

City of Southgate

Regular City Council Meeting

August 21, 2024

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Southgate was held on Wednesday, August 21, 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, 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, DPS Director Kevin Anderson, Recreation Director Julie Goddard & Building Inspections Director Tim Leach

Minutes:

Moved by George, supported by Ayres-Reiss, RESOLVED, that the minutes of the City Council Work Study Session dated August 7, 2024 be approved as presented. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Rauch, supported by Ayres-Reiss, RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting dated August 7, 2024 be approved as presented. Carried unanimously.

Consideration of Bids:

1. Letter from Mayor; Re: Bid for 2024-25 Water & Street Fund Pavement Repair Program moved by George, supported by Gawlik, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council award bid for the 2024-25 Pavement Repair Program to GV Cement Contracting Company (Brownstown Twp MI) in the amount of \$1,685,705.91, plus 10% contingency in the amount of \$168,570.59, for a total amount of \$1,854,276.50. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Letter from Mayor; Re: Bid for Landscape Plant Material moved by Ayres-Reiss, supported by George, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council award bid for the Southgate Tower Park & Pedestrian Bridge Project – Landscape Plant Materials to Superior Landscape Companies in the amount of \$176,205.75, plus 20% contingency in the amount of \$35,241.15, for a total amount of \$211,446.90. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Letter from Mayor; Re: Bid for Obstacle Course Playground Equipment moved by George, supported by Gawlik, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council award bid for the Police Auxiliary Park (Mulberry Park) Obstacle Course Playground Equipment project to the low bidder Penchura in the amount of \$69,117.20, with funding to be provided by a Wayne County Parks Millage Fund grant in the amount of \$58,500.00 and the City's Parks & Rec Millage Fund in the amount of \$10,617.20. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Letter from Mayor; Re: Bid for Carpentry Repairs moved by Ayres-Reiss, supported by Gawlik, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council award bid for a two-year period expiring August 21, 2026 to Rally Point Partners (Ann Arbor MI) as the primary contractor for carpentry services at the rates per their bid proposal, and award bids to C & S Construction Management (2nd) and Allied (3rd) as backup contractors at the rates per their respective bid proposals. Motion carried unanimously.

Scheduled Hearings:

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1. Memo from Administrator; Re: Demolition of a Garage at 12071 Devoe moved by Rauch, supported by Ayres-Reiss, RESOLVED that the Southgate City Council hereby enters into a public hearing at 7:10 p.m. in order to entertain views and comments from interested individuals regarding: the Demolition of a Garage at 12071 Devoe. Motion carried unanimously.

No questions or comments from Council or audience.

Moved by Rauch, supported by Ayres-Reiss, RESOLVED that the Southgate City Council adjourn the public hearing at 7:11 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Memo from Administrator; Re: Demolition of Property at 19364 Eureka moved by George, supported by Gawlik, RESOLVED that the Southgate City Council hereby enters into a public hearing at 7:11 p.m. in order to entertain views and comments from interested individuals regarding: the Demolition of Property at 19364 Eureka. Motion carried unanimously.

No questions or comments from Council or audience.

Moved by Ayres-Reiss, supported by Rauch, RESOLVED that the Southgate City Council adjourn the public hearing at 7:12 p.m. and reconvene during the September 18, 2024 regularly scheduled City Council Meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

Communications "A":

1. Memo from Administrator; Re: Demolition of 12071 Devoe moved by Rauch, supported by George, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council affirm the recommendation of the Dangerous Buildings Board to Authorize the Administration to demolish the garage located at 12071 Devoe, at the owners expense, if it is not repaired or demolished within 90 days. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Memo from Administrator; Re: Demolition of 19364 Eureka moved by Rauch, supported by Gawlik, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council defer the demolition of 19364 Eureka to the September 18, 2024 City Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Memo from Administrator; Re: DDA Class C Liquor License for 15231 Trenton Road moved by Rauch, supported by George, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council, at the request of the applicant, defers the approval of the DDA Class C Liquor License for 15231 Trenton Road to the September 4, 2024 City Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Letter from Mayor; Re: Appointment to Board of Zoning Appeals moved by George, supported by Rauch, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council approve the appointment of Jake Orman, 12630 Helen, to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a term expiring December 2024. Motion carried unanimously. This appointment fills the vacancy created by the resignation of Dennis Richardson.
5. Letter from Mayor; Re: Approval of Change Order No 2 – Schools & Parks Signage and Striping moved by Gawlik, supported by Ayres-Reiss, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council approve Change Order No. 002 in the amount of \$5,781.15 to J. Ranck Electric, Inc. for additional pavement markings on Reeck Road. Motion carried unanimously.

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6. Memo from Administrator; Re: Approval of IGA with Wayne County moved by George, supported by Rauch, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council approve the attached intergovernmental agreement (IGA) between the City of Southgate and Wayne County for Improvements at Mulberry Park, and to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Communications “B” – (Receive and File):

1. Memo from Administrator; RE: Questions for City Council Applicants moved by Rauch, supported by George, RESOLVED, that the Southgate City Council receive and file the Memo from Administrator; Re: Questions for City Council Applicants. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

Councilman Gawlik reminded the citizens that there is a City Council vacancy applications are due Friday, August 23, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. and they will have a special meeting on Wednesday, August 28th at 6:30 p.m. to interview and select the applicant to replace Councilman Kowalsky.

Claims and Accounts:

Moved by Rauch, supported by Ayres-Reiss, RESOLVED, that Claims and Accounts be paid as outlined on Warrant #1503 for \$5,616,441.62. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment:

Moved by George, supported by Ayres-Reiss, RESOLVED THAT this Regular Meeting of the Southgate City Council be adjourned at 7:19 P.M. Carried unanimously.

Zoey Kuspa
Council President

Janice M. Ferencz
City Clerk