

*City of Southgate*  
**Regular City Council Meeting**  
*May 1, 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, May 1, 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.*

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Present: Bill Colovos, Jan Ferencz, Patricia Ganzberger, Karen George, Phillip Rauch, Christopher Rollet, Dale Zamecki.

Absent: City Clerk Thomas Alexander \*, Police Chief Jeff Smith\*

Also Present: Mayor Joseph G. Kuspa, City Administrator Brandon Fournier, City Attorney Ed Zelenak, City Treasurer James Dallos, Labor Attorney Howard Shifman, Administrator/Finance Director David Angileri, Public Safety Director Thomas Coombs, Fire Chief Doug Gildner, Building Inspections Director Bob Casanova, DPS Director Keith VanSparrentak, and Recreation Program Director Jody Truel.

*\*excused*

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**Minutes:**

Moved by Rollet, supported by Ferencz, RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting dated April 17, 2013 be approved as presented. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Rauch, supported by Colovos, RESOLVED, that the minutes of the City Council Study Session dated April 17, 2013 be approved as presented. Carried unanimously.

**Swearing in of Police Officers:**

Mayor Kuspa, along with Public Safety Director Thomas Coombs, swore in two new officers into the Southgate Police Department. The new officers are Ryan Parise and Brennon Warren.

**Scheduled Hearings:**

1. The Mayor's 2013/2014 Proposed Budget

Moved by Rauch, supported by Rollet, RESOLVED that Council enters into a public hearing at 8:05 pm. Carried unanimously.

Discussion took place.

Moved by Ganzberger, supported by Zamecki, RESOLVED that the public hearing be closed at 8:08pm. Carried unanimously.

2. 2013/2014 Proposed Water/Sewer Rate Increase

Moved by Zamecki, supported by Ferencz, RESOLVED that Council enters into a public hearing at 8:08 pm. Carried unanimously.

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Councilman Ganzberger commented that there will be NO rate increase for the 2013/14 fiscal year.

Moved by Ganzberger, supported by Rauch, RESOLVED that the public hearing be closed at 8:09 pm. Carried unanimously.

### 3. 2013/2014 Southgate-Wyandotte Drainage District

Moved by Ferencz, supported by Rauch, RESOLVED that Council enters into a public hearing at 8:10 pm. Carried unanimously.

Discussion took place that the rates will remain the same as last year.

Moved by Rollet, supported by Ganzberger, RESOLVED that the public hearing be closed at 8:13 pm. Carried unanimously.

## **Communications A:**

### 1. Memo from City Administrator; re: Collective Bargaining; AFSCME Local 1917, was read.

Moved by Rollet, supported by Zamecki, RESOLVED, that the Southgate City Council approves and authorizes the Mayor and Clerk sign the Tentative Agreement between AFSCME Local 1917 and the City of Southgate for a period of two years from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2015.

Discussion took place.

Motion carried unanimously

### 2. Memo from Administrator; re: Collective Bargaining; Police Officers Labor Council Local 110, was read.

Moved by Ganzberger, supported by Ferencz, RESOLVED, that the Southgate City Council approves and authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the Tentative Agreement between Police Officers Labor Council Local 110 and the City of Southgate for a period of two years from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2015.

Discussion took place.

Motion carried unanimously

### 3. Memo from Administrator; re: Collective Bargaining; Teamsters Local 214, was read.

Moved by Zamecki, supported by Rollet, RESOLVED that the Southgate City Council approves and authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the Tentative Agreement between Teamsters Local 214 and the City of Southgate for a period of two years from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2015.

Motion carried unanimously.

### 4. Memo from Mayor; re: Bid for the Purchase of Ready Mix Concrete, was read.

Moved by Ganzberger, supported by Colovos, RESOLVED that the Southgate City Council concurs with the Mayor and DPS Director that the current contract with Ready-Mix Concrete be extended for one year with Best Concrete & Supply, Inc., 17200 Dix-Toledo Road, Brownstown, MI 48193 at the current price of \$78.25 per cubic yard (delivered); FURTHER, sufficient funds are available in the department budget to cover costs associated with this purchase. Motion carried unanimously.

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## **Communications B:**

Moved by Ferencz, supported by Rauch, RESOLVED, that the following "Communications B" items be received and filed:

1. Letter from Mayor; re: Appointment to Library Commission through April 2016:  
Patsy Riddle, 13144 Poplar

## **Ordinances:**

### **1. Adoption of the 2012 International Property Maintenance Code, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading and Adoption**

Moved by Rollet, supported by Zamecki, RESOLVED, that the Southgate City Council hereby adopts an Ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Southgate, Section 1422, International Property Maintenance Code, to reflect the revisions for 2012; BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said ordinance is hereby adopted, known as Ordinance #959, and shall be published as required by the City Charter. Carried unanimously.

## **New Business:**

### **1. Cuts to Southgate Schools**

Councilman Zamecki urged residents to contact their State Representatives and Governor about the proposed cuts to cities and schools funding. Also, Kindergarten will be the only grade available in Southgate for school of choice for the next school year.

## **Persons in Audience:**

Gerald Pesci, Southgate Historical Foundation, reminded residents that the Southgate Historical Museum is open the first weekend of every month during the hours of 2:00 – 5:00 pm. This month they will be honoring Tom Anderson with a special display of his life and accomplishments.

## **Claims and Accounts:**

Moved by Rauch, supported by Zamecki, RESOLVED, that Claims and Accounts be paid as outlined on Warrant #1232 in the amount of \$1,369,133.45.

Discussion took place.

Carried unanimously.

## **Adjournment:**

Moved by Ganzberger, supported by Ferencz, RESOLVED, that this Regular Meeting of the Southgate City Council be adjourned at 8:51 P.M. Carried unanimously.

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Karen George  
Council President

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Brando Fournier  
City Administrator