

City of Southgate

Regular City Council Meeting

May 20, 2026

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Southgate was held on Wednesday, May 20, 2026 in the Southgate City Hall Council Chambers and was called to order at 7:00 PM by Council President Zoey Kuspa.

A moment of silence was given in Memory of Aidan Hennessey, son of John Hennessey.

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 Miller, Police Chief Mark Mydlarz, Police Deputy Chief Brent Newsted, Fire Chief Justin Graves, DPS Director Phil Ferro, Recreation Director Julie Goddard, Building Director Tim Leach

Minutes:

Moved by Ayres-Reiss, supported by George, RESOLVED, that the minutes of the City Council Work Study Session dated May 6, 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 May 6, 2026 be approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Ayres-Reiss, supported by George, RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Public Hearing re: the Proposed Water Sewer Rate Increase dated May 6, 2026 be approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Gawlik, supported by Rauch, RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Public Hearing re: the Proposed FY 26-27 Budget and Millage Rates dated May 6, 2026 be approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Rauch, supported by Ayres-Reiss, RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Public Hearing re: the User Charge System for SWDD dated May 6, 2026 be approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Communications "A":

1. Memo from Asst. City Admin./Fin. Dir.; Re: Adoption of Proposed 26/27 Budget & Millage Rates moved by Gawlik, supported by Ayres-Reiss, THAT the Southgate City Council adopt the Fiscal Year 2026/27 proposed operating budget and proposed millage rates as presented, and authorize the 1% administration fee for all taxes to be levied and collected during the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Memo from Asst. City Admin./Fin. Dir.; Re: Approval of Proposed 26/27 Water & Sewer Rates moved by Rauch, supported by George, THAT the Southgate City Council approve the 2026/27 proposed Water Rate at \$42.41, the proposed Sewer Rate at \$53.64, the proposed Capital Rate at \$10.00, and the Non-Residential User Rate at \$1.53 per 1,000 cubic feet, with the rates effective July 1, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Memo from Asst. City Admin./Fin. Dir.; Re: Approval of Proposed 26/27 SWDD User Charges moved by Ayres-Reiss, supported by George, THAT the Southgate City Council approve the 2026/27 fiscal year apportionment of costs related to the operations, maintenance, and replacement of facilities

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constructed by the Southgate-Wyandotte Relief Drain Drainage District, in the amount of \$1,393,815.00. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Letter from Mayor; Re: Purchase of Emergency Notification System Subscription (Waiver of Bid) moved by Rauch, supported by George, THAT the Southgate City Council waive the city bid process and approve the proposal for a 3-year subscription with Hyper-Reach Technology for emergency notification services in the annual amount of \$7,500.00, for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Letter from Mayor; Re: Purchase of Law Enforcement Scheduling System (Waiver of Bid) moved by Price, supported by Rauch, THAT the Southgate City Council waive the city bid process and approve the purchase of law enforcement scheduling software from Pace Scheduler in the first-year amount of \$3,110.00. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Letter from Mayor; Re: Purchase of Vacuum Pump Assembly (Waiver of Bid) moved by George, supported by Ayres-Reiss, THAT the Southgate City Council waive the city bid process and approve the purchase of a replacement vacuum pump assembly and couplers for the fire department from Flo-Aire Heating and Cooling (Southgate, MI) in the amount of \$3,853.00. Motion carried unanimously.
7. Letter from Mayor; Re: Purchase of Replacement Bobcat Loader (Waiver of Bid) moved by Gawlik, supported by George, THAT the Southgate City Council waive the city bid process and approve the purchase of a replacement Bobcat Loader from Carleton Equipment Company Bobcat of Motor City in the amount of \$80,920.19, under the Sourcwell contract #02032-CEC. Motion carried unanimously.
8. Letter from Mayor; Re: Appointments to Board of Review moved by George, supported by Ayres-Reiss, THAT the Southgate City Council concur with the Mayor's Appointments of Maryann Zelasko & Paul Knott (alternate) to the Board of Review with a term expiring June 2029. Motion carried unanimously.
9. Letter from Mayor; Re: Appointment to Brownfield Redevelopment Authority/Economic Development Corp moved by Rauch, supported by Price, THAT the Southgate City Council concur with the Mayor's Appointment of Ron Moran to the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority/Economic Development Corp. with a term expiring June 2032. Motion carried unanimously.

Claims and Accounts:

Moved by Rauch, supported by Ayres-Reiss, RESOLVED, that Claims and Accounts be paid as outlined on Warrant #1545 for \$2,774,202.25. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment:

Moved by Ayres-Reiss, supported by George, 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