

City of Southgate

Regular City Council Meeting

September 7, 2022

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Southgate was held on Wednesday, September 7, 2022 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, Mark Farrah, Karen George, Christian Graziani, Zoey Kuspa, Phil Rauch, Dale Zamecki

Absent:

Also Present: Mayor Joseph G. Kuspa, City Attorney Ed Zelenak, City Administrator Dan Marsh, Assistant City Administrator/Finance Director David Angileri, City Clerk Janice Ferencz, City Treasurer Chris Rollet, Public Safety Director Joe Marsh, Police Chief Mark Mydlarz, Fire Chief Mark Hatfield, DPS Director Kevin Anderson, Parks & Recreation Director Julie Goddard, Building Inspections Director Tim Leach

Minutes:

Moved by Rauch, supported Zamecki, RESOLVED, that the minutes of the City Council Work Study Session dated August 17, 2022 be approved as presented. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Colovos, supported by George, RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting dated August 17, 2022 be approved as presented. Carried unanimously.

Executive Session re: Tentative Agreement for Patrol Officers POLC Local 110

Moved by George, supported by Rauch, RESOLVED that the Southgate City Council hereby enters into an executive session at 7:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Graziani	Yes
Colovos	Yes
Farrah	Yes
George	Yes
Rauch	Yes
Zamecki	Yes
Kuspa	Yes

Motion Passes 7-0

Moved by Rauch, supported by Colovos, RESOLVED that the Southgate City Council hereby closed the executive session at 7:16 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Graziani	Yes
Colovos	Yes
Farrah	Yes
George	Yes
Rauch	Yes
Zamecki	Yes
Kuspa	Yes

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Communications "A":

1. Memo from Administrator; Re: Collective Bargaining Agreement; Patrol Officers moved by Farrah, supported by Colovos, RESOLVED that the Southgate City Council hereby authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the Tentative Agreement between the Patrol Officers POLC Local 110 and the City.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Memo from Public Safety Dir.; Re: Proposed Sale of Forfeited Vehicles moved by Farrah, supported by George, RESOLVED that the Southgate City Council hereby concurs with the proposed sale of forfeited vehicles at a public auction on October 22, 2022 at Norm & Eddies (21851 Pennsylvania Rd., Brownstown, MI 48193). Said vehicles are as follows:

2003 Lincoln MKZ	4D	3LNHM26T08R610377
2004 Ford F150	Pickup	1FTRX12W84NA60966
2015 Chevrolet Traverse	4D	1GNKRHKD1FJ281491
2004 Ford	Pickup	1FTRX14W94NB36630

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Memo from Public Safety Dir.; Re: Purchase of new Police K-9 (Waiver of Bid) moved by Farrah, supported by Rauch, RESOLVED that the Southgate City Council hereby waives the bid procedure and authorizes purchase of a new K-9 dog and training with K9 Academy Training Facility (24800 Hayes St, Taylor, MI 48180) for a total of \$9,200.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Memo from Public Safety Dir.; Re: Purchase of Mobile ID Fingerprint Identification Evolution Scanner (Waiver of Bid) moved by Colovos, supported by Rauch, RESOLVED that the Southgate City Council hereby waives the bid procedure and authorizes purchase of a Mobile-ID Fingerprint Identification Evolution Scanner system from DataWorks Plus (728 N. Pleasantburg Drive, Greenville, SC 29607) in the amount of \$3,130.

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Letter from Mayor; Re: Recommendation for Cobb Park Playground Improvement Phase 2 (Waiver of Bid) moved by Farrah, supported by Rauch, RESOLVED that the Southgate City Council hereby waives the bid procedure and authorizes purchase of Cobb Park Playground Improvement Phase 2 to Penchura, L.L.C. (889 S. Old US 23, Brighton, MI 48114) in the amount of \$83,985.72 plus a 10% contingency of \$8,398.57 for a total of \$92,385.29.

Motion carried unanimously.

6. Memo from ACA/Finance Dir.; Re: Deaconess Tower Refinancing moved by George, supported by Zamecki RESOLVED that the Southgate City Council approves the following resolution and the PILOT at 4% for Deaconess Tower:

WHEREAS, the City of Southgate ("City") is desirous of assisting in the refinancing and renovating of a senior citizens housing project known as Deaconess Tower ("Project), and

WHEREAS, the Project has received tax credits from the Michigan State Housing Development Authority ("Authority") for Low Income Housing Tax Credits; and

WHEREAS, the City granted a tax abatement for the Project under resolution 52-06 and now that resolution will expire before the end of newly contemplated financing for the Project.

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NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED:

That the City recognizes that housing for low-income senior citizens is a public necessity and the project is of the type, which meets the criteria of the City's Ordinances for tax abatement. That the Project seeks an extension of the abatement of taxes pursuant to P.A. 1966, No. 346, as amended for the full term of contemplated financing and that it should be granted this exemption from taxation under this Act, and; IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that in conformity with the original resolution 52-06 the City will accept in lieu of taxes a service charge of four (4%) per cent of the difference between Annual Shelter Rents actually collected and utilities paid by the owner as is set forth in the Ordinances Numbers 490, 523 and 528 of the City of Southgate for senior citizens low income housing projects for the period that this is a low income senior citizens housing development and the Authority has an interest in the property.

That notwithstanding the provisions of section 15(a)(5) of the Act to the contrary, a contract between the city and the Sponsor with the Authority as third party beneficiary under the contract, to provide tax exemption and accept payments in lieu of taxes, as previously described, is effectuated by enactment of this Resolution.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Colovos abstained from voting as he disclosed he is a member of the St. George Greek Council.*

7. Memo from Administrator; Re: Proposed GLWA Water Service Contract for FY2024-FY2027 moved by Rauch, supported by Zamecki, RESOLVED that the Southgate City Council hereby approves the contract amendment and authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk sign on behalf of the City.

Motion carried unanimously.

Claims and Accounts:

Moved by Graziani, supported by Rauch, RESOLVED, that Claims and Accounts be paid as outlined on Warrant #1456 for \$7,580,971.82.

Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment:

Moved by Colovos, supported by George, RESOLVED THAT this Regular Meeting of the Southgate City Council be adjourned at 7:33 P.M. Carried unanimously.

Zoey Kuspa
Council President

Janice M. Ferencz
City Clerk