

City of Southgate
Regular City Council Meeting
September 4, 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, September 4, 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, Christopher Rollet, Dale Zamecki.

Absent: Phillip Rauch (*excused)

Also Present: Mayor Joseph G. Kuspa, City Administrator Brandon Fournier, City Attorney Ed Zelenak, City Clerk Cecilia Dally, City Engineer Mark Gaworecki, City Treasurer James Dallos, Administrator/Finance Director David Angleri, Public Safety Director Thomas Coombs, Police Chief Jeff Smith, Fire Chief Doug Gildner, Building Inspections Director Bob Casanova, DPS Director Bob Tarabula and Parks & Recreation Manager Jody Truel.

Minutes:

Moved by Ferencz, supported by Ganzberger, RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting dated August 21, 2013 be approved as presented. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Zamecki, supported by Colovos, RESOLVED, that the minutes of the City Council Study Session dated August 21, 2013 be approved as presented. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Ganzberger, supported by Zamecki, RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Public Hearing dated August 21, 2013 be approved as presented. Carried unanimously.

Recognition Award:

Mayor Kuspa presented the "new" Southgate Lions International representatives with a Service Organization Recognition Award for providing a handicap compatible ramp for a Southgate resident in need of assistance.

Proclamation:

Mayor Kuspa proclaimed the week of October 6 through October 12, 2013 to be Mental Illness Awareness Week in Southgate.

Persons in Audience:

William Grusecki, Southgate Superintendent, provided the City Council with an update of past, present and future items for the Southgate School District. Some of these noted items are as follows:

- There is a current plan in place to right size the District, which the Board members approved in February.
- At the end of last school year, they closed three buildings (Gerisch, Northpointe and Chormann).
- Northpointe has been refurbished and the Guidance Center is now leasing 86% of the building.

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- A portion of Gerisch MS has been leased to Downriver United Methodist Church until their new building is completed.
- The District is also utilizing a portion of Gerisch for special education, curriculum department and professional development.
- Chormann will have most utilities shut down to conserve expenses. Some possible ventures may happen with this area in the future.
- There are four elementary schools, one middle school (6-8) and one high school (9-12).
- There are plans in place for the next two years to ensure the District is out of their deficit by June 2015.

Discussion took place on the traffic and parking at the schools, in particular Davidson. Remedies are being looked into and put into place.

Bids:

1. Memo from Mayor; re: Bid for Plum Ave. Sanitary Relief Sewer, was read:

Moved by Ganzberger; supported by Ferencz; RESOLVED, that the Southgate City Council concurs with the recommendation of the City Engineer and Mayor and hereby awards the bid for the Plum Avenue Sanitary Relief Sewer to CI Contracting, Inc. (1279 S. Old US 23/St. Brighton, MI 48114) in the amount of \$969,532.00. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that sufficient funds are available in the Water Sewer Capital and Municipal Street Funds to cover costs associated with this project.

Discussion took place.

Motion carried unanimously.

Communications A:

1. Letter from ACA/Finance Director; re: Michigan Office Solutions contract, was read:

Moved by Rollet, supported by Colovos, RESOLVED, that the Southgate City Council concurs with the recommendation of the ACA/Finance Director and authorizes the City to enter into a five (5) year agreement with Michigan Office Solutions (4000 Grand River, Suite 500, Novi, MI 48375) to cover all service, labor, parts and consumables (except paper) for all City copiers. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to sign said agreement.

Motion carried unanimously

2. Letter from Mayor; re: Waiver of Bid/Purchase Approval for a Dump Truck, was read:

Moved by Ganzberger, supported by Zamecki, RESOLVED that the Southgate City Council hereby waives the bid procedure and authorizes purchase of a Ford F550 Dump Truck for the Water and Sewer Department to Gorno Ford (22025 Allen Road, Woodhaven, MI 48183) in the amount of \$65,644.00 as this bid is consistent with State bid pricing. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that adequate funding is available in the Water and Sewer fund for this purchase.

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Discussion took place.

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Letter from Mayor; re: Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Appointments, was read:

Moved by Zamecki, supported by Ferencz; RESOLVED that the Southgate City Council hereby concurs with the Mayor's appointments for the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority as follows:

(The terms are for six (6) years expiring concurrently with their Economic Development Board appointments)

Ron Moran	17101 Michigan Avenue	Dearborn, MI 48126
Thelma Murrell	12792 Elaine	Southgate, MI 48195
Tony DiCarlo	15568 Applewood	Southgate, MI 48195
John Graziani	12356 Dorset Ct	Southgate, MI 48195
Margaret Konopka	13767 Spruce	Southgate, MI 48195
Jay Leonard	13489 Argyle	Southgate, MI 48195
Walt Oben	16401 Fort St	Southgate, MI 48195
Gary Oswald	12800 Callender	Southgate, MI 48195
Steve Szatmari	14315 Northline Rd	Southgate, MI 48195

Motion carried unanimously.

Communications B:

Moved by Ferencz, supported by Ganzberger, RESOLVED that the Southgate City Council receives and files Communications B, whereby Council President George appointed Councilman Bill Colovos to serve as Liaison to the Economic Development Corporation and the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority. Motion carried unanimously.

Persons in the Audience (unscheduled):

1. Gerald Dusik, 17305 Cedarlawn, Southgate, MI 41895
2. Ernie Abercrombie, 16101 Fordline, Southgate, MI 41895
3. Gerald PeCSI, 13174 Argyle, Southgate, MI 41895

Claims and Accounts:

Moved by Ferencz, supported by Ganzberger, RESOLVED, that Claims and Accounts be paid as outlined on Warrant #1240 in the amount of \$27,455,964.08.

Carried unanimously.

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Adjournment:

Moved by Ganzberger, supported by Colovos, RESOLVED, that this Regular Meeting of the Southgate City Council be adjourned at 9:09 P.M. Carried unanimously.

Karen George
Council President

Cecilia S. Dally
City Clerk

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