

**CITY OF SOUTHGATE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
January 20, 2021
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, Hayley, Melville, Robisch, Messmer, and Owen were present. Also present: City Clerk Barton, Finance Director/Treasurer Hudson, Public Works Foreman Bowman, Police Chief Christmann, Fire Chief Beatsch, and Assistant City Attorney Rhoades.

Public Comments: none.

Approval of regular meeting minutes 1/6/2021. Motion/Second: Hayley/Robisch. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.

Public Works: Councilman Melville reported that the Public Works dump truck is in the shop for repair. Blossom Lane and Joyce Ave. were surveyed in preparation of road work. Public Works Department is patching pot holes. Public Works Foreman Bowman said the dump truck work is covered under warranty, but he will consider purchasing a new truck for the coming fiscal year.

Public Safety: Council Member Anderson reported that the City building garage still has fire department equipment stored in it. He asked if it can be removed so that the Police Department can park their cruisers inside. Police Chief Christmann gave a year-end report for the Police Department. He said a homeowner contacted him about a request to get electric lines to her home repaired after a car accident on US 27 damaged the telephone pole. Mayor Hamberg discussed COVID 19 and Cares Act funds (Police payroll from March to Dec. 2020). He asked Council to consider approving Police Department extra pay for working during the COVID 19 Pandemic. Assistant Attorney Rhoades said that he would review this before payment is made to the officers. **There was a Motion to spend up to \$11,000 for the 8 full-time and 1 part-time police officers. Motion/Second: Anderson/Owen. Approved by vote: Aye 5 Nay 1.** Fire Chief Beatsch said the Fire department staff who requested the vaccine for Covid 19 have received it. Training for the new radios will be done on Jan. 28. The next SWEMS meeting will be the second Tues. of March.

Code Enforcement: Councilman Messmer had no report.

Community Relations & Recreation: Council Member Owen reviewed the Park & Tree Board long term plans for the park. A dog park, gazebo, additional picnic shelter, and additional playground equipment are part of the future plans. **Motion to accept Park and Tree Board's long term plan for the parks. Motion/Second: Owen/Anderson. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.**

Public Buildings: Council Member Robisch had no report.

Finance and Administration: Council Member Hayley said she reviewed the payables. She made a **Motion to add Martin Luther King Day to the City holiday schedule. Motion/Second: Hayley/Anderson. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.** Councilman Messmer recommended that since the day is already past for this year, that the staff be given a floating holiday in its place for 2021. Council agreed. Assistant City Attorney Rhoades will prepare a Municipal Order for next meeting. Finance Director/Treasurer Hudson reported that the auditors have sent a draft of the audit. It was a clear opinion without findings. She anticipates auditors will present report to Council on Feb. 17. City Clerk Barton had no report.

Assistant City Attorney Rhoades read the following:
Ordinance 21-01 Adopt Supplement 2020 S-6 to Code of Ordinances – second reading. Motion/Second: Owen/Anderson. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.

Order 21-01 Disposition of property for Police body cameras/accessories. Motion/Second: Melville/Anderson. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.

Old Business: Mayor Hamberg recommended a final decision be made about Newport Central Catholic ballfield proposal. **Motion to bring this discussion to the next meeting on Feb. 3 as a hybrid meeting of in person and virtual meeting. Motion/Second: Hayley/Anderson. Approved by vote: Aye 5 Nay 1.**

New Business: Mayor Hamberg spoke about the Newly Elected Officials virtual training presented by the KLC this week. Council Members Owen, Messmer, and Melville are attending.

Payment of Vouchers: Check vouchers #30161-301207 were presented for Council's review.

Motion to go into Executive Session per KRS 61.810 (1) (c) Discussions of proposed or pending litigation against or on behalf of the public agency and KRS 61.810 (1) (g) Discussions 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/Second: Melville/Owen. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.**

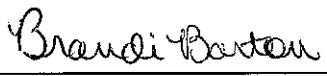
Motion to return to Open Session: Motion/Second: Melville/Hayley. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0. No action was taken in Executive Session.

Mayor & Council Comments: none.

Announcements: none.

Adjournment: There being no further business, **Motion/Second: Anderson/Melville to adjourn the meeting. Approved by voice vote. Aye 5 Nay 0.** Council Member Hayley's connection was lost after leaving Executive Session.


James Hamberg, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Brandi Barton, City Clerk