

**Official Proceedings  
Pontiac City Council  
22<sup>nd</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, May 17, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. by Council President Mike McGuinness.

**Invocation – Rev. Katherine Dessureau**

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

**Moment of Silence**

**Roll Call**

**Members Present** – Williams 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 Parker.

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

**Motion Carried**

**Consent Agenda**

22-153 **Resolution to approve the consent agenda for May 17, 2022.** Moved by Councilperson Nicholson and second by Councilperson Rutherford.

Whereas, the City Council has reviewed the consent agenda for May 17, 2022.  
Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the City Council approves the consent agenda for May 17, 2022 including the May 10, 2022 City Council Meeting Minutes.

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

**Resolution Passed**

**Recognition of Elected Officials - None**

**Agenda Address**

1. Julia Ruffin addressed item 9
2. Bryan Killian Bey addressed item 9
3. Gloria Miller addressed items 7, 8 & 9

**Agenda Items**

**Ordinance**

2392           **Adoption of an Ordinance Amendment to Article V – Boards and Commissions, Division 4 – Arts Commission, to provide for the Election and Terms of Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary.** Moved by Councilperson Parker and second by Councilperson Nicholson.

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

No: None

**Ordinance Passed**

**\*\*Please see Ordinance after minutes as Attachment A\*\***

**Resolutions**

City Council

22-154           **Resolution Supporting Michigan House Bill 5013 to Ban No-Knock Warrants.**

Moved by Councilperson Goodman and second by Councilperson Rutherford.

Whereas, no-knock warrant is a search warrant authorizing police officers to enter certain premises without first knocking and announcing their presence or purpose prior to entering the premises and is currently a legal option in the State of Michigan; and

Whereas there have been multiple instances nationally and in Michigan of the administering of no-knock warrants resulting in injury or death to citizens in their homes, asleep in their beds, or visiting family members; and

Whereas, House Bill 5013 has been introduced in the Michigan House of Representatives during the current legislative session, which would prohibit the use of no-knock search warrants in Michigan, and Pontiac’s State Representative Brenda Carter has co-sponsored House Bill 5013; and

Whereas, House Bill 5013 has been referred to the House Committee on Government Operations, where it awaits further consideration and action; now,

Therefore, Be It Resolved, the Pontiac City Council hereby expresses our strong concern over the continued use of no-knock search warrants by law enforcement in Michigan; and,

Further Resolved, the City Council formally supports the passage of House Bill 5013 by the Michigan House of Representatives, by the Michigan State Senate, and enactment into law with the signature of Governor Gretchen Whitmer if it is able to reach her desk; and

Further Resolved, the City Council acknowledges Pontiac’s State Representative Brenda Carter for her co-sponsorship of this important legislation.

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

No: None

**Resolution Passed**

22-155           **Resolution Acknowledging Matchan Nutrition Center Volunteers.** Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Nicholson.

Whereas, the mission of the Robert Matchan Nutrition Center is to serve hot, well-balanced meals to our neighbors in need and to provide other life-changing assistance that leads to self-sufficiency locally in Oakland County; and

Whereas, the dedicated volunteers who power the Matchan Nutrition Center have been delivering hot meals for over 38 years, and have been able to utilize the St. Vincent DePaul Catholic Church’s space on Woodward Avenue in Pontiac for many years to deliver hot meals and resources to our neighbors in need on Tuesdays and Thursdays; and

Whereas, this month represents their last month operating their Nutrition Center at the St. Vincent DePaul Catholic, as that space there will no longer be available, and they are presently seeking other possible locations where they can continue their operations; now,

Therefore, Be It Resolved, the Pontiac City Council hereby acknowledges and expresses our deep appreciation to the many current and past volunteers who have made the hot meals and resources provided by the Robert Matchan Nutrition Center possible throughout these many years; and,

Further Resolved, the City Council is appreciative of St. Vincent DePaul Catholic Church generously opening up their facilities and sharing their space with the Matchan Nutrition Center for so many years; and,

Further Resolved, we are hopeful that a new community partner is in a position to step up and fill the void, allowing the Matchan Nutrition Center to continue operating in our Pontiac community, helping our neighbors in need with hot meals and resources; and,

Further Resolved, we express this deep gratitude and appreciation to the Matchan Nutrition Center and all of the volunteers in partnership with Pontiac Mayor Tim Greimel and on behalf of the entire Pontiac community.

