

November 14, 2023, Approved Minutes

**Official Proceedings  
Pontiac City Council  
116<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, November 14, 2023, at 6:05 p.m. by Council President Mike McGuinness.

**Invocation** – Pastor Chris Johnson – 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, and William Parker Jr.

Mayor Tim Greimel was present.  
A quorum was announced.

**Excuse Councilmembers**

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

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

No: None

**Motion Carried**

**Amendments to and Approval of the Agenda**

**Motion to amend the agenda.** Moved by Councilperson Carrington and second by Councilperson Nicholson. Discussion.

**Motion to amend agenda to move Subcommittee Reports to the next City Council Meeting.** Moved by Councilperson Parker and second by Councilperson Nicholson.

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

No: None

**Motion Carried**

**Motion to amend agenda to postpone item #12 (Resolution Commending State Supplemental Funding for Pontiac Schools) for one week.** Moved by Councilperson Nicholson and second by Councilperson Parker.

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

No: None

**Motion Carried**

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The vote was taken to approve the agenda as amended.

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

No: None

**Motion Carried**

### **Consent Agenda**

23-396 **Resolution to approve the consent agenda for November 14, 2023.** Moved by Councilperson Carrington and second by Councilperson Parker.

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed the consent agenda for November 14, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council approves the consent agenda for November 14, 2023, including November 6, 2023, Economic Development, Housing and Planning Subcommittee Minutes, and November 7, 2023, City Council Meeting Minutes.

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

No: None

**Resolution Passed**

### **Recognition of Elected Officials – Kenyatta Bowman, Pontiac School Board**

#### **Agenda Address**

1. Carlton Jones addressed items #8 and #9
2. Dr. Deirdre Waterman addressed item #13
3. Darlene Clark addressed item #8

#### **Agenda Items**

##### **Ordinance**

2428 **Adoption of an Ordinance to Amend the City of Pontiac Zoning Ordinance to Allow Two-Family Dwellings, Smaller One-Family Dwellings, and Accessory Dwelling Units in Designated Residential Infill Overlay Districts and Uses to Include: Article 2, Chapter 2, Section 2.204, Table 2; Article 3, Chapter 12, Sections 3.1201 Through 3.1205, to Add Chapter 12 Regarding Residential Infill Overlay District. Article 7, Chapter 2, Section 7.201, to Add Definitions Regarding Two-Family Dwellings, and Smaller One-Family Dwellings (Second Reading).** Moved by Councilperson James and second by Councilperson Goodman.

Ayes: James, McGuinness, and Nicholson

No: Parker, Carrington, and Goodman

**Ordinance Failed**

2428 **Adoption of an Ordinance to Amend the City of Pontiac Zoning Ordinance to Include Adult-Use Marihuana Businesses in Designated Overlay Districts and Uses to Include: Article 2, Chapter 1, Section 2.101, Table 1 Zoning Districts, Special Purpose Zoning Districts; Article 2, Chapter 2, Section 2.203; Section 2.204; Section 2.205; and Section 2.303, Table 2.1-Uses Permitted Within Adult-Use Marihuana Overlay Districts; and Primary Caregivers or Caregivers Use Permitted in Zoning Districts Ip-1 and M-1 by Special Exception; Article 2, Chapter 3, Section 2.304; Section 2.305; Section 2.306; Section 2.307; Section 2.308; Section 2.309; Section 2.310; Section 2.311; Section 2.312; Section 2.313; Section 2.314, to Amend Table 2 Reference to Table 2.1 Article 2 Chapter 4; Section 2.403; to Amend Table 2 Reference to Table 2.1 Article 2 Chapter 4; Section 2.501; to Amend Table 2 Reference to Table 2.1 Article 2, Chapter 5 - Development Standards for Specific Uses To Add Sections 2.551 Adult-Use Marihuana Grower Establishments; 2.552 Adult-Use Marihuana Processor; 2.553 Adult-Use Marihuana Retailer; Social Equity**

**Retailer; 2.554 Adult-Use Class A Microbusiness; 2.555 Adult-Use Marihuana Designated Consumption Establishment; 2.556 Adult-Use Marihuana Safety Compliance Facility; 2.557 Adult-Use Marihuana Secure Transporter; 2.558 Temporary Marihuana Event; and 2.559 Primary Caregiver or Caregiver; Article 3, Special Purpose Zoning Districts to Add Chapter 12 - Adult-Use Marihuana Business Overlay Districts; and Article 4, Section 2, Section 4.206; to Amend Table 2 Reference to Table 2.1 Article 4, Section 3, Section 4.303; to Amend Table 2 Reference to Table 2.1 Article 7 Definitions to Add Chapter 2 and Chapter 3, Article 7 — Definitions (Second Reading).** Moved by Councilperson Nicholson and second by Councilperson Parker. Discussion.

