

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

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 Treasurer James Dallos, Administrator/Finance Director David Angileri, City Clerk Janice Ferencz, Public Safety Director Thomas Coombs, Police Chief Jeff Smith, Fire Chief Doug Gildner, Building Inspections Director Bob Casanova, Director of Public Services Bob Tarabula and Parks & Recreation Program Director Dustin Lent. (Special Guest – US Representative John D. Dingell)

Minutes:

Moved by George, supported by Colovos, RESOLVED, that the minutes of the City Council Work Session dated April 2, 2014 be approved as presented. Carried unanimously

Moved by Zamecki, supported by Farrah, RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting dated April 2, 2014 be approved as presented. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Ganzberger, supported by George, RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Public Hearing dated April 2, 2014 be approved as presented. Carried unanimously.

Presentation:

Mayor Joseph G. Kuspa declared April 25, 2014 as Arbor Day in the City of Southgate. This was the 20th anniversary that Southgate has earned the designation as Tree City USA. He also noted that only 56 other communities in the State have earned this designation.

Special Presentation:

Mayor Joseph G. Kuspa, along with Chairman/Treasurer James Dallos, presented Councilwoman Patricia Ganzberger with a special presentation through the Southgate Historical Foundation. Mayor Kuspa provided a quick overview of both Ms. Ganzberger's and her late husband, Mr. Ganzberger's 30 year political career with the City of Southgate. On April 7, 2014, the SHF recognized them for their political career and they established a Legacy Scholarship in both Steve and Patricia Ganzberger's name.

Chairman/Treasurer Dallos spoke on the newly created Legacy Scholarship and presented Ms. Ganzberger with a plaque. Ms. Ganzberger expressed her sincere gratitude for this presentation.

Councilman George spoke briefly about her political career working with both Steve and Patricia Ganzberger. She said it was both a privilege and honor working side by side with each of them.

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Councilman Colovos congratulated Pat and thanked her for her mentorship.

US Representative John Dingell expressed his sincere congratulations to Ms. Ganzberger for not only knowing her personally, but for the Legacy Scholarship as well.

Persons in Audience:

- 1) Valerie Hayhurst, American Legion Post 478 Ladies Auxiliary requested permission from City Council to distribute poppies at the intersection of Eureka and Trenton Roads on May 17, 2014.

Moved by Zamecki, supported by George, RESOLVED that the Southgate City council hereby approves the request of the American Legion Post 78 to Distribute Poppies at the Intersection of Eureka and Trenton Roads on May 17, 2014 contingent upon compliance with insurance requirements and recommended safety measures. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Councilman Zamecki, Councilman Colovos, City Treasurer Dallos and ACA/FD Angileri will be assisting with this Year's collections.

Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Bids:

1. Letter from Mayor; Re: Recommendation of Bid Award for Weed Cutting, was read:

Moved by Zamecki, supported by George, RESOLVED that the Southgate City Council adopts a resolution and hereby concurs with the recommendation of the Mayor and DPS Director and awards the bid (for the next two (2) years) for Weed Cutting to Frank's Landscaping & Interlocking Brick Co. (26204 Doxtator, Dearborn Heights, MI 48127).

Discussion took place.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Letter from Mayor; Re: Recommendation of Bid Award for Ready Mix Concrete, was read:

Moved by Ganzberger, supported by Zamecki, RESOLVED, that the Southgate City Council adopts a resolution and hereby concurs with the recommendation of the Mayor and the DPS Director and awards the bid for Ready-Mix Concrete to Osborne Concrete Company (37500 Northline Rd, Romulus, MI 48174) in the amount of \$86.00 per cubic yard. FURTHER RESOLVED, that adequate funds are available in the various department accounts to cover associated costs.

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Letter from Mayor; Re: Recommendation of Bid Award for Copper Tubing, was read:

Moved by George, supported by Colovos, RESOLVED, that the Southgate City Council adopts a resolution and hereby concurs with the recommendation of the Mayor and DPS Director and awards the bid for Purchase of Copper Tubing to The Macomb Group (6600 15 Mile Road, Sterling Heights, MI 48312) as they are the lowest bidder and meet all specifications. FURTHER RESOLVED, that sufficient funds are available in the Water and Sewer Fund to cover costs associated with this bid award.

