

Southgate City Council Agenda

Council Chambers

Wednesday July 3, 2019

6:30pm **Work Study Session**

1. Officials Reports
2. Discussions regarding agenda items.

7:00 pm **Regular Meeting**

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Colovos, Farrah, George, Graziani, Rauch, Rollet, Zamecki.

Minutes:
1. Work Study Session Minutes dated June 19, 2019.
2. Regular City Council Meeting Minutes dated June 19, 2019.

Scheduled Persons in the Audience:

Consideration of Bids:

Scheduled Hearings:

Communications "A" –

1. Memo from DPS Director; Re: Hydrant Use Permit Fees
2. Memo from Librarian; Re: Proposal to amend Library policy

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Communications "B" – (Receive and File)

Ordinances:


Old Business:

New Business:

Unscheduled Persons in the Audience:

Claims & Accounts: Warrant #1380 \$3,671,558.46

Adjournment:



Janice M. Ferencz, City Clerk

City Council

Work Study Session

June 19, 2019

An Informal Meeting of the Council of the City of Southgate was held on June 19, 2019 at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 14400 Dix-Toledo Highway, Southgate, Michigan.

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

Absent:

Also Present: Mayor Joseph G. Kuspa Assistant City Administrator/Finance Director David Angileri, City Attorney Brandon Fournier, Treasurer Jim Dallos, City Clerk Jan 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 Julie Goddard.

Discussion took place on the following item scheduled for action at the regular meeting:

- Bid for Roof Repair at the Court & Ice Arena
- Bid for Eureka Road Resurfacing
- Bid for Pennsylvania Road Resurfacing
- Second reading and adoption of ordinance for Hydrant Use

This meeting ended at 6:50 pm.

City of Southgate

Regular City Council Meeting

June 19, 2019

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, June 19, 2019 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, Christopher Rollet, Dale Zamecki

Absent:

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

Minutes:

Moved by Rauch, supported by Colovos, RESOLVED, that the minutes of the City Council Work Study Session dated June 5, 2019 be approved as presented. Carried unanimously.

Moved by George, supported by Zamecki, RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting dated June 5, 2019 be approved as presented. Carried unanimously.

Consideration of Bids:

1. Letter from Mayor; Re: Bid for Roof Repair at the Court & Ice Arena moved by Farrah, supported by Zamecki, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council awards the bid for roof repair at the Court and Ice Arena to Wm Molnar Roofing, Inc. (12455 Hale St, Riverview, MI 48193) in the amount of \$314,505. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT sufficient funds are available in the District Court Capital Fund and the Parks & Recreation Budget to cover costs.

Motion carried unanimously.

Communications A:

1. Letter from Mayor; Re: Bid for Eureka Road Resurfacing moved by Rollet, supported by Colovos, RESOLVED that the Southgate City Council hereby approves the following resolution:

Whereas, the City of Southgate believes quality roads are a vital part of any community, and

Whereas, certain improvements are necessary to Eureka Road to increase traffic safety and to encourage economic development, and

Whereas, the County of Wayne has committed to the improvement of the road in an area generally described as Eureka Road from Toledo Road to Fort Street (M-85) and the City of Southgate will assist financially in the improvement of the road; and

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Whereas, the City of Southgate will provide payment to the County of Wayne in the estimated amount of \$257,322 (which will be adjusted to reflect actual costs), as the City of Southgate's participation of the total Project Costs; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Southgate City Council does hereby approve the proposed Agreement between the City of Southgate and County of Wayne for the improvement of Eureka Road from Toledo Road to Fort Street (M-85), and

Be it further resolved, that the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City of Southgate

Yeas: 7
Nays: 0
Absent: 0
Abstain: 0

Motion carried unanimously

2. Letter from Mayor; Re: Bid for Pennsylvania Road Resurfacing moved by Farrah, supported by George, RESOLVED that the Southgate City Council hereby approves the following resolution:

Whereas, the City of Southgate believes quality roads are a vital part of any community, and

Whereas, certain improvements are necessary to Pennsylvania Road to increase traffic safety and to encourage economic development, and

Whereas, the County of Wayne has committed to the improvement of the road in an area generally described as Pennsylvania Road from Fort Street (M-85) to Central Avenue and the City of Southgate will assist financially in the improvement of the road; and

Whereas, the City of Southgate will provide payment to the County of Wayne in the estimated amount of \$19,119 (which will be adjusted to reflect actual costs), as the City of Southgate's participation of the total Project Costs; and

Now, therefore be it resolved, that the Southgate City Council does hereby approved the proposed Agreement between the City of Southgate ad County of Wayne for the improvement of Pennsylvania Road from Fort Street (M-85) to Central Avenue, and

Be it further resolved, that the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City of Southgate.

