

City of Southgate

Regular City Council Meeting

August 20, 2025

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Southgate was held on Wednesday, August 20, 2025 in the Southgate City Hall Council Chambers and was called to order at 7:00 PM by Council President Pro Tem Christian Graziani.

This meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Victoria Araj, Priscilla Ayres-Reiss, Edward Gawlik, Jr., Karen George, Christian Graziani, Phil Rauch

Absent: Zoey Kuspa (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, Police Chief Mark Mydlarz, Fire Chief Justin Graves, Recreation Director Julie Goddard, DPS Director Kevin Anderson, Building Director Tim Leach

Moved by Gawlik, supported by Rauch, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council amend the agenda to add Item #5 to Communication "A": Repeal of Resolution No. 111-25; Public Hearing for TIFA Document #10.

Minutes:

Moved by George, supported by Ayres-Reiss, RESOLVED, that the minutes of the City Council Work Study Session dated August 6, 2025 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 6, 2025 be approved as presented. Carried unanimously.

Scheduled Persons in the Audience:

1. Max Sturgeon, 15840 Westcott Drive; Discussed Reeck Road Fence concerns at the work study session.

Communications "A":

1. Letter from Mayor Re: Purchase of Fire Reporting Software-Waiver of Bid moved by Araj, supported by Rauch, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council waive the city bid process and approve the purchase of fire incident reporting software from ImageTrend in the amount of \$4,750.00. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Memo from Administrator; Re: Approval of Water Main Relocation moved by George, supported by Gawlik, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council approve R.J. & J. Enterprises of South Rockwood, MI for the water main relocation at 16333 Trenton Road, in the amount of \$110,162.50. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Letter from Mayor Re: Purchase of Library Outdoor Furniture-Waiver of Bid moved by Rauch, supported by George, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council waive the city bid process and approve the purchase of outdoor bench furniture for the Southgate Veterans Memorial Library from Penchura, LLC in the amount of \$3,935.00, under the Sourcwell purchasing contract. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Memo from Administrator; Re: Public Hearing Requests for the Demolition of Properties (15361 Flanders, 13581 Edison & 13567 Edison)

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moved by George, supported by Ayres-Reiss, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council schedule a public hearing at the September 17, 2025 Council Meeting to discuss the Dangerous Buildings Board's recommendation to demolish the house located at 15361 Flanders. Motion carried unanimously.

moved by Ayres-Reiss, supported by Rauch, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council schedule a public hearing at the September 17, 2025 Council Meeting to discuss the Dangerous Buildings Board's recommendation to demolish the house located at 13581 Edison. Motion carried unanimously.

moved by Rauch, supported by George, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council schedule a public hearing at the September 17, 2025 Council Meeting to discuss the Dangerous Buildings Board's recommendation to demolish the house located at 13567 Edison. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Repeal of Resolution No. 111-25; Public Hearing for TIFA Document #10

moved by Gawlik, supported by George, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council repeal Council Resolution No. 111-25. Motion carried unanimously.

moved by Ayres-Reiss, supported by George, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council establish a public hearing to take place during the regular City Council Meeting on October 1, 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.

Unscheduled Persons In Audience

Mike Yoos, 15945 Westcott Dr.
Michelle Bogits, 13805 Haverhill Ct.
David Bogits, 13805 Haverhill Ct.
Max Sturgeon, 15845 Westcott Dr

The above residents voiced their concerns regarding the Reeck Road Fence along the Waverly Subdivision.

Claims and Accounts:

Moved by Rauch, supported by George, RESOLVED, that Claims and Accounts be paid as outlined on Warrant #1527 for \$1,683,425.79. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment:

Moved by Ayres-Reiss, supported by George, RESOLVED THAT this Regular Meeting of the Southgate City Council be adjourned at 7:24 P.M. Carried unanimously.

Zoey Kuspa
Council President

Janice M. Ferencz
City Clerk