

City of Southgate

Regular City Council Meeting

March 20, 2024

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Southgate was held on Wednesday, March 20, 2024 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.

Present: Priscilla Ayres-Reiss, Edward Gawlik Jr., 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, Assistant City Administrator/Finance Director Doug Drysdale, City Clerk Janice Ferencz, City Treasurer Chris Rollet, Fire Chief Justin Graves, City Engineer John Hennessey, Public Safety Director Marsh, Police Chief Mydlarz, DPS Director Kevin Anderson, Recreation Director Julie Goddard, Building Inspections Director Tim Leach

Amend the Agenda to move Unscheduled Persons in the Audience before Communications "A". Moved by Rauch, supported by George. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes:

Moved by George, supported Ayres-Reiss, RESOLVED, that the minutes of the City Council Work Study Session dated March 6, 2024 be approved as presented. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Rauch, supported by Kowalsky, RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting dated March 6, 2024 be approved as presented. Carried unanimously.

Consideration of Bids:

1. Letter from Mayor; Re: Award Bid for Cobb Park and Waverly Park Basketball Court Improvements, moved by George, supported by Gawlik, RESOLVED that the Southgate City Council award bid for Cobb Park and Waverly Park Basketball Court Improvements to Rolar Construction Corporation, in the amount of \$230,664.66 plus 10% contingency of \$23,066.47, for a total bid award of \$253,731.13, using funds from the Parks and Recreation Millage Fund. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Letter from Mayor; Re: Award Bid for Southgate City Hall Carpet Replacement No motion made.

Scheduled Hearing:

1. Memo from Administrator; Re: Public Hearing for Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Program moved by Rauch, supported by George: resolved that the Southgate City Council hereby enters into a public hearing at 7:10 p.m. to entertain comments/questions on the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Program. Motion carried unanimously.

Administrator Marsh explained the Grant Disaster Recovery Program.

No questions or comments from Council or audience.

Moved by George, supported by Ayres-Reiss, RESOLVED that the Southgate City Council adjourn the public hearing at 7:14 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

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Unscheduled Persons in the Audience:

1. Gary Martin, 11250 Hawthorne, stated his concern regarding trash receptacles.

The following residents voiced their concerns/opinions regarding the rezoning of 15601 Northline Rd. from R1-A and RO to PD:

1. Victoria Araj, 14036 Flanders
2. Laura Good-Codrington, 13825 Somerset Court
3. Regina Peixoto, 13360 Westminster
4. Theresa Lannen, 12923 Devoe
5. Becky Farmer, 13785 Somerset Court
6. Eric Codrington, 13825 Somerset Court

Communications "A":

1. Memo from Administrator Re: Authorizing to Apply for Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Program Moved by Ayres-Reiss, supported by Rauch, RESOLVED to authorize the city to apply for the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Program and to list the City Administrator as the person authorized to submit reimbursement request to the State. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Memo from Administrator; Re: Special Assessment District Process for Echo Park Subdivision Moved by Graziani, supported by Rauch, RESOLVED that the City Engineers prepare plans and a cost estimate for the maintenance of the Echo Park Storm Water Management System and other common areas. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Letter from Mayor; Re: Payment of Invoice for Schoolcraft College Moved by George, supported by Ayres-Reiss RESOLVED to authorize payment in the amount of \$6,714.00 to Schoolcraft College for police academy tuition for Cadet Juan Pablo Gomez Llanos, in accordance with the 2022 Michigan Public Safety Academy Assistance Grant Program. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Memo from Administrator Re: Rezoning of 15601 Northline Rds. From R1-A and RO to PD Moved by Gawlik, supported by Ayres-Reiss RESOLVED to concur with the City Planning Consultant and the Planning Commission and "reclassify the parcel at 15601 Northline Road, Parcel ID #53-13-99-001-703, to a PD Planned Development Zone. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Letter from Mayor; Re: Appointment to Library Commission Moved by George, supported by Kowalsky, RESOLVED to approve the appointments of Suzanne Straub, Cathy Nowicki, and Kim Guentner to the Library Commission for a term expiring April 2027. Motion carried unanimously.

Communications "B":

1. Moved by Rauch, supported by Ayres-Reiss to receive and file the Letters from Mayor; Re: Appointments to Public Safety Commission and Appointments to Water Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinances:

1. Memo from Administrator; Re: First Reading of Proposed Change to City Code Section 1060.05. First reading, no action taken.

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Old Business:

1. Letter from Mayor: Re: Award Bid for Southgate City Hall Carpet Replacement Moved by Ayres-Reiss, supported by George, RESOLVED to reject the bid and direct administration to rebid the City Hall Carpet Replacement Project. Motion carried unanimously.

Claims and Accounts:

Moved by Rauch, supported by Graziani, RESOLVED, that Claims and Accounts be paid as outlined on Warrant #1493 for \$4,977,279.18. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment:

Moved by George, supported by Gawlik, RESOLVED THAT this Regular Meeting of the Southgate City Council be adjourned at 8:09 P.M. Carried unanimously.

Zoey Kuspa
Council President

Janice M. Ferencz
City Clerk