

City of Southgate
Regular City Council Meeting
April 17, 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 17, 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: Police Chief Jeff Smith*

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

**excused*

Minutes:

Moved by Rollet, supported by Colovos, RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting dated April 3, 2013 be approved as presented. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Ferencz, supported by Ganzberger, RESOLVED, that the minutes of the City Council Study Session dated April 3, 2013 be approved as presented. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Ganzberger, supported by Zamecki, RESOLVED, that the minutes of the City Council Public Hearing dated March 20, 2013 be approved as presented. Carried unanimously.

Presentations:

Mayor Kuspa, along with Councilman Rauch and Deputy DPS Director Tarabula, presented certificates to the winners of the Arbor Day poster contest.

- 1st place – Angela Cabalang, St Pius School
- 2nd place – Josie Chen, Northpointe Elementary
- 3rd place – Karissa Paquette, Northpointe Elementary

Along with a certificate, the 1st place winner will also have a tree planted at their school in their honor.

Persons in the Audience:

Valerie Hayhurst, American Legion Post 478 Women's Auxiliary, requested permission from City Council to solicit donations for Poppy Sales on May 18, 2013 with the City to benefit Veterans.

Moved by Zamecki, supported by Colovos, RESOLVED that the Southgate City Council hereby approves the request of the American Legion Post 478 to Distribute Poppies at the Intersection of Eureka & Trenton Roads on May 18, 2013 contingent upon compliance with insurance requirements and recommended

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safety measures; FURTHER RESOLVED that Councilmen Zamecki and Colovos and City Treasurer Dallos will be assisting with this year's collections. Carried unanimously.

Bids: None

Scheduled Hearings: None

Communications A:

1. Memo from Court Administrator; re: Purchase of Video Arraignment System, was read.

Moved by Ganzberger, supported by Rauch, RESOLVED, that the Southgate City Council authorizes the purchase of a PolyCom Video Arraignment system through AT&T in the amount of \$14,421.53, FURTHER that sufficient funds are available in the Court budget for this purchase.

Discussion took place.

Motion carried unanimously

2. Memo from Administrator; re: Service Agreement with Expert Technology LLC, was read.

Moved by Ferencz, supported by Ganzberger, RESOLVED, that the Southgate City Council authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the renewal of the Contract between the City of Southgate and Expert Technology LLC for a three (3) year period effective July 1, 2013; FURTHER, adequate funding is available to cover the costs associated with this contract.

Discussion took place.

Motion carried unanimously

3. Memo from Administrator; re: Request for Public Hearing – S2 Grant Program, was read.

Moved by Rollet, supported by Rauch, RESOLVED that the Southgate City Council concurs with the recommendation of the Administration to hold a public hearing on June 5, 2013 at 8:00 pm in the Municipal Council Chambers, 14400 Dix-Toledo, Southgate, Michigan to entertain views and comments from interested individuals regarding the S2 Grant Program.

Motion carried unanimously.

Communications B:

Moved by Rauch, supported by Ferencz, RESOLVED, that the following "Communications B" items be received and filed:

1. Letter from Mayor; re: Appointment to Water Board through April 2014:

James W Vince, 13116 Argyle

2. Letter from Mayor; re: Appointment to Library Commission through April 2016:

Barbara Perry, 13710 Backus

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Ordinances:

1. Adoption of the 2012 International Property Maintenance Code, 1st reading only

Councilman Rollet offered a first reading of Ordinance no. 959, Adoption of the 2012 International Property Maintenance Code.

New Business:

1. Prevent Minors from Having Access to Firearms

For the record, Councilman Colovos, in an effort to prevent minors from having access to firearms, I make a motion that the City Attorney be directed to draft an ordinance which makes it unlawful to store or keep any firearm in any place where a person under the age of 18 years of age may have access unless such weapon is secured in a locked container or equipped with a tamper-resistant mechanical lock or other safety device, property engaged so as to render such weapon inoperable by a person other than the owner or other lawful authorized user. Make a motion that the City Attorney be directed to look into this matter.

Further discussion took place. Motion was withdrawn.

It was decided that the Administration review with the City Attorney and he be directed to report back with the findings of the current laws in force to see if a city ordinance is necessary.

Persons in Audience:

Richard Sands, Families Against Narcotics (FAN), encouraged Council and anyone else to attend their first organizational meeting on April 23rd at 5:30 pm at the Downriver Guidance Center.

Claims and Accounts:

Moved by Rauch, supported by Rollet, RESOLVED, that Claims and Accounts be paid as outlined on Warrant #1231 in the amount of \$867,943.36. Carried unanimously.

Adjournment:

Moved by Ganzberger, supported by Ferencz, RESOLVED, that this Regular Meeting of the Southgate City Council be adjourned at 8:53 P.M. Carried unanimously.

Karen George
Council President

Thomas Alexander
City Clerk

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