

City of Southgate

Regular City Council Meeting

August 6, 2025

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Southgate was held on Wednesday, August 6, 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: Priscilla Ayres-Reiss, Edward Gawlik, Jr., Karen George, Christian Graziani, Zoey Kuspa, Phil Rauch

Absent: Victoria Araj (excused)

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

Minutes:

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

Moved by Ayres-Reiss, supported by George, RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting dated July 16, 2025 be approved as presented. Carried unanimously.

Closed Session:

Closed Session re: Contract Extension – MAP Patrol Union

Moved by Rauch, supported by Gawlik, RESOLVED that the Southgate City Council hereby enters into a closed session at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Moved by Rauch, supported by George, RESOLVED that the Southgate City Council hereby closed the closed session at 7:08 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

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Communications “A”:

1. Memo from Administrator; Re: Contract Extension – Patrol Union moved by George, supported by Ayres-Reiss, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council approve the proposed two-year Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Michigan Association of Police and to authorize the Mayor, City Clerk and City Administrator to sign on behalf of the City. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Memo from Administrator; Re: Charitable Gaming License – Jude August Foundation, Inc. moved by Rauch, supported by Gawlik, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council approve the resolution request of Jude August Foundation, Inc., of Southgate, MI to be recognized as a nonprofit organization operating in the community for the purpose of obtaining a charitable gaming license. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Memo from Administrator; Re: First Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement for the Southgate Tower Park and Pedestrian Bridge Project moved by Ayres-Reiss, supported by Rauch, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council approve the First Amendment to Intergovernmental Agreement between Charter County of Wayne and the City of Southgate for Tower Park and Pedestrian Bridge and to approve the City Administrator to sign the amendment on behalf of the City. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Memo from Administrator; Re: Request for Public Hearing – TIFA Document 10 moved by Gawlik, supported by George, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council establish a public hearing to take place during the regular City Council Meeting on September 3, 2025 to review and take public comment on Document #10 of the Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan for the Southgate Tax Increment Financing Authority. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Letter from Mayor; Re: Change Order No. 001 – Southgate Tower Park Landscape Material moved by Rauch, supported by Ayres-Reiss, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council approve Change Order No. 001 for the Southgate Tower Park Landscape Material Purchase Contract (BP-1C) for additional scope of work activities, in the amount of \$673,541.49, plus 10% contingency for the landscaping installation portion of the project in the amount of \$59,354.15, for a total of \$732,895.64 using Wayne County ARPA grant funds. Motion carried unanimously.

Communications “B” – (Receive and File):

1. Memo from Administrator; Re: Rally Point Partners Name Change to Restoration 1 of Clawson moved by George, supported by Gawlik, RESOLVED, that the Southgate City Council receive and file the Letter from the City's approved general carpentry contractor, Rally Point Partners, stating the company will now be Legacy Restoration Group LLC, DBA Restoration 1 of Clawson. Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinances:

1. Memo from Administrator; Re: Amendment to City Code Chapter 1423.10 Moved by Ayres-Reiss, supported by Rauch, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council hereby approves to waive the second reading to amend City Code 1423.10 Multifamily Housing Certification, Initial Inspections to include the attached language. Motion carried unanimously.

Unscheduled Persons In Audience

1. Raymond Grupczynski, 13207 Fordline, voiced his concerns regarding people speeding and running the stop signs on Fordline.

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Claims and Accounts:

Moved by Rauch, supported by George, RESOLVED, that Claims and Accounts be paid as outlined on Warrant #1526 for \$4,777,334.99. 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