

City of Southgate

Regular City Council Meeting

May 7, 2025

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Southgate was held on Wednesday, May 7, 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., Karen George, Christian Graziani, Zoey Kuspa, Phil Rauch

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 Miller, Police Chief Mark Mydlarz, Fire Chief Justin Graves

Minutes:

Moved by Ayres-Reiss, supported Rauch, RESOLVED, that the minutes of the City Council Work Study Session dated April 16, 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 16, 2025 be approved as presented. Carried unanimously.

Consideration of Bids:

1. Letter from Mayor; Re: Municipal Complex Recreational Improvements moved by Ayres-Reiss, supported by George, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council award bid for Municipal Complex Recreational Improvements to Best Asphalt, Inc. in the amount of \$1,535,579.44, plus 10% contingency in the amount of \$153,557.94, for a total amount of \$1,689,137.38. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Letter from Mayor; Re: Kennedy Field Concessions Building Demolition moved by George, supported by Ayres-Reiss, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council award bid for the demolition of the former baseball concession building to Mierzwa Construction LLC in the amount of \$11,749.00, plus 10% contingency in the amount of \$1,174.90. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Letter from Mayor; Re: Municipal Weed Cutting, Grass Cutting, Rubbish Removal moved by Araj, supported by Rauch, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council award bid for municipal weed cutting, grass cutting, rubbish removal, and additional as-needed work/ordinance cuts to Davey Tree Experts as the primary vendor, at the rates per attached bid sheet, through December 31, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Letter from Mayor; Re: Parks Maintenance moved by Gawlik, supported by George, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council award bid for municipal parks maintenance to DJ's Landscape Management for a two-year period ending December 31, 2026, at the rates per the attached bid sheet. Motion carried unanimously.

Scheduled Hearings:

1. Memo from ACA/Finance Director; Re: Proposed Water/Sewer Rate Increase moved by Rauch, supported by Ayres-Reiss, RESOLVED that the Southgate City Council hereby enters into a public hearing at 7:08 p.m. in order to entertain comments from interested individuals regarding the Proposed Water and Sewer Rates to become effective July 1, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Kuspa explained how the rate increase isn't only from increased operations, but also from phasing in our correct portion that was reestablished three years ago.

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There were no further comments or questions from the audience.

Moved by Rauch, supported by George, RESOLVED that the Southgate City Council adjourn the public hearing at 7:09 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Memo from ACA/Finance Director; Re: User Charge System for Southgate/Wyandotte Drainage District moved by Rauch, supported by George, RESOLVED that the Southgate City Council hereby enters into a public hearing at 7:13 p.m. in order to entertain views and comments from interested individuals regarding the Special Assessment Costs Associated with the Southgate-Wyandotte Operation and Maintenance and Capital Improvement Charges. Motion carried unanimously.

There were no comments or questions from the audience.

Moved by Rauch, supported by George, RESOLVED that the Southgate City Council adjourn the public hearing at 7:14 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Memo from ACA/Finance Director; Re: Mayor's Proposed 2025/26 Budget and Millage Rates moved by George, supported by Ayres-Reiss, RESOLVED that the Southgate City Council hereby enters into a public hearing at 7:16 p.m. in order to obtain comments from the public on the Proposed 2025/26 Budget. Motion carried unanimously.

There were no comments or questions from the audience.

Moved by George, supported by Ayres-Reiss, RESOLVED that the Southgate City Council adjourn the public hearing at 7:17 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

Communications "A":

1. Letter from the Mayor; Re: Ext. of Agreement 2026 Lead Water Services Replacement Program-Waiver of Bid moved by Araj, supported by Ayres-Reiss, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council waive the city bid process and approve extension for the 2026 Lead Water Service Replacement Program (fiscal year 2025/26) with RVP Construction, Inc. at the proposed 4% increase to the contract rates approved by City Council on July 5, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Letter from the Mayor; Re: Renewal of Security Awareness Training Subscription-Waiver of Bid moved by Gawlik, supported by Araj, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council waive the bid process and approve the renewal of the KnowBe4 Security Awareness Training subscription with Dewpoint, LLC for a one-year term of May 23, 2025 through May 22, 2026, in the total amount of \$2,755.50. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Memo from Administrator; Re: Proposal of CSO Treatment Facility Data. moved by Araj, supported by Rauch, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council approve the proposed professional services agreement with Cornerstone Environmental Group, LLC, a Tetra Tech Company, in the total amount of \$89,000, for data review and recommendations related to the CSO Treatment Facility maintained by

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the Southgate-Wyandotte Relief Drain District, with Southgate's share being \$44,500. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Letter from the Mayor; Re: Approval of Purchase of 64-Gallon Recycling Containers-Waiver of Bid moved by George, supported by Rauch, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council waive the city bid process and approve proposal from Cascade Engineering, Inc. for the purchase of 10,000 64-gallon recycling containers in the amount of \$578,200.00, under the Sourcewell Contract #041521-CEI. Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinances:

1. Memo from Administrator; Re: First Reading of Amendment to City Code Chapter 1044.18 Moved by Ayres-Reiss, supported by Gawlik, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council hereby approves to waive the second reading and approve to amend City Code 1044.18 Failure to Respond. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Memo from Administrator; Re: First Reading of Amendment of City Code Chapter 620 Drugs First reading, no action taken.

Unscheduled Persons In Audience

1. Ron Sheridan, 15247 Ludington, voiced his concerns regarding cable providers no longer having a Public Access Channel.

Claims and Accounts:

Moved by Rauch, supported by George, RESOLVED, that Claims and Accounts be paid as outlined on Warrant #1520 for \$2,212,160.14. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment:

Moved by Ayres-Reiss, supported by George, RESOLVED THAT this Regular Meeting of the Southgate City Council be adjourned at 7:30 P.M. Carried unanimously.

Zoey Kuspa
Council President

Janice M. Ferencz
City Clerk