

**CITY OF SOUTHGATE  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
October 18, 2017  
City Building, 122 Electric Ave**

**Call to Order:** Mayor Hamberg called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

**The following answered roll call:** Council Members Hayley, Speier, Payne, Enzweiler, and Robisch were present. Council Member Anderson was absent. Also present: Finance Director/Treasurer Hudson, City Clerk Barton, Police Chief Christmann, Fire Chief Beatsch, Public Works Foreman Bowman, and City Attorney Rhoades.

**Public Comments:** Park & Tree Board Co-Chair Joyce Hamberg presented the Park & Tree Board Green Thumb Awards to 208 W. Walnut (Eggie & Owens) and 149 North (Blankenship).

**Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of 9/20/17. Motion/Second: Speier/Hayley. Approved by voice vote: Aye 5 Nay 0.**

**Approval of Special Meeting Minutes of 10/4/17. Motion/Second: Robisch/Enzweiler. Approved by voice vote: Aye 5 Nay 0.**

**Public Works:** Public Works Foreman Bowman said that leaf pick up will start next week and continue through November depending upon the weather.

**Public Safety:** Councilman Speier reported that the Safety Committee met to discuss the speeding issue on Walnut. There was a traffic calming measure proposed. **A motion was made to develop a plan including crossing at sidewalk. The City Engineer will provide a report at a future meeting. Motion/Second: Speier/Enzweiler. Approved by voice vote: Aye 5 Nay 0.**

Police Chief Christmann said that a new part-time police officer was hired in October. Jason Hord will work shifts as needed. Fire Chief Beatsch reported that the Ladies Auxiliary will be holding a Stagette on Oct. 20. There will be a reserve raffle on Nov. 25 to help support the 2020 Fire Fighters convention to be held in Northern KY. The Northern KY Fire Fighters applied for a grant to help offset the cost of the new 800 MHz radios, but the grant was not awarded.

**Code Enforcement:** Councilman Enzweiler reported 22 new cases. \$4,100 in fines were assessed last month. John Lauber, Code Enforcement Officer commented that he will attend training this week and next. Councilman Enzweiler asked if code enforcement fines (over and above legal fees and Code Enforcement salary) could be set aside for a grant. This grant would help residents who need financial assistance with repairs to their homes. Mayor Hamberg asked Finance Director Hudson to provide information regarding past fine collection (property related) for the previous year.

**Community Relations & Recreation:** Council Member Payne reported on upcoming events: Stagette 10/20, Campbell Co. Fall Cleanup 10/20 -10/21, Southgate School Fall Festival 10/28, Optimist Club Night at Races 11/4, Northern KY Hazardous Waste event 11/4, and St. Therese turkey dinner & fall festival 11/12.

Park & Tree Board Co-Chair Joyce Hamberg spoke about a grant application approved by the Extension Office. This award will help pay for reforestation of trees around the lake that were damaged or died.

**Public Buildings:** Council Member Robisch reported that the turn out gear at the Fire Dept. was damaged by the light that comes in from the bay doors. Councilman Robisch will get pricing and samples on reflective tinting for the windows and report to Council.

**Finance and Administration:** Council Member Hayley reviewed the payables. **There was a motion made to approve the August Financials. Motion/Second: Hayley/Speier. Approved by voice vote: Aye 5 Nay 0.**

Finance Director Hudson said the auditors were at the City office today to begin their field work. City Clerk Barton said that she distributed letters from the auditors to Council to complete and return. She requested newsletter articles by Oct. 31. City Attorney Rhoades had no report, but read the following:

**Order 17-04 Re-Appoint Michael Williams to Campbell Co. Municipal Board of Adjustments.**

**Order 17-05 Appoint part-time Police Officer Jason Hord.**

Mayor Hamberg said that he would sign the orders.

**Old Business:** Council Member Payne said that the Cruise In was cancelled due to the rain storm. She is waiting to hear from the Country Cruisers about a refund for the event.

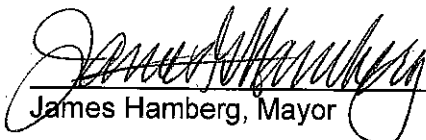
**New Business:** Council Member Robisch asked Police Chief Christmann about the new cruisers and timeframe for delivery. Police Chief Christmann said they will be ordered this week. They should be delivered in 6-12 weeks. Public Works Foreman Bowman said the old Public Works truck is ready to surplus. Mayor Hamberg asked him to work with Finance Director Hudson to start the bid process. Mayor Hamberg mentioned the press release from the Governor about the pension changes. He said that the cost to the Cities is not yet known. A special session will be coming soon.

**Payment of Vouchers:** Check vouchers #26776-26860 were presented for Council's review.

**Mayor & Council Comments:** none.

**Announcements:** none.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, **Motion/Second: Robisch/Payne to adjourn the meeting. Approved by voice vote. Aye 5 Nay 0.**

  
James Hamberg, Mayor

ATTEST:   
Brandi Barton, City Clerk