

City of Southgate

Regular City Council Meeting

November 5, 2025

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Southgate was held on Wednesday, November 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, DPS Director Kevin Anderson, Recreation Director Julie Goddard, Building Director Tim Leach

Minutes:

Moved by Ayres-Reiss, supported George, RESOLVED, that the minutes of the City Council Work Study Session dated October 15, 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 15, 2025 be approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Scheduled Persons in the Audience

1. Boy Scout Troop 1783; Re: Wreath Sales moved by George, supported by Rauch, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council waive the city's permit fee for Boy Scout Troop 1783 to sell wreaths at the Southgate Shopping Center on November 28, 29 & 30, plus December 5 - 7. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session:

Closed Session re: Teamsters 214, TPOAM 2018 & AFSCME 1917 Employee Contract Extension and Pending Litigation Strategy of Southgate Public Schools vs City of Southgate.

Moved by Ayres-Reiss, supported by Gawlik, RESOLVED that the Southgate City Council hereby enters into a closed session at 7:05 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 George, supported by Rauch, RESOLVED that the Southgate City Council hereby closes the closed session at 7:32 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

Consideration of Bids:

1. Letter from Mayor; Re: Award Bid for Sycamore Street Sewer Project moved by Araj, supported by Gawlik, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council award the bid for the Sycamore Street sewer project to Springline Excavating, LLC in the amount of \$1,097,852.00, plus 10% contingency in the amount of \$109,785.20. Motion carried unanimously.

Communications "A":

1. Memo from Administrator; Re: Contract Extension-Teamsters 214 moved by Ayres-Reiss, supported by Rauch, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council adopt the proposed two-year Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Teamsters Local 214 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: Contract Extension-TPOAM 2018 moved by Gawlik, supported by George, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council adopt the proposed two-year Collective Bargaining Agreement with the TPOAM Local 2018 and to authorize the Mayor, City Clerk and City Administrator to sign on behalf of the City. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Memo from Administrator; Re: Contract Extension-AFSCME 1917 moved by Rauch, supported by Araj, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council adopt the proposed two-year Collective Bargaining Agreement with the AFSCME Local 1917 and to authorize the Mayor, City Clerk and City Administrator to sign on behalf of the City. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Memo from Administrator; Re: Planned Development Extension-11555 Allen Rd moved by Ayres-Reiss, supported by Rauch, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council to extend the Planned Development District Zoning at 11555 Allen Road for a two year period. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Letter from Mayor; Re: Approve Library Design Consulting Services-Waiver of Bid moved by Araj, supported by George, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council waive the city bid process and approve the proposal from Library Design Associates, Inc. for library design consulting services for an amount not-to-exceed \$3,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Letter from Mayor; Re: Approve Library Worksite Design Consulting Services-Waiver of Bid moved by Rauch, supported by Araj, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council waive the city bid process and approve the proposal from Library Design Associates, Inc. for library workspace design consulting services for an amount not-to-exceed \$6,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.
7. Letter from Mayor; Re: Approve Kennebec Park Play Area-Waiver of Bid moved by Gawlik, supported by George, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council approve the agreement between the Charter County of Wayne and the City of Southgate for improvements to Kennebec Park and authorizing Mayor Kuspa to execute the grant agreement on behalf of the City of Southgate. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Gawlik, supported by Rauch, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council waive the city bid process and approve the proposal from Penchura, LLC for the Kennebec Park Play Area Project in the

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amount of \$62,915.00, with funding to be provided by a Wayne County Parks Millage grant in the amount of \$61,500.00 and remaining funds of \$1,415.00 to be funded from the City's Parks & Rec Millage Fund. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Letter from Mayor; Re: Renewal of UFED Touch Ultimate Software License moved by Ayres-Reiss, supported by Gawlik, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council approve the UFED Touch Ultimate software license renewal for a one-year period expiring December 8, 2026, with Cellebrite Inc. in the amount of \$6,900.00. Motion carried unanimously.
9. Letter from Mayor; Re: Approve Library Replacement Drinking Fountain and Water Bottle Filling Station moved by Rauch, supported by George, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council approve proposal from Quint Plumbing & Heating, Inc. for the replacement and installation of a new drinking fountain and water bottle filling station in the amount of \$5,996.00. Motion carried unanimously.
10. Memo from Administrator; Re: Sale of City Owned Vacant Lots – 11699 Mulberry and 14282 Fordline moved by Araj, supported by Ayres-Reiss, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council approve the attached RFP for the sale of 14282 Fordline, Southgate, MI parcel ID #53-011-01-0037-000, and 11699 Mulberry, Southgate, MI parcel ID # 53-006-03-0110-000. Motion carried unanimously.

Communications “B”: (Receive & File)

1. Memo from City Clerk; Re: Dominion Voting Systems, Inc., Name Change moved by Rauch, supported by George, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council receive and file the Letter from Liberty Vote USA, Inc., stating that Dominion Voting Systems Inc., has changed its name to Liberty Vote USA Inc. Motion carried unanimously.

Claims and Accounts:

Moved by Rauch, supported by Graziani, RESOLVED, that Claims and Accounts be paid as outlined on Warrant #1532 for \$3,387,998.80. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment:

Moved by Ayres-Reiss, supported by George, RESOLVED THAT this Regular Meeting of the Southgate City Council be adjourned at 7:47 P.M. Carried unanimously.

Zoey Kuspa
Council President

Janice M. Ferencz
City Clerk