

**CITY OF SOUTHGATE  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
June 1, 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 City Attorney Stewart.

**Public Comments:** Council Member Okura announced the Park & Tree Board Green Thumb Awards for 5 Retreat (Bowman) and 241 Linden (Yokajty).

**Approval of regular meeting minutes 5/18/22. Motion/Second: Melville/Robisch. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.**

**Approval of public hearing minutes (Land & Water Conservation Fund Grant) on 5/18/22. Motion/Second: Anderson/Wegener. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.**

**Public Works:** Councilman Melville reported that the contractor should be finishing the Joyce Ave. Street Project this week. Public Works Foreman Bowman had no report. Mayor Hamberg discussed the Ridgeway Ave. Street Project with Council. The contractor will start in June. This project is budgeted for part in fiscal year 2021-22 and part in fiscal year 2022-23. Mayor Hamberg asked Council to authorize him to sign the contract with Riegler Blacktop who was the lowest bid received. **Motion to authorize Mayor Hamberg to sign the contract with Riegler Blacktop to do street construction on Ridgeway Ave. Motion/Second: Melville/Anderson. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.**

**Public Safety:** Councilman Anderson said the Police Department received the accreditation status again. This is good for four years before it needs to be renewed. Police Chief Christmann had no report. Fire Chief Beatsch had no report.

**Code Enforcement:** Councilman Messmer said there were 66 notices sent and \$9,500 in fines issued since last month.

**Community Relations & Recreation:** Council Member Okura reported that the Super Seniors will start meeting again on June 16. Park & Tree Board recommends cutting down the evergreen tree at Memorial Park. **There was a Motion to cut the tree down at Memorial Park by Kremer Tree Service for the estimate of \$2,375. Motion/Second: Okura/Melville. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.**

**Public Buildings:** Council Member Robisch reported that the carpet was installed at the firehouse.

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

Finance Director/Treasurer Franklin said she will defer to comment until the reading of the budget ordinance. City Clerk Barton said the Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant was submitted for the tennis courts on May 31. There is a requirement to keep the property a green space permanently if the City is awarded the grant. A request to put raised garden beds on the courts was expressed by a resident. City Attorney Stewart said she is working on the Animal Ordinance to allow chickens. Mrs. Stewart read the following:

**Ordinance 22-02 Amend budget for fiscal year 2021-22 (first reading).**

**Ordinance 22-03 Adopt budget for fiscal year 2022-23 (first reading).**

Mayor Hamberg requested Finance Director Franklin to give a summary of the budget and adjustments to each department. Fire Chief Beatsch expressed his disagreement with the budget cuts. After much discussion, Council requested several changes to the budget:

**There was a motion to take \$25,000 out of the budget for removing the tennis courts and turning it into a green space and move the allocation to the Fire Department budget. Motion/Second: Wegener/Okura. Approved by vote: Aye 5 Nay 0. Councilman Messmer recused himself from the vote.**

**There was a motion to remove the City sign from the budget. Motion/Second: Messmer/Okura. Declined by vote: Aye 2 Nay 4. The demolition of the sign will be done in house and not by the sign company.**

Councilman Messmer requested that the City include the part-time police officer in the ARPA incentive pay. City Attorney Stewart talked about the regulations of eligible employees.

**Old Business:** Mayor Hamberg discussed the tennis courts deed restriction with the Optimist Club. Jay Paul said that the Club would be agreeable to signing the waiver with the proposed language change. City of Wilder had the public hearing for the development at Sunrock Farms. The proposed development was denied. No plans have come to Campbell Co. Planning & Zoning for the development in Southgate.

**New Business:** none

**Payment of Vouchers:** Check vouchers #32568-32614 were presented for Council's review.

**Mayor & Council Comments:** none

**Announcements:** none

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

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James Hamberg, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Brandi Barton, City Clerk