**Motion to postpone indefinitely an Adoption of an Ordinance to Amend the City of Pontiac Zoning Ordinance to Include Adult-Use Marihuana Businesses in Designated Overlay Districts and Uses to Include: Article 2, Chapter 1, Section 2.101, Table 1 Zoning Districts, Special Purpose Zoning Districts; Article 2, Chapter 2, Section 2.203; Section 2.204; Section 2.205; and Section 2.303, Table 2.1-Uses Permitted Within Adult-Use Marihuana Overlay Districts; and Primary Caregivers or Caregivers Use Permitted in Zoning Districts Ip-1 and M-1 by Special Exception; Article 2, Chapter 3, Section 2.304; Section 2.305; Section 2.306; Section 2.307; Section 2.308; Section 2.309; Section 2.310; Section 2.311; Section 2.312; Section 2.313; Section 2.314, to Amend Table 2 Reference to Table 2.1 Article 2 Chapter 4; Section 2.403; to Amend Table 2 Reference to Table 2.1 Article 2 Chapter 4; Section 2.501; to Amend Table 2 Reference to Table 2.1 Article 2, Chapter 5 - Development Standards for Specific Uses To Add Sections 2.551 Adult-Use Marihuana Grower Establishments; 2.552 Adult-Use Marihuana Processor; 2.553 Adult-Use Marihuana Retailer; Social Equity Retailer; 2.554 Adult-Use Class A Microbusiness; 2.555 Adult-Use Marihuana Designated Consumption Establishment; 2.556 Adult-Use Marihuana Safety Compliance Facility; 2.557 Adult-Use Marihuana Secure Transporter; 2.558 Temporary Marihuana Event; and 2.559 Primary Caregiver or Caregiver; Article 3, Special Purpose Zoning Districts to Add Chapter 12 - Adult-Use Marihuana Business Overlay Districts; and Article 4, Section 2, Section 4.206; to Amend Table 2 Reference to Table 2.1 Article 4, Section 3, Section 4.303; to Amend Table 2 Reference to Table 2.1 Article 7 Definitions to Add Chapter 2 and Chapter 3, Article 7 — Definitions. (Second Reading)** Moved by Councilperson Nicholson and second by Councilperson Parker.

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

No: None

**Motion Carried**

Councilman Goodman was absent for the vote.

23-397 **Resolution to Approve First Reading of Zoning Text Amendment to Amend Article 2, Chapter 2, Section 2.204, Table 2 to add the Mobile Food Parklet Overlay District; Article 2, Chapter 5, Section 2.542 regarding Temporary Uses; Article 2, Chapter 5, Section 2.544 regarding Mobile Food Vendors; Article 2, Chapter 5, Section 2.551 to add a Section regarding Mobile Food Parklets; Article 7, Chapter 2, Section 7.207 to add definitions regarding Temporary Uses, Mobile Food Vendors, and Mobile Food Parklets. (First Reading)** Moved by Councilperson Nicholson and second by Councilperson Parker.

WHEREAS, before the City of Pontiac City Council for consideration is an Ordinance to amend Article 2, Chapter 2, Section 2.204, Table 2 to add the Mobile Food Parklet Overlay District; Article 2, Chapter 5, Section 2.542 regarding Temporary Uses; Article 2, Chapter 5, Section 2.544 regarding Mobile Food Vendors; Article 2, Chapter 5, Section 2.551 to add a Section regarding Mobile Food Parklets; Article 7, Chapter 2, Section 7.207 to add definitions regarding Temporary Uses, Mobile Food Vendors, and Mobile Food Parklets.

WHEREAS, the City of Pontiac City Council finds it is in the best interest for the health, safety, and welfare, to approve the amendments to the Zoning Ordinance Amendments as presented.

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Pontiac City Council that it hereby adopts the first reading of the amendments to the City of Pontiac’s Zoning Ordinance as presented to the city Council on November 14, 2023.

