

City of Southgate

Regular City Council Meeting

March 18, 2026

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Southgate was held on Wednesday, March 18, 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, City Engineer John Hennessey, Police Chief Mark Mydlarz, Deputy Chief Brent Newsted, Fire Chief Justin Graves, DPS Director Kevin Anderson, Recreation Director Julie Goddard, Building Director Tim Leach

Minutes:

Moved by George, supported by Ayres-Reiss, RESOLVED, that the minutes of the City Council Work Study Session dated March 4, 2026 be approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Rauch, supported by George, RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting dated March 4, 2026 be approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Communications "A":

1. Memo from Administrator; Re: Request for Distribution of Revised City Master Plan moved by Gawlik, supported by Ayres-Reiss, THAT the Southgate City Council approve the distribution of the 2026 Southgate Master Plan Draft for the required 63-day review period to surrounding municipalities and stakeholders as identified by Michigan Planning Enabling Act. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Memo from Administrator; Re: Resolution for Approval of CDBG-DR Section 3 Policy moved by Rauch, supported by Price, THAT the Southgate City Council adopt the attached City of Southgate, Sanitary Sewer Lining Project Section 3 Policy as required by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation for projects funded with CDBG-DR. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Memo from Administrator; Re: Street Improvement Millage Renewal Resolution moved by Price, supported by Rauch, THAT the Southgate City Council adopt a resolution to allow the proposed City of Southgate Street Improvement Millage renewal wording to appear on the August 4, 2026 Election Ballot. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Letter from Mayor; Re: Purchase of Replacement Domain Controller Server (Waiver of Bid) moved by George, supported by Gawlik, THAT the Southgate City Council waive the city bid process and approve the purchase of a replacement domain controller server from Dell Marketing LP in the amount of \$10,928.33, under the MiDeal Extended Purchasing Program. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Letter from Mayor; Re: Renewal of Asset Management Software (Waiver of Bid) moved by Gawlik, supported by Ayres-Reiss, THAT the Southgate City Council waive the city bid process and approve the renewal of the Cloud Services – Asset Essentials Professional Plus subscription service from Brightly Software, Inc (Raleigh, NC) in the amount of \$9,376.03 for the period July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. Motion carried unanimously.

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6. Letter from Mayor; Re: Renewal of Printer Lease and Service Contract (Waiver of Bid) moved by Ayres-Reiss, supported by Gawlik, THAT the Southgate City Council waive the city bid process and approve the renewal of the printer lease and service contract with Xerox Business Solutions (Chicago, IL) in the amount of \$3,247.79 per month for a term of sixty (60) months, under the State of Michigan MiDeal contract #180000000367. Motion carried unanimously.
7. Letter from Mayor; Re: Security Awareness Training Subscription (Waiver of Bid) moved by Rauch, supported by George, THAT the Southgate City Council waive the city bid process and approve the renewal of the KnowBe4 Security Awareness Training subscription with Dewpoint LLC for a three-year term of May 23, 2026 through May 22, 2029, in the total amount of \$8,603.10. Motion carried unanimously.
8. Memo from City Clerk; Re: Ordinance 26-1052 (Codification of 2025 Ordinances) moved by Gawlik, supported by Ayres-Reiss, THAT the Southgate City Council approve the draft of Ordinance 26-1052 enacting and adopting the 2025 supplement to the code of ordinances for the City of Southgate. Motion carried unanimously.
9. Letter from Mayor; Re: Appointments to Library Commission moved by George, supported by Rauch, THAT the Southgate City Council concur with the Mayor's Appointments of Mary Lamos & Miranda Wieman to the Library Commission with a term expiring April 2029. Motion carried unanimously.
10. Memo to Administrator; Re: Resolution Opposing Zoning Preemption Legislation moved by Rauch, supported by Ayres-Reiss, THAT the Southgate City Council approve the attached resolution that opposes House Bills 5529 through 5532 and 5581-5585. Motion carried unanimously.

Communications "B": (Receive & File)

1. Letter from Mayor; Re: Appointments to Water Board & Letter from Mayor; Re: Appointments to Public Safety Commission moved by George, supported by Rauch, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council receive and file the Letter from the Mayor appointing Andrew Stephan, Ben Patton, Peter Potoski & Dan Brooks to the Water Board expiring April 2028 and the Letter from the Mayor appointing Ed Sukel, Robert Hines, Norm Loveday, Paul Knott, Robert Beaver & Greg Hass to the Public Safety Commission expiring April 2028. Motion carried unanimously.

Claims and Accounts:

Moved by Rauch, supported by George, RESOLVED, that Claims and Accounts be paid as outlined on Warrant #1541 for \$4,733,958.92. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment:

Moved by Ayres-Reiss, supported by Gawlik, RESOLVED THAT this Regular Meeting of the Southgate City Council be adjourned at 7:15 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.

Zoey Kuspa
Council President

Janice M. Ferencz
City Clerk