

*City of Southgate*  
**Regular City Council Meeting**  
*February 19, 2014*

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, February 19, 2014 and was called to order at 8:00 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, Karen George, Patricia Ganzberger, John Graziani, Dale Zamecki.

Absent:

Also Present: Mayor Joseph G. Kuspa, City Administrator Brandon Fournier, City Attorney Ed Zelenak, City Engineer John Hennessey, City Clerk Janice Ferencz, City Treasurer James Dallos, Administrator/Finance Director David Angileri, Judge James Kandrevas, Public Safety Director Thomas Coombs, Police Chief Jeff Smith, Fire Chief Doug Gildner, Building Inspections Director Bob Casanova, DPS Director Bob Tarabula and Parks & Recreation Program Director Dustin Lent.

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*Southgate Girl Scout Troop 72673 began the meeting leading all through the Pledge of Allegiance.*

**Minutes:**

Moved by Zamecki, supported by Ganzberger, RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting dated February 5, 2014 be approved as presented. Carried unanimously

Moved by Colovos, supported by George, RESOLVED, that the minutes of the City Council Study Session dated February 5, 2014 be approved as presented. Carried unanimously.

**Presentations:**

1. Mayor Joseph G. Kuspa proclaimed March 4, 2014 as Constitution Day for the City of Southgate.
2. Girl Scout Troop 72673 presented the Downriver Central Animal Control Agency with a check for \$640. From donations raised to help with signage.

**Communications A:**

1. **Memo from Administrator; Re: Request for Class C Liquor License; MJR Sterling Heights, LLC, was read:**

Moved by Ganzberger, supported by Zamecki, RESOLVED that the Southgate City Council adopts a resolution and hereby APPROVES the request (#711561) for issuance of a SDM Class C liquor license for MJR Sterling Heights, LLC located at 15651 Trenton Road, Southgate, MI 48195.

Objection on motion.

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For the record, Councilman Colovos opposed the granting of a liquor license as requested because the establishment is a family theatre with minor children of all ages in attendance.

Roll call vote on motion:

Yeas	-	Ganzberger, Graziani, Zamecki, Denman, Farrah
Nays	-	George, Colovos
Abstentions	-	None

Motion carries - 5-2

**2. Memo from Administrator; Re: Request for Authorization Municipal Street Light Upgrade, was read:**

Moved by George, supported by Graziani, RESOLVED that the Southgate City Council concurs with the request of the Administration and hereby adopts a resolution authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to sign the purchase and master agreements to upgrade certain areas of the City with LED technology through the DTE Street Lighting Conversion Project in the amount of \$76,777.00. FURTHER RESOLVED that adequate funding is available through the City's Act 51 Major and Local Street Funds to cover associated costs.

Motion carried unanimously.

**3. Memo from Administrator; Re: 2014-2015 Catch Basin & Pavement Repair Program, was read:**

Moved by Zamecki, supported by Ganzberger, RESOLVED that the Southgate City Council adopts a resolution extending the current contract, for a period of one year, with GV Cement Contracting Co. (20000 Dix-Toledo Highway, Brownstown, MI 48183) utilizing the current contract unit prices for the upcoming 2014-2015 Catch Basing & Pavement Repair Program.

Discussion took place.

Motion carried unanimously.

**4. Memo from ACA/Finance Director; Re: Request for Public Hearings, was read:**

Moved by Ganzberger, supported by Colovos, RESOLVED that the Southgate City Council concurs with the recommendation of Administration to hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 7, 2014 at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Norma J. Wurmlinger Municipal Building, 14400 Dix-Toledo Rd, Southgate, MI 48195 to entertain views and comments from interested individuals regarding 1) "Special Assessment" costs associated with the Southgate-Wyandotte Operations and Maintenance and Capital Improvement Charges and 2) the proposed increase to the Water and Sewer rates to become effective July 1, 2014.

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**5. Letter from ACA/Finance Director; Re: Proposed Schedule – FY 2014-2015 Budget Process, was read:**

Moved by Zamecki, supported by George, RESOLVED that the Southgate City Council adopts a resolution approving the proposed schedule for the FY 2014/15 Budget Process:

- Budget Workshop: April 12, 2014 9:00 a.m.
- Public Hearing on Budget: May 7, 2014 8:00 p.m.
- Adoption of Budget by City Council: May 21, 2014 8:00 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

**6. Letter from Administrator; Re: Board of Review; 2014 Schedule, was read:**

Moved by George, supported by Zamecki, RESOLVED that the Southgate City Council adopts a resolution approving the proposed 2014 Board of Review dates:

Tuesday, March 4 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.	
Tuesday, March 11 <sup>th</sup>	NOON – 9:00 p.m.	
Tuesday, March 18 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.	
Thursday, March 20 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.*	(*only if necessary)

Motion carried unanimously.

## **New Business:**

Councilman Ganzberger requested Council Liaison Colovos inquire with the CASE Commission to consider extending the holiday decorating contests to include local businesses along with the residents.

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

1. Judge Kandrevas, 14220 Reeck, Southgate provide Council with a brief overview of his hiring process of the new Court Administrator.
2. Shirley St Souver, 12984 Netherwood, Southgate spoke about the St Pius festival bands.

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## **Claims and Accounts:**

Moved by Ganzberger, supported by Graziani, RESOLVED, that Claims and Accounts be paid as outlined on Warrant #1251 in the amount of \$966,324.76.

Carried unanimously.

## **Adjournment:**

Moved by Ganzberger, supported by George, RESOLVED, that this Regular Meeting of the Southgate City Council be adjourned at 9:32 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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