

City of Southgate

Regular City Council Meeting

April 16, 2025

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Southgate was held on Wednesday, April 16, 2025 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: Victoria Araj, Priscilla Ayres-Reiss, Edward Gawlik, Jr., Christian Graziani, Zoey Kuspa, Phil Rauch

Absent: *Karen George *excused

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

Minutes:

Moved by Rauch, supported Ayres-Reiss, RESOLVED, that the minutes of the City Council Work Study Session dated April 2, 2025 be approved as presented. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Ayres-Reiss, supported by Gawlik, RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting dated April 2, 2025 be approved as presented. Carried unanimously.

Closed Session re: Pending Litigation Logan V City of Southgate

Moved by Rauch, supported by Graziani, RESOLVED that the Southgate City Council hereby enters into a closed session at 7:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Araj	Yes
Ayres-Reiss	Yes
Gawlik	Yes
Graziani	Yes
Kuspa	Yes
Rauch	Yes
Motion Passes	6-0

Moved by Rauch, supported by Ayres-Reiss, RESOLVED that the Southgate City Council hereby closed the closed session at 7:16 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Araj	Yes
Ayres-Reiss	Yes
Gawlik	Yes
Graziani	Yes
Kuspa	Yes
Rauch	Yes
Motion Passes	6-0

Consideration of Bids:

1. Letter from Mayor; Re: City Hall Roof Replacement moved by Araj, supported by Rauch, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council award bid to Royal Roofing Company, Inc. (Lake Orion, MI) for the City Hall

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roof replacement (Base Bid for sections 1 & 2 plus Alternate Add) in the amount of \$462,100.00, plus 10% contingency of \$46,210.00, for a total amount of \$508,310.00. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Letter from Mayor; Re: Trenton Road Pathway & Ditch Improvements moved by Ayres-Reiss, supported by Gawlik, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council award bid to Royal Cement Corporation for the Trenton Road Pathway & Ditch Improvements project in the amount of \$176,919.40 for the base bid, plus 10% contingency of \$17,691.94, for a total amount of \$194,611.34. Motion carried unanimously.

Communications “A”:

1. Letter from the Mayor; Re: Approve Quote for Sanitary Sewer Lining-Waiver of Bid moved by Araj, supported by Ayres-Reiss, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council waive the city bid process and approve quote from Kennebec Avenue sanitary sewer lining from SAK Construction, LLC in the amount of \$32,430.00, plus \$2,700.00 for six (6) protruding taps, for a total contract amount of \$35,130.00. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Letter from the Mayor; Re: Approve Postage Machine Lease-Waiver of Bid moved by Gawlik, supported by Rauch, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council waive the bid process and approve a 5-year lease agreement with Qadient Leasing USA, Inc. for a postage machine in the amount of \$261.81 per month or a total amount of \$15,708.60, under the Sourcewell Contract #011322-QDT. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Letter from the Mayor; Re: Approve Contract Extension for 2025 Spray Patch Repair-Waiver of Bid moved by Ayres-Reiss, supported by Araj, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council waive the city bid process and approve a contract extension with Highway Maintenance & Construction Company for the 2025 Spray Patch Repair Program at a rate of \$390.00 per ton unit price. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Letter from the Mayor; Re: Approve Proposal for Repairs to Northpointe Subdivision Entrance Sign moved by Rauch, supported by Ayres-Reiss, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council approve the proposal from Rally Point Partners in the amount of \$14,182.40 for repairs to the Northpointe subdivision entrance sign, and bill the responsible party for reimbursement of the costs. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Letter from the Mayor; Re: Approve Proposal for Electrical Improvements – City Hall CDBG Parking and ADA Improvements moved by Araj, supported by Rauch, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council approve the proposal from Riney Electric in the amount of \$35,625.00 for electrical improvements (with alternate bollard lighting) related to the City Hall CDBG Parking and ADA Improvements project. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Letter from the Mayor; Re: Approve Contract Extension for Parks Mowing and Clean Up-Waiver of Bid moved by Ayres-Reiss, supported by Araj, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council waive the city bid process and approve a contract extension with the Davey Tree Expert Company for parks maintenance in the amount of \$5,349.00 for the period of April 17 – May 4, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.
7. Letter from the Mayor; Re: Approve Contract Extension for Municipal Property Mowing-Waiver of Bid moved by Gawlik, supported by Ayres-Reiss, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council waive the city bid process and approve a contract extension with US Lawns for municipal property mowing in the amount of \$1,650.00 per week for the month of May 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

Unscheduled Persons In Audience

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1. Sharon Irvine, Southgate School Superintendent, informed residents of the proposals on the ballot for the Special Election on May 6, 2025.

Claims and Accounts:

Moved by Rauch, supported by Ayres-Reiss, RESOLVED, that Claims and Accounts be paid as outlined on Warrant #1519 for \$3,603,924.20. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment:

Moved by Rauch, supported by Ayres-Reiss, RESOLVED THAT this Regular Meeting of the Southgate City Council be adjourned at 7:31 P.M. Carried unanimously.

Zoey Kuspa
Council President

Janice M. Ferencz
City Clerk