

**CITY OF SOUTHGATE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
April 6, 2022
122 Electric Ave.
City building**

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

The following answered roll call: Council Members Anderson, Melville, Messmer, Okura, Robisch, and Wegener were present. Also present: City Clerk Barton, Finance Director/Treasurer Franklin, Police Chief Christmann, Public Works Foreman Bowman, and City Attorney Stewart. Fire Chief Beatsch was absent.

Public Comments: Shelley Funke Frommeyer introduced herself as a candidate for Senate. Erin Sizemore introduced herself as candidate for District Court Judge.

Approval of regular meeting minutes 3/16/22. Motion/Second: Anderson/Wegener. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.

Public Works: Councilman Melville said there is progress on the Joyce Ave. street project. The street is currently closed during construction. There was discussion on the tennis court and if Council wanted to keep the property or sell it. A title search is being done by the City Attorney. No decision will be made until Council has the results. Several applications were received for the Public Works part-time seasonal Laborer position. Mayor Hamberg will review with Public Works Foreman Bowman.

Public Safety: Councilman Anderson reported that the Safety committee met about Joyce Ave. They recommended that Joyce Ave. be made into a one way street for the top part of the street. The homeowners will be consulted about the change. Mayor Hamberg asked the committee to come back to Council with more information.

Police Chief Christmann said that Sergeant Johns is being honored at the VFW for Officer of the Year. Sergeant Johns is in Richmond so Police Chief Christmann will accept the award. Fire Chief Beatsch was not at the meeting, but he sent Michael Rath in his place. Mr. Rath said Chief Beatsch wanted to talk to Councilman Anderson or City Treasurer Franklin about the ARPA budget. He was not able to be at the meeting but wanted to discuss changes to the Fire Dept. budget.

Code Enforcement: Councilman Messmer said there were 62 notices sent and \$11,500 fines issued since last month.

Community Relations & Recreation: Council Member Okura reported on several events coming up: Optimist Club Egg Hunt 4/17, Park & Tree Arbor Day 4/29, Optimist Club Fishing Derby 5/14, and Southgate Clean up event 5/2 -5/9. Park & Tree Board received the Growth Award. They will be giving away seedlings for Arbor Day. Ms. Okura reminded residents to sign up for Nixle to receive alerts in the City.

Public Buildings: Council Member Robisch said the flooring is being installed at the Fire Department in the exercise room. The ice machine at the community center needs to be replaced. The cost is \$4,186 plus the filter for \$445. City Treasurer Franklin said there is money in the

budget to replace the ice machine. **Motion to spend up to \$4,700 to replace the ice machine and filter at the community center by Kent Refrigeration Co. Motion/Second: Robisch/Messmer. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.** Mr. Robisch said new electric reels were installed at the Fire Dept.

Finance and Administration: Council Member Wegener reviewed the payables. He made a motion to approve the February financials. **Motion/Second: Wegener/Okura. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.**

Finance Director/Treasurer Franklin said there was an ARPA meeting with the department heads to review the budget. Ms. Franklin will get the budget to Council by first of May for their review. She anticipates the ARPA budget and regular budget will be ready for first reading at the second meeting in May.

City Clerk Barton said the Risk Management Committee met to review the recommendations that KLC made on the City liability and workers comp review. Some changes will be implemented in the new budget so that the City can receive more of a discount on our insurance with KLC. There was a meeting with the website consultant to discuss an upgrade to the City website. This cost will also be put into the budget for next year. Newsletter articles are due May 4th for the May newsletter. City Attorney Stewart had no report.

Old Business:

New Business: Councilman Robisch said he talked to Councilman Messmer about trimming the tree in front of the Fire Dept. It is blocking visibility of the City sign and the bench. Duke Energy finished up work at the end of Electric Ave. by the VFW. They paved the street after the work was completed. Councilman Messmer mentioned that applications for those running for City office are due to the County Clerk by June 7.

Payment of Vouchers: Check vouchers #32371-32455 were presented for Council's review.

Mayor & Council Comments: none.

Announcements: none.

Adjournment: There being no further business, **Motion/Second: Anderson/Melville. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.**

ATTEST: Brandi Barton
Brandi Barton, City Clerk

James Hamberg
James Hamberg, Mayor