

# City of Southgate

## Regular City Council Meeting

### October 18, 2023

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Southgate was held on Wednesday, October 18, 2023 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.**

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Present: Priscilla Ayres-Reiss, Bill Colovos, Christian Graziani, Greg Kowalsky, Zoey Kuspa, Phil Rauch

Absent: Karen George

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, City Engineer John Hennessey, Fire Chief Justin Graves, Police Chief Mark Mydlarz, DPS Director Kevin Anderson, Building Inspections Director Tim Leach & Recreation Director Julie Goddard

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#### **Minutes:**

Moved by Colovos, supported Ayres-Reiss, RESOLVED, that the minutes of the City Council Work Study Session dated October 4, 2023 be approved as presented. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Rauch, supported by Kowalsky, RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting dated October 4, 2023 be approved as presented. Carried unanimously.

#### **Communications "A":**

1. Letter from Mayor; Re: Award for Pest Control (Waiver of Bid) moved by Colovos, supported by Ayres-Reiss, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council waive the bidding process and approve the award of an agreement for pest control through December 31, 2026 to All Seasons Pest Control (13759 Dix-Toledo Road, Southgate, MI 48195) in the amount of \$3,000 per month for 2023, \$3,500 per month for 2024, \$3,750 per month in 2025, and \$3,881.25 per month in 2026. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Letter from Mayor; Re: Award for Computer Security Keys (Waiver of Bid) moved by Ayres-Reiss, supported by Rauch, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council waive the bidding process and approve the award for computer security keys to Smartpoint Solutions (1400 Belleville St, Richmond, VA 23230) in the amount of \$27,652.00, utilizing ARPA funding. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Letter from Mayor; Re: Award for Flagpoles (Waiver of Bid) moved by Rauch, supported by Colovos, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council waive the bidding process and approve the award for two (2) aluminum flagpoles to Rocket Enterprise, Inc. (30660 Ryan Road, Warren, MI 48092) in the amount of \$4,500.00. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Memo from Administrator; Re: Update to Annual Business License Fees moved by Ayres-Reiss, supported by Rauch, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council amend the annual business license fee from \$75/year to \$500/year for pawnbrokers, secondhand and scrap dealers beginning 2024. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Memo from City Clerk; Re: Approval of Early Voting Location for Presidential Primary Election moved by Rauch, supported by Colovos, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council approve the locations for Early Voting for the Presidential Primary Election on Friday, both Saturdays and both Sundays at the Senior Center and Monday through Thursday at Parkside Gardens. Motion carried unanimously.

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6. Letter from Mayor; Re: Appointment to Dangerous Building Hearing Board moved by Colovos, supported by Ayres-Reiss, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council appoint Ray Howard to the Dangerous Building Hearing Board for a term expiring December 2024. This appointment will fill the vacancy created by the passing of Tom Ozeranic. Motion carried unanimously.
7. Memo from Administrator; Re: Parkside Gardens Lease Extensions moved by Rauch, supported by Kowalsky, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the Parkside Gardens lease extension agreement with Crystal Gardens for a period of three (3) years beginning November 1, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.
8. Memo from Administrator; Re: Southwinds Golf Clubhouse Lease Extensions moved by Rauch, supported by Kowalsky, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the Southwinds Golf Clubhouse lease extension agreement with Crystal Gardens for a period of three (3) years beginning November 1, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.
9. Letter from Administrator; Re: Resolution for Charitable Gaming License for a Southgate Based Non-Profit moved by Kowalsky, supported by Rauch, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council approve the request of Touchdown Titans Booster Club (15475 Leroy, Southgate, MI 48195), of Southgate MI, to be recognized as a nonprofit organization operating in the community for the purpose of obtaining a charitable gaming license. Motion carried unanimously.
10. Memo from Laura Walsh; Re: Updated SMART Bus Driver Drug & Alcohol Policy moved by Kowalsky, supported by Ayres-Reiss, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council adopt the updated Drug and Alcohol Policy related to our SMART Bus Drivers. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Claims and Accounts:**

Moved by Graziani, supported by Rauch, RESOLVED, that Claims and Accounts be paid as outlined on Warrant #1483 for \$1,388,092.79. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Adjournment:**

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

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Zoey Kuspa  
Council President

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Janice M. Ferencz  
City Clerk