

*City of Southgate*  
**Regular City Council Meeting**  
*March 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, March 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.*

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

Absent: Dale Zamecki\*

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

*\*excused*

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**Minutes:**

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

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

**Presentations:**

Amy Richardson spoke about the SUDDS Coalition and the programs they offer.

**Proclamation:**

Mayor Joseph G Kuspa proclaimed April 22, 2013 as Earth Day in the City of Southgate.

**Bids:**

Moved by Rauch, supported by Ferencz, RESOLVED, that the Southgate City Council concurs with the recommendation of the DPS Director and hereby awards the bid for Purchase and Delivery of Trees to The Davey Nursery, 5509 Congress Road, Wooster, OH 44691 as determined to be in the best interest of the City; FURTHER, sufficient funds are available in the Public Services Department Budget to cover costs associated with this bid award. Carried unanimously.

**Scheduled Hearings:**

Moved by Ferencz, supported by Colovos, RESOLVED that Council enters into a public hearing. Carried unanimously.

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:09 PM for scheduled hearings and reconvened at 8:15 PM.

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Moved by Rollet, supported by Ganzberger, RESOLVED that the public hearing is closed. Carried unanimously.

## **Communications A:**

1. A. Memo from Administrator; re: Revised Inter-Local Agreement; DMA was read.

Moved by Ganzberger, supported by Rauch, RESOLVED, that the Southgate City Council authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to sign the DMA Inter-local Agreement dated February 7, 2013.

Discussion took place.

Motion carried unanimously

2. B. Memo from Administrator; re: Revised Inter-Local Agreement; DCC was read.

Moved by Ganzberger, supported by Ferencz, RESOLVED, that the Southgate City Council authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to sign the DCC Inter-local Agreement dated February 7, 2013.

Discussion took place.

Motion carried unanimously

3. Memo from Administrator; re: AJM Packaging Corp; Industrial Facilities Tax (IFT) Exemption was read.

Moved by Ferencz, supported by Rollet, RESOLVED

WHEREAS, pursuant to Act No. 198 of the Public Acts of 1974, MCL 207.551 et seq., after a duly noticed public hearing held on March 20, 2013 the Southgate City Council by resolution established an Industrial Development District, as requested by AJM Corporation; and

WHEREAS AJM Packing Corporation has filed an application for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate with respect to a new facility to be acquired and installed within the said Industrial Development District; and

WHEREAS before acting on said application, the City of Southgate held a hearing on March 20, 2013 at 14400 Dix-Toledo Road, Southgate, Michigan, at which hearing the applicant, the Assessor and a representative of the affected taxing units were given written notice and were afforded an opportunity to be heard on said application; and,

WHEREAS, construction of the facility and installation of new machinery and equipment had not begun earlier than six (6) months before March 20, 2013, the date of the acceptance of the application for the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate; and

WHEREAS completion of the facility is calculated to and will at the time of issuance of the certificate have the reasonable likelihood to retain, create or prevent the loss of employment in the City of Southgate; and

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WHEREAS, THE AGGREGATE sev OF REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY EXEMPT FROM AD VALOREM TAXES WITHIN THE city of Southgate, after granting this certificate will not exceed 5% of an amount equal to the sum of the SEV of the unit, plus the SEV of personal and real property thus exempted:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Southgate that:

1. The City of Southgate finds and determines that the granting of the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate considered together with the aggregate amount of certificates previous granted and currently in force under Act No. 198 of the Public Acts of 1974 and Act No. 255 of the Public Acts of 1978, shall not have the effect of substantially impeding the operation of the City of Southgate, or impairing the financial soundness of a taxing unit which levies ad valorem property taxes in the City of Southgate.

2. The application of AJM Corporation for an industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate with respect to a new facility to be acquired and installed on the following described parcel of real property situated within the said Industrial Development District, to wit:

PART OF THE EAST 1/2 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 AND PART OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF FRACTIONAL SECTION 23, TOWN 3 SOUTH, RANGE 10 EAST, CITY OF SOUTHGATE, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS: BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE EAST AND WEST 1/4 LINE OF SAID SECTION 23, DISTANT N. 88E 22' 57" W. 438.03 FEET FROM THE CENTER OF SAID SECTION 23; THENCE S. 42E 06' 50" W. 854.58 FEET ALONG THE NORTHWESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD; THENCE N. 01E 21' 50" E. 649.87 FEET; THENCE N. 88E 22' 57" W. 165.85 FEET; THENCE N. 00E 51' 13" E. 390.79 FEET; THENCE S. 88E 44' 57" E. 240.00 FEET; THENCE N. 42E 06' 50" E. 700.00 FEET; THENCE S. 86E 49' 12" E. 464.14 FEET TO A POINT ON THE WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF REECK ROAD; THENCE ALONG SAID LINE THE FOLLOWING TWO (2) COURSES, 1) S. 08E 19' 20" W. 211.02 FEET AND 2) S. 02E 01' 30" W. 230.00 FEET TO A POINT ON SAID NORTHWESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD; THENCE ALONG SAID LINE, S. 42E 06' 50" W. 621.18 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. CONTAINING 20.28 ACRES

be and is hereby approved.

3. The Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate when issued shall be and remain in force and effect for a period of 12 years.

AYES: Colovos, Ferencz, Ganzberger, George, Rauch, Rollet.  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Zamecki \*excused

RESOLUTION IS DECLARED ADOPTED:

Discussion took place.

Motion carried unanimously

4. Memo from Labor Attorney; re: Extend Agency Agreement; was read.

Moved by Rollet, supported by Ganzberger; RESOLVED, that the Southgate City Council hereby accepts the Letter of Agreement between the City and AFSCME Local 1589 extending the Agency Shop provisions of the Current Collective Bargaining Agreement for an additional two (2) years expiring June 30, 2015.

Discussion took place.

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5. Memo from Administrator; re: Request from Director of Public Services; Excess Fleet Sale Authorization; was read:

Moved by Rollet, supported by Colovos; RESOLVED, that the Southgate City Council authorizes the Fleet Mechanic to engage in the sale and disposition of the vehicles that are no longer in service.

Discussion took place.

Motion carried unanimously.

## **New Business:**

None.

## **Persons in Audience:**

Richard Sands, member of Families Against Narcotics Downriver Chapter, briefly discussed this organization and the services they provide to the Downriver Community.

## **Claims and Accounts:**

Moved by Rauch, supported by Rollet, RESOLVED, that Claims and Accounts be paid as outlined on Warrant #1229 in the amount of \$2,958,414.95. Carried unanimously.

## **Adjournment:**

Moved by Ganzberger, supported by Rauch, RESOLVED, that this Regular Meeting of the Southgate City Council be adjourned at 8:59 P.M. Carried unanimously.

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Karen George  
Council President

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Thomas Alexander  
City Clerk

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