

# City of Southgate

## Special City Council Meeting

### January 11, 2024

A Special Meeting of the Council of the City of Southgate was held on Thursday, January 11, 2024 in the Southgate City Hall Council Chambers and was called to order at 6:00 PM by Council President Zoey Kuspa.

**This meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.**

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Present: Priscilla Ayres-Reiss, Karen George, Christian Graziani, Greg Kowalsky, Zoey Kuspa, Phil Rauch

Absent:

Also Present: Mayor Joseph G. Kuspa, City Attorney Ed Zelenak, City Administrator Dan Marsh, Recreation Director Julie Goddard & Building Inspections Director Tim Leach

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#### **Council Vacancy:**

1. Posting of Hiring Notice to fill Council Vacancy moved by Ayres-Reiss, supported by George, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council approve the posting of a hiring notice on January 12<sup>th</sup> to fill the vacant seat on City Council with the closing date of January 26<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Schedule Special Meeting to Review, Interview, Discuss Applications and to Appoint an Applicant to Fill the Council Vacancy moved by Kowalsky, supported by Rauch, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council schedule a special meeting on February 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers to review, interview and discuss applications and to appoint an applicant to fill the Council vacancy. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Council Vacancy Application Approval moved by Rauch, supported by George, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council approve the application as discussed (Application is attached). Motion carried unanimously.
4. Council Vacancy Applicant Questions Approval moved by Rauch, supported by George, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council approve the applicant questions as discussed. Motion carried unanimously.

1: Tell us about yourself and what motivated you to apply.

2: Tell us about your community involvement.

3: Tell us about your life experience and what you believe makes you qualified for this role.

4: What goals would you like to accomplish, and if selected what can residents and City Council expect from you?

5: There will be times that you will receive negative criticism for being part of an unpopular decision and other times when the majority of council votes in a way you do not agree with. How would you handle each of these scenarios?

#### **Unscheduled Persons In Audience**

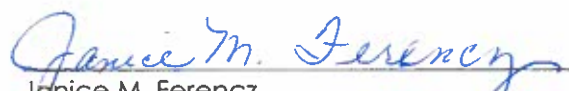
1. Ed Gawlik, 15121 Windemere, asked questions regarding the City Council application submitting process

#### **Adjournment:**

Moved by Rauch, supported by Kowalsky, RESOLVED THAT this Regular Meeting of the Southgate City Council be adjourned at 7:11 P.M. Carried unanimously.

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Zoey Kuspa  
Council President

  
Janice M. Ferencz  
City Clerk



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## COUNCIL VACANCY APPOINTMENT APPLICATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please answer the following questions to the best of your ability. If more space is needed use additional pages.

Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor? \_\_\_\_\_ Arrested for a felony? \_\_\_\_\_ Convicted of a felony? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes to any of the above, please explain on a separate sheet of paper. A conviction would not necessarily prohibit you from being appointed.

Are you at least 18 years of age? \_\_\_\_\_ Are you registered to vote in Southgate? \_\_\_\_\_

Years of Residency in Southgate? \_\_\_\_\_

Work history: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Goals you hope to achieve while serving in the position: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What interests, talents and/or experiences do you have that apply to serving in this position: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What qualifications do you have to hold this position: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Any additional information you would like to share: \_\_\_\_\_  
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***Please return completed form and any other documents you would like the City Council to consider to the City Clerk's office or by email at clerk@southgatemi.gov by 3:00 PM on January 26, 2024.***

Applicants must have lived in Southgate for a minimum of thirty (30) days and cannot be in default with the city to be considered. Qualified applicants will be interviewed in front of City Council at a public Special Meeting on February 1, 2024 at 6:00 PM in the Council Chambers. At that Special Meeting, City Council will vote on the appointment.

This appointment is to complete the term ending November, 2025.

NOTE: Appointment to this position requires regular attendance at meetings. The City Council Meeting schedule is the first and third Wednesdays of every month beginning at 6:30 PM.

**Are you available on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month at 6:30pm? \_\_\_\_\_**

If not, please do not apply.

### PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

#### Application Waiver

I authorize investigation of all statements contained in this questionnaire. I swear and affirm that the facts provided on this form are true. I understand that the misrepresentation or omission of facts called for is cause for requesting resignation from the appointment at any time without any previous notice.

Signature of applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_