Yeas: 7
Nays: 0
Absent: 0
Abstain: 0

Motion carried unanimously.

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Ordinances:

1. Second Reading – Hydrant Use Ordinance moved by George, supported by Rollet, RESOLVED that the Southgate City Council hereby gives the second reading and approves the adoption of an ordinance to the City of Southgate Codified Ordinances to amend Section 1044.12 (b), Hydrant Use, so that the fee charged is to be determined by a resolution of the Southgate Water Board for said section. This ordinance shall be known otherwise as Ordinance no. 1003.

Motion carried unanimously.

Claims and Accounts:

Moved by Farrah, supported by Zamecki, RESOLVED, that Claims and Accounts be paid as outlined on Warrant # 1379 in the amount of \$810,680.86.

Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment:

Moved by Rollet, supported by George, RESOLVED, that this Regular Meeting of the Southgate City Council be adjourned at 7:08 P.M. Carried unanimously.

John Graziani
Council President

Janice M. Ferencz
City Clerk

**From the Desk of:
Robert Tarabula
Director, D.P.S.
May 23, 2019**

To: City Council

Re: Hydrant Use Permit Fees

At a regular meeting of the Southgate Water Board on March 5, 2019, the Southgate Water Board supported an increase to the Hydrant Meter Permit Fee to \$2,500.00 (\$100.00 non-refundable deposit plus \$2,400.00 refundable, less cost of water usage). Therefore, I recommend that the City Council pass a resolution to reflect the above increase to the Hydrant Meter Permit Fee.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Robert Tarabula,
Director of Public Services

RT/sb

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Mayor

JANICE ALFERENCZ
City Clerk

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Treasurer



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RESOLUTION

At a Regular Meeting of the Southgate Water Board called to order by Brian Wolff on March 5, 2019 at 4:30 p.m., the following resolution was offered:

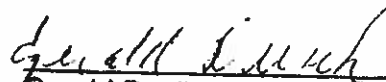
Moved by Brooks, supported by Slankster,

RESOLVED, that the Southgate Water Board hereby supports the proposed increase of Hydrant Meter Fees to \$2,500.00 (\$100 non-refundable deposit plus \$2,400.00 refundable, less cost of water usage), as presented by DPS Director Robert Tarabula.

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| Vote on motion: | Yeas - | Slankster, Wolff, Brooks |
| | Nays - | None |
| | Absent - | Dusik, Tank |

Motion carried.

I, Gerald Dusik, Chairman of the Southgate Water Board, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, correct, and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Southgate Water Board on March 5, 2019.


Gerald Dusik, Chairman

cc: Mayor, DPS Director, Finance Director

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MEMO

TO: Mayor Joseph Kuspa

FROM: Don Priest, Southgate Veterans Memorial Library

DATE: June 12th, 2019

SUBJECT: Proposal to amend library policy

Situation: Librarians, both locally and nationally, have been questioning the wisdom of charging patrons overdue fines for materials returned late. There is doubt that fines are fulfilling their purpose, which is to encourage patrons to return items on time. There is also a concern that overdue fines disproportionately impact patrons from low income backgrounds, preventing people who could most benefit from library services from seeking them out. Fines create negative interactions with staff, as patrons argue or complain about paying for them. Rather than aiding us in providing everyone access to our materials and services, fines are alienating people, and even making them afraid to have library cards.

Solution: The Library Commission has discussed this issue extensively, and proposes abolishing overdue fines for a one year trial. Materials belonging to the Southgate Veterans Memorial Library would no longer assign overdue fines when returned past their due date, and existing overdue fines on these materials would be forgiven. During this one year trial period, I will gather data to see what effect, if any, the removal of overdue fines has. The Library Commission resolves to visit this issue again in Spring 2020, and review the collected data. They will commit to a final decision by May of 2020, deciding if the library should remain free of overdue fines, or revert back.

Data collected will include

- Circulation statistics
- Number of materials marked as lost
- Number of materials marked as overdue
- Number of new user registrations
- Number of patrons blocked from borrowing materials

To effect this change, an amendment to the Southgate Veterans Memorial Library policy manual is proposed, updating the section regarding fines to reflect the removal of overdue fines. I will contact the Library Network, and have them remove all current overdue fines for materials belonging to the library. Items that are "lost" (not returned more than 21 days after their due date) will still have their cost charged to the patron, as they are now. Damaged materials will also still be charged to the patron. Only fines incurred for overdue items would be affected by this new policy.

Don Priest
Director
Southgate Veterans Memorial Library