

**Official Proceedings  
Pontiac City Council  
4<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, January 25, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. by Council President Mike McGuinness.

**Invocation** – Rev. Mandy Beal, Birmingham Unitarian Church

**Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States**

**Moment of Silence**

**Roll Call**

**Members Present** – William A. Carrington, Mikal Goodman, Kathalee James, Mike McGuinness, Brett Nicholson, William Parker, Jr. and Melanie Rutherford

Mayor 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 Carrington.

There was discussion on the motion.

- a. **Motion to amend Close Session Resolution on the agenda.** Moved by Councilperson Nicholson and second by Councilperson Rutherford.

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

Then the vote was taken to approve the agenda with amendments.

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

**Consent Agenda**

22-32 **Resolution to approve the consent agenda for January 25, 2022.** Moved by Councilperson Carrington and second by Councilperson Rutherford.

Whereas, the City Council has reviewed the consent agenda for January 18, 2022.  
Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the City Council approves the consent agenda for January 25, 2022 including the January 18, 2022 Meeting Minutes.

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

No: None

**Resolution Passed.**

**Suspend the Rules**

**Motion to suspend the rules to move public comment after agenda address.** Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Goodman.

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

No: None

**Motion Carried**

**Special Presentation**

Pontiac Promise Zone Opportunities for Pontiac Residents

Presentation Presenter: Coco Moulder, Executive Director, Pontiac Promise Zone

**Recognition of Elected Officials** – Congresswoman Haley Stevens and Congressman Andy Levin

**Agenda Address**

Two (2) individuals address the body during agenda address.

1. Chuck Johnson address item #2.
2. Katherine Desseuru addressed item #6.

**Public Hearing**

Eleven (11) individuals addressed the body during public comment.

1. Quincy Stewart
2. Linda Watson
3. H. Bill Maxey
4. James Sabich
5. Ken Moses
6. Darlene Clark
7. Tameka Ramsey
8. Marcus Bowman
9. Chuck Johnson
10. Katherine Desseuru
11. Peggy Hardiman

**Agenda Items**

City Attorney

**Motion to table the Resolution to go into Closed Session.** Moved by Councilperson Carrington and second by Councilperson Rutherford.

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

No: None

**Motion Carried**

Building and Safety

22-33

**Resolution to Consider Approval of Demolition Services Contract for CDBG Batch 17 Demolition Properties-International Construction, Inc.** Moved by Councilperson Carrington and second by Councilperson. There was discussion on the matter.

**Motion to postpone for one week the Resolution to Consider Approval of Demolition Services Contract for CDBG Batch 17 Demolition Properties-International Construction, Inc.**

Moved by Councilperson Nicholson and second by Councilperson Carrington.

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

No: None

**Motion Carried**

City Council

22-34

**Resolution Calling for Barrier along University Drive at Intersection with M-59.**

Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Parker.

Whereas, the City of Pontiac strives to protect the health, safety and wellbeing of all who live, work, visit, and travel through our City; and,

Whereas, the section of University Drive west of M-59 and east of Paddock Street in our City has been the site of multiple vehicular crashes from westbound travelers making impact with the City's chain link fencing protecting the eastern section of Oak Hill Cemetery owned by the City; and,

Whereas, previous municipal discussions have considered the feasibility and necessity of installing a guard rail barrier where vehicles frequently depart from the road and make contact with the City's chain link fencing on the northern side of University Drive in that section; and,

Whereas, this Council's understanding is that examination of options that the City could pursue to prevent future collisions of vehicles into the Oak Hill Cemetery graves and fencing was recently undertaken;

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved that the Pontiac City Council hereby requests for the City to pursue installation of a guard rail barrier on City property along University Drive's north side in the section west of M-59 and east of Paddock Street,

Be It Further Resolved that the Council encourages further consideration of additional measures that would address safety needs and prevent additional vehicle collisions with Oak Hill Cemetery's graves and fencing in this area of concern;

Be It Further Resolved that the Council appreciates the research and review that the City's staff has recently undertaken to consider options addressing safety needs in this area of concern.

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

No: None

**Resolution Passed**

22-35

**Resolution Concerning the Intersection of Woodward Avenue and South Boulevard.**

Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Nicholson.

Whereas, the City of Pontiac strives to protect the health, safety and wellbeing of all who live, work, visit, and travel through our City; and,

Whereas, the section of Woodward Avenue and South Boulevard is an important and well-utilized traffic intersection in our City; and,

Whereas, the current intersection configuration at Woodward Avenue and South Boulevard creates challenges for ideal traffic safety conditions, and that the vehicular crash statistics for this intersection are alarming; and,

Whereas, the City has been in communication with the State of Michigan about future plans to address traffic safety concerns at this important traffic intersection; and,

Whereas, this Council's understanding is that future configuration and safety enhancement plans are Now, Therefore Be It Resolved that the Pontiac City Council hereby express our concerns about the need for safety enhancements at the traffic intersection of Woodward Avenue and South Boulevard located in the City of Pontiac;

Be It Further Resolved that the Council encourages the pursuit of measures that would address safety needs and strive to prevent future vehicle collisions at the intersection as much as possible;

Be It Further Resolved that the Council appreciates the research and review that the City's staff has recently undertaken to consider options addressing safety needs in this area of concern;

Be It Further Resolved that the Council looks forward to learning of future planned improvements and assisting with sharing that information out to City residents.

