

# City of Southgate

## Regular City Council Meeting

### November 6, 2024

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Southgate was held on Wednesday, November 6, 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.**

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Present: Victoria Araj, 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, Recreation Director Julie Goddard, City Engineer John Hennessey, DPS Director Kevin Anderson & Building Inspections Director Tim Leach

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#### **Minutes:**

Moved by George, supported Ayres-Reiss, RESOLVED, that the minutes of the City Council Work Study Session dated October 16, 2024 be approved as presented. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Rauch, supported by Araj, RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting dated October 16, 2024 be approved as presented. Carried unanimously.

#### **Consideration of Bids:**

1. Letter from Mayor; Re: Park Remaining Contract Items moved by Araj, supported by George, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council award the bid for the Southgate Tower Park & Pedestrian Bridge Project – Park Remaining Contract Items to The Alan Group in the amount of \$1,229,000.00, subject to additional scope of work modifications, with funds to be provided from the Wayne County ARPA grant. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Communications “A”:**

1. Memo from Administrator; Re: Approve Obligation of ARPA Fund for Revenue Replacement moved by Gawlik, supported by Rauch, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council approve the use of remaining American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) funds in the amount of \$765,241.04 as “revenue replacement”, and designate the funds be used for building repairs, maintenance, and improvements. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Memo from Administrator; Re: Request for DDA Class C Liquor License 15231 Trenton Road moved by Rauch, supported by Gawlik, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council recommend the application submitted by HopCat Southgate LLC, located at 15231 Trenton Road, Southgate MI for a Downtown Development District (DDA) Class C Liquor License per MCL 436.1521a(1)(b) for approval by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Letter from Mayor; Re: Purchase of Hydraulic Power Unit-Waiver of Bid moved by Graziani, supported by Ayres-Reiss, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council waive the bid process and approve the purchase of a hydraulic power unit from Jack Doheny Companies in the amount of \$11,634.20. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Letter from Mayor; Re: Electrical Repairs and Maintenance-Waiver of Bid moved by Rauch, supported by Ayres-Reiss, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council waive the city bid process and approve a contract extension with Riney Electric through December 31, 2026, at their current rates of \$55.00 per

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hour for Monday-Friday between 8am and 5pm, and \$75.00 per hour for weekdays after 5pm, Saturdays, Sundays, and Holidays. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Letter from Mayor; Re: Approval of Southgate Share of AFG for Replacement Firehose-Waiver of Bid moved by Araj, supported by George, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council waive the city bid process and approve purchase of replacement fire hose in the amount of \$3,650.34, representing Southgate's share of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant administered by the City of Wyandotte Fire Department. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Letter from Mayor; Re: Approval of Sourcewell Contracts for Auto Parts-Waiver of Bid moved by Gawlik, supported by Rauch, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council waive the city bid process and approve agreements with NAPA Auto Parks, Southgate Ford, and Dick Genthe Chevrolet for the purchase of auto parts under the national Sourcewell awarded contracts to those respective vendors. Motion carried unanimously.
7. Letter from Mayor; Re: Approve Quote for Library Carpeting-Waiver of Bid moved by Ayres-Reiss, supported by George, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council waive the bid process and approve quote from Jabro Carpet One for replacement carpeting in the old storytime room at the Southgate Veterans Memorial Library in the amount of \$2,851.60. Motion carried unanimously.
8. Letter from Mayor; Re: Approval of Contract Extension for City Hall Stairwell Flooring moved by Ayres-Reiss, supported by Gawlik, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council approve contract extension with Jabro Carpet One for the installation of replacement flooring in the City Hall service stairways in the amount of \$5,065.73. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Unscheduled Persons In Audience**

1. William King, Commander at the VFW Post 2983, invited everyone to their Marine Corp & Veteran's Day events on November 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. each day.

### **Claims and Accounts:**

Moved by Rauch, supported by George, RESOLVED, that Claims and Accounts be paid as outlined on Warrant #1508 for \$3,880,564.43. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Adjournment:**

Moved by George, supported by Gawlik, RESOLVED THAT this Regular Meeting of the Southgate City Council be adjourned at 7:15 P.M. Carried unanimously.

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Zoey Kuspa  
Council President

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Janice M. Ferencz  
City Clerk