

City of Southgate
Regular City Council Meeting
October 16, 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, October 16, 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.

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

Absent: City Engineer John Hennessey

Also Present: Mayor Joseph G. Kuspa, City Administrator Brandon Fournier, City Attorney Ed Zelenak, City Clerk Cecilia Dally, City Treasurer James Dallos, Administrator/Finance Director David Angileri, Public Safety Director Thomas Coombs, Fire Chief Doug Gildner, Building Inspections Director Bob Casanova, DPS Director Bob Tarabula and Parks & Recreation Program Director Jody Truel.

Minutes:

Moved by Ganzberger, supported by Zamecki, RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting dated October 2, 2013 be approved as presented. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Rauch, supported by Colovos, RESOLVED, that the minutes of the City Council Study Session dated October 2, 2013 be approved as presented. Carried unanimously.

Swearing In Ceremony:

Mayor Joseph G. Kuspa swore in two new Southgate Police Officers, Officers Nicholas Merony and Tyler Gifford.

Proclamation:

Mayor Joseph G. Kuspa proclaimed the month of November 2013 as National American Indian Heritage Month.

Persons in Audience (scheduled):

Jerry Dusik, 17305 Cedarlawn, presented an idea of forming a Committee to assist the City in applying for grants to help handicapped individuals and handicap accessibility throughout the City.

Ray Ziegler, 15204 Fordline, addressed the City Council on the right of Southgate Residents to raise chickens in their yards.

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Communications A:

1. Memo from ACA/Finance Director; Re: Audit FY 2012/2013, was read:

A brief overview was given by Beth Bialy from Plante and Moran.

Moved by Rauch, supported by Ganzberger, RESOLVED, that the Southgate City Council concurs with the recommendation of the Assistant Administrator/Finance Director thereby accepting and approving the Fiscal Year 2012/2013 Audit as presented by Plante & Moran; FURTHER, per GASB #54 Fund Balance is hereby restated as follows:

GENERAL FUND

Nonspendable Prepaids	\$ 139,890
Restricted	
Unspent property tax – P&F Pension	\$ 145,773
Low income housing	\$ 9,163
Committed	
County Property Tax Chargeback's	\$ 289,000
Computer Software Acquisition	\$ 19,435
Assigned	
Workers Compensation	\$ 203,913
Severance Reserve	\$ 80,000

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS

Committed	Police Cars	\$ 446,205
	Property Acquisition	\$ 115,116
	Fire Rescue	\$ 10,000
	Fire Pumper	\$ 350,000
Assigned	Capital Projects	\$ 400,414

Motion carried unanimously

2. Memo from City Administrator; re: Southgate BRA Act 381 Work Plan, Request for Public Hearing was read:

Moved by Ganzberger, supported by Colovos, RESOLVED, that the Southgate City Council hereby schedules a Public Hearing, in accordance with Public Act 381 of 1996 as amended, for Wednesday, November 20, 2013 at 8:00 PM in the Municipal Council Chambers of the Norma J. Wurmlinger Municipal Building, 14400 Dix-Toledo Highway, Southgate, Michigan to entertain views and comments from interested individuals regarding the Southgate Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Act 381 Work Plan.

Motion carried unanimously.

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3. **Memo from City Administrator; re: Dangerous Building Board; Request for Public Hearing, was read:**

Moved by Ferencz, supported by Rauch, RESOLVED, that the Southgate City Council hereby schedules a Public Hearing for Wednesday, November 20, 2013 at 8:00 PM in the Municipal Council Chambers of the Norma J. Wurmlinger Municipal Building, 14400 Dix-Toledo Highway, Southgate, Michigan to entertain views and comments from interested individuals for the Dangerous Building Board findings on the commercial structure located at 16700 Fort St.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. **Memo from City Administrator; re: MI Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs Grant; Montgomery Wards Project, was read:**

Moved by Zamecki, supported by Colovos, RESOLVED, that the Southgate City council hereby supports the City's grant application for funding a Downtown Southgate Amphitheater to be located at the former Montgomery Ward's site.

Discussion took place.

Carried unanimously.

5. **Memo from City Administrator; re: Elliott Amusements; Heritage Days 2014 Agreement, was read:**

Moved by Zamecki, supported by Rollet, RESOLVED that the Southgate City Council concurs with the request of the Administration and hereby approves the Heritage Days Carnival scheduled for June 12 through June 15, 2014 on the Municipal Grounds; BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Council authorizes the issuance of a Carnival Permit contingent upon submittal of a satisfactory application to the City clerk; FURTHER, that the Mayor and City clerk are authorized to sign the Agreement between Elliott's Amusements, LLC & the City of Southgate as presented.

Discussion took place.

Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

Attorney Zelenak spoke to City Council on the request to raise chickens in the City. Further discussion took place.

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Claims and Accounts:

Moved by Rauch, supported by Rollet, RESOLVED, that Claims and Accounts be paid as outlined on Warrant #1243 in the amount of \$1,021,125.65.

Carried unanimously.

Adjournment:

Moved by Rauch, supported by Ganzberger, RESOLVED, that this Regular Meeting of the Southgate City Council be adjourned at 9:19 P.M. Carried unanimously.

Karen George
Council President

Cecilia S. Dally
City Clerk