

**CITY OF SOUTHGATE  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
February 17, 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, Police Chief Christmann, Fire Chief Beatsch, and City Attorney Stewart. Public Works Foreman Bowman was absent.

**Public Comments:** John Chamberlin from Van Gorder Walker & Co. presented the audit for the fiscal year ending 6/30/20. Council Member Owen abstained from voting due to a conflict of interest. There was a motion to accept the audit. **Motion/Second: Hayley/Robisch. Approved by vote: Aye 5 Nay 0.**

**Approval of regular meeting minutes 2/3/21. Motion/Second: Hayley/Melville. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.**

**Public Works:** Councilman Melville reported that the Public Works dump truck is back in service. The City ordered and received more salt to treat the roads. He asked residents to not shovel snow into the street as it ices and may cause a hazard. City Engineer Shumate is reviewing the Sanitation District agreement for the shared program (earlier discussed for Joyce Ave project).

**Public Safety:** Council Member Anderson had no report. Police Chief Christmann said five vehicles were towed from the street during the snow emergency per the ordinance. 24-hour advanced notice was given of the snow emergency to the residents to move their vehicles. Chief Beatsch said the Fire Department received the new radios. The County will go live with the new system on March 2. A decision will be made soon on the new fire truck purchase. It will be reported on at the next Council meeting.

**Code Enforcement:** Councilman Messmer had no report.

**Community Relations & Recreation:** Council Member Owen reported on behalf of the Park & Tree Board that the City has received the Tree City USA award for the 16<sup>th</sup> year. The County Clean Up event is April 23 and 24. Arbor Day is scheduled for April 30 (depending on Covid 19 restrictions). Birch seedlings are available to residents. See the City Facebook page or website for details on how to obtain one.

**Public Buildings:** Council Member Robisch reported that he is waiting on quotes for a storage building for the Fire Department. He will have more information at the next meeting.

**Finance and Administration:** Council Member Hayley reported she reviewed the payables. Finance Director/Treasurer Hudson said she is working on a Request For Proposal for a new auditor. There was discussion about a Bank RFP in the future. City Clerk Barton said the City

received a compliment to Public Works for doing a good job on clearing snow from the street. Also Rumpke did a good job picking up trash with all the snow on the ground. Ms. Barton explained the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). Northern KY Area Development District will write the application for many of the local cities/counties. This grant will help residents with delinquent utility bills (water and sanitation) during these months of Covid 19.

City Attorney Stewart said the Court has ordered a partial dismissal of the Beverly Hills Respect the Dead lawsuit against the City of Southgate and Campbell Co. Planning & Zoning.

City Attorney Stewart read the following:

**Resolution 21-02 Authorize Mayor to sign CDBG grant application to provide utility relief to residents. Motion/Second: Anderson/Hayley. Approved by voice vote. Aye 6 Nay 0.**

**Old Business:** none.

**New Business:** Council Member Anderson said there was a Facebook question: will Council meetings continue on Facebook Live after the pandemic ends. City Attorney Stewart said the City will discuss it going forward.

**Payment of Vouchers:** Check vouchers #30243-30271 were presented for Council's review.

**Motion to go into Executive Session** pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(g) and (k): Discussion of matters which are otherwise privileged or confidential under state or federal law, and where open discussions could jeopardize the siting or retention of the business. Discussion will be limited to apprising council of preliminary confidential, proprietary information that has been shared with the City by one or more prospective partners to Ashley Development relative to the commercial portion of proposed Memorial Point. This information is exempt from public disclosure pursuant to KRS 61.878(1)(c)(2)(a) and (b). **Motion/Second: Hayley/Robisch to go into Executive Session. Approved by voice vote. Aye 6 Nay 0.**

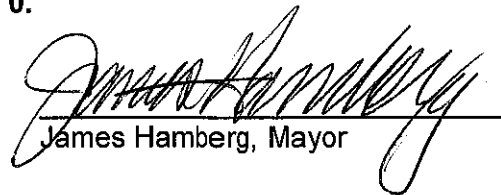
**Motion to adjourn Executive Session: Motion/Second: Hayley/Anderson to adjourn Executive Session. Approved by voice vote. Aye 6 Nay 0.**

**No action was taken in Executive Session.**

**Mayor & Council Comments:** none.

**Announcements:** none.

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

  
James Hamberg, Mayor

ATTEST:   
Brandi Barton, City Clerk