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

No: None

**Resolution Passed**

22-156      **Resolution Supporting Identify Your Dream Foundation's 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Stomp Out the Violence March and Rally.** Moved by Councilperson Carrington and second by Councilperson Rutherford.

Whereas, the Identify Your Dream Foundation was created in 1996 after the tragic death of Dean J. Samuel, formed not only to encourage youth who have violently lost parents to survive but also to empower them to thrive by offering victim advocacy, grief support, community awareness, programming, and more; and

Whereas, the Identify Your Dream Foundation is holding their 12th Annual Stomp Out The Violence March and Rally on Memorial Day, Monday, May 30, 2022 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm at Pontiac City Hall; and

Whereas, this annual March and Rally is a powerful opportunity for our Pontiac community to come together, raise awareness, take a stand against violence in our neighborhoods, remember and mourn those we have lost in the community due to violence, help the community heal, and more; now,

Therefore, Be It Resolved, the Pontiac City Council hereby expresses our strong support for the Identify Your Dream Foundation's 12th Annual Stomp Out the Violence March and Rally happening at Pontiac City Hall on May 30, 2022; and,

Further Resolved, the City Council encourages all residents to participate in the March and Rally as they are able; and

Further Resolved, the City Council acknowledges the continued work and leadership of the Dean J. Samuel Identify Your Dream Foundation and the work and leadership of their Executive Director, Deleah Sharp as she continues to powerfully honor her late brother's memory with action and positive community impact.

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

No: None

**Resolution Passed**

Department of Public Works

22-151           **Resolution to approve the Decertification of Franklin Road between Woodward Avenue and Franklin Road on the Southwesterly Side of CNRR for a total length of 291 feet.** Moved by Councilperson Nicholson and second by Councilperson Rutherford. **(Postpone from last week)**

WHEREAS, the City of Pontiac did close and removed the pavement on Franklin Road from Woodward Avenue to the southwest side of the CN RR effectively closing the railroad crossing, and  
WHEREAS, it is necessary to furnish certain information to the State of Michigan to remove this street from within the City Street System in order to maintain mileage correctness under Act 51, P.A. 1951 as amended

NOW, THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED:

WHEREAS, the City of Pontiac does wish to decertify a portion of Franklin Road. This decertification of Franklin Road is located between Woodward Avenue and Franklin Road on the southwesterly side of CNRR for a total length of 291 feet.

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

No: None

**Resolution Passed**

Councilman Goodman was absent during the vote

22-157           **Resolution to Approve Budget Amendments for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Transferring \$170,000 from the Following GL Accounts in the Amounts Listed: General Fund GL Accounts 101.818.818.236 Prof. Service -Tree Services (\$64,000), 101.818.745.012 Recreation Supplies – Parks ((\$66,000), 101.818.818.000 Other Professional Services (\$20,000), and 101.818.808.000 Parks and Neighborhood Projects (\$20,000); and Transferring \$170,000 to General Fund Account 101.818.818.006 Contractual Mowing Services.** Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Nicholson.

