

**CITY OF SOUTHGATE  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
Jan. 4, 2023  
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, Okura, Wegener, and Lykins were present. Councilman Messmer was absent. Also present: City Clerk Barton, Public Works Foreman Bowman, Finance Director/Treasurer Franklin, Police Chief Christmann, and City Attorney Stewart. Fire Chief Beatsch was absent.

**Motion to amend the agenda to add Resolution 23-02. Motion/Second: Anderson/Okura. Approved by vote: Aye 5 Nay 0.**

**Public Comments:** none.

**Approval of regular meeting minutes 12/7/22. Motion/Second: Melville/Wegener. Approved by vote: Aye 5 Nay 0.**

**Public Works:** Councilman Melville said the Public Works dump truck is having engine trouble. It was taken to the dealership to be looked at. The new truck chassis has been ordered, but will take up to 9 months to be ready. The City sign is in the process of being removed for the new sign. Public Works Foreman Bowman had no report.

**Public Safety:** Councilman Anderson had no report, but said the Fire Department officers were sworn in the Installation of Officers banquet. Police Chief Christmann said the new police officer Charlie Boeschstein is back at the police academy. The Chief said that the officers will begin carrying AEDs in their vehicles. Some times they are the first at a scene.

**Code Enforcement:** Councilman Messmer was absent.

**Community Relations & Recreation:** Council Member Okura reported Park and Tree Board received notice that they received Tree City USA and the Growth Award. The City is looking for new members for the Board. Super Seniors meeting is canceled for Jan.

**Public Buildings:** Councilman Lykins had no report. The Mayor welcomed him to his first meeting. There was discussion about the new keyless entry to the firehouse and city building. The City Clerk will reach out to the IT Consultant about getting different FOBS. The current ones are not very sturdy.

**Finance and Administration:** Council Member Wegener reviewed the payables.

Finance Director Franklin said the Nov. and Dec. financials will come to council for approval at the first meeting in February. Ms. Franklin introduced Patty Edgley as the new Finance Director.

City Clerk Barton had no report. City Attorney Stewart said she will have the amended animal ordinance in February. Then Ms. Stewart read the following resolutions:

**Resolution 23-01 Adopt Joiner Agreement for KY Deferred Comp and Authorize Mayor to sign agreement. Motion/Second: Anderson/Okura. Approved by vote: Aye 5 Nay 0.**

**Resolution 23-02 Re-appoint members to NKREA and authorize Mayor to sign the amended Interlocal agreement. Motion/Second: Melville/Wegener. Approved by vote: Aye 5 Nay 0.**

**Old Business:** Mayor Hamberg discussed the meeting he had with Ashley Builders, the County and Ft. Thomas officials regarding the