

City of Southgate

Regular City Council Meeting

November 15, 2017

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, November 15, 2017 and was called to order at 7:00 PM by Council President John Graziani.

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

Present: Bill Colovos, Mark Farrah, Karen George, John Graziani, Phillip Rauch, Chris Rollet, Dale Zamecki

Absent:

Also Present: Mayor Joseph G. Kuspa, City Attorney Brandon Fournier, Assistant City Administrator/Finance Director David Angileri, City Clerk Janice Ferencz, City Treasurer James Dallos, City Engineer John Hennessey, Public Safety Director Jeff Smith, Police Chief Brett Selby, Fire Chief Mike Sypula, Director of Public Services Bob Tarabula and Parks & Recreation Director Dustin Lent.

Minutes:

Moved by Colovos, supported by George, RESOLVED, that the minutes of the City Council Work Study Session dated November 1, 2017 be approved as presented. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Zamecki, supported by Rollet, RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting dated November 1, 2017 be approved as presented. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Rauch, supported by George, RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Public Hearing dated November 1, 2017 be approved as presented. Carried unanimously.

Scheduled Persons in the Audience:

1. Robert Rehahn, 13626 Castle, Southgate, MI 48195. Discussed an auditory traffic signal at the intersection of Dix-Toledo Road and Superior.
2. Jim Woldt, 13189 Drake, Southgate, MI 48195. Discussed the proposed \$1.00 fee to play pool in the Senior Center to be effective January 2018.

Communications "A":

1. **Memo from Administrator; Re: Bingo Board and Table Top Blower Cage:**

Moved by George, supported by Colovos, RESOLVED that the Southgate City Council hereby waives the bid procedure and approves the purchase of a Bingo Board and Table Top Blower Cage to Novelty House Inc. (1400 East Avis Dr, Suite B, Madison Heights, MI 48071) in the amount of \$7,900. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that funds from the 2016 CDBG Program Funds will be used to purchase these items.

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2. Memo from Administrator; Re: Improvements to Rotary Park:

Moved by Farrah, supported by Zamecki, RESOLVED that the Southgate City Council approves the purchases for the Rotary Park Improvement Project to Penchura (889 S Old Us Highway 23, Brighton, MI 48114) in the amount of \$73,387., which includes installation charges. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that funds from the 2016 CDBG Program Funds will be used for said purchase.

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Letter from Mayor; Re: Bid Waiver for the purchase of 3 Dump Truck Chassis for Roads and Water/Sewer Department:

Moved by Farrah, supported by Rauch, RESOLVED that the Southgate City Council hereby waives the bid procedure and authorizes purchase of three (3) Dump Truck Chassis to Wolverine Freightliner-Eastside, Inc. (107 S. Groesbeck, Mt. Clemens, MI 48043) in the amounts of \$89,518 (one chassis for Water/Sewer) and \$179,882 (two chassis for Roads), totaling \$269,400. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT adequate funds are available in the Local Street Fund Capital Outlay and Water & Sewer Department Capital Outlay budgets for these purchase.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Letter from Mayor; Re: Bid Waiver for the purchase of Police Forensic Phone Technology:

Moved by Zamecki, supported by Colovos, RESOLVED that the Southgate City Council hereby waives the bid procedure and authorizes purchase of Police Forensic Phone Technology to Cellebrite, Inc. (7 Campus Drive, Suite 210, Parsippany, NJ 07054) in the amount of \$7,500. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT adequate funds are available in the Federal Forfeiture Account for this purchase.

Discussion took place.

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Letter from Mayor; Re: Appointment of Legal Services:

Moved by Rauch, supported by Zamecki, RESOLVED that the Southgate City Council concurs with the Mayor's recommendation to appoint the Law Offices of Ed Zelenak (2933 Fort St, Lincoln Park, MI 48146) and the Law Offices of Howard Shifman (370 East Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009) to handle legal services for the City of Southgate.

Discussion took place.

Motion carried unanimously.

6. Letter from Mayor; Re: Appointment of City Auditors:

Moved by Rollet, supported by George, RESOLVED that the Southgate City Council concurs with the Mayor's recommendation to appoint Plante Moran (27400 Northwestern Hwy, PO Box 307, Southfield, MI 48037-0307) as the City Auditors.

Object to motion by Colovos, would like this to go out to bid.

Roll Call on motion:

Farrah Yes, Zamecki Yes, Rauch Yes, Graziani Yes, Rollet Yes, George Yes, Colovos No

Motion carries 6-1

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7. Memo from Administrator; Re: Collective Bargaining; Command Officers:

Moved by Farrah, supported by Zamecki, RESOLVED that the Southgate City Council approves the agreement between the Police Command Officers and the City of Southgate and authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk to sign on behalf of the City.

Motion carried unanimously.

Communications "B":

1. Moved by Rollet, supported by George, RESOLVED that the Southgate City Council receives and files the communication appointing Hennessey Engineers, Inc. (13500 Reeck Road, Southgate, MI 48195) and that John Hennessey will representing the City of Southgate as their Engineering Firm.

Motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

1. Moved by Colovos, supported by Rauch, RESOLVED that the Southgate City Council approves the sale of Christmas wreaths by the Boy Scout Troup 1783 at the Southgate Shopping Center on November 24-26 and December 2-3.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Councilwoman George asked about a new drug test the State Police are using in traffic stops. Public Safety Director discussed the pilot program.

Claims and Accounts:

Moved by Farrah, supported by Zamecki, RESOLVED, that Claims and Accounts be paid as outlined on Warrant #1341 in the amount of \$1,193,999.35.

Carried unanimously.

Adjournment:

Moved by Rollet, supported by George, RESOLVED, that this Regular Meeting of the Southgate City Council be adjourned at 8:04 P.M. Carried unanimously.

John Graziani
Council President

Janice M. Ferencz
City Clerk