

City of Southgate

Regular City Council Meeting

March 4, 2026

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Southgate was held on Wednesday, March 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 Amelia Zelenak, City Administrator Daniel Marsh, Assistant City Administrator/Finance Director Doug Drysdale, City Clerk Janice Ferencz, City Treasurer Chris Rollet, City Engineer John Miller, Recreation Director Julie Goddard, Building Director Tim Leach

Moved by Ayres-Reiss, supported by George, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council amend the agenda to move Item #1 from Communications "B" to Item #8 Communications "A": Letter from Mayor; Re: Approve Agreement for Credit Card Processing Services. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes:

Moved by George, supported Ayres-Reiss, RESOLVED, that the minutes of the City Council Work Study Session dated February 18, 2026 be approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Rauch, supported by Price, RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting dated February 18, 2026 be approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Bids:

1. Letter from Mayor; Re: Award Bid for Barberry Relief Sewer moved by Gawlik, supported by George, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council award the bid for the Barberry Street Relief Sewer Project to Dan's Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$23,577,203.40, which includes a 10% city contingency and a 5% contingency allowed by FEMA. Motion carried unanimously.

Communications "A":

1. Memo from Administrator; Re: Approve Agreement with Deputy Police Chief moved by Rauch, supported by Ayres-Reiss, THAT the Southgate City Council approve the Binding Letter of Agreement with Mr. Brent Newsted to be effective on March 8, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Memo from Administrator; Re: MDOT Performance Resolution moved by Ayres-Reiss, supported by George, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council adopt the attached Michigan Department of Transportation Performance Resolution for Municipalities (Form 2270B) as presented, and authorize the Southgate Director of Public Services; the Southgate Water System Supervisor; the Hennessey Project Manager; and the Southgate City Administrator to apply to the Department for the necessary permit work within the State Highway Right of Way on behalf of the Municipality. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Memo from Administrator; Re: Emergency Power Line Repair moved by George, supported by Price, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council approve the emergency purchase of power line repair services from Douglas Electric (Wyandotte, MI) in the amount of \$43,592.82. Motion carried unanimously.

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4. Letter from Mayor; Re: Change Order No. 004 for 2026 Road Reconstruction Program moved by Gawlik, supported by Ayres-Reiss, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council approve Change Order No. 004 to the 2023-24 Humphrey Court & Burns Avenue Road Reconstruction contract with G.V. Cement for the 2026 Road Reconstruction Program, with a 3% increase in unit prices. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Letter from Mayor; Re: Approve Payment for CellHawk moved by Ayres-Reiss, supported by Gawlik, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council approve payment to LeadsOnline LLC (Plano, TX) for the CellHawk Forensic Phone Technology equipment in the amount of \$5, 726.00 for a term ending October 31, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Letter from Mayor; Re: Approve Contract Extension for 2026 Pavement Repair Program (Waiver of Bid) moved by Rauch, supported by George, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council waive the city bid process and approve a one year contract extension with G.V. Cement Contracting Company for the 2026 Water Fund & Street Fund Pavement Repair Program, with a 3% increase to the 2024 contract unit prices. Motion carried unanimously.
7. Letter from Mayor; Re: Contract Extension-2026 Spray Patch Repair Program (Waiver of Bid) moved by George, supported by Ayres-Reiss, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council waive the city bid process and approve a one year contract extension with Highway Maintenance & Construction Company for the 2026 Spray Patch Repair Program at a rate of \$390.00 per ton unit price. Motion carried unanimously.
8. Letter from Mayor; RE: Approve Agreement for Credit Card Processing Services moved by Ayres-Reiss, supported by Rauch, RESOLVED, that the Southgate City Council approve the agreement with BS&A Software, LLC (Bath Township, MI) for integrated credit card payment processing services for a period of one (1) year, with automatic annual renewals for one year periods unless terminated. Motion carried unanimously.

Unscheduled Persons In Audience

1. Joanna Whaley, Lincoln Park Resident, discussed GLWA water rates and DTE Energy rates.

Claims and Accounts:

Moved by Rauch, supported by George, RESOLVED, that Claims and Accounts be paid as outlined on Warrant #1540 for \$4,472,497.69. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment:

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

Zoey Kuspa
Council President

Janice M. Ferencz
City Clerk