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

No: None

**Resolution Passed**

23-398        **Resolution to Approve First Reading of Zoning Text Amendment to Amend Article XIXa, Chapter 26, Sections 26-1030 through 26-1037 to amend regulations for mobile food vendors in the City. (First Reading)** Moved by Councilperson Nicholson and second by Councilperson Goodman.

WHEREAS, before the City of Pontiac City Council for consideration is an Ordinance to amend Article XIXa, Chapter 26, Sections 26-1030 through 26-1037 to amend regulations for mobile food vendors in the City,

WHEREAS, the City of Pontiac City Council finds it is in the best interest for the health, safety, and welfare, to approve the amendments to the Zoning Ordinance Amendments as presented.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Pontiac City Council that it hereby adopts the first reading of the amendments to the City of Pontiac’s Zoning Ordinance as presented to the city Council on November 14, 2023.

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

No: None

**Resolution Passed**

### **Resolutions**

Finance Department

23-399        **Resolution to Engage Baird for purposes of improving the City’s credit rating and to provide advice and guidance on financial and financial options.** Moved by Councilperson Nicholson and second by Councilperson Parker.

WHEREAS, the City of Pontiac has engaged Miller Canfield P.L.C., for certain legal services associated with the potential issuance of bonds for projects within the City; and

WHEREAS, Miller Canfield P.L.C., has advised the City that municipal financial advising services are necessary to the financing of those potential projects and has recommended the engagement of Robert Baird & Co., Inc., for such municipal financial services; and

WHEREAS, the City is authorized to engage the Baird firm for such specialized municipal financial services under City Charter and the City Code of Ordinances and is interested in entering into an Agreement with Baird, effective for a term of three (3) years to terminate December 31, 2026 subject to further negotiations connection with the fees/compensation and recommendations of legal counsel.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council hereby authorizes a 3-year Agreement between the City of Pontiac and Robert Baird & Co., Inc., for specialized municipal financial services subject to further negotiations in connection with the fees/compensation, and recommendations of legal counsel; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor is authorized to execute the Agreement in a final form to be negotiated and approved by the City Attorney.

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

No: None

**Resolution Passed**

Purchasing Division

23-400        **Resolution to Approve Awarding Print, Design & Mailing Services Contract to the Original Print Shoppe of Pontiac.** Moved by Councilperson Nicholson and second by Councilperson James.

WHEREAS, the purchasing manager has ensured that the purchase follows the City’s municipal code, Division II. Purchasing, Section 2-517, 2-518, and 2-519 about major purchases; and  
WHEREAS, it is imperative that the bid is awarded, and an agreement executed to meet the needs of the Communication Department’s Design, Print, and Mail Services for the City and  
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Pontiac City Council approves the Mayor or Mayor Designee to award the bid and execute an agreement with the Original Print Shoppe.

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

No: None

**Resolution Passed**

**Public Comment**

1. Robert Bass
2. H. Bill Maxey
3. Kenyatta Bowman
4. Carlton Jones
5. Charlene Dwyer
6. Hannah Matters
7. Dr. Deirdre Waterman
8. Christine Rose McGowan
9. Siembra Acosta
10. Tameka Ramsey
11. Darlene Clark
12. Gloria Miller

**Discussions**

Road Improvements Planned for State Street, as well as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard between Perry Street and M-59. Informational Meeting with Details on the Planned Improvements is Wednesday, November 15, 2023, from 3:00 to 6:00 pm at City Hall in the Council Chambers.

Pontiac Small Business Program Upcoming Informational Town Halls, Join to Discuss this New Program and Upcoming Funding Opportunities for Technical Assistance: Wednesday, November 29, 2023, from 8:30 to 10:00 am at City Hall Council Chambers; Friday, December 1, 2023, from 12:00 to 1:30 pm at City Hall Council Chambers; Wednesday, December 6, 2023, from 6:00 to 7:30 pm at the Bowens Senior Center. For more information, call (855) 925-8696, email grants@pontiac.mi.us or visit pontiac.mi.us/small business.

**Communications**

City Council, and Mayor’s Office

Councilman Nicholson left the meeting.

**Mayor, Clerk and Council Closing Comments**

Mayor Tim Greimel, Councilman Mikal Goodman, Councilman Willam Parker Jr., and Council President Pro-Tem William Carrington and Council President Mike McGuinness made closing comments.

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**Adjournment**

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

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

No: None

**Motion Carried**

Council President Mike McGuinness adjourn the meeting at 9:03 p.m.

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Jonathan Starks  
Deputy City Clerk