

*City of Southgate*  
**Regular City Council Meeting**  
*May 21, 2014*

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, May 21, 2014 and was called to order at 8:00 PM by Council President Sheryl Denman.

*This meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by roll call.*

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Present: Bill Colovos, Sheryl Denman, Mark Farrah, Karen George, Patricia Ganzberger, John Graziani, Dale Zamecki.

Absent:

Also Present: Mayor Joseph G. Kuspa, City Administrator Brandon Fournier, City Attorney Ed Zelenak, City Engineer John Hennessey, District Judge James Kandreas, City Treasurer James Dallos, Administrator/Finance Director David Angileri, City Clerk Janice Ferencz, Public Safety Director Thomas Coombs, Police Chief Jeff Smith, Fire Chief Doug Gildner, Building Inspections Director Bob Casanova, Director of Public Services Bob Tarabula and Parks & Recreation Program Director Dustin Lent.

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**Minutes:**

Moved by George, supported by Colovos, RESOLVED, that the minutes of the City Council Work Session dated May 7, 2014 be approved as presented. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Zamecki, supported by Farrah, RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting dated May 7, 2014 be approved as presented. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Ganzberger, supported by Graziani, RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Public Hearing A dated May 7, 2014 be approved as presented. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Colovos, supported by Zamecki, RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Public Hearing B dated May 7, 2014 be approved as presented. Carried unanimously.

Moved by George, supported by Zamecki, RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Public Hearing C dated May 7, 2014 be approved as presented. Carried unanimously.

**Presentations:**

Mayor Joseph G. Kuspa presented the winners of the annual Arbor Day Poster Contest and the Big Tree Hunt Contest

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Navaeh Hilden	Shelters Elementary
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	Ava Peryam	Allen Elementary
3 <sup>rd</sup> place (tie)	Emma Coombs, Kristina Dama	Allen Elementary
Big Tree Winner	Joshua Craig	Allen Elementary

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## Consideration of Bids:

### 1. Letter from Mayor; Re: Recommendation for Fordline Ave Reconstruction Project, was read:

Moved by George, supported by Zamecki, RESOLVED that the Southgate City Council adopts a resolution and hereby concurs with the recommendation of the Mayor and Engineer and awards the bid for the Fordline Reconstruction Project to GV Cement Contracting Company (20000 Dix-Toledo Road, Brownstown, MI 48183) in the amount of \$603,498.50, including the cost for construction inspection services and a 10% contingency of \$54,863.50. FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, sufficient funds are available in the Municipal Fund to cover costs for this project.

Discussion took place.

Motion carried unanimously.

## Communications A:

### 1. Memo from Administrator Re: August 5, 2014 Primary Election, Southgate Charter Amendment, was read:

Moved by Ganzberger, supported by Zamecki, RESOLVED that the Southgate City Council adopts a resolution amending Resolution no. 71-14 dated May 7, 2014 as follows:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that pursuant to the Home Rule Cities Act, being Act 279 of 1909, as amended, and specifically Section 21 of said Act, the Council for the City of Southgate hereby proposes that Sections 47 and 174 found in the Charter of the City of Southgate be amended.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Clerk shall cause to be submitted to the electors of the City at the special election to be held on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2014, a proposal to amend the Charter of the City of Southgate, more specifically to amend Section 47 of the City Charter, which currently reads:

#### **Section 47 Publication of Council proceedings.**

The proceedings of the Council shall be published in the official newspaper of the City within ten days after the passage thereof. A summary of the action(s) taken consisting of the ordinance, resolution or other action acted upon, the names of the Councilmen moving and seconding the same, and a record of the vote thereon, prepared by the City Clerk and approved by the President of the Council, shall constitute sufficient compliance with the provisions of this section.

#### **TO BE AMENDED TO PROVIDE AS FOLLOWS:**

#### **Section 47 Publication of Council proceedings.**

The proceedings of the Council shall be published **on the City's official web page** within ten days after the passage thereof. A summary of the action(s) taken consisting of the ordinance, resolution or other action acted upon, the names of the Councilmen moving and seconding the same, and a record of the vote thereon, prepared by the City Clerk and approved by the President of the Council, shall constitute sufficient compliance with the provisions of this section.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the ballot language shall read as follows:

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Shall section 47 of the Southgate City Charter be amended to require, in place of newspaper publication, online publication on the City's web page of a summary of proceedings of each meeting of the City Council?

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Clerk shall cause to be submitted to the electors of the City at the special election to be held on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2014, a proposal to amend the Charter of the City of Southgate, more specifically to amend Section 174 of the City Charter, which currently reads:

### **Section 174 Record and authentication; publication.**

All ordinances shall be recorded in an indexed book marked "Ordinance Book," and the record of each ordinance shall be authenticated by the signature of the Mayor and Clerk. Such record and authentication shall be done promptly after the final passage of the ordinance, but failure to so record and authenticate any ordinance shall not invalidate it or suspend its operation.

It shall be the duty of the Clerk to cause every ordinance to be published either by printing the same in the official newspaper of the City or by posting the same in three public places within the City. And it shall be the duty of the Council to designate which method of publication shall be used. The publication of an ordinance in the Council proceedings shall be deemed a sufficient publication. The Clerk shall immediately, after such publication, enter in the "Ordinance Book," under the record of the ordinance, a certificate under his hand stating the time and method of such publication. Such certificate shall be prima-facie evidence of the due publication of the ordinance.

### **TO BE AMENDED TO PROVIDE AS FOLLOWS:**

### **Section 174 Record and authentication; publication.**

All ordinances shall be recorded in an indexed book marked "Ordinance Book," and the record of each ordinance shall be authenticated by the signature of the Mayor and Clerk. Such record and authentication shall be done promptly after the final passage of the ordinance, but failure to so record and authenticate any ordinance shall not invalidate it or suspend its operation.

It shall be the duty of the Clerk to cause every ordinance to be published either **on the City's official web page** or by posting the same in three public places within the City. And it shall be the duty of the Council to designate which method of publication shall be used. The publication of an ordinance in the Council proceedings shall be deemed a sufficient publication. The Clerk shall immediately, after such publication, enter in the "Ordinance Book," under the record of the ordinance, a certificate under his hand stating the time and method of such publication. Such certificate shall be prima-facie evidence of the due publication of the ordinance.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the ballot language shall read as follows:

Proposed Amendment to Section 174 of the Southgate City Charter

Shall Section 174 of the Southgate City Charter be amended to permit the option of online publication on the City's web page of newly adopted ordinances in place of newspaper publication, while retaining the option of publication by posting in three public places in the City?

**NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED** that prior to submission to the electors, the proposed charter amendments and ballot language as set forth in the resolution be submitted to the Attorney General and Governor, respectively, as provided in the Home Rule Cities Act.

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**2. Memo from ACA/Finance Director; re: Proposed FY 2014/2015 Budget, was read:**

Moved by Zamecki, supported by Farrah,

RESOLVED, that Council concurs with the recommendation of administration and hereby authorizes a 1% Administrative Fee be established as part of the FY 2014/2015 Budget; and,

BE IT FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, authorization that the following Millage Rates be levied for the 2014/2015 Fiscal year Budget:

General Operating	10.1366
Rubbish	2.4326
Act 345 Retirement	7.3600
Library	.8800
Act 359 of 1925	0.0740
Roads	<u>1.9334</u>
Total Summer Levy	22.8166
EPA Judgment Winter Levy	1 .5770

AND,

WHEREAS, the Mayor's proposed budget for fiscal year 2014/2015 was submitted on March 28, 2014 to the City Council of Southgate and a copy thereof filed with the City Clerk's Office for Public Review; and,

WHEREAS, on May 7, 2014 the City Council of Southgate held a public hearing on the proposed budget for fiscal year 2014/2015; and,

WHEREAS, THE City Council, based on a recommendation from the Mayor, established the tax rates for General Fund operations and indebtedness.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to Article 5, Section 97, of the City of Southgate Charter that the City Council of Southgate hereby approves the fiscal year 2014/2015 operating budget by activity, as presented by the Mayor and revised by Council and implemented through the following policies and specifications as the official budget for the City of Southgate for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014.

1. **ADOPTION BY FUND, AND ACTIVITY WITHIN EACH FUND**

The budget is hereby adopted by fund and department within each fund as follows:

**101 General Fund Revenues**

Taxes	13,318,988
Licenses and Fees	536,000
State Revenue Sharing	3,196,443
Charges for Services	701,000
Fines and Forfeits	1,617,750
Interest, Rents and Royalties	653,108
Miscellaneous	168,000
Transfers-In	1,504,243
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>21,695,532</b>

**101 General Fund Expenditures**

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<b><u>Department #</u></b>	<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Budget</u></b>
101	City Council	36,440
136	District Court	1,046,855
171	Executive	228,184
191	Elections	37,196
209	Assessor	158,552
210	Attorney	145,400
215	City Clerk	149,449
220	Municipal Employees Civil Service	0
221	Police and Fire Civil Service	6,500
223	Finance	426,818
253	Treasurer	213,086
299	General Government	3,649,955
301	Police Department	6,358,699
336	Fire Department	3,646,396
371	Building	346,597
400	Planning Commission	9,500
426	Police Reserves	4,790
441	Public Services	1,964,172
442	City Garage	575,183
528	Sanitation	1,436,279
672	Senior Citizen	83,021
751	Recreation	586,317
803	Historical Museum	1,200
965	Transfers-Out	584,175
<b>Total Expenditures</b>		<b>21,694,764</b>

<b><u>Fund #</u></b>	<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Budget</u></b>
202	Major Street	1,278,420
203	Local Street	1,303,000
204	Municipal Street	1,910,000
211	Southgate/Wyandotte O & M	3,103,036
245	Water and Sewer Public Improvements	750,000
246	District Court Public Improvements	140,189
271	Library	572,683
305	Building Authority	1,120,467
320	1971 ACT 175 Debt	77,513
494	DDA	588,977
495	TIFA	749,049
584	Golf Course	279,798
591	Water and Sewer	8,062,499
677	Workers Comp	120,000
734	Severance Reserve	215,000

II. APPROPRIATION NOT A MANDATE TO SPEND

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Appropriations will be considered the maximum authorization to incur expenditures and not a mandate to spend.

## III. LIMIT ON OBLIGATIONS AND PAYMENTS.

No obligation shall be incurred against and no payment shall be made from any appropriation account unless there is sufficient unencumbered balance in the appropriation, and sufficient funds are or will be available to meet this obligation.

IV. No obligation shall be incurred against and no payment shall be made from any appropriation account for additional full time and/or part time employees, unless sufficient funding is first appropriated to meet this obligation.

## V. CONFORMITY WITH PERVIOUS ACTIONS.

The City Council rescinds any prior actions not in conformity with the above stated policies and specifications.

## VI. Restate Fund Balances:

Capital Project Funds; Fire Rescue Equipment (\$10,000) and Fire Pumper (\$350,000) from Committed to Assigned, Fire Rescue Equipment (\$318,000)

Discussion took place. For the record, Councilman George commented that this is a bare bones budget. She confirmed during the budget sessions with Department heads that nothing additional was needed within their budgets that they did not include. No services will be compromised with this year's budget. She thanked all the Department heads for their hard work and dedication to balance the budget.

Yeas: Colovos, Denman, Farrah, Ganzberger, George, Graziani, Zamecki      Absent: None

Nays: None

Motion: Carried Unanimously.

### **3. Memo from Administrator; re: Proposed Water/Sewer Rate Increase; FY 2014-2015:**

Moved by Zamecki, supported by Ganzberger, RESOLVED that Southgate City Council hereby adopts a resolution establishing the capital improvement rate at \$6.00 per 1,000 cubic feet.

Discussion took place.

Motion carried unanimously.

## **New Business:**

- Discussion took place on the suicide prevention phone line.

- Councilman Colovos thanked the DPS personnel for their fixing of the fence and cement at the park located on Shery Lane. He also mentioned that the new LED lighting installed in his area provides a great improvement in visibility at night.

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### **Persons in the Audience** *(unscheduled)*:

Anna Renaud – 12835 Cherry, Southgate – Commented on political signage and how much can be placed in a resident's yard.

Jeff Meussner – 17205 Jessica, Southgate – Thanked all those who attended the May 3, 2014 fundraiser for the new K-9 Officer. The event raised over \$2,600. All monies raised were profit as the event was sponsored solely by Judge Kandrevas. Mr. Meussner presented Public Safety Director Coombs with the check.

### **Claims and Accounts:**

Moved by Ganzberger, supported by Zamecki, RESOLVED, that Claims and Accounts be paid as outlined on Warrant #1257 in the amount of \$1,105,179.25.

Carried unanimously.

### **Adjournment:**

Moved by Ganzberger, supported by Colovos, RESOLVED, that this Regular Meeting of the Southgate City Council be adjourned at 9:15 P.M. Carried unanimously.

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Sheryl Denman  
Council President

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Janice M. Ferencz  
City Clerk

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