

City of Southgate

Regular City Council Meeting

November 19, 2025

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Southgate was held on Wednesday, November 19, 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, Karen George, Christian Graziani, Zoey Kuspa, Adriene Price, Phil Rauch

Absent: *Edward Gawlik, Jr. *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, 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 November 5, 2025 be approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Rauch, supported by Ayres-Reiss, RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting dated November 5, 2025 be approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Communications "A":

1. Letter from Mayor; Re: Appointment of Legal Services (Zelenak) moved by George, supported by Rauch, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council concur with the Mayor's appointment of the Law Offices of Ed Zelenak, 2933 Fort Street, Lincoln Park, Michigan, 48146 as City Attorney and Prosecuting Attorney for the City of Southgate. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Letter from Mayor; Re: Appointment of Legal Services (Shifman Fournier) moved by Rauch, supported by Ayres-Reiss, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council concur with the Mayor's appointment of the Law Offices of Shifman Fournier, 31600 Telegraph Rd., Suite 100, Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025 as Labor Attorney and Assistant City Attorney for the City of Southgate. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Letter from Mayor; Re: Appointment of City Auditors moved by George, supported by Ayres-Reiss, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council concur with the Mayor's appointment of Plante & Moran, 27400 Northwestern Hwy., PO Box 307, Southfield, Michigan 48037-0307 as the City Auditors for the City of Southgate. Motion carried unanimously.

Communications "B": (Receive & File)

1. Letter from Mayor; Re: Appointment of City Engineers & Memo from Compensation Commission; Re: Elected Officials Compensation moved by Rauch, supported by Ayres-Reiss, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council receive and file the Letter from the Mayor appointing Hennessey Engineers Inc., 13500 Reeck, Southgate, Michigan 48195 as the City Engineers for the City of Southgate and the Memo from the Compensation Commission regarding Elected Officials Compensation. Motion carried unanimously.

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Unscheduled Persons In Audience

1. Robert Pawlowski, 12757 Chestnut, voiced his support for City Council, Administration and for Southgate future.

Claims and Accounts:

Moved by Rauch, supported by George, RESOLVED, that Claims and Accounts be paid as outlined on Warrant #1533 for \$1,971,258.44. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment:

Moved by Ayres-Reiss, supported by George, RESOLVED THAT this Regular Meeting of the Southgate City Council be adjourned at 7:07 P.M. Carried unanimously.

Zoey Kuspa
Council President

Janice M. Ferencz
City Clerk