

City of Southgate
Police & Fire Civil Service Commission
September 9th, 2025

A meeting of the Police and Fire Civil Service Commission was held in the City of Southgate Caucus Room, 14400 Dix-Toledo Highway, Southgate, Michigan on Tuesday, September 9th, 2025 and was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Commissioner Chairperson Brian Ochmanek.

Present: Commissioner Chairperson Brian Ochmanek & Commissioner Christopher Poirier
Also Present: Director of Public Safety Marsh, Chief Mydlarz
Excused: Commissioner Jeffrey Moore & Fire Chief Graves

Meeting Summary

- Minutes
- Communications
- Police Department Update
- Fire Department Update

Minutes

- **The minutes from the July 8th, 2025 meeting were approved. *Moved by Poirier, Supported by Ochmanek. All in favor.***

Communications

Police Department Update

The Commission was advised that Officer Sjoblom resigned from the department in August/2025 to take a job with another police department. The police department currently has 5 vacancies. The Commission was advised that we have two police cadets currently in the police academy. Those two cadets will fill two of our 5 vacancies once they graduate from the academy.

Further, the Commission was advised on 8 upcoming police applicant interviews.

Fire Department Update

Chief Graves was not present at this meeting; however, Director Marsh requested for the Commission to authorize starting the process to establish a Fire Chief test through EMPCO Inc., with the intent of establishing an eligibility list for Fire Chief. Commission Poirier made a motion to authorize the testing process to establish a Fire Chief list. This motion was supported by Commission Ochmanek, all were in favor.

The Commission was advised that testing dates with EMPCO Inc. have been reserved for December 2nd and 3rd, 2025. The Orientation for testing applicants is tentatively scheduled for November 19th, 2025 at 10 am.

The Commission was also advised that currently the Fire Department has three vacancies with one retirement coming on September 18th, 2025. The Commission was also advised that there is one candidate in the hiring process.

The next regular Police & Fire Civil Service Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday,
October 7th, 2025
at 4:00 p.m. in the City of Southgate Caucus Room in City Hall.

***Moved by Commissioner Poirier, supported by Commissioner Ochmanek RESOLVED, that
the meeting of the Police and Fire Civil Service Commission be adjourned at 4:33 p.m.
Carried unanimously.***

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Director of Public Safety