

City of Southgate
Regular City Council Meeting
April 3, 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, April 3, 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, Patricia Ganzberger, Karen George, Phillip Rauch, Christopher Rollet, Dale Zamecki.
Absent: Jan Ferencz*, Mayor Joseph G. Kuspa*, City Engineer John Hennessey*, City Clerk Thomas Alexander*, Public Safety Director Thomas Coombs*, Police Chief Jeff Smith*
Also Present: City Administrator Brandon Fournier, City Attorney Ed Zelenak, City Treasurer James Dallos, Assistant Administrator/Finance Director David Angileri, Detective Lieutenant Gerald Doede, Fire Chief Doug Gildner, Building Inspections Director Bob Casanova, DPS Director Keith VanSparrentak, and Recreation Program Director Jody Truel.

**excused*

Minutes:

Moved by Rauch, supported by Ganzberger, RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting dated March 20, 2013 be approved as presented. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Zamecki, supported by Colovos, RESOLVED, that the minutes of the City Council Study Session dated March 20, 2013 be approved as presented. Carried unanimously.

Presentations:

Proclamation:

Bids:

Scheduled Hearings:

Communications A:

1. Memo from Administrator; re: "Ray Torres Lions Park"; Restroom Construction was read.

Moved by Ganzberger, supported by Zamecki, RESOLVED, that the Southgate City Council authorizes the construction of a restroom at the "Ray Torres Lions Park"; FURTHER RESOLVED, sufficient funds are available in the DDA budget for said construction.

Discussion took place.

Motion carried unanimously

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2. Letter from City Attorney; re: FAA Existing Ground Lease Renewal; was read.

Moved by Zamecki, supported by Rollet, RESOLVED, that the Southgate City Council authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the renewal of the Lease Agreement between the City of Southgate and the United States of America (Federal Aviation Agency) for a period of time to expire on September 30, 2023.

Motion carried unanimously

New Business:

City Administrator Fournier gave a brief overview of the Ice Arena management. In August 2012, the City of Southgate and JRV entered into a management agreement for the Ice Arena. JRV operated this facility through March 30, 2013. For various reasons, it was in the best interest of the City to take over the management of the Ice Arena effective April 1, 2013.

Further discussion took place on the revenue and expenses.

For the record, Councilman George commented that several discussions took place over two days. There were several phone conversations and/or meetings with the Mayor, City Attorney, City Administrator and Councilman George and Councilman Ganzberger to discuss the ice arena. She took exception to the fact that the City Attorney had signed a settlement agreement on behalf of the City, after the conversations, without any Council approval. As a city official, she would hope that any future agreements would be handled with Council knowledge prior to any signing.

Moved by Rauch, supported by Zamecki, RESOLVED, that the Southgate City Council accepts the City Attorney's April 3, 2013 letter regarding the separation agreement with the City of Southgate and JRV Consulting in order to protect the interest of the City of Southgate in the operation and maintenance of the ice arena and related community center.

For the record, Councilman George reiterated her repeated conversations with the Mayor, City Attorney and City Administrator and that they Mayor also agrees, the City Council could take action at tonight's meeting regarding the JRV matter and believes it is in the City's best interest to accept the settlement recommendation.

Motion carried unanimously.

Persons in Audience:

Gerald Pesci, 13174 Argyle, Heritage Foundation Chairman, spoke on the Grand Opening of Southgate Historical Museum. They will be open the first weekend of every month from 2:00 to 5:00 pm. The theme will change monthly along with different programs.

Ernie Abercrombie, 13565 Dix-Toledo, spoke on his Brownfield grant.

Claims and Accounts:

Moved by Rauch, supported by Rollet, RESOLVED, that Claims and Accounts be paid as outlined on Warrant #1230 in the amount of \$2,374,722.84. Carried unanimously.

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Adjournment:

Moved by Ganzberger, supported by Zamecki, RESOLVED, that this Regular Meeting of the Southgate City Council be adjourned at 8:57 P.M. Carried unanimously.

Karen George
Council President

Brandon Fournier
City Administrator

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