

City of Southgate

Regular City Council Meeting

July 19, 2017

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 19, 2017 and was called to order at 7:00 PM by Council President John Graziani.

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

Present: Bill Colovos, Mark Farrah, Karen George, John Graziani, Phillip Rauch, Chris Rollet, Dale Zamecki

Absent:

Also Present: Mayor Joseph G. Kuspa, ACA/Finance Director David Angileri, City Attorney Brandon Fournier, City Treasurer James Dallos, City Clerk Janice Ferencz, City Engineer John Hennessey, Public Safety Director Jeff Smith, Police Chief Brett Selby, Fire Chief Mike Sypula, Building Inspections Director Bob Casanova, Director of Public Services Bob Tarabula and Parks & Recreation Director Dustin Lent.

Minutes:

Moved by Colovos, supported by George, RESOLVED, that the minutes of the City Council Work Study Session dated July 5, 2017 be approved as presented. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Zamecki, supported by Rauch, RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting dated July 5, 2017 be approved as presented. Carried unanimously.

Consideration of Bids:

1. **Memo from Administrator; Re: Improvements to Dix-Toledo Pedestrian Bridge:**

Moved by Farrah, supported by George, RESOLVED that the Southgate City Council awards the bid for improvements to the Dix-Toledo Pedestrian Bridge to Z Contractors (50500 Design Lane, Shelby Twp, MI 48315) in the amount of \$222,311.21. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT adequate funding is budgeted in the Major Street Fund to pay for this improvement.

Motion carried unanimously.

Communications "A":

1. **Memo from Mayor; Re: Electrical Repairs and Maintenance:**

Moved by Rollet, supported by Zamecki, RESOLVED that the Southgate City Council hereby extends the current electrical repairs and maintenance contract with Riney Electric (1459 Fort St, Wyandotte, MI 48192) at the current rates of \$55.00 per hour (Monday –Friday) and \$75.00 per hour (Saturdays, Sundays & Holidays).

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2. Memo from Administrator: Re: Tax Foreclosed Properties in Southgate:

Moved by Zamecki, supported by Colovos, RESOLVED that the Southgate City Council hereby approves purchasing the following properties from Wayne County in the amount of \$15,692.16:

53-006-03-0109-002	11699 Mulberry	\$ 628.35
53-006-03-0111-001	11699 Mulberry	\$1,038.24
53-011-01-0037-000	14282 Fordline	\$5,155.92
53-017-04-1736-000	12984 Cunningham	\$5,314.68
53-028-99-0005-702	14386 Pennsylvania	\$3,554.97

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Memo from Administrator: Re: Approval of Resolution to Establish Parks & Recreation Millage:

Moved by Farrah, supported by Zamecki, RESOLVED that the Southgate City Council hereby approves the attached Resolution and Ballot Language for the upcoming November election:

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the City of Southgate City Charter establishes the maximum authorized tax levy for ad 12.5 mills of valorem real and property in the City; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Constitution, the Michigan Home Rule City Act, and the Michigan General Property Tax Act authorize a home rule city to increase the maximum charter tax levy for ad valorem real and personal property with approval of a charter amendment by a majority vote of the electors voting at an election at which such charter amendment proposition is submitted; and

WHEREAS, City of Southgate City Charter authorizes the City Charter to be amended at any time in the manner authorized by the statute, which includes approval of a ballot proposition submitted to the electors of the City at the next regular municipal or general state election; and

WHEREAS, considering the City's current and projected financial circumstances and its desire to acquire, construct, furnish, equip and operate parks and recreation improvements, for the City and its residents, the City Council has determined that it is necessary and appropriate to submit a proposal to temporarily increase the existing City Charter tax rate of 12.5 mills in order to increase the maximum authorized tax levy for the purpose of providing funding specifically dedicated to parks and recreation improvements beginning on July 1, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the City Council proposes that at the regular election to be held on November 7, 2017, Article 7 of the Charter of the City of Southgate, Michigan, be amended so as to permit the levy by the City for such purposes an additional ad valorem tax in an amount not to exceed one (1) mill for five (5) years, from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2023?

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Southgate as follows:

1. The City Council proposes that at the regular election to be held on November 7, 2017, the City Charter be amended so as to permit the levy by the City of an additional ad valorem tax from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2023:
2. The voters of the City of Southgate Michigan: shall be requested to adopt the following Charter amendment to Article 7 of the Charter of the City of Southgate Michigan:

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PROPOSAL R

CITY OF SOUTHGATE CITY CHARTER AMENDMENT

FOR PARKS AND RECREATION MILLAGE

Shall Article 7 of the Charter of the City of Southgate, Michigan, be amended to add a new Section 120a which shall provide as follows:

Section 120a the City Council shall be authorized to assess an additional ad valorem tax in an amount not to exceed one (1) mill for five (5) years from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2023 for the purpose of providing funding specifically dedicated to parks and recreation improvements?

[] YES

[] NO

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said proposal will be printed on the ballot for the November 7, 2017 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 as required by the City of Southgate City Charter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said proposal shall be posted, in full, in a conspicuous place at each polling location on November 7, 2017, the date set for the City of Southgate Regular Election.

Ayes: Colovos, Farrah, George, Graziani, Rauch, Rollet, Zamecki

Nays: None

Discussion took place.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinances:

Councilman George gave a first reading of an ordinance to amend the City of Southgate Codified Ordinance amendment to Section 694.03(a) Chapter 694 Weeds, in order to raise the administrative fee from \$100.00 to \$150.00.

New Business:

1. Discussion took place on the Police Cadet Program.

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Unscheduled Persons in Audience:

1. John Byers, 13024 Leroy, Southgate inquired about paying utility/tax bills on line. ACA / Finance Director confirmed the water bill is currently collected electronically. He also inquired to the building at 16100 Fort Street updates.

Claims and Accounts:

Moved by Farrah, supported by Zamecki, RESOLVED, that Claims and Accounts be paid as outlined on Warrant #1333 in the amount of \$1,113,155.81.

Carried unanimously.

Adjournment:

Moved by George, supported by Rauch, RESOLVED, that this Regular Meeting of the Southgate City Council be adjourned at 7:31 P.M. Carried unanimously.

John Graziani
Council President

Janice M. Ferencz
City Clerk