

City of Southgate
Regular City Council Meeting
August 5, 2015

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, August 5, 2015 and was called to order at 7:00 PM by Council President Sheryl Denman.

This meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by roll call.

Present: Bill Colovos, Sheryl Denman, Pat Ganzberger, Karen George, John Graziani Dale Zamecki.

Absent: Mark Farrah*, *excused

Also Present: Mayor Joseph G. Kuspa, City Administrator Bryce Kelley, ACA/Finance Director David Angileri, City Attorney Brandon Fournier, City Engineer John Hennessey, City Clerk Janice Ferencz, Public Safety Director Thomas Coombs, Police Chief Jeff Smith, Building Inspections Director Bob Casanova, Director of Public Services Bob Tarabula and Parks & Recreation Director Dustin Lent.

Minutes:

Moved by George, supported by Colovos, RESOLVED, that the minutes of the City Council Work Session dated July 15, 2015 be approved as presented. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Zamecki, supported by George, RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting dated July 15, 2015 be approved as presented. Carried unanimously.

Presentation:

Mayor Joseph G. Kuspa unveiled the new Market Center Park logo and advised that the dedication ceremony will take place on September 13, 2015 from noon to 4:00 p.m. He also announced that the City received an additional \$200,000 grant to assist with the completion of the Walkability path and the illumination of said path.

Communications "A":

1) Letter from Mayor; Re: Appointments to Brownfield Redevelopment Authority & Economic Development Corporation, was read:

Moved by George, supported by Ganzberger, RESOLVED, that the Southgate City Council concurs with the Mayor's appointments of Tom Laskaris, 300 Town Center, Southfield, MI to the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority for a six (6) year term ending June 2021 and also to the Economic Development Corporation for a six (6) year term ending June 2021.

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2) Memo from Laura Walsh; Re: SMART Program Agreement, was read:

Moved by Zamecki, supported by Graziani, RESOLVED, that the Southgate City Council approves and authorizes that Laura Walsh, on behalf of the Parks and Recreation Director, submit application to the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART), Buhl Building, 535 Griswold Street, Suite 600, Detroit, Michigan 48226. Further, that the application will provide continued funding of the Senior Citizen/Special Needs Transportation Program from the Municipal Credit Funds in the amount of \$29,564.00 and Community Credit Funds in the amount of \$39,285.00.

Motion carried unanimously.

3) Memo from Administrator; Re: Charitable Gaming License, was read:

Moved by Colovos, supported by Zamecki, RESOLVED, that the Southgate City Council approves the request and authorizes the issuance of the Charitable Gaming License resolution for An Amazing Woman Foundation.

Discussion took place.

Motion carried unanimously.

4) Memo from Administrator; Re: 2016 Annual TSA Annual Plan, was read:

Moved by Ganzberger, supported by Graziani, RESOLVED that the Southgate City Council adopts the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the City of Southgate, County of Wayne, Michigan recognizes the role of The Senior Alliance as the designated Area Agency on Aging for Southern and Western Wayne County to be responsible for planning, developing, coordinating, monitoring, and managing a comprehensive organized service delivery system of services for older adults and caregivers; and

WHEREAS, the 34 communities of Southern and Western Wayne County, including the City of Southgate comprises the Planning and Service Area to the agency's governing body; and

WHEREAS, the Aging and Adult Services Agency (AASA) require local Area Agencies on Aging to request approvals of their Annual Implementation Plan from their local governments; and

WHEREAS, The Senior Alliance has submitted the plan to this honorable body in accordance with federal and state laws and can be found in its entirety at; <http://www.aal1c.org/files/2015/07/2016-AIP-FINAL-updated-7-15.pdf>; and

WHEREAS, the Senior Alliance has held a public hearing for client, caregiver, and service provider population feedback which contributed to the development of the Annual Implementation Plan for Fiscal Year 2016.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the honorable City Council of the City of Southgate, Wayne County, Michigan approves the Annual Implementation Plan for Fiscal Year 2016, as presented to the City of Southgate.

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5) Memo from Administrator; Re: Resolution: Michigan Fireworks Safety Act of 2011, was read:

Moved by Zamecki, supported by Colovos; RESOLVED that the Southgate City Council adopts the following resolution supporting the Repeal of the Michigan Fireworks Safety Act of 2011:

WHEREAS, the Michigan Fireworks Safety Act was adopted in 2011 as an attempt to generate additional sales tax revenue by increasing the types of fireworks and increasing the explosive force of fireworks available to wholesale and retail customers; and

WHEREAS, certain unintended consequences resulting in an increase in nuisances, disturbances and/or serious personal injury experienced by the people of Southgate and in communities throughout the State of Michigan as a result of the Michigan Fireworks Safety Act of 2011 have been documented; and

WHEREAS, during the July 4, 2015 national holiday observance calls and personal visits were made to the Mayor's Office and Public Safety Officials complaining about inappropriate firework noise and disturbances throughout the night and early morning hours of July 3, July 4, July 5 which constituted a threat to the health, safety, welfare and reasonable enjoyment of property in the eyes of the citizens and business owners of the City of Southgate; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Fireworks Safety Act of 2011 has stripped municipalities of the right to regulate the hours during which fireworks can be exploded on the day before, the day of and the day after all ten national holidays; and

WHEREAS, previous attempts to amend the Michigan Fireworks Safety Act have failed to resolve these problems; and

WHEREAS, the Administration of the City of Southgate, Wayne County, Michigan in order to carry out their responsibilities to prioritize the health, safety, welfare of its citizens and the quiet enjoyment of property by its residents and business owners respectfully requests the Southgate City Council adopt this resolution.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Southgate City Council, for the aforementioned reasons, joins the Administration's call for the repeal or modification of the current Michigan Fireworks Act to provide for more local control and the return to less powerful explosives that will enhance the general welfare of our residents and residents throughout the State of Michigan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby direct that copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Rick Snyder, State Representative Frank Liberati, State Senator Virgil Smith, Jr., State Senator Glenn Anderson, and the Michigan Municipal League State and Federal Affairs Division; and does hereby authorize and direct the Mayor to seek repeal or appropriate revisions of the Michigan Fireworks Safety Act.

Discussion took place.

Motion carried unanimously.

Claims and Accounts:

Moved by Ganzberger, supported by George, RESOLVED, that Claims and Accounts be paid as outlined on Warrant #1286 in the amount of \$4,421,739.96.

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 7:55 P.M. Carried unanimously.

Sheryl Denman
Council President

Janice M. Ferencz
City Clerk

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