

City of Southgate

Regular City Council Meeting

August 7, 2024

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Southgate was held on Wednesday, August 7, 2024 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, Greg Kowalsky, Zoey Kuspa, Phil Rauch

Absent:

Also Present: Mayor Joseph G. Kuspa, City Attorney Ed Zelenak, City Administrator Dan Marsh, Assistant City Administrator/Finance Director Doug Drysdale, City Clerk Janice Ferencz, City Treasurer Chris Rollet, Fire Chief Justin Graves, City Engineer John Hennessey, Public Safety Director Joseph Marsh, Police Chief Mark Mydlarz, DPS Director Kevin Anderson, Recreation Director Julie Goddard & Building Inspections Director Tim Leach

Minutes:

Moved by George, supported by Graziani, RESOLVED, that the minutes of the City Council Work Study Session dated July 17, 2024 be approved as presented. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Rauch, supported by Kowalsky, RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting dated July 17, 2024 be approved as presented. Carried unanimously.

Communications "A":

1. Letter from Mayor; Re: Approve purchase of 3 Ford F150 Pick-up Trucks (Waiver of Bid) moved by Ayres-Reiss, supported by Gawlik, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council waive the bid process and approve the purchase of three (3) Ford F-150 pickup trucks from Southgate Ford in the total amount of \$127,095.00, under the MiDeal Extended Purchasing Program. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Letter from Mayor; Re: Approve purchase of a Ford F250 Pick-up Truck (Waiver of Bid) moved by George, supported by Rauch, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council waive the bid process and approve the purchase of a Ford F-250 pick-up truck from Southgate Ford in the amount of \$47,639.00, under the MiDeal Extended Purchasing Program. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Memo from Administrator; Re: Sale of City Owned Vacant Lot – 14282 Fordline moved by George, supported by Ayres-Reiss, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council approve the attached RFP for the sale of 14282 Fordline, Southgate, MI 48195 parcel ID #53-011-01-0037-000. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Memo from Administrator; Re: Public Hearing Requests for the Demolition of Properties (12071 Devoe) moved by Rauch, supported by Gawlik, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council schedule a public hearing to take place during the August 21, 2024 regular City Council Meeting to discuss the Dangerous Buildings Board's recommendation to demolish the garage located at 12071 Devoe. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Memo from Administrator; Re: Public Hearing Requests for the Demolition of Properties (19364 Eureka) moved by Rauch, supported by Kowalsky, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council schedule a public hearing to take place during the August 21, 2024 regular City Council Meeting to discuss the Dangerous Buildings Board's recommendation to demolish the commercial structure located at 19364 Eureka. Motion carried unanimously.

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6. Memo from Administrator; Re: Change Order No. 01 – Southgate Tower Bridge moved by George, supported by Ayres-Reiss, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council approve Change Order No. 001 in the amount of \$19,980.00 to Constantine George Pappas, A.I.A. for Architecture and Design Services for the Southgate Tower Park and Bridge Project. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

1. City Council Opening Posting and Application Moved by Rauch, supported by Ayres-Reiss, RESOLVED, that the Southgate City Council instruct Administration to post the City Council opening with the application available starting August 9th and include additional language to clarify the default requirement on the application. Motion carried unanimously.
2. City Council Opening Candidate Interviews and Selection Moved by Rauch, supported by George, RESOLVED, that the Southgate City Council schedule a special City Council meeting to interview the candidates and to select the candidate for the open City Council position on August 28, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Unscheduled Persons In Audience

1. Douglas Atkins, 13231 Irene, explained his concerns with Home Sales Inspections and permits.

Claims and Accounts:

Moved by Rauch, supported by George, RESOLVED, that Claims and Accounts be paid as outlined on Warrant #1502 for \$4,612,587.90. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment:

Moved by George, supported by Gawlik, RESOLVED THAT this Regular Meeting of the Southgate City Council be adjourned at 7:21 P.M. Carried unanimously.

Zoey Kuspa
Council President

Janice M. Ferencz
City Clerk