

December 27, 2023, Approved Minutes

**Official Proceedings
Pontiac City Council
123rd Session of the Eleventh Council**

Call to order

A Regular 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 Wednesday, December 27, 2023, at 12:00 p.m. by Council President Mike McGuinness.

Invocation – Councilwoman Melanie Rutherford – Pontiac, Michigan

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States

Moment of Silence

Roll Call

Members Present – William Carrington, Mikal Goodman, Mike McGuinness, William Parker Jr., and Melanie Rutherford.

Mayor Tim Greimel was not present.
Deputy Mayor Khalfani Stephens was present.
A quorum was announced.

Authorization to Excuse Councilmembers

Motion to excuse Councilmembers James & Nicholson for personal reasons from the meeting. Moved by Councilperson Carrington and second by Councilperson Rutherford.

Ayes: Carrington, Goodman, 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.

Ayes: Goodman, McGuinness, Parker, Rutherford and Carrington

No: None

Motion Carried

Consent Agenda

23-437 **Resolution to approve the consent agenda for December 27, 2023.** Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Carrington.

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed the consent agenda for December 27, 2023.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council approves the consent agenda for December 27, 2023, including the December 14, 2023, Finance and Personnel Subcommittee Meeting Minutes, December 14, 2023, Public Safety Health and Wellness Subcommittee Meeting Minutes and the December 19, 2023, City Council Meeting Minutes including Closed Session Minutes.

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

No: None

Resolution Passed

Special Presentation

City of Pontiac Code Enforcement Accomplishments in 2023, including latest demolition of blighted structures at 135 Cesar E. Chavez Avenue

Presentation Presenter: Jack McIntrye, Code Enforcement Manager

Recognition of Elected Officials

Bryan Killian, Charter Revision Commission

Agenda Address

None

Agenda Items

Resolution

Human Resources (HR) Department

23-438

Resolution to authorize an increase to the HR Advantage Advisory (HRAA) contract to cover on-site Human Resources Consultant fees not to exceed \$66,000. Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Parker.

WHEREAS, the Human Resources Department had an unexpected vacancy for the City’s Human Resources Director; and,

WHEREAS, an on-site Human Resources Consultant was contracted through HR Advantage Advisory to assist the City with its HR responsibilities; and,

WHEREAS, Human Resources is requesting authorization to increase the contract amount for the FY 2023-24 by \$30,000 to pay for the referenced services.

NOW THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED, the Pontiac City Council authorizes the Mayor or his Designee to increase the HRAA contract to an amount not to exceed \$66,000.

Ayes: McGuinness, Parker, Rutherford, Carrington and Goodman

No: None

Resolution Passed

Public Comment

1. Veronica Taylor
2. Tiffany Macon
3. Karina Roman
4. Marcus Kelly
5. Kathy Dessureau
6. Billie Swazer
7. Curtis Childs

Councilperson Carrington left the meeting at 1:01 p.m.

Discussion

The road has reopened for eastbound traffic under the Phoenix Center for Orchard Lake Road and Auburn Avenue

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Announced \$10 Million in Rehabilitation Funding for North Hill Farms in Pontiac, City Councilman Mikal Goodman Holding Community Forum on January 4, 2024 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at North Hill Farms Clubhouse and Invites Community Members to Attend, Learn More, and Share Questions

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Pontiac Small Business Program Technical Assistance Awards Application Window Opened December 11, 2023, and Applications Being Accepted through January 3, 2024.

Communications

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

Mayor, Clerk and Council Closing Comments

Deputy Mayor Khalfani Stephens, Councilwoman Melanie Rutherford, Councilman Mikal Goodman, Councilman William Parker Jr. and Council President Mike McGuinness made closing comments.

Adjournment

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

Ayes: Parker, Rutherford, Goodman and McGuinness

No: None

Motion Carried

Council President Mike McGuinness adjourn the meeting at 1:48 p.m.

Jonathan Starks
Deputy City Clerk