing Indigenous People’s Day on the second Monday in October; (2) stating that Indigenous People’s Day shall be used to reflect upon the ongoing struggles of indigenous peoples on this land; and (3) to celebrate the thriving cultures and value that the Odawa, Ojibwe, Potawatomi and other indigenous peoples contribute to society; and,
WHEREAS, the United Nations Rights of Indigenous Peoples Declaration adopted in 2006 confirms the right of indigenous peoples to self-determination, recognizes subsistence rights and rights to lands, territories and resources; recognizes that indigenous peoples deprived of their means of subsistence and development are entitled to just and fair redress; outlaws discrimination against indigenous peoples; and promotes their full and effective participation in all matters that concern them, as well as their right to remain distinct and to pursue their own visions of economic and social development; and,
WHEREAS, the United States endorsed the United Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples on December 16, 2010, and Article 15 of that declaration states: ● Indigenous Peoples have the right to the dignity and diversity of their cultures, traditions, histories, and aspirations, which shall be appropriately reflected in education and public information. ● States should take effective measures, in consultation and cooperation with the Indigenous Peoples concerned, to combat prejudice and eliminate discrimination and to promote tolerance, understanding, and good relations among Indigenous Peoples and all other segments of society; and,
WHEREAS, the recognition and acknowledgement of Indigenous People’s Day would officially acknowledge the atrocities, genocide and ancestral land displacement inflicted upon the original inhabitants of the land we now refer to as the City of Pontiac by the English, French, and American invaders; and,
WHEREAS, the City of Pontiac acknowledges the occupation of the ancestral, traditional, and contemporary lands of the Anishinabe-Three Fires Confederacy of Odawa, Ojibwe and Potawatomi Indigenous Nations; and,
WHEREAS, the City of Pontiac acknowledges the harms and irreplaceable loss to our collective humanity for the acts committed against our indigenous family; and,
WHEREAS, the City of Pontiac understands that government and other public institutions must include and reflect the experiences of Native Peoples and uplift our country’s indigenous roots, history, and contributions; and,
WHEREAS, the City of Pontiac officially acknowledges and affirms the sovereignty of these nations and the Seven Grandfather Teachings: Truth, Humility, Respect, Love, Honesty, Courage, and Wisdom; and,

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WHEREAS, in honor of these 7 teachings as being dependent upon and inseparable from the health and survival of trees, water, soil, plants, insects, and animals the City of Pontiac will commit to sustaining the current natural woodlands, meadows, wetlands and greenspaces in our parks and trails; and,
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Pontiac City Council understands colonization not as an historic event but as an ongoing structure predicated on the elimination of Indigenous life and land, and contends that the celebration of Christopher Columbus and his alleged “discovery” of Indigenous lands celebrates the colonization and dispossession of Indigenous peoples throughout the Americas; and,
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Pontiac City Council hereby recognizes the second Monday in October every year also as Indigenous Peoples’ Day in the City of Pontiac; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Pontiac shall strike from City calendars and websites all references to Columbus Day and replace them with Indigenous People’s Day; and,
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Pontiac shall utilize the second Monday in October as an opportunity to reflect upon the ongoing struggles of Indigenous people of this land, to celebrate the thriving cultures and values of the Indigenous Peoples of our region, and to stand in solidarity with Indigenous peoples elsewhere; and,
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Indigenous People’s Day shall be used to reflect upon the ongoing struggles of indigenous peoples on this land and to celebrate and learn from the thriving cultures and that the Odawa, Ojibwe, Potawatomi, and other indigenous peoples contribute to communities throughout Michigan, the United States of America, and the world; and,
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Pontiac encourages other businesses, organizations, and public entities to recognize Indigenous People’s Day on Monday October 9, 2023.

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

No: None

Resolution Passed

Special Presentations

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard Bridge Reconstruction State Funding

Presentation Presenters: State Senator Jeremy Moss and State Representative Brenda Carter

Michigan Department of Transportation Planned Improvements and Lane Reductions for M-59
(Huron Street)

Presentation Presenters: Michigan Department of Transportation Representatives

Downtown Pontiac Paid On-Street Parking Resuming, with Parking Payment Kiosks and Mobile App
Payment Options

Presenttion Presenters: Deborah Younger, City of Pontiac Economic Development Manager and Jack
McIntyre, Code Enforcement Manager

Recognition of Elected Officials – Kenyada Bowman - Pontiac School Board, and Beatrice Wright -
Precinct Delegate

Agenda Address

1. Beatrice Wright addressed item #8
2. H. Bill Maxey addressed items #4, #5, #6, and #9
3. Carlton Jones addressed items #1, and #4
4. Dr. Deirdre Waterman addressed items #5, and #6
5. Karen Jorgenson addressed item #3
6. Chuck Johnson addressed item #1
7. Darlene Clark addressed item #3
8. Gloria Miller addressed item #1

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Councilwoman Melanie Rutherford arrived at 7:06 p.m.

Agenda Items

Ordinance

Motion to postpone Adoption 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 for one week. (Second Reading) Moved by Councilperson Parker and second by Councilperson Goodman.

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

No: None

Motion Carried

Councilwoman Melanie Rutherford was absent during the vote.