Whereas, the City of Pontiac timely approved the FY 2021-22 budget on June 24, 2021 and;  
Whereas, the prior City Council approved a contract with RNA for grass cutting services; and  
Whereas, the total costs of the work contracted is estimated to be \$395,112; and  
Whereas, the previous city council only approved a budgeted amount of \$50,000; and  
Whereas, the Administration is requesting to move funds within line items, not between departments, and  
Whereas, the remainder of the costs will fall into the next fiscal year; and  
Whereas, in order to ensure that the budgeted appropriations remain in compliance with the City’s Charter, the Budget Ordinance and state law, the Administration is proposing a budget amendment for the General Fund; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby approves the amendment for the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budget as requested by the Administration transferring \$170,000 from the Following GL Accounts in the Amounts Listed: General Fund GL Accounts 101.818.818.236 Prof. Service-Tree Services (\$64,000), 101.818.745.012 Recreation Supplies-Parks (\$66,000), 101.818.818.000 Other Professional Services (\$20,000), and 101.818.808.000 Parks and Neighborhood Projects (\$20,000); and Transferring \$170,000 to General Fund Account 101.818.818.006 Contractual Mowing Services.

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

No: None

**Resolution Passed**

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Finance

22-158        **Resolution to approve the Salary for the Positions of Deputy Finance Director at a Salary of \$94,000 and the Senior Financial Analyst at a Salary of \$90,000 for Fiscal Year 2021-22.**  
Moved by Councilperson Rutherford and second by Councilperson Nicholson.

Whereas, the City of Pontiac timely approved the FY 2021-22 budget on June 24, 2021 and;  
Whereas, the adopted budget appropriated funding to individual Departments for Salaries & Wages and these funding levels were based on specific salaries for individual positions; and  
Whereas, the Salaries & Wages for Department 206 – Finance Administration was based on no salary appropriation for Deputy Finance Director and the salary appropriation for Senior Finance Director of \$75,000;  
NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the City Council hereby approves the salary for the position of Deputy Finance Director at a salary of \$94,000 and the Senior Financial Analyst at a salary of \$90,000.

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

**Resolution Passed**

**Communications**

City Council

Veterans and Military Families Resource Event, May 21, 2022 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, at UWM Sports Complex, 867 South Boulevard East, Pontiac 48341

Identify Your Dream Foundation Stomp Out The Violence 12th Annual March and Rally on May 30, 2022 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm, held at Pontiac City Hall, 47450 Woodward Avenue, Pontiac 48342

Pontiac Point of Hope 2022, June 4, 2022 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, 313 E. Walton Boulevard, Pontiac 48340

Art Fish Fun, June 11, 2022 from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm at Beaudette Park, 786 Orchard Lake Road, Pontiac 48341

City Clerk

**Upcoming 2022-23 Fiscal Year Budget Hearings Schedule**

Wednesday, May 18, 2022 (4:00 to 6:00 pm) Focused on Recreation, Executive Office

Thursday, May 19, 2022 (4:00 to 6:00 pm) Focused on Fire, Public Safety, and Law

Friday, May 20, 2022 (3:00 to 6:00 pm) Focused on Grants, Community Development

Monday, May 23, 2022 (4:00 to 6:00 pm) Focused on Public Works

Tuesday, May 24, 2022 (3:00 to 6:00 pm) Focused on 50th District Court, City Council, Clerk, Elections, Charter Commission, Marihuana Regulations

Tuesday, May 31, 2022 (4:00 to 6:00 pm) Public Hearing on the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year Budget

Wednesday, June 1, 2022 (3:00 to 6:00 pm) Focused on Income Tax, Finance, HR, IT, Communications

Wednesday, June 8, 2022 (5:00 to 7:00 pm) Focused on Proposed Amendments to Budget

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Thursday, June 9, 2022 (5:00 to 7:00 pm) Focused on Proposed Amendments to Budget

**Public Comment**

Seven (7) individuals address the body during public comment

1. Julia Ruffin
2. Robert Bass
3. Quincy Stewart
4. Andrea Manns
5. Gloria Miller
6. James Sabich
7. Larry Jasper

**Mayor, Clerk and Council Closing Comments**

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

**Adjournment**

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

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

No: None

**Motion Carried**

Council President Mike McGuinness adjourned the meeting at 9:13 p.m.

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Garland S. Doyle  
Interim City Clerk