

**CITY OF SOUTHGATE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Nov. 18, 2020
Facebook Live meeting**

Executive Order 20-03 Meeting protocol for Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) PURSUANT TO KRS 61.826 and OAG 20-05, THE STATE OF EMERGENCY REGARDING THE THREATS TO PUBLIC HEALTH PRESENTED BY THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) PANDEMIC, AND MUNICIPAL ORDER, THIS MEETING OF THE SOUTHGATE CITY COUNCIL WILL BE CONDUCTED BY VIDEOCONFERENCE. ALL CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS MAY BE ATTENDED BY THE PUBLIC BY VIEWING THE VIDEO CONFERENCE AT THE CITY'S FACEBOOK PAGE ONLINE AT: <https://facebook.com/cityofsouthgateky/>

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

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

Public Comments: none.

Approval of regular meeting minutes 11/18/2020. Motion/Second: Speier/Anderson. Approved by voice vote: Aye 5 Nay 0.

Public Works: Councilman Anderson reported that the Public Works Dept. is picking up leaves, hanging Christmas wreaths on street poles, and replacing the sign on Temple. The Nativity will be setup by next week. Northern KY Water District is fixing the water plates in the street.

Public Safety: Council Member Speier had no report, but mentioned the next SWEMS meeting will be the second Tuesday in December. Police Chief Christmann said the old radios and body cams are obsolete and he would like to sell them on govdeals. **Motion to surplus the radios: Motion/Second: Robisch/Melville. Approved by voice vote: Aye 5 Nay 0. Motion to surplus the body cams: Motion/Second: Speier/Anderson. Approved by voice vote: Aye 5 Nay 0.** Chief Christmann said the Police Department will be closed to the public due to Covid 19. If anyone wants to drop off medication, the police department will take them and place them in the City building drug drop box. The City building lobby is closed. The Northern KY Drug Strike Task Force collected 1,100 pounds of pills during their last Drug Take Back program. 10 pounds were collected from City of Southgate.

Code Enforcement: Councilman Melville had no report.

Community Relations & Recreation: Council Member Homandberg said the events committee discussed the tree lighting. Due to the Governor's recommendations on Covid 19, Council decided to cancel the event. The small tree will be lit at 6:00pm on Saturday November 28th.

Public Buildings: Council Member Robisch had no report.

Finance and Administration: Finance Director/Treasurer Hudson said the TAN loan was paid off today. The City used the loan until the 2020 property tax revenue receipts increase. City Clerk Barton said Ben with Whistling Bee Drone Services took picture with his drone of the community

center and park. He offered to give the pictures to the City. He will also use them on his website. These pictures will be posted on the City website. 2020 tax payment collection is at 40%.

City Attorney Stewart read the following:

Order 20-16 Re-appoint Mike Williams to Campbell County Planning & Zoning Commission.

Old Business: none.

New Business: Mrs. Stewart said she appeared in court along with Mayor Hamberg, Council members Anderson and Melville, and City Clerk Barton. Also at the courthouse were: Campbell County Planning & Zoning attorney, Director Cindy Minter, Ashley Commercial Group, LLC Attorney Houseman and Bill Kreutzjans Jr., Respect the Dead, LLC Attorney Megerle and McMurtry and their clients. The attorneys negotiated a settlement agreement. The case did not go to court. Further discussion was held in Executive Session.

Motion to go into Executive Session per KRS 61.810 (1) (f) Discussions which might lead to the appointment, discipline, or dismissal of an employee without restricting that employee's right to a public hearing if requested and KRS 61.810 (1) (c) Discussions of proposed or pending litigation against or on behalf of the public agency. **Motion/Second: Robisch/Melville to go into Executive Session. Approved by voice vote. Aye 5 Nay 0.**

Motion to adjourn Executive Session: Motion/Second: Speier/Anderson to adjourn Executive Session. Approved by voice vote. Aye 5 Nay 0. No action was taken in Executive Session.

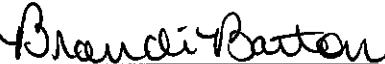
During open session, there was a motion to accept the settlement agreement and release: **BHSC, Respect the Dead, LLC v Campbell County Municipal Planning and Zoning Commission, et al. Motion/Second: Anderson/Melville. Approved by voice vote. Aye 5 Nay 0.**

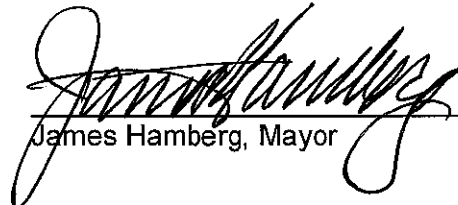
Payment of Vouchers: Check vouchers #29989-30037 were presented for Council's review.

Mayor & Council Comments: Mayor Hamberg said the City building, Police department, and Community Center are all closed due to Covid-19. Fire Chief Beatsch and Police Chief Christmann met with the Mayor and Rumpke representative to discuss the traffic issue on W. Walnut on garbage days. There will be more information brought to Council at a future meeting.

Announcements: none.

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

ATTEST: 
Brandi Barton, City Clerk


James Hamberg, Mayor