

City of Southgate
Regular City Council Meeting
July 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, July 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: None.

Also Present: Mayor Joseph G. Kuspa, City Administrator Brandon Fournier, Assistant Administrator/Finance Director David Angileri, Judge James A. Kandrevas, City Engineer John Hennessey, City Attorney Ed Zelenak, (Newly appointed) City Clerk Cecilia Dally, City Treasurer James Dallos, Public Safety Director Thomas Coombs, Police Chief Jeff Smith, Fire Chief Doug Gildner, Building Inspections Director Bob Casanova, DPS Director Bob Tarabula, and Recreation Program Director Jody Truel.

Minutes:

Moved by Rauch, supported by Ferencz, RESOLVED, that the minutes of the City Council Work Study Meeting dated July 3, 2013 be approved as presented. Carried unanimously.

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

Ms Cecilia S. Dally was sworn in by 28th District Court Judge James A. Kandrevas to serve as the Interim City Clerk.

Presentations:

Mayor Joseph G. Kuspa read a proclamation letter proclaiming July 2013 as Parks & Recreation Month.

Consideration of Bids:

1. Letter from Mayor; re: Pumper Fire Apparatus, was read:

Moved by Zamecki, supported by Ganzberger, RESOLVED, that the bid for purchase of Pumper Fire Apparatus be awarded to Sutphen Corporation (Apollo Fire Equipment Company), (12584 Lakeshore Drive, Romeo, MI 48065) in the amount of \$425,846.00. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that funds are available from an AFG Grant (\$426,419.00), with a 10% match from the City for this purchase.

Discussion took place.

Motion carried unanimously.

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Communications A:

1. Memo from Administrator; re: Library Employment Agreement, was read:

Moved by Rauch, supported by Colovos, RESOLVED, that the Southgate City Council concurs with the recommendation of the Administration and enters into an employment agreement between Donald Priest, to the position of Librarian for the Southgate Veterans Memorial Library, and the City of Southgate for a period of Five (5) years commencing August 1, 2013. IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to sign said agreement on behalf of the City.

Discussion took place.

Mayor Joseph G. Kuspa, along with the City Council, congratulated Kay Cox on her retirement as the City's Librarian.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Memo from Administrator; re: Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, was read:

Moved by Ganzberger, supported by Ferencz, RESOLVED, that the Southgate City Council schedules a Public Hearing for Wednesday, August 20, 2013 at 8:00 p.m., in accordance with Public Act 381 of 1996 as amended, in the Municipal Council Chambers of the Norma J. Wurmlinger Municipal Building, 14400 Dix-Toledo Highway, Southgate, Michigan to entertain views and comments for the establishment of a Brownfield Redevelopment Authority.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinances:

1. Ordinance to add a new Chapter 628, Fireworks, (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 by adding a new Chapter 628, Fireworks; BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said ordinance is hereby adopted, known as Ordinance #964, and shall be published as required by the City Charter. Carried unanimously.

New Business:

1. Memo from Administrator; Re: Municipal Pension Board, was read.

Moved by Zamecki, supported by Ganzberger, RESOLVED that Michelle Kessler be nominated and appointed to fill the remaining term on the Municipal Employee Retirement System due to the vacancy left by the recent retirement of Keith VanSparrentak. Carried unanimously.

2. Sign Ordinance Language

Moved by Colovos, supported by Ferencz, RESOLVED that the Southgate City Council hereby directs the Planning Commission to review the current Sign language. Carried unanimously.

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Unscheduled Persons in the Audience:

Anna Renaud, 12835 Cherry, congratulated recently appointed City Clerk, Cecilia Dally. She appreciates the resume and qualifications Ms Dally brings to Southgate. Ms Renaud stated that with Ms Dally's knowledge, dedication and professionalism, she will be a good asset to the City Clerk's office.

Gerald Dusik, 17305 Cedarlawn, Water Board Chairman, spoke on the recent Water Board meeting and how the City has almost completed the installation of automatic read water meters throughout the entire city. If any residents have questions, please feel free to contact any member of the Water Board.

Claims and Accounts:

Moved by Rauch, supported by Rollet, RESOLVED, that Claims and Accounts be paid as outlined on Warrant #1237 in the amount of \$1,056,137.18.

Carried unanimously.

Adjournment:

Moved by Ferencz, supported by Rollet, RESOLVED, that this Regular Meeting of the Southgate City Council be adjourned at 8:38 P.M. Carried unanimously.

Karen George
Council President

Cecilia S. Dally
City Clerk

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