City of Southgate
Regular City Council Meeting
October 7, 2026

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Southgate was held on Wednesday, October 7, 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, Zoey Kuspa, Adriene Price, Phil Rauch

Absent: Christian Graziani (excused)

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 Phil Ferro, Recreation Director Julie Goddard

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Minutes:

Moved by George, supported Ayres-Reiss, RESOLVED, that the minutes of the City Council Work Study Session dated September 16, 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 September 16, 2026 be approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Scheduled Persons in the Audience:

1. Jeff Grauer; Separate Irrigation Meter Mr. Grauer addressed Council regarding the use of a separate irrigation meter and presented information concerning his request.

2. Max Sturgeon; Reeck Road Fence Mr. Grauer addressed Council regarding the replacement of the fence along Reeck Road.

Communications "A":

1. Letter from Mayor; Re: Purchase of Police Prep Radios (Waiver of Bid) moved by Gawlik, supported by George, THAT the Southgate City Council waive the city bid process and approve the purchase of portable prep and mobile radios for the police department from Digicom Global 911 Inc. in the amount of $238,170.94, under the State of Michigan MiDeal extended purchasing program. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Letter from Mayor; Re: Tree Removal (Waiver of Bid) moved by Rauch, supported by Ayres-Reiss, THAT the Southgate City Council waive the city bid process and approve the a 2 year extension with CHOP Tree Services for tree removal services with 5% rate increases annually, commencing January 1, 2027 and expiring December 31, 2028. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Letter from Mayor; Re: Tree Pruning and Maintenance Services (Waiver of Bid) moved by George, supported by Gawlik, THAT the Southgate City Council waive the city bid process and approve an agreement with CHOP Tree Services for tree pruning and maintenance services through December 31,

2028, at the rates approved under the agreement with the previous contractor Limb Walkers Tree & Snow. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Letter from Mayor; Re: Cybersecurity Penetration Testing Services (Waiver of Bid) moved by Ayres-Reiss, supported by Rauch, THAT the Southgate City Council waive the city bid process and approve the proposal from CNWR, Inc. for cybersecurity penetration testing in an amount not to exceed $20,000.00 with funding provided by a Michigan State Police/FEMA State and Local Cybersecurity Grant in the amount of $25,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Letter from Mayor; Re: Approval of Concessions Agreement-Southgate Ice Arena moved by George, supported by Price, THAT the Southgate City Council approve one year renewal of concession vendor agreement with Sin Bin Concessions, beginning September 1, 2026 through August 31, 2027, for concessions operations at the Southgate Ice Arena. Motion carried unanimously.

Communications "B" – (Receive and File):

1. Memo from Administrator; Re: Southwinds Club House Lease moved by Rauch, supported by Ayres-Reiss, THAT the Southgate City Council receive and file the Memo from City Administrator extending the Southwinds Club House Lease with Crystal Gardens, through November 1, 2026 with an option to continue operating through December 1, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

Claims and Accounts:

Moved by Rauch, supported by George, RESOLVED, that Claims and Accounts be paid as outlined on Warrant #1554 for $22,808,695.17. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment:

Moved by Ayres-Reiss, supported by Gawlik, RESOLVED THAT this Regular Meeting of the Southgate City Council be adjourned at 7:26 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.

Zoey Kuspa
Council President

Janice M. Ferencz
City Clerk

City Council

Work Study Session

October 7, 2026

An Informal Meeting of the Council of the City of Southgate was held on October 7, 2026 at 6:30 P.M. and called to order by Council President Zoey Kuspa.

Present:	Priscilla Ayres-Reiss, Edward Gawlik, Jr., Karen George, Zoey Kuspa, Adriene Price, Phil Rauch
Absent:	Christian Graziani (excused)
Also Present:	Mayor Joseph G. Kuspa, City Attorney Edward Zelenak, City Administrator Daniel Marsh, 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 Phil Ferro, Recreation Director Julie Goddard

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Discussed the following agenda items:

- Scheduled Person in the Audience-Jeff Grauer; Water Billing & Separate Irrigation Meter
- Scheduled Person in the Audience-Max Sturgeon; Replacement of Reeck Road Fence
- Police Prep Radios-Waiver of Bid
- Tree Pruning and Maintenance Services-Waiver of Bid
- Cybersecurity Penetration Testing Services-Waiver of Bid
- Concessions Agreement-Southgate Ice Arena
- Southwinds Club House Lease-Receive & File

This meeting ended at 6:42 p.m.