Resolutions

Finance

23-347

Council Resolution to approve the proposed budget amendment for Fiscal Year 2023-24 to establish budget appropriations in the total amount of \$16,895 for GL account number 101-101-702.000- Salaries &Wages-shall be increased by \$15,000; The appropriation for GL Account 101-101-715.000 FICA-City Contribution-shall be increased by \$1,150; The appropriation for GL 101-101-718-500 MERS Contribution-shall be increased by \$600.00; The appropriation for GL 101-101-725.000 Sick and Vacation Contribution shall be increased by \$145.00 for the purpose of reclassification of Office Assistant to Administrative Assistant. Moved by Councilperson Carrington and second by Councilperson Parker.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Council Resolution to approve the proposed budget amendment to establish budget appropriations in the total amount of \$16,895 for GL account number 101-101-702.000- Salaries &Wages-shall be increased by \$15,000; The appropriation for GL Account 101-101-715.000 FICA-City Contribution-shall be increased by \$1,150; The appropriation for GL 101-101-718-500 MERS Contribution-shall be increased by \$600.00; The appropriation for GL 101-101-725.000 Sick and Vacation Contribution shall be increased by \$145.00 for the purpose of reclassification of Office Assistant to Administrative Assistant.

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

No: None

Resolution Passed

Councilwoman Melanie Rutherford was absent during the vote.

23-348

Council Resolution to approve the proposed budget amendment for Fiscal Year 2023-24 to establish budget appropriations In the amount of \$8,450 in the following accounts GL account number 101-101-702.000- Salaries &Wages-shall be increased by \$7,500; The appropriation for GL Account 101-101-715.000 FICA-City Contribution-shall be increased by \$575; The appropriation for GL 101-101-718-500 MERS Contribution-shall be increased by \$300; The appropriation for GL 101-101-725.000 Sick and Vacation Contribution shall be increased by \$75 for the purpose of salary range modification for the Outreach Specialist. Moved by Councilperson Carrington and second by Councilperson Goodman.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Pontiac City Council approves the proposed budget amendment to establish budget appropriations In the amount of \$8,450 in the following accounts GL

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account number 101-101-702.000- Salaries & Wages-shall be increased by \$7,500; The appropriation for GL Account 101-101-715.000 FICA-City Contribution-shall be increased by \$575; The appropriation for GL 101-101-718-500 MERS Contribution-shall be increased by \$300; The appropriation for GL 101-101-725.000 Sick and Vacation Contribution shall be increased by \$75 for the purpose of salary range modification for the Outreach Specialist.

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

No: None

Resolution Passed

Councilwoman Melanie Rutherford was absent during the vote.

Mayor's Office

~~23-349~~ **Resolution approving Right of Way Use Agreement with United Wholesale Mortgage. (Flock Camera System Usage)** Moved by Councilperson Parker and second by Councilperson James. Discussion.

Motion to end the debate and call for the vote. Moved by Councilperson Carrington and second by Councilperson Rutherford.

Ayes: Carrington, Goodman, and Rutherford

No: James, McGuinness, and Parker

Motion Failed

Debate continued on the resolution.

23-349 **Resolution approving Right of Way Use Agreement with United Wholesale Mortgage. (Flock Camera System Usage)** Moved by Councilperson Parker and second by Councilperson James.

WHEREAS, United Wholesale Mortgage (UWM) operates its corporate campus in the City of Pontiac; and

WHEREAS, UWM provides security for its employees throughout its campus, including the operation of security cameras with license plate reading capability manufactured by FLOCK Group Inc.; and WHEREAS, UWM has expressed an interest in expanding its FLOCK security system to include the public right-of-way adjacent to its corporate campus, and to share data from the expanded system with the Oakland County Sheriff's Department, enhancing public safety in Downtown Pontiac at no additional cost to the City; and

WHEREAS, the City of Pontiac has determined that a partnership with UWM for the installation of FLOCK cameras would benefit the public by providing enhanced public safety capabilities at no additional cost to the taxpayers.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council hereby authorizes a 3-year Pole Attachment and License Agreement between the City of Pontiac and United Wholesale Mortgage for the installation of twenty-one (21) FLOCK cameras at specific locations, subject to the issuance of a Right-of-Way Permit approved by the Department of Public Works.

Ayes: James, McGuinness, and Parker

No: Rutherford, Carrington, and Goodman

Resolution Failed

Parks and Recreation

23-350 **Resolution to approve the Final Draft of the Pontiac Oaks Park Action Plan. (Second Reading)** Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Goodman.

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WHEREAS, the City of Pontiac has been given the final draft of the Park Action Plan by Oakland County; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, upon authorized signatures by the administration of the City of Pontiac and Oakland County, Oakland County will henceforth oversee the maintenance and operations of Pontiac Oaks Park.

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

No: None

Resolution Passed

Public Comment

1. Beatrice Wright
2. Dr. Deirdre Waterman
3. Linda Watson
4. Robert Bass
5. H. Bill Maxey
6. Renee Beckley
7. Jackie Curry
8. Carlton Jones
9. Chuck Johnson
10. Minister Veronica Taylor
11. Gloria Miller
12. Pastor Kathy Dessureau
13. Andrea Mann
14. Marie Thomas
15. Jean Matthews
16. Darlene Clark

Discussions

Public Hearings Scheduled for October 10, 2023, City Council Meeting

- a. Vacant City-Owned Parcels in the City of Pontiac for Sale Considerations
- b. Obsolete Property Exemption Certificate Application for 31 N. Astor Street
- c. Obsolete Property Exemption Certificate Application for 48 W. Huron Street
- d. Obsolete Property Exemption Certificate Application for 91 N. Saginaw Street

October 17, 2023, City Council Meeting Start Time at 12:00 pm

October 25, 2023, Pride and Beautification Awards Reception

Oakland County Pet Adoption Center Reduced Adoption Fees

Communications

City Council, Mayor's Office, and Clerk's Office

Mayor, Clerk and Council Closing Comments

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

Adjournment

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

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

No: None

Motion Carried

Council President Mike McGuinness adjourn the meeting at 10:41 p.m.

Garland S. Doyle
City Clerk