

City of Southgate

Regular City Council Meeting

April 1, 2026

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Southgate was held on Wednesday, April 1, 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 Hennessey, Police Chief Mark Mydlarz, Fire Chief Justin Graves, DPS Director Phil Ferro, 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 18, 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 18, 2026 be approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Communications "A":

1. Letter from Mayor; Re: Purchase of Replacement Transformer (Waiver of Bid) moved by Gawlik, supported by George, THAT the Southgate City Council waive the city bid process and approve the quote from Riney Electric for the replacement of a transformer in the amount of \$63,879.00. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Letter from Mayor; Re: Purchase of Engineer Wood Fibers for Parks (Waiver of Bid) moved by Rauch, supported by Price, THAT the Southgate City Council waive the city bid process and approve the purchase of Engineered Wood Fibers (EWf) from Penchura LLC in the amount of \$11,524.00 for Kiwanis Park and Cobb Park. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Letter from Mayor; Re: Eureka & Barberry Water Main Isolation (Waiver of Bid) moved by George, supported by Ayres-Reiss, THAT the Southgate City Council waive the city bid process and approve the quote from RJ&J Enterprises for the Eureka Road/Barberry Street water main isolation in the amount of \$41,550.00, plus a 10% contingency in the amount of \$4,155.00, for a total amount of \$45,705.00. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Letter from Mayor; Re: Purchase of K-9 (Waiver of Bid) moved by Rauch, supported by George, THAT the Southgate City Council waive the city bid process and approve the purchase of a police K9 animal, along with the necessary training and equipment, from K9 Academy Training Facility in the amount of \$14,100.00. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Memo from Administrator; Re: Approval of Additional Invoice for Emergency Electrical Repairs moved by Gawlik, supported by Rauch, THAT the Southgate City Council approve the emergency purchase and installation of a 45 KVA Transformer from Riney Electric (Wyandotte, MI), the City's electrical repairs contractor, in the amount of \$6,036.25. Motion carried unanimously.

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Communications “B”: (Receive & File)

1. Letter from Mayor; Re: Appointment to Water Board & Letter from Mayor; Re: Appointments to Parks & Recreation Commission moved by Rauch, supported by George, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council receive and file the Letter from the Mayor appointing Jason Robinson to the Water Board expiring April 2028 and the Letter from the Mayor appointing Robert LeFief, Mark Picklo, Huey Craig, Carol Gordos, Dave Pinkowski, Stephanie McNees, Nicole Hales, Darlene Pomponio & Mitch Dobek to the Parks & Recreation Commission expiring April 2028. Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinances:

1. Memo from Administrator; Re: Rezoning of 15748 Fort Street Moved by Ayres-Reiss, supported by George, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council hereby waive the second reading and approve the rezoning of 15748 Fort Street from C-1, Community Business to C-2, General Business. Motion carried unanimously.

Claims and Accounts:

Moved by Rauch, supported by George, RESOLVED, that Claims and Accounts be paid as outlined on Warrant #1542 for \$1,883,400.77. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment:

Moved by Ayres-Reiss, supported by Gawlik, RESOLVED THAT this Regular Meeting of the Southgate City Council be adjourned at 7:12 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.

Zoey Kuspa
Council President

Janice M. Ferencz
City Clerk