

City of Southgate

Regular City Council Meeting

October 15, 2025

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Southgate was held on Wednesday, October 15, 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
Absent:
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, Recreation Director Julie Goddard, Building Director Tim Leach

Minutes:

Moved by George, supported Ayres-Reiss, RESOLVED, that the minutes of the City Council Work Study Session dated October 1, 2025 be approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Rauch, supported by Araj, RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting dated October 1, 2025 be approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Ayres-Reiss, supported by Gawlik, RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Public Hearing Meeting-Demolition of 15361 Flanders dated October 1, 2025 be approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by George, supported by Rauch, RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Public Hearing-TIFA Document #10 Meeting dated October 1, 2025 be approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session:

Closed Session re: TPAOM Court Employees and Pending Litigation Strategy of Southgate Public Schools vs City of Southgate.

Moved by Ayres-Reiss, supported by George, RESOLVED that the Southgate City Council hereby enters into a closed session at 7:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Araj	Yes
Ayres-Reiss	Yes
Gawlik	Yes
George	Yes
Graziani	Yes
Kuspa	Yes
Rauch	Yes
Motion Passes	7-0

Moved by Ayres-Reiss, supported by Gawlik, RESOLVED that the Southgate City Council hereby closes the closed session at 7:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Araj	Yes
Ayres-Reiss	Yes
Gawlik	Yes
George	Yes

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Graziani	Yes
Kuspa	Yes
Rauch	Yes
Motion Passes	7-0

Communications "A":

1. Memo from Administrator; Re: Contract Extension with TPOAM Court Employees moved by Araj, supported by George, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council approve the proposed two-year Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Technical Professional and Office Workers Association of Michigan (TPOAM) Court Employees 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: Approval of TIFA Document #10 moved by Rauch, supported by Ayres-Reiss, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council concurs that a public hearing was conducted on October 1, 2025 following public notification in accordance with Public Act 57 of 2018, and with the recommendations of the Tax Increment Finance Authority and of the Administration and hereby approves the Tax Increment Finance Authority Document No. 10 as presented to include Reconstruction of Centre Drive; Reconstruction of Walnut Road with Sidewalks; Northline Road Signage Improvements; Northline Road Median Maintenance; Prechter Boulevard Median maintenance; District Road Sectioning Repairs; Property Acquisition and Development; Business Improvement Grants; Administration and Consultant Costs; and extension of the TIFA plan for twenty (20) years. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Letter from Mayor; Re: Ice Arena Locker Room Heater Replacement-Waiver of Bid moved by Gawlik, supported by Rauch, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council waive the city bid process and approve Quote #2594 in the amount of \$4,975.00 from Flo-Aire Heating & Cooling, for the replacement of the ice arena locker room heater. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Memo from Administrator; Re: Vacation of Road and Alleys of Fort Pennsylvania Subdivision No. 1 moved by Araj, supported by George, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council approve the outright vacation of the road and alleys in the portion of Fort Pennsylvania Subdivision No 1 located at 16100 Fort Street and further described in the attached Warranty Deed. Motion carried unanimously.

Unscheduled Persons In Audience

1. Duane Bartaway, 16214 Kennebec, asked who the city's FOIA Coordinator was.

Claims and Accounts:

Moved by Rauch, supported by Ayres-Reiss, RESOLVED, that Claims and Accounts be paid as outlined on Warrant #1531 for \$1,940,214.22. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment:

Moved by George, supported by Ayres-Reiss, RESOLVED THAT this Regular Meeting of the Southgate City Council be adjourned at 7:41 P.M. Carried unanimously.

Zoey Kuspa
Council President

Janice M. Ferencz
City Clerk