

City of Southgate

Regular City Council Meeting

January 21, 2026

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Southgate was held on Wednesday, January 21, 2026 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, Adriene Price, 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, Police Chief Mark Mydlarz, Fire Chief Justin Graves, DPS Director Kevin Anderson, Recreation Director, Building Director Tim Leach

Minutes:

Moved by George, supported by Ayres-Reiss, RESOLVED, that the minutes of the City Council Work Study Session dated January 7, 2026 be approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Ayres-Reiss, supported by Rauch, RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting dated January 7, 2026 be approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Rauch, supported by George, RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Public Hearing dated January 7, 2026 be approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Bids:

1. Memo from Administrator; Re: Sale of 14282 Fordline moved by George, supported by Ayres-Reiss, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council award the bid for Purchase and Redevelopment of 14282 Fordline to Pizzo Construction Co (Grosse Ile, MI) in the amount of \$10,000 and that they will use brick on all exterior walls. Motion carried unanimously.

Communications "A":

1. Memo from Administrator; Re: Southgate Tower Park 7 Bridge Conditions of Development moved by Gawlik, supported by Ayres-Reiss, THAT the Southgate City Council approve and authorize the City Administrator to sign the attached agreement between the City of Southgate and Southgate Tower, LLC for the development of a public park and pedestrian bridge. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Memo from Administrator; Re: Southgate Tower Park Lease Agreement moved by Gawlik, supported by Price, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council approve and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the attached lease agreement between the City of Southgate and Southgate Tower, LLC for the public park located at 16333 Trenton Road for a period of twenty years at one dollar per year. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Memo from Administrator; Re: Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget Amendment #2026-02 moved by Rauch, supported by Ayres-Reiss, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council approve proposed Budget Amendment #2026-02 as detailed on the attached report. Motion carried unanimously.

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4. Letter from Mayor; Re: Bid Extension for Cross Connection Control Program-Waiver of Bid moved by Graziani, supported by Rauch, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council waive the bidding process and approve the bid extension for the Cross Connection Control Program with HydroCorp Inc. for a three-year period commencing February 1, 2026 in the annual amounts of \$35,479.70, \$36,543.80 and \$37,639.60, respectively. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Letter from Mayor; Re: Contract Extension for Sand, Top Soil & 21A Limestone-Waiver of Bid moved by George, supported by Gawlik, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council waive the bidding process and approve the one-year bid extension through January 31, 2027 with Freeport Supply Co. (original contract was awarded Jan 6, 2021) for sand, top soil and 21A aggregate in the amounts of \$10.74/ton, \$14.95/ton and \$10.40/ton, respectively. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Letter from Mayor; Re: Change Order No. 001 – CDBG Sanitary Sewer Lining Program moved by Graziani, supported by George, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council approve Change Order No. 001 with DVM utilities in the amount of \$134,905.00, plus 10% contingency in the amount of \$13,490.50, for sewer repairs required as part of the sewer lining project. Motion carried unanimously.
7. Memo from ACA/Fin. Dir.: Re: Approve 2026 Poverty Exemption Guidelines and Application moved by Rauch, supported by Price, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council approve the 2026 Poverty Exemption Guidelines and Application, based on guidance from the Michigan State Tax Commission. Motion carried unanimously.
8. Memo from ACA/Fin. Dir.: Re: Approve March 2026 Board of Review Dates moved by Gawlik, supported by Ayres-Reiss, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council approve the March 2026 Board of Review dates per the Deputy City Assessor's memo dated January 5, 2026, the Board of Review member's compensation in the amount of \$200.00 per day or \$100.00 per half-day, and the amount up to \$200.00 per day for additional expenses. Motion carried unanimously.
9. Letter from Mayor; Re: Appointments to Plan Commission moved by George, supported by Rauch, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council concur with the Mayor's Appointments of Andrew Moul, Chad Godbout & Mark Nemeth to the Plan Commission with a term expiring December 2028. Motion carried unanimously.
10. Memo from Administrator; Re: Legal Services for Southgate Public Schools v. City of Southgate moved by Rauch, supported by George, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council engage Garan Lucow Miller P.C. for legal assistance to represent the City of Southgate in the lawsuit Southgate Public Schools v. City of Southgate, case no. 25-015186-CZ in the not to exceed amount of \$30,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Claims and Accounts:

Moved by Rauch, supported by George, RESOLVED, that Claims and Accounts be paid as outlined on Warrant #1537 for \$1,546,291.66. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment:

Moved by Ayres-Reiss, supported by Gawlik, RESOLVED THAT this Regular Meeting of the Southgate City Council be adjourned at 7:14 P.M. Carried unanimously.

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Zoey Kuspa
Council President

Janice M. Ferencz
City Clerk