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

**Resolution Passed**

22-36 **Resolution on Approval of Pontiac City Council Code of Ethics.** Moved by Councilperson Parker and second by Councilperson Goodman. There was discussion on the motion.

**Motion to postpone for one week the Resolution on Approval of Pontiac City Council Code of Ethics.** Moved by Councilperson Nicholson and second by Councilperson Parker.

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

**Motion Carried**

Information Technology (I.T.)

22-31 **Resolution to approve Purchase of Microsoft 365 Solution and Associated Costs.** Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Carrington. There was discussion on the matter.

**Motion to amend Resolution to approve Purchase of Microsoft 365 Solution and Associated Costs.** Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Carrington.

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

**Motion Carried**

Whereas, The City of Pontiac currently uses obsolete Microsoft Office products and outdated email system and can no longer be expanded to meet the growing needs of the City; and

Whereas, The City can utilize a cloud-based Microsoft Office licensing and email system result in a cloud solution to the City; and

Whereas, the costs will be a one-time professional services cost of \$37,500, and a monthly operating agreement for 130 licenses at a total cost of \$2,454 monthly cost.

Now, Therefore, Hereby Be It Resolved that the Pontiac City Council approves the purchase of the Microsoft 365 Solution and associated costs including a one-time professional service cost of \$37,500, and annual cost for 130 licenses at a total cost of \$29,453 per year; and authorizes the Mayor to enter into the agreements to complete this transaction, contingent upon the Mayor obtaining external funding to assist with defraying these costs.

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

**Resolution Passed**

**Mayor, Clerk and Council Closing Comments**

Mayor Greimel, Councilwoman Rutherford, Councilman Nicholson, Councilman Goodman, Councilwoman James, Councilman Parker, President Pro-Tem Carrington and Council President McGuinness made closing comments.

City Attorney

**Motion to bring back tabled item #1 Closed Session.** Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Carrington.

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

No: None

**Motion Carried**

22-38 **Resolution to go into Closed Session at 8:31 p.m. to discuss trial or settlement strategy in pending litigation Deon Hankins v City of Pontiac, Case No. 2021-186901-NO to discuss an attorney-client privileged memorandum under the authority of Section 8(1)(h) of the open Meetings Act, MCL 15.268(1)(h), to consider material exempt from disclosure pursuant to Section 13(1)(g) of the Freedom of Information Act, MCL 15.243(1)(g).** Moved by Councilperson Goodman and second by Rutherford.

Whereas, the Michigan Open Meetings Act allows a public body to go into closed session to discuss specific pending litigation; and

Whereas, the City Attorney and defense counsel wish to address the City on new activity in a pending matter;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Pontiac City Council that it recess into closed session to discuss an attorney-client privileged memorandum pending litigation as permitted by the open Meetings Act at MCL 15.268. The City Attorney and counsel of record request a closed session pursuant to MCL 15.268(e) to discuss the matter of Deon Hankins vs. City of Pontiac, Case No. 2021-186901-NO, and further to discuss an attorney-client privileged memorandum under the authority of Section 8(1)(h) of the open Meetings Act, MCL 15.268(1)(h), to consider material exempt from disclosure pursuant to Section 13(1)(g) of the Freedom of Information Act, MCL 15.243(1)(g).

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

No: None

**Resolution Passed**

**Motion to come out of Close Session at 10:42 p.m.** Moved by Councilperson Goodman and second by Councilperson Rutherford.

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

No: None

**Motion Carried**

**Suspend the Rules**

**Motion to suspend the rules.** Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Goodman.

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

No: None

**Motion Carried**

**Motion to add settlement Deon Hankins vs. City of Pontiac.** Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Nicholson.

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

No: None

**Motion Carried**

City Attorney

22-39

**Resolution to approve the settlement in the case of Deon Hankins vs, the City of Pontiac, Case No. 2021-186901-NO.** Moved by Councilperson Goodman and second by Councilperson Parker.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved that the Pontiac City Council approve the settlement between the parties at the facilitation expressly made subject of the approval of City Council in the matter of Deon Hankins vs. the City of Pontiac Case No. 2021-186901-NO.

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

No: None

**Resolution Passed**

### **Adjournment**

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

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

No: None

**Motion Carried**

Council President Mike McGuinness adjourned the meeting at 10:45 p.m.

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Garland S. Doyle  
City Clerk