

City of Southgate
Regular City Council Meeting
February 20, 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, February 20, 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, Dale Zamecki.

Absent: City Clerk Thomas Alexander and Building Inspections Director Bob Casanova.

Also Present: Mayor Joseph G. Kuspa, City Administrator Brandon Fournier, City Attorney Ed Zelenak, City Engineer John Hennessey, City Treasurer James Dallos, Assistant Administrator/Finance Director David Angileri, Fire Chief Doug Gildner, Public Safety Director Thomas Coombs, Police Chief Jeffrey Smith, DPS Director Keith VanSparrentak, and Recreation Program Director Jody Truel.

Minutes:

Moved by Rauch, supported by Ferencz, RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting dated February 6, 2013 be approved as presented. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Zamecki, supported by Colovos, RESOLVED, that the minutes of the City Council Study Session dated February 6, 2013 be approved as presented. Carried unanimously.

Presentations:

Mayor Kuspa presented plaques to three Anderson High School students in recognition of their hard work in creating a retention / transportation box to be used in the Downriver Central Animal Control Agency vehicle.

Proclamation:

Mayor Kuspa proclaimed March 4, 2013, as Constitution Day marking the 224th anniversary of the United States Constitution.

Scheduled Hearings:

None.

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Communications A:

1. Memo from Administrator; re: Request for Supporting Resolution; Southgate Shopping Center Development Grant was read.

Moved by Ganzberger, supported by Colovos, RESOLVED, that the Southgate City Council concurs with the request of Administration, and supports the development of the "Southgate Market" project; FURTHER, there are adequate funds available in the DDA budget to cover any expenses of the match requirement offered by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNRE).

Motion carried unanimously

2. Memo from Administrator; re: Request for Public Hearing; AJM Packaging Corporation Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption (IFT) was read.

Moved by Ferencz, supported by Zamecki, RESOLVED, that the Southgate City Council concurs with the recommendation of the Administration to hold a public hearing on March 20, 2013 at 8:00 pm in the Municipal Council Chambers, 14400 Dix-Toledo, Southgate, Michigan to entertain views and comments from interested individuals regarding AJM Packaging Corporation Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption (IFT).

Discussion took place.

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Memo from Administrator; re: Request from Fire Chief; Authorization to sell Fire Rescue was read.

Moved by Zamecki, supported by Rollet, RESOLVED, that the Southgate City Council hereby concurs with the recommendation of the Administration and authorizes the Fire Chief to sell the unused Fire Rescue equipment; FURTHER, the proceeds will be placed in the capital improvement account to foster additional fleet upgrades.

Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place on any re-usable items from the fire rescue for other departments.

New Business:

Petitions for the offices of Mayor, City Clerk, Treasurer and Council are now available in the Clerk's Office and due back by May 14, 2013.

Persons in Audience:

Pat Kucharek spoke about the Patriot Guard Riders and the services they offer to service members, veterans and their family members,

Claims and Accounts:

Moved by Rauch, supported by Zamecki, RESOLVED, that Claims and Accounts be paid as outlined on Warrant #1227 in the amount of \$854,195.43. Carried unanimously.

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Adjournment:

Moved by Ganzberger, supported by Ferencz, RESOLVED, that this Regular Meeting of the Southgate City Council be adjourned at 8:51 P.M. Carried unanimously.

Karen George
Council President

Brandon Fournier
City Administrator

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