

**CITY OF SOUTHGATE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
January 15, 2020
Community Center, 301 W. Walnut**

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

The following answered roll call: Council Members Anderson, Hayley, Homandberg, Paul Melville, Robisch, and Speier were present. Also present: City Clerk Barton, Finance Director/Treasurer Hudson, Police Chief Christmann, Fire Chief Beatsch, and City Attorney Stewart.

Public Comments: Adam Blau, Ft. Thomas Councilman informed Council that several neighboring cities were changing Sunday alcohol sales to 9:00am. He requested Council to consider changing the ordinance to sell alcohol at earlier time on Sundays. Adam Noe and Gary Berning, baseball coaches in Southgate requested priority in scheduling practice time on the ball field. Council agreed. John Beatsch requested that the tall evergreen tree used for the Christmas tree lighting ceremony be retired and possibly use the smaller tree at Memorial Park. Mayor Hamberg said a committee has been formed to discuss the holiday events for next year.

Approval of regular meeting minutes 12/4/19. Motion/Second: Robisch/Hayley. Approved by voice vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.

Approval of special meeting minutes of 12/17/19. Motion/Second: Hayley/Homandberg. Approved by voice vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.

Approval of special meeting minutes of 12/18/19. Motion/Second: Hayley/Anderson. Approved by voice vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.

Public Works: Councilman Anderson reported that he and Mayor Hamberg met with First Church at William Blatt. The church is being renovated and the owners want to repave the parking lot and alley way. City Engineer will estimate costs. A meeting with SD1 was held regarding the water leaking from the street on Joyce Ave. The cameras at the city building, garage, police dept. and community center have been installed.

Public Safety: Council Member Speier discussed the Dec. SWEMS financial statement. A committee is reviewing the possibility of purchasing a new ambulance because the current one has mechanical issues. Police Chief Christmann said the camera at all the locations are operational and can be viewed at the Police Dept. Fire Chief Beatsch thanked everyone who attended the Fire Dept. officer installation banquet. The KY Firefighters convention will be held Aug. 1 – Aug. 4, 2020.

Code Enforcement: Councilman Melville thanked Council for the opportunity to serve on Council. Code Enforcement Lauber provided his report for last month.

Community Relations & Recreation: Council Member Homandberg said Park & Tree Board is currently planning Arbor Day. Memorial Day parade is in planning stage.

Public Buildings: Council Member Robisch reported a loose wire connect in the Fire Dept. doorbell, but it has been repaired.

Finance and Administration: Council Member Hayley reviewed the payables. Motion to approve November financials. **Motion/Second: Hayley/Melville. Approved by voice vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.** Finance Director/Treasurer Hudson said the auditors sent their draft for review. There were no findings. She will distribute to Mayor and Council after a few changes. The auditors will present the audit at the Feb. 5 Council meeting. City Clerk Barton said the tax collection rate is at 99% currently. Details of the ballfield scheduling were discussed. City Attorney Stewart had no report, but read the following:

First reading of Ordinance 20-01 Amend ordinance pertaining to abandoned vehicles.
First reading of Ordinance 20-02 Amend ordinance to add parking restrictions.

Resolution 20-01 Authorize Mayor to sign documents for City's participation in SD1 storm water cost share program. Motion/Second: Anderson/Speier. Approved by voice vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.

Mayor Hamberg signed Executive Order 20-01 Prohibit drinking alcohol in public places – city owned buildings.

Fire Chief Beatsch requested Mayor Hamberg to sign MOU to surplus the Fire Dept. training trailer. It will be donated to Cincinnati State. Motion/Second: Robisch/Melville. Approved by voice vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.

Old Business: Mayor Hamberg appointed a committee of Council members Homandberg and Melville to work with the Fire Dept. to discuss ideas for City's Christmas activities.

New Business: none.

Payment of Vouchers: Check vouchers #29100-29208 were presented for Council's review.

Executive Session: KRS 61.810 (1) (g) Discussion between a public agency and a representative of a business entity and discussions concerning a specific proposal, if open discussions would jeopardize the siting, retention, expansion, or upgrading of the business.

Motion to go into Executive Session. Motion/Second: Homandberg/Speier. Approved by voice vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.

Motion to return to open session: Motion/Second: Robisch/Hayley. Approved by voice vote: Aye 6 Nay 0. No action was taken in Executive Session.

Mayor & Council Comments: none.

Announcements: none.

Adjournment: There being no further business, **Motion/Second: Hayley/Speier to adjourn the meeting. Approved by voice vote. Aye 6 Nay 0.**

James Hamberg, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Brandi Barton, City Clerk