

City of Southgate
Regular City Council Meeting
July 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, July 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, Jan Ferencz, Patricia Ganzberger, Karen George, Phillip Rauch, Christopher Rollet, Dale Zamecki.

Absent: Assistant Administrator/Finance Director David Angileri*, City Engineer John Hennessey*, Police Chief Jeff Smith* *(excused)*

Also Present: Mayor Joseph G. Kuspa, City Administrator Brandon Fournier, City Attorney Ed Zelenak, Deputy City Clerk Michelle Kessler, City Treasurer James Dallos, Public Safety Director Thomas Coombs, Fire Chief Doug Gildner, Building Inspections Director Bob Casanova, DPS Director Bob Tarabula, and Recreation Program Director Jody Truel.

Minutes:

Moved by Rollet, supported by Ganzberger, RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting dated June 19, 2013 be approved as presented. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Rauch, supported by Zamecki, RESOLVED, that the minutes of the City Council Study Session dated June 19, 2013 be approved as presented. Carried unanimously.

Communications A:

1. Memo from Administrator; re: 2009 CDBG Housing Rehabilitation, Request for Public Hearing was read:

Moved by Zamecki, supported by Colovos, RESOLVED, that the Southgate City Council hereby schedules a Public Hearing for Wednesday, August 7, 2013 at 8:00 PM in the Municipal Council Chambers of the Norma J. Wurmlinger Municipal Building, 14400 Dix-Toledo Highway, Southgate, Michigan to entertain views and comments from interested individuals regarding the 2009 CDBG Housing Rehabilitation.

Discussion took place.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Memo from Administrator; re: Michigan Department of Natural Resources Grant, Montgomery Ward's Project, was read:

Moved by Ganzberger, supported by Ferencz, RESOLVED, that the Southgate City Council concurs with the recommendation of the Administration and supports the \$262,000 commitment in matching funds from the Southgate Downtown Development Authority for the redevelopment of the former Montgomery Ward's site.

Discussion took place.

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Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinances:

1. Ordinance to amend Ordinance 692, Weapons and Explosives (2nd Reading and Adoption).

Moved by Rollet, supported by Zamecki, RESOLVED, that the Southgate City Council hereby adopts an Ordinance to edit and amend the City of Southgate Codified Ordinances Ordinance 692, Section 12 Weapons and Explosives; BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said ordinance is hereby adopted, known as Ordinance #961, and shall be published as required by the City Charter. Carried unanimously.

2. Ordinance to amend Section 1298.17, Exterior Wall Material (2nd Reading and Adoption).

Moved by Rollet, supported by Rauch, RESOLVED, that the Southgate City Council hereby adopts an Ordinance to edit and amend the City of Southgate Codified Ordinances Section 1298.17, Exterior Wall Material; BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said ordinance is hereby adopted, known as Ordinance #962, and shall be published as required by the City Charter. Carried unanimously.

3. Ordinance to amend Section 1298.18 (m), Signs (2nd Reading and Adoption).

Moved by Rollet, supported by Zamecki, RESOLVED, that the Southgate City Council hereby adopts an Ordinance to edit and amend the City of Southgate Codified Ordinances Section 1298.18 (m), Signs; BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said ordinance is hereby adopted, known as Ordinance #963, and shall be published as required by the City Charter. Carried unanimously.

4. Ordinance to add a new Chapter 628, Fireworks (1st Reading only).

Councilman Rollet offered a first reading of an Ordinance to amend the code of the City of Southgate to add Chapter 628, Fireworks (will be Ordinance no. 964).

New Business:

1. Memo from Administrator; Re: City Clerk Vacancy was read.

Moved by Rollet, supported by Rauch, that Jan Ferencz, be nominated to serve as City Clerk to fill the vacancy left from the resignation of former City Clerk Thomas Alexander.

Objection to motion.

Roll Count Vote on motion:

Yeas	-	Rauch, Rollet
Nays	-	Colovos, Ganzberger, George, Zamecki
Abstain	-	Ferencz

Motion fails - 2 to 4

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Moved by Ganzberger, supported by Colovos, that Cecilia Dally, be nominated to serve as City Clerk to fill the vacancy left from the resignation of former City Clerk Thomas Alexander.

Councilman Ganzberger provided the council with a resume of Ms Dally's qualifications.

Roll Count Vote on motion:

Yeas	-	Colovos, Ganzberger, George, Zamecki
Nays	-	Ferencz, Rauch, Rollet
Abstain	-	None

Motion carries - 4 to 3

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Cecilia Dally, be appointed to serve as the interim City Clerk effective from July 18, 2013, and/or no later than August 7, 2013 and until the General Election of November 5, 2013.

For the Record, Council President George stated she has the utmost respect for Ms Jan Ferencz. She will do a good job but she is currently serving on the City Council. Ms Ferencz is also a colleague, neighbor and friend. She would be very impartial. Council President George has the utmost regard for Ms Ferencz's integrity. It would not be the right thing to do and she submitted Ms Dally's name for consideration. She recommended Ms Dally strictly on her qualifications.

Also for the record, Councilman Colovos stated that Cecilia Dally, not only served as the former Southgate City Clerk, but among her many qualifications, she also has the required State certification. He feels that having Ms Dally as interim City Clerk is a win-win situation for the City and its residents.

Councilman Rauch also knows Ms Dally on a personal level and did not vote against her because he didn't think she doesn't know or can't do the job. He felt that Ms Ferencz was the most qualified as she is going to be the next City Clerk.

Claims and Accounts:

Moved by Rauch, supported by Ganzberger, RESOLVED, that Claims and Accounts be paid as outlined on Warrant #1236 in the amount of \$1,233,162.97.

Carried unanimously.

Adjournment:

Moved by Ferencz, supported by Rauch, RESOLVED, that this Regular Meeting of the Southgate City Council be adjourned at 8:29 P.M. Carried unanimously.

Karen George
Council President

Michelle Kessler
Deputy City Clerk

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