

# City of Southgate

## Regular City Council Meeting

### December 7, 2022

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Southgate was held on Wednesday, December 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.**

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

Absent: \*Karen George, \*excused

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

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Moved by Farrah, supported by Colovos, the December 7, 2022 agenda is amended by moving items 8, 9 and 10 under Communications "B". Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Minutes:**

Moved by Colovos, supported Zamecki, RESOLVED, that the minutes of the City Council Work Study Session dated November 16, 2022 be approved as presented. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Rauch, supported by Zamecki, RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting dated November 16, 2022 be approved as presented. Carried unanimously.

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

1. Memo from Administration; Re: Resolution Request Authorizing Execution of Wayne County Permits – A-23069 moved by Farrah, supported by Colovos, RESOLVED that the Southgate City Council hereby approves execution of the annual Wayne County 2023 Permit Package A-23069 and designates Kevin Anderson, DPS Supervisor, to sign said permit on behalf of the City of Southgate.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Memo from ACA/Finance Director; Re: Audit FY2021/22 moved by Colovos, supported by Zamecki, RESOLVED that the Southgate City Council hereby adopts a resolution accepting and approving the Audit for FY 2021/22. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT due to GASB #54, the City Council restates the fund balance as follows:

General Fund	
Nonspendable – Prepaids	\$ 150,733
Restricted	
Unspent Property Tax – Rubbish	\$ 327,951
Unspent Property Tax – P&F Pension	\$ 233,496
Low Income Housing	\$ 9,163
Building Dept	\$ 209,525
General Fund	
Committed	
County Property Tax Chargeback's	\$ 300,000
Computer Software Acquisition	\$ 10,000
SINC	\$ 136,000

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### Assigned

Workers Compensation	\$ 400,000
Severance Reserve	\$1,400,000
Future Working Capital	\$ 300,000
Future OPEB	\$ 400,000
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	\$ 139,076
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Motion carried unanimously.

3. Letter from Mayor; Re: Appointments to Plan Commission moved by Zamecki, supported by Rauch, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council concur with the Mayor's appointments to the Plan Commission for a term expiring December 2025... Priscilla Ayres-Reiss (15080 Cameron); Chad Godbout (14524 Yorkshire) and Ed Gawlik (15121 Windemere).

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Letter from Mayor: Re: Appointments to TIFA Board moved by Rauch, supported by Colovos, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council concur with the Mayor's appointments for the TIFA Board for a term expiring December 2026... Jeremy Reyna 915755 Northline); Tom Gasso (12600 Reeck); and Tony Lajeunesse (13433 Reeck Ct).

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Letter from Mayor: Re Appointment to Compensation Commission / DDA moved by Rauch, supported by Zamecki, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council concur with the Mayor's appointments to the Compensation Commission for a term expiring December 2029...Patty Snyder (16663 Club Dr) and Alex McNeilly (13506 Trenton Rd) and the Downtown Development Authority for a term expiring December 2026...Alexander Leonard (18405 Vallevue); Ronald Moran (17101 Michigan Ave.) and Mohammad Abdorabboh (13725 Eureka).

Motion carried unanimously.

6. Letter from Mayor; Re: Appointments to Building Authority / Dangerous Bldgs. Hearings Board / Municipal Employees Civil Service Commission moved by Colovos, supported by Rauch; RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council concur with the Mayor's appointments to the Building Authority for a term expiring December 2028...Greg Tupancy (16325 Cameron); Dangerous Building Hearing Board for a term expiring December 2025...Bob Hines (12055 Fordline) and the Municipal Employee Civil Service Commission for a term expiring December 2025...Sam Galanis (12869 Ward).

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- Z. Letter from Mayor; Re: Appointments to Board of Zoning Appeals moved by Rauch, supported by Zamecki, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council concur with the Mayor's appointments to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a term expiring December 2023...Jill Stephan (12840 Edison) (this fills the vacancy on the board) and for a term expiring December 2025...Pat Poirier (12363 Helen) and Gary Martin (11250 Hawthorne).

Motion carried unanimously.

### **Communications "B":**

1. Letter from Mayor; Re: Appointment to Water Board
2. Letter from Mayor; Re: Appointments to Cultural Arts & Special Events Commission
3. Letter from Mayor; Re: Appointments to Ethics Board

Moved by Rauch, supported by Zamecki, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council receives and files the letters under Communications B.

Motion carried unanimously.

### **Unscheduled Persons in Audience:**

1. Robert Pawlowski – 12747 Chestnut, discussed various items
2. Steve Woodbeck - 13540 Pearl, inquired about crime in Southgate. The Mayor replied with some answers and suggestions.

### **Claims and Accounts:**

Moved by Graziani, supported by Rauch, RESOLVED, that Claims and Accounts be paid as outlined on Warrant #1462 for \$2,457,295.40.

Motion carried unanimously.

### **Adjournment:**

Moved by Colovos, supported by Rauch, RESOLVED THAT this Regular Meeting of the Southgate City Council be adjourned at 7:28 P.M. Carried unanimously.

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Zoey Kuspa  
Council President

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Janice M. Ferencz  
City Clerk