

City of Southgate

Regular City Council Meeting

October 6, 2021

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Southgate was held on Wednesday, October 6, 2021 and was called to order at 7:00 PM by Council President John Graziani (**DUE TO COVID-19 VIRUS, THIS MEETING WAS HELD VIA ZOOM, PURSUANT TO WAYNE COUNTY AND LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY.**)

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

Present: Bill Colovos (Southgate), Mark Farrah (Southgate), John Graziani (Southgate), Phil Rauch (Southgate), Chris Rollet (Southgate), Dale Zamecki (Southgate)

Absent: *Karen George, *excused

Also Present: Mayor Joseph G. Kuspa, City Administrator Dustin Lent, City Attorney Brandon Fournier, Assistant City Administrator/Finance Director David Angileri, City Clerk Janice Ferencz, City Engineer John Hennessey, Public Safety Director Joe Marsh, Police Chief Mark Mydlarz, Fire Chief Marc Hatfield, Acting DPS Director Kevin Anderson, Building Inspections Director Tim Leach and Julie Goddard Recreation Director.

Minutes:

Moved by Colovos, supported Zamecki, RESOLVED, that the minutes of the City Council Work Study Session dated September 15, 2021 be approved as presented. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Rollet, supported by Farrah, RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting dated September 15, 2021 be approved as presented. Carried unanimously.

Scheduled Persons in the Audience:

1. Boy Scout Troop 1783; Re: Wreath Sales Nov 26-28 and Dec 3-5, 2021 moved by Zamecki; supported by Colovos, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council hereby waives any permit fees and grants permission for Boy Scout Troop 1783 to hold their annual wreath sales at the Southgate Shopping Center the weekends of November 26-28 and December 3-5, 2021.

Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Bids:

1. Letter from Mayor; Roof Replacement at the DPW moved by Farrah, supported by Rauch, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council hereby awards the bid for roof replacement at the DPW to Royal Roofing (2445 Brown Road, Lake Orion, MI 48359) in the amount of \$874,850 with a 10% contingency of \$87,485 for a total cost of \$962,335.

Motion carried unanimously.

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Communications "A":

1. Resolution; Working in Unification to Support Legislative Redistricting moved by Zamecki, supported by Colovos, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council hereby authorizes the following joint resolution for Working in Unification to Support Legislative Redistricting:

JOINT RESOLUTION

of the Downriver Community Conference Board of Directors
and the Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber

WORKING IN UNIFICATION TO SUPPORT LEGISLATIVE REDISTRICTING

WHEREAS, The City of Southgate, a member of the Downriver Community Conference (DCC), a consortium of twenty Downriver communities in Wayne County whose total population exceeds 500,000, has joined in an effort to improve local government and enhance the quality of life for area residents through municipal cooperation; and

WHEREAS, the Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber (SWCRC), representing 21 communities in most of the same DCC area, works in cooperation with DCC on legislation that affects this entire region; and

WHEREAS, the City of Southgate, DCC & SWCRC have been working together as a united voice to get our regional economy restarted and on track while protecting the health and safety of our citizens. In addition to our representatives in Lansing and Washington working to provide critical resources for our region, we will need to focus on strong and effective initiatives to encompass the 'whole' of our area; and

WHEREAS, we share common bonds linked to public policy issues or identities that may be affected by legislation; likely to result in a desire to share a united regional congressional district, and equally established state legislative districts within the region in order to secure more effective representation; and

WHEREAS, the Downriver Mutual Aid (DMA) was created more than 50 years ago, in 1967, in order to formalize the cooperative relationships that already existed between and among police and fire departments throughout the region, for Public Safety. DCC serves as the Administrator for DMA.

For generations, communities had assisted each other when a neighbor called for help; providing backup when police officers were stretched thin during a crisis or sending additional firefighters to battle blazes that threatened a community. But with the creation of the DMA, that help grew to include a number of more sophisticated services that no single department or city could offer, such as creating a regional SWAT Team, a Crisis Negotiations Team, an Underwater Search & Recovery Team (Dive Team), Drug Enforcement Team, the Downriver Auto Theft Team (DRATT) and a Uniformed Police Task Force. Other efforts of DMA include DMA 911 and Radio Communication Services; and

WHEREAS, DCC and SWCRC share historical economic interests associated with a contiguous area on a map, together representing communities along the Detroit River from River Rouge and along the southeastern border to Rockwood, and westerly from Dearborn, Huron Township, Van Buren Township, and Belleville down to the Wayne/Monroe County line; the City of Southgate located at the heart of the DCC and

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DCC-SWCRC Joint Resolution

WORKING IN UNIFICATION TO SUPPORT CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING

WHEREAS, Congressional and state legislative district boundaries must be drawn according to existing municipal boundaries, and shall not divide municipalities and their constituents into separate districts of representation; and

WHEREAS, it is our priority, along with the unification of Downriver and the 21 Southern Wayne County communities into one congressional district, to support efforts to re-align/redistrict our area to the strength of bringing all these communities together to benefit the region as a whole.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Southgate, working in unification with the DCC Board of Directors and the SWCRC, supports the Congressional Redistricting to encompass this region with the same representation.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned duly qualified Mayor of the City of Southgate certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution legally adopted at a meeting of the Southgate City Council on October 6, 2021.

Joseph G. Kuspa, Mayor: _____

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Memo from Administrator; Re: Resolution to Manage Flood Plain Development moved by Zamecki, supported by Farrah, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council hereby authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the resolution enabling the City of Southgate to continue participating in the National Flood Insurance Program through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinances:

1. Memo from Administrator; Re: Update Ordinance Chapter 1464 – Flood Plain Management moved by Farrah, supported by Zamecki, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council hereby waives the first reading and give the second reading to adopt an ordinance to amend the City of Southgate Codified Ordinances to update Chapter 1464 – Flood Plain Management. This Ordinance will be otherwise known at Ordinance no. 1023.

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New Business:

1. Discussion took place on the September 27, 2021 letter from David Kowalsky.
2. Discussion took place on cleaning up the language of the Exterior Inspection Ordinance.

Claims and Accounts:

Moved by Farrah, supported by Zamecki, RESOLVED, that Claims and Accounts be paid as outlined on Warrant #1434 in the amount of \$4,341,674.64.

Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment:

Moved by Colovos, supported by Rauch, RESOLVED THAT this Regular Meeting of the Southgate City Council be adjourned at 7:59 P.M. Carried unanimously.

John Graziani
Council President

Janice M. Ferencz
City Clerk