

City of Southgate

Regular City Council Meeting

October 5, 2022

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Southgate was held on Wednesday, October 5, 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

Absent: *Dale Zamecki, *excused

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, Public Safety Police Chief Mark Mydlarz, Fire Chief Mark Hatfield, DPS Director Kevin Anderson, Building Inspections Director Tim Leach, Parks & Recreation Director Julie Goddard

Moved by Rauch, supported by Colovos, RESOLVED that Southgate City Council amends tonight's agenda by moving the letter from Hennessey Engineers; regarding Revised Storm Water Ordinance and Resolution to Ordinances from Communications A.

Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes:

Moved by Colovos, supported Rauch, RESOLVED, that the minutes of the City Council Work Study Session dated September 21, 2022 be approved as presented. Carried unanimously.

Moved by George, supported by Farrah, RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting dated September 21, 2022 be approved as presented. Carried unanimously.

Scheduled Hearing:

Moved by Rauch, supported by Colovos, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council enters into a Public Hearing regarding the Southgate Tower Brownfield Plan at 7:02 p.m.. Motion carried unanimously.

ATK Peerless gave a brief presentation on this plan. City Council had no questions or comments. No questions regarding the Brownfield Plan from the audience. Received supporting comments by the public.

Moved by Rauch, supported by George, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City council closed the Public Hearing at 7:12 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Communications "A":

1. Memo from Administrator; Re: Southgate Tower Brownfield Plan moved by Farrah, supported by George, RESOLVED that the Southgate City Council hereby adopts the Southgate Tower Brownfield Plan FOR THE Southgate Tower Brownfield Plan PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ACT 381 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN OF 1996, AS AMENDED and authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk to sign said Plan on behalf of the City by offering the following resolution:

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WHEREAS, the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (the "Authority") of the 2nd of September, 2022 pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, being Act 381 of the Public Acts of the State of Michigan of 1996, as amended (the "Act"), has prepared and recommended for approval by the City Council, a Brownfield Plan (the "Plan") pursuant to and in accordance with Section 13 of the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has, at least ten (10) days before the meeting of the City Council at which this resolution has been considered, provided notice to and fully informed all taxing jurisdictions (the "Taxing Jurisdictions") which are affected by the Financing Plan about the fiscal and economic implications of the proposed Financing Plan, and the Council has previously provided to the Taxing Jurisdictions a reasonable opportunity to express their views and recommendations regarding the Financing Plan in accordance with Sections 14(4) and (5) of the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Council has made the following determinations and findings:

- A. The Plan constitutes a public purpose under the Act;
- B. The Plan meets the requirements for a Brownfield Plan set forth in Section 13 of the Act;
- C. The proposed method of financing the eligible activities, as described in the Plan, is feasible and the Authority has the ability to arrange the financing;
- D. The costs of the eligible activities proposed in the Plan are reasonable and necessary to carry out the purposes of the Act;
- E. The amount of captured taxable value estimated to result from the adoption of the Plan is reasonable; and

WHEREAS, as a result of its review of the Plan and upon consideration of the views and recommendations

of the Taxing Jurisdictions, the Council wishes to approve the Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. **Plan Approved.** Pursuant to the authority vested in the Council by the Act, and pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of Section 14 of the Act, the Plan is hereby approved in the form attached as Exhibit "A" to this Resolution. Plan approval includes reimbursement agreement and collateral assignment with the Downriver Community Conference.
2. **Severability.** Should any section, clause or phrase of this Resolution be declared by the Courts to be invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of this Resolution as a whole nor any part thereof other than the part declared to be invalid.
3. **Repeals.** All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with any of the provisions of this Resolution are hereby repealed.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Letter from Hennessey Eng; Re: EGLE DWAM Grant moved by Colovos, supported by George, RESOLVED that the Southgate City Council hereby adopts a resolution approving Asset Management Plan and DSMI Engineering and Construction Services as follows:

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WHEREAS, the City of Southgate applied for and received a Drinking Water Asset Management Grant in the amount of \$599,219.; and

WHEREAS, this program is expected to be beneficial to the City of Southgate for the continued improvement of drinking water infrastructure for the period of February 15, 2022 through February 15, 2025; and

WHEREAS, this project will involve work related to the City of Southgate Asset Management Plan (AMP) and Distribution System Materials Inventory (DSMI), including field verification for a minimum of 370 service lines and updates to the AMP based on in-depth assessments.

WHEREAS, Hennessey Engineers will also administer the contract and perform the Asset Management Plan development, perform the field verification of the DSMI location 1 verification, bid out, and oversee the DSMI location 2 and 3 verification, to include the construction services for the entire duration of the project; and

NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Southgate, Wayne County, Michigan to hereby approve the acceptance of the \$273,967. Drinking Water Asset Management grant.

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Letter from Mayor; Re: Appointment to Library Commission moved by George, supported by Rauch, RESOLVED that the Southgate City Council concur with the Mayor's Appointment of Suzanne Straub (11900 Fordline, Southgate, MI 48195) to replace the vacancy by the passing of Mr. Grubbs to the Library Commission for a term expiring April 2024.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Memo from Administrator; Re: Municipal Employees Civil Service Commission moved by Rauch, supported by Colovos, RESOLVED THAT the Southgate City Council concur with the recommendation of the Municipal Employee Civil Service Commission to amend Section 4, Emergency Appointments, to amend the duration of days from 30 to 60 in one calendar year.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinances:

Council President gave the first reading of an Ordinance to amend the Revised Storm Water Ordinance and Resolution.

Claims and Accounts:

Moved by Graziani, supported by Rauch, RESOLVED, that Claims and Accounts be paid as outlined on Warrant #1458 for \$4,499,016.15.

Motion carried unanimously.

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Adjournment:

Moved by Colovos, supported by Rauch, RESOLVED THAT this Regular Meeting of the Southgate City Council be adjourned at 7:20 P.M. Carried unanimously.

Zoey Kuspa
Council President

Janice M. Ferencz
City Clerk