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4. Letter from Mayor; Re: Recommendation of Bid Award for Water Meters & Related Supplies, was read:

Moved by Zamecki, supported by Graziani, RESOLVED, that the Southgate City Council adopts a resolution and hereby concurs with the recommendation of the Mayor and DPS Director and awards the bid for Water Meters & Related Supplies to SLC Meter LLC (595 Bradford, Pontiac, MI 48341) in the amount of \$18,425.56. FURTHER RESOLVED, that sufficient funds are available in the Water & Sewer Fund to cover costs.

Discussion took place.

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Letter from Mayor; Re: Recommendation of Bid Award for Maintenance of Municipal Complex, DDA District and City Parks, was read:

Moved by Zamecki, supported by Ganzberger, RESOLVED that the Southgate City Council adopts a resolution and hereby concurs with the recommendation of the Mayor and DPS Director and awards the bid for Maintenance of Municipal Complex, DDA District and City Parks to Frank's Landscaping & Interlocking Brick Co. (26204 Doxtator, Dearborn Heights, MI 48127). FURTHER RESOLVED, that sufficient funds are available in the Water & Sewer Fund to cover costs.

Motion carried unanimously.

Communications A:

1. Letter from City Administrator Re: Contract Extension; Golf Course Greens Keeper, was read:

Moved by Ganzberger, supported by Colovos, RESOLVED that the Southgate City Council adopts a resolution extending the current contract for a period of two (2) years expiring June 30, 2015 for Roy Szyndlar, Southgate Golf Course Greens Keeper, memorializing the wage cuts from the previous year. FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to sign the contract extension on behalf of the City.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Memo from Director of Public Safety Re: Request for Purchase Approval, was read:

Moved by Farrah, supported by Graziani, RESOLVED that the Southgate City Council adopts a resolution waiving the bid procedure and authorizing purchase of a 2014 DEA Vehicle for the investigative/surveillance vehicle to Southgate Ford (16500 Fort St, Southgate, MI 48195) in the amount of \$23,052.00. FURTHER RESOLVED, that bid matches the State of Michigan bid for this vehicle and adequate funding is available in the Police Department Federal Drug forfeiture Account for this purchase.

Discussion took place.

Motion carried unanimously.

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3. Letter from Mayor; Re: Proposed Charter Amendments, was read:

Moved by Ganzberger, supported by Farrah, RESOLVED that the Southgate City Council adopts a resolution directing the City Attorney to prepare ballot language (a) Adjusting the start time of City Council meetings from 8:00 pm to 7:00 pm and (b) Allow the City to publish notifications online or elsewhere to avoid high publishing costs when consistent with State Law, to be discussed at the Wednesday, May 7, 2014 City Council Meeting.

Discussion took place.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Letter from Mayor; Re: Recommendation for Spray Patch Repairs, was read:

Moved by Zamecki, supported by Colovos, RESOLVED that the Southgate City Council adopts a resolution awarding the bid for Spray Patch Repair to Highway Maintenance & Construction Co., (PO Box 744141, Romulus, MI 48174-0411) in the amount of \$365.00 per ton. FURTHER RESOLVED, that adequate funds are budgeted in the Major and Local Street Funds to cover the cost of this contract.

Motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

Councilman Graziani discussed the April 14, 2014 Planning Commission meeting and the reclassification of districts that are not assigned properly.

Moved by Graziani, supported by Zamecki, RESOLVED, that the Southgate City Council hereby directs the Planning Commission to review the current zoning district classifications and amend as necessary.

Motion carried unanimously.

Persons in Audience (unscheduled)

1. Lawrence Knight, 15805 Goddard, Southgate, MI – He is a representative of the Downriver Community Band and extended an invitation to all elected officials to their 25th Anniversary Celebration Concert on May 17, 2014 at 6:00 pm in the Flat rock Auditorium.

Claims and Accounts:

Moved by Ganzberger, supported by Zamecki, RESOLVED, that Claims and Accounts be paid as outlined on Warrant #1255 in the amount of \$14,688,232.59.

Discussion took place.

Carried unanimously.

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Adjournment:

Moved by Ganzberger, supported by George, RESOLVED, that this Regular Meeting of the Southgate City Council be adjourned at 9:13 P.M. Carried unanimously.

Sheryl Denman
Council President

Janice M. Ferencz
City Clerk

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