

City of Southgate

Regular City Council Meeting

December 15, 2021

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Southgate was held on Wednesday, December 15, 2021 in the Southgate City Hall Council Chambers and was called to order at 7:00 PM by Council President Zoey Kuspa.

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

Present: Bill Colovos, Karen George, Christian Graziani, Mark Farrah, Zoey Kuspa, Phil Rauch, Dale Zamecki

Absent:

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 Treasurer Christopher Rollet, 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 December 1, 2021 be approved as amended and presented. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Rauch, supported by Zamecki, RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting dated December 1, 2021 be approved as presented. Carried unanimously.

Communications "A":

1. Letter from Finance Director/ACA; Re: Audit FY 2020/2021 moved by Farrah, supported by Zamecki, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council hereby accepts and approves the Audit for FY 2020/2121. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT due to GASBE #54, the City Council restates the fund balance as follows:

GENERAL FUND

Nonspendable Prepays	\$ 164,829
Restricted	
Unspent property tax – Rubbish	\$ 167,408
Unspent property tax – P&F Pension	\$ 735,485
Low income housing	\$ 9,163
Building Dept.	\$ 158,972
Committed	
County Property Tax Chargeback's	\$ 300,000
Computer Software Acquisition	\$ 10,000
SINC	\$ 136,000
Assigned	
Workers Compensation	\$ 330,000
Severance Reserve	\$ 990,000
Future Working Capital	\$ 300,000

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Future OPEB	\$ 200,000
Future Budget Shortfalls due to Deficiencies in Court Revenue	\$ 600,000

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS

Committed

Police Cars	\$ 438,567
Property Acquisition	\$ 115,116
Fire Rescue Equipment	\$ 160,000

Assigned

Capital Projects	\$ 249,856
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Motion carried unanimously.

2. Letter from Mayor; Re: Purchase of Forensic Phone Equipment Upgrade and License Renewal (Waiver of Bid) moved by Farrah, supported by George, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council waives the bid procedure and authorizes purchase of the Cellebrite Forensic Phone Equipment Software System Upgrade and License Renewal with Cellebrite Inc. (7 Campus Drive, Suite 210, Parsippany, New Jersey, 07054) in the amount of \$4,300.

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Letter from Mayor; Re: Appointment of City Auditors moved by Zamecki, supported by Rauch, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council concurs with the Mayor's recommendation and in accordance with the City Charter hereby appoints Plante Moran (27400 Northwestern Hwy, Southfield, MI 48037-0307) as the City Auditors.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Letter from Mayor; Re: Appointment of Legal Services moved by Rauch, supported by Colovos, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council, in accordance with the Mayor's recommendation and with the provisions of Article 4, Section 64, of the City Charter hereby appoints the Law Offices of Shifman Fournier (31600 Telegraph Rd., Suite 100, Bingham Farms, MI 48025) as Labor Attorney and Assistant City Attorney for the City of Southgate.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Councilman Rauch disclosed that Attorney Fournier donated towards a fundraiser held by him. All proceeds of donation were for the Southgate Schools.*

5. Letter from Mayor; Re: Appointment of Legal Services moved by George, supported by Zamecki, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council, in accordance with the Mayor's recommendation and with the provisions of Article 4, Section 64, of the City Charter hereby appoints the Law Offices of Ed Zelenak (2933 Fort Street, Lincoln Park, MI 48146) as the City Attorney and Prosecuting Attorney for the City of Southgate.

Motion carried unanimously.

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Communications "B":

1. Letter from Mayor; Re: Appointment of City Engineers moved by Rauch, supported by Farrah, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council receives and files this correspondence.

Motion carried unanimously.

Claims and Accounts:

Moved by Graziani, supported by Zamecki, RESOLVED, that Claims and Accounts be paid as outlined on Warrant #1439 in the amount of \$1,545,233.53.

Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment:

Moved by Colovos, supported by George, RESOLVED THAT this Regular Meeting of the Southgate City Council be adjourned at 7:13 P.M. Carried unanimously.

Zoey Kuspa
Council President

Janice M. Ferencz
City Clerk