

City of Southgate

Regular City Council Meeting

August 19, 2026

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Southgate was held on Wednesday, August 19, 2026 in the Southgate City Hall Council Chambers and was called to order at 7:00 PM by Council President Zoey Kuspa.

This meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Priscilla Ayres-Reiss, Edward Gawlik, Jr., Karen George, Christian Graziani, Zoey Kuspa, Adriene Price, Phil Rauch
Absent:

Also Present: Mayor Joseph G. Kuspa, City Attorney Edward Zelenak, City Administrator Daniel Marsh, City Clerk Janice Ferencz, City Treasurer Chris Rollet, City Engineer John Hennessey, Police Chief Mark Mydlarz, Police Deputy Chief Brent Newsted, DPS Director Phil Ferro, Recreation Director Julie Goddard, Building Director Tim Leach

Minutes:

Moved by Ayres-Reiss, supported by George, RESOLVED, that the minutes of the City Council Work Study Session dated August 5, 2026 be approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Rauch, supported by Price, RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting dated August 5, 2026 be approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Scheduled Persons in the Audience:

1. Jeff Grauer; Separate Irrigation Meter Mr. Grauer addressed Council regarding the use of a separate irrigation meter and presented information concerning his request. City Administrator, Dan Marsh, and the City Engineer, John Hennessey, responded to Mr. Grauer's presentation and provided information regarding the City's current procedures and considerations related to separate irrigation meters.

Communications "A":

1. Letter from Mayor; Re: Emergency Service Call City Hall Water Heater (Waiver of Bid) moved by George, supported by Ayres-Reiss, THAT the Southgate City Council waive the city bid process and approve the invoice in the amount of \$3,971.72 from Restoration 1 for emergency service call for City Hall water damage. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Letter from Mayor; Re: Approve Quote for Police Department Carpet Replacement (Waiver of Bid) moved by Rauch, supported by Ayres-Reiss, THAT the Southgate City Council waive the city bid process and approve the quote from Restoration 1 in the amount of \$11,833.00 to remove and replace carpeting in the Police Department building. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Memo from Administrator; Re: 2026 Master Plan Adoption moved by Gawlik, supported by George, THAT the Southgate City Council support the Planning Commission's adoption of the 2026 Master Plan as presented subject to final corrections of grammatical, typographical and punctuation errors that do not alter the substance of intent of the Plan. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Memo from Administrator; Re: Site Plan Amendment Review for 15601 Northline (Aquinas) moved by Rauch, supported by George, THAT the Southgate City Council approve the Phase 1 Site Plan for the Planned Development at 15601 Northline, according to the condition's recommended by the Planning Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

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Communications "B": (Receive & File)

1. Memo from Administrator; Re: Notification of 2026 Capital Improvement Plan Approval moved by Ayres-Reiss, supported by Rauch, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council receive and file the City Planner's recommendation, the meeting minutes and the formal resolution adopting the 2026 Capital Improvement Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinances:

1. Memo from Administrator; Re: Second Reading of Rezoning of 15468 Northline moved by Ayres-Reiss, supported by George, THAT the Southgate City Council hereby give the second reading and approve the rezoning of 15468 Northline Road, from RO-1, Restricted Office, to C-2, General Business. Motion carried unanimously.

Unscheduled Persons In Audience

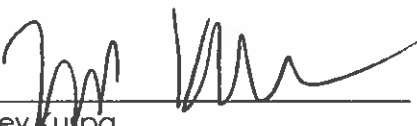
1. Jeff Grauer, 11330 Morningview, addressed Council regarding concerns with road repair work in his subdivision.
2. Jessica Hart, 13150 Pearl, addressed Council regarding concerns about the procedures Downriver Central Animal Control (DCAC) has for responding to loose dog complaints.
3. Johnny Johnson, 15649 Fordline, addressed Council regarding concerns about a neighboring property with approximately 22 cats that are creating issues on his property and requested information regarding available options to address the situation.

Claims and Accounts:

Moved by Rauch, supported by George, RESOLVED, that Claims and Accounts be paid as outlined on Warrant #1551 for \$3,641,109.67. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment:

Moved by Ayres-Reiss, supported by George, RESOLVED THAT this Regular Meeting of the Southgate City Council be adjourned at 7:37 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.



Zoey Kuspa
Council President



Janice M. Ferencz
City Clerk

City Council

Work Study Session

August 19, 2026

An Informal Meeting of the Council of the City of Southgate was held on August 19, 2026 at 6:30 P.M. and called to order by Council President Zoey Kuspa.

Present: Priscilla Ayres-Reiss, Edward Gawlik, Jr., Karen George, Christian Graziani, Zoey Kuspa, Adriene Price, Phil Rauch

Absent:

Also Present: Mayor Joseph G. Kuspa, City Attorney Edward Zelenak, City Administrator Daniel Marsh, City Clerk Janice Ferencz, City Treasurer Chris Rollet, City Engineer John Hennessey, Police Chief Mark Mydlarz, Police Deputy Chief Brent Newsted, DPS Director Phil Ferro, Recreation Director Julie Goddard, Building Director Tim Leach

Judge Kelly from the Third Judicial Circuit Court of Michigan gave a presentation.

Discussed the following agenda items:

- Scheduled Person in the Audience-Jeff Grauer; Separate Irrigation Meter
- Emergency Service Call City Hall Water Heater-Waiver of Bid
- Police Department Carpet Replacement-Waiver of Bid
- 2026 Master Plan Adoption
- Site Plan Amendment Review for 15601 Northline (Aquinas)
- Receive & File: Notification of 2026 Capital Improvement Plan Approval
- Ordinance-2nd Reading of Rezoning of 15468 Northline

This meeting ended at 6:59 p.m.