City of Southgate
Regular City Council Meeting
May 1, 2024

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Southgate was held on Wednesday, May 1, 2024 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, Greg Kowalsky, Zoey Kuspa, Phil Rauch

Absent:

Also Present: Mayor Joseph G. Kuspa, City Attorney Ed Zelenak, City Administrator Dan Marsh, Assistant City Administrator/Finance Director Doug Drysdale, City Clerk Janice Ferencz, City Treasurer Chris Rollet, Fire Chief Justin Graves, City Engineer John Hennessey, Public Safety Director Marsh, Police Chief Mydlarz, DPS Director Kevin Anderson, Recreation Director Julie Goddard & Building Inspections Director Tim Leach

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Minutes:

Moved by George, supported Graziani, RESOLVED, that the minutes of the City Council Work Study Session dated April 17, 2024 be approved as presented. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Rauch, supported by George, RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting dated April 17, 2024 be approved as presented. Carried unanimously.

Scheduled Persons in the Audience:

1. Marie Mendoza, 13938 Middle Gibraltar (Gibraltar, MI), introduced herself stating she is running for the republican candidate position for the 37th District State Representative.

Consideration of Bids:

2. Letter from Mayor; Re: Award Bid for Demolition of 13630 Edison moved by George, supported by Rauch, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council award the bid for demolition of the house at 13630 Edison to Peterson Brothers Company in the amount of $11,643.00; and that they accept the abstention of Councilman Graziani. Motion carried unanimously.

Scheduled Hearings:

1. Memo from ACA/Finance Dir.; Re: User Charges System for Southgate-Wyandotte Drainage District moved by Rauch, supported by George: resolved that the Southgate City Council hereby enters into a public hearing at 7:11 p.m. to entertain comments/questions on the User Charges System for Southgate-Wyandotte Drainage District. Motion carried unanimously.

   No questions or comments from Council or audience.

   Moved by Rauch, supported by Ayres-Reiss, RESOLVED that the Southgate City Council adjourn the public hearing at 7:12 p.m.

   Motion carried unanimously.

2. Memo from ACA/Finance Dir.; Re: Proposed Water/Sewer Rate Increase moved by Rauch, supported by George: resolved that the Southgate City Council hereby enters into a public hearing at 7:13 p.m. to

entertain comments/questions on the Proposed Water/Sewer Rate Increase. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place regarding the driving factors for the increased rates.

No further questions or comments from Council or audience.

Moved by Rauch, supported by George, RESOLVED that the Southgate City Council adjourn the public hearing at 7:14 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Memo from ACA/Finance Dir.; Re: Mayor's Proposed Budget & Millage Rates moved by Kowalsky, supported by Gawlik: resolved that the Southgate City Council hereby enters into a public hearing at 7:16 p.m. to entertain comments/questions on the Mayor's Proposed Budget & Millage Rates. Motion carried unanimously.

   No questions or comments from Council or audience.

   Moved by Rauch, supported by Ayres-Reiss, RESOLVED that the Southgate City Council adjourn the public hearing at 7:17 p.m.

   Motion carried unanimously.

Communications "A":

1. Memo from Administrator; Re: Special Assessment District for Echo Park Subdivision moved by Rauch, supported by Ayres-Reiss, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council concurs with the Administration to file the plans and cost estimate with the City Clerk; and to proceed with such public improvements designating the Echo Park Subdivision as a special assessment district with an assessment of $103,345.80 to be divided equally among the 34 parcels at $3,039.58 per household; and to establish a public hearing at the May 15, 2024 Regular City Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m. to hear objections to such improvement and the special assessment district. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Letter from Mayor; Re: Appointment to Economic Development Corp. Board moved by George, supported by Gawlik, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council appoint Walt Oben to the Economic Development Corp. Board for a term expiring June 2030.

Communications "B"- (Receive and File):

1. Letter from Mayor; Re: Appointments to Brownfield Redevelopment Authority moved by Rauch, supported by Ayres-Reiss, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council receive and file the letter from the Mayor; Re: Appointment to Brownfield Redevelopment Authority. Motion carried unanimously.

Unscheduled Persons In Audience

1. Matt Cunningham, 13814 Cameron, explained that the homeowners are proceeding with an HOA for the the Echo Park Subdivision.

2. Lakshmi Subbiah, Relator with Real Estate One, voiced her concern with a residential home at 15115 Flanders and it having two driveways and two garages.

Claims and Accounts:

Moved by Rauch, supported by Ayres-Reiss, RESOLVED, that Claims and Accounts be paid as outlined on Warrant #1496 for $1,588,162.68. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment:

Moved by George, supported by Gawlik, RESOLVED THAT this Regular Meeting of the Southgate City Council be adjourned at 7:30 P.M. Carried unanimously.

Zoey Kuspa
Council President

Janice M. Ferencz
City Clerk