

City of Southgate

Regular City Council Meeting

February 4, 2026

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Southgate was held on Wednesday, February 4, 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 Treasurer Chris Rollet, City Engineer John Hennessey, Fire Chief Justin Graves, DPS Director Kevin Anderson, Recreation Director, 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": Memo from Administrator; Re: Emergency Water Main Repair Services.

Minutes:

Moved by George, supported by Ayres-Reiss, RESOLVED, that the minutes of the City Council Work Study Session dated January 21, 2026 be approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Ayres-Reiss, supported by Gawlik, RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting dated January 21, 2026 be approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Bids:

1. Letter from Mayor; Re: Purchase and Delivery of Trees moved by Rauch, supported by George, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council award the bid for the purchase and delivery of trees to Schichtel's Nursery, Inc., expiring December 31, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

Communications "A":

1. Memo from Administrator; Re: Renewal of DirectTV Video Service Local Franchise Agreement moved by Ayres-Reiss, supported by Rauch, THAT the Southgate City Council authorize the renewal of the DirectTV Video Service Local Franchise Agreement for a ten year period, to establish the franchise fee at five percent, and to authorize the City Administrator to sign on behalf of the city. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Memo from ACA/Finance Dir.; Re: Request for Public Hearings:
 - Southgate Wyandotte Operation/Maintenance/Capital Service
 - Water and Sewer Rates

Moved by Gawlik, supported by George, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council schedule a public hearing for Wednesday, May 6, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Council Chambers to entertain comments from interested individuals regarding the "Special Assessment" costs associated with the Southgate – Wyandotte Operation and Maintenance and Capital Improvement charges. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Gawlik, supported by Ayres-Reiss, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council schedule a public hearing for Wednesday, May 6, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Council Chambers to entertain

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comments from interested individuals regarding the proposed Water and Sewer rates to become effective July 1, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Memo from ACA/Finance Dir.; Re: Proposed Schedule – FY 2026-27 Budget Process moved by George, supported by Rauch, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council approve the proposed schedule for 2026/27 Budget Process on such dates that were requested (Workshop-April 25th, Public Hearing-May 6th & Adoption-May 20th). Motion carried unanimously.
4. Letter from Mayor; Re: Purchase of 2 Police Vehicles-Waiver of Bid moved by Rauch, supported by Price, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council waive the city bidding process and accept the State of Michigan MiDEAL bid award price and approve the purchase from Southgate Ford of two (2) 2026 Ford Police Interceptor Utility AWD patrol vehicles in the total amount of \$88,896.00. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Memo from Administrator; Re: Emergency Water Main Repair Services moved by Rauch, supported by Ayres-Reiss, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council approve the emergency purchase of water main repair services from RVP Construction in the amount of \$8,850.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Claims and Accounts:

Moved by Rauch, supported by George, RESOLVED, that Claims and Accounts be paid as outlined on Warrant #1538 for \$8,383,623.90. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment:

Moved by Ayres-Reiss, supported by Gawlik, RESOLVED THAT this Regular Meeting of the Southgate City Council be adjourned at 7:09 P.M. Carried unanimously.

Zoey Kuspa
Council President

Janice M. Ferencz
City Clerk