

*City of Southgate*  
**Regular City Council Meeting**  
*March 18, 2015*

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, March 18, 2015 and was called to order at 7:00 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, Pat Ganzberger, Karen George, John Graziani, Dale Zamecki.

Absent:

Also Present: Mayor Joseph G. Kuspa, City Administrator Brandon Fournier, ACA/Finance Director David Angileri, City Attorney Ed Zelenak, City Engineer Ryan Kern, City Treasurer James Dallos, 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 Colovos, supported by Ganzberger, RESOLVED, that the minutes of the City Council Work Session dated March 4, 2015 be approved as presented. Carried unanimously.

Moved by George, supported by Zamecki, RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting dated March 4, 2015 be approved as presented. Carried unanimously.

**Persons In Audience:**

**1) Ray Bilyk, Grand Knight, Council #3956 Knights of Columbus**

Grand Knight Bilyk requested Council permission to waive the rules in order to solicit donations for their annual "tootsie roll" drive for the mentally impaired the weekend of Palm Sunday, March 27-29, 2015.

Moved by Zamecki, supported by Colovos, RESOLVED, that the Southgate City Council hereby adopts a resolution waiving the provisions of Section 862.06 of the Code of the City of Southgate and hereby authorizes the Knights of Columbus to solicit donations for the "tootsie roll" drive for the mentally impaired at the intersections of Eureka and Dix-Toledo Road, in the City of Southgate the weekend of March 27 - 29, 2015.

Discussion took place.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Communications "A":**

**1) Letter from Administration; Re: Request for Adoption, S2 Phase 2 Grant Final Project Plan, was read:**

Moved by Ganzberger, supported by Graziani, RESOLVED that the Southgate City Council hereby adopts the following resolution on the S2 Phase 2 Grant Final Project Plan for Wastewater system Improvement and Designating an Authorized Project Representative:

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WHEREAS, the City of Southgate recognizes the need to make improvements to its existing wastewater collection system within a residential neighborhood with the boundaries of Eureka Road to the north, Leroy Avenue to the south, Trenton Road to the west and Fort Street (M-85) where structural defects have been identified through sanitary sewer cleaning and closed captioned televising.

WHEREAS, the City of Southgate authorized Hennessey Engineers, 13500 Reeck Road, Southgate, Michigan 48195 under the supervision of John J. Hennessey, P.E. to conduct a S2 grant program and prepare a comprehensive Project Plan for submittal to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality which recommends the following wastewater collection system improvements:

1. Sectional repair by means of trenchless technologies including full length and sectional length cured-in-place pipe installations where sewers are severely cracked, broken, offset or deformed or consist of leaking joints.
2. The sectional replacement of existing sewers in two (2) locations where sections of sewer are broken and are too severe to receive a cured-in-place pipe lining.
3. Rehabilitation of manholes that were identified with structural defects.

WHEREAS, said Project Plan was made available for the public to review and comment from February 16, 2015 to March 18, 2015 and was presented at a Public Hearing held on March 18, 2015 and all public comments have been considered and addressed;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Southgate formally adopts said Project Plan and agrees to implement the selected alternative stated above and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Administrator; a position currently held by Mr. Brandon Fournier, is designated as the authorized representative for all activities associated with the project referenced above, including the submittal of said Project Plan.

Motion carried unanimously.

## **2) Memo from Administration; Re: Southgate Fire Department; Automatic Mutual Aid Agreement with Wyandotte Fire Department, was read:**

Moved by Zamecki, supported by Graziani; RESOLVED that the Southgate City Council hereby adopts a resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign on behalf of the City the Automatic Mutual Aid Agreement with the Southgate Fire Department and the Wyandotte Fire Department.

Councilman Ganzberger objects to the motion. Discussion took place.

Roll call on vote:

Colovos	No	Denman	Yes
Farrah	Yes	Ganzberger	No
George	No	Graziani	Yes
Zamecki	Yes		

Motion passes 4-3

## **3) Letter from Mayor; Re: Street Improvement Millage 2015, was read:**

Moved by Zamecki, supported by Ganzberger; RESOLVED that the Southgate City Council adopts the following resolution authorizing the proposed proposition regarding City of Southgate Street Improvement Millage appear on the November 3, 2015 General Election Ballot:

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WHEREAS, the City of Southgate Council deems it necessary for the safety and welfare of the people of the City of Southgate that it continues its program of repairing and upgrading certain public streets and highways of the City, and that the costs of part thereof, be defrayed by a five (5) year extension of the 2 mill levy adjusted to 1.9334 mills for the Constitutional requirements of Headlee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Southgate, being the legislative body of the City of Southgate, hereby determines to submit to the qualified electors of the City of Southgate, at the regular election of November 3, 2015, a millage renewal proposition to authorize a renewal of the 2 mill levy for a period of five (5) years, commencing December 1, 2016 for the sole purpose of reconstruction, resurfacing, repairing or otherwise improving City streets.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the millage renewal proposition shall read as follows:

## CITY OF SOUTHGATE STREET IMPROVEMENT MILLAGE

"Shall the City of Southgate be authorized to renew the 2 mill levy for the construction, reconstruction, resurfacing, repairing and otherwise improving City streets for an additional period of five (5) years beginning December 1, 2016, at an effective rate of 1.9334 mills, which will generate an estimated \$1,544,229.00 in the first year of its levy"?

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said proposal will be printed on the ballot for the November 3, 2015 City of Southgate Regular Election;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that before submission of said proposal to the voters of the City of Southgate, such proposal shall be published, in full, as part of the official proceedings of the City of Southgate in a newspaper of general circulation within the City.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said proposal shall be posted, in full, in a conspicuous place at each polling location on November 3, 2015, the date set for the City of Southgate Regular Election.

Discussion took place.

Motion carried unanimously.

### **4) Letters from Mayor; Re: Appointments to the Library Commission, was read:**

Moved by George, supported by Zamecki, RESOLVED, that the Southgate City Council hereby adopts a resolution concurring with the Mayor's appointments to the Library Commission as follows:

Mark J. Kremer	14734 Windemere	Term expiring April 2016
Carolyn Dusick	17305 Cedarlawn	Term expiring April 2018
David Grubbs	12895 Edison	Term expiring April 2018
Jill Pastor	13127 Balsam	Term expiring April 2018

Motion carried unanimously.

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

Ms. Elizabeth Nyeste spoke on selling flowers in a vacant lot. The issue was referred to the Building Inspections Director.

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## **Claims and Accounts:**

Moved by Ganzberger, supported by Zamecki, RESOLVED, that Claims and Accounts be paid as outlined on Warrant #1277 in the amount of \$2,338,778.89.

Carried unanimously.

## **Adjournment:**

Moved by Ganzberger, supported by George, RESOLVED, that this Regular Meeting of the Southgate City Council be adjourned at 8:26 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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