

**CITY OF SOUTHGATE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
May 4, 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, Fire Chief Beatsch and Assistant City Attorney Hill.

Public Comments: none

Approval of regular meeting minutes 4/20/22. Motion/Second: Anderson/Melville. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.

Public Works: Councilman Melville reported the progress on the Joyce Ave. road project. He said the contractor will open the road to traffic soon. Prep work on Ridgeway is being done before the road construction starts. The part time seasonal Public Works Laborers will start next week. The change of traffic flow on Joyce Ave. to a partial one-way will start when the road construction is completed.

Public Safety: Councilman Anderson had no report. Police Chief Christmann had no report. Fire Chief Beatsch said the SVFD Block Party will be July 16.

Code Enforcement: Councilman Messmer said he met with Code Enforcement Officer Lauber to discuss the sidewalks that need repair. There were 51 notices sent and \$3,000 fines issued since last month.

Community Relations & Recreation: Council Member Okura reported that Park & Tree Board Arbor Day celebration was a success. Andy Venneman resigned from the Board. Memorial Day Parade will be May 30. Super Seniors will start up again in June. Ms. Okura talked about the last Park & Tree Board meeting. There was a question about the tennis courts status and future use of the site. Mayor Hamberg said a meeting with the Optimist Club was held and the Club decided to sign a release of the restriction on the property. It can be used as a green space when the tennis courts are torn out.

Public Buildings: Council Member Robisch reported on an electric problem at the firehouse. There is a meeting with the IT Consultant to discuss a new keyless entry system for the firehouse on May 13.

Finance and Administration: Council Member Wegener reviewed the payables. He made a motion to approve the March financials. **Motion/Second: Wegener/Robisch. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.** Mr. Wegener said the VFW will hold a "Day of Service" to help clean up the streets in the City and around the monument. This will be on May 7.

Finance Director/Treasurer Franklin said that she is working on the budget. Mayor Hamberg and she will review them next week. The budget will go to Council around May 18 so that they have time to review before the first reading on June 1.

City Clerk Barton said she inquired about the ballfield grant, but received no response. The rental dwelling licenses were mailed out. They are due June 30. The newsletter articles are being proof read and will go to Steve Bridewell for formatting. The Campbell Co. Recorder will end its publication on May 26. Assistant City Attorney Hill said he is working on two properties with code violations. If they are not resolved then they will go to foreclosure.

Old Business: Mayor Hamberg discussed the funding that the City has sought to fix the "hump" on Blossom Ln. After two failed requests to OKI and Discretionary Road funds, the Mayor was able to attain funds through the state. The City will put \$20,000 toward the repair. Ft. Thomas will also put that amount toward the project. The County will administer the funding from the state and partner with Southgate and Ft. Thomas. The road project will not start until Spring 2023.

New Business: none

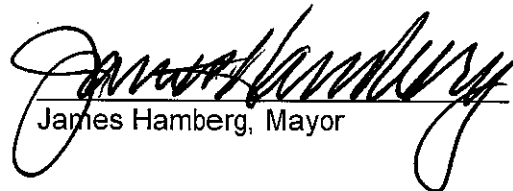
Payment of Vouchers: Check vouchers #32489-32532 were presented for Council's review.

Mayor & Council Comments: none

Announcements: none

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

ATTEST: Brandi Barton
Brandi Barton, City Clerk


James Hamberg, Mayor