

City of Southgate
Regular City Council Meeting
June 19, 2013

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Southgate was held in the Municipal Council Chambers, 14400 Dix-Toledo Highway, Southgate, Michigan on Wednesday, June 19, 2013 and was called to order at 8:00 PM by Council President Karen George.

This meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by roll call.

Present: Bill Colovos, Jan Ferencz, Patricia Ganzberger, Karen George, Phillip Rauch, Christopher Rollet.

Absent: Dale Zamecki* *(excused)*

Also Present: Mayor Joseph G. Kuspa, City Administrator Brandon Fournier, City Attorney Ed Zelenak, Deputy City Clerk Michelle Kessler, City Treasurer James Dallos, Administrator/Finance Director David Angileri, Public Safety Director Thomas Coombs, Police Chief Jeff Smith, Fire Chief Doug Gildner, Building Inspections Director Bob Casanova, DPS Director Keith VanSparrentak, DPS Deputy Director Bob Tarabula, and Recreation Program Director Jody Truel.

Minutes:

Moved by Ganzberger, supported by Colovos, RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting dated June 5, 2013 be approved as presented. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Rauch, supported by Ferencz, RESOLVED, that the minutes of the City Council Study Session dated June 5, 2013 be approved as presented. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Ferencz, supported by Rollet, RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Public Hearing Meeting dated June 5, 2013 be approved as presented. Carried unanimously.

Consideration of Bids:

1. Letter from City Treasurer; RE: Southgate Banking Services; Request for Proposals, was read:

Representatives from Huntington Bank, Rick Van Dresser, VP, Senior Government Relationship Manager and Kim Kelemen, Branch Manager for Southgate were present to answer any questions.

For the record, Councilman George commended City Treasurer and his team for all their hard work on this bid. This is a historic event (the first time the banking services were ever sent out to bid). This proposal represents a substantial savings to the City of Southgate. Also thanks to the Huntington Bank staff.

Further discussion took place.

Moved by Rauch, supported by Ganzberger, RESOLVED, that the Southgate City Council concurs with the recommendation of the City Treasurer and awards the bid for Southgate Banking Services to Huntington Bank (**801 W. Big Beaver Rd. Troy, MI 48064**) at the proposed monthly rate of \$1,607. for a period of three (3) years, with an optional 4th year at same pricing. FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Treasurer and/or Deputy City Treasurer are authorized to act as signer(s) for these services. Motion carried unanimously.

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2. Letter from Mayor; Re: Tree Pruning and Maintenance, was read:

Moved by Rollet, supported by Rauch, RESOLVED, that the Southgate City Council concurs with the recommendation of the DPS Director that the bid for Tree Pruning and Maintenance be awarded to Platinum Landscape and Tree Service (9045 Vincent, Hamtramck, MI 48212) in the amounts as quoted. FURTHER RESOLVED, that sufficient funds are available in the Major and Local Street funds to cover the associated costs with this bid. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Letter from Mayor; RE: Tree & Stump Removal, was read:

Moved by Ganzberger, supported by Colovos, RESOLVED that the Southgate City Council concurs with the recommendation of the DPS Director that the bid for Tree & Stump Removal be awarded to J & M Tree Service (2424 Concord, Flint, MI 48504) in the amounts as quoted. FURTHER RESOLVED, that sufficient funds are available in the Major and Local Street funds to cover the associated costs with this bid. Motion carried unanimously.

Communications A:

1. Memo from Administrator; re: Downriver Community Conference; Department of Public Works Consortium, was read:

Moved by Ferencz, supported by Ganzberger, RESOLVED, that the Southgate City Council concurs with the appointment of Bob Tarabula to serve as the City of Southgate representative for the Downriver Community Conference, Department of Public Works Consortium. FURTHER RESOLVED that John Iannucci will serve as the alternate member.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Memo from Administrator; re: Southgate Veteran's Memorial Library; Internet Use Policy, was read:

Moved by Rollet, supported by Ferencz, RESOLVED, that the Southgate City Council concurs with the recommendation of the Administration and adopts the Internet Use Policy for Southgate Veteran's Memorial Library.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinances:

1. Ordinance to amend Ordinance 692, Weapons and Explosives (1st Reading).

Councilman Rollet offered a first reading of an Ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Southgate to amend Ordinance 692, Weapons and Explosives.

2. Ordinance to amend Section 1298.17, Exterior Wall Material (1st Reading).

Councilman Rollet offered a first reading of an Ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Southgate to amend Section 1298.17, Exterior Wall Material.

3. Ordinance to amend Section 1298.18 (m), Signs (1st Reading).

Councilman Rollet offered a first reading of an Ordinance to amend the code of the City of Southgate to amend Section 1298.18 (m), Signs.

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New Business:

1. **Municipal Employee Retirement System appointment to fill vacancy left by the retirement of Keith VanSparrentak (to be discussed on July 3, 2013 work study).**
2. **Vacancy of the City Clerk resignation (to be discussed on July 3, 2013 work study).**

Claims and Accounts:

Moved by Rauch, supported by Ferencz, RESOLVED, that Claims and Accounts be paid as outlined on Warrant #1235 in the amount of \$1,633,133.66.

Carried unanimously.

Adjournment:

Moved by Ganzberger, supported by Rauch, RESOLVED, that this Regular Meeting of the Southgate City Council be adjourned at 8:40 P.M. Carried unanimously.

Karen George
Council President

Michelle Kessler
Deputy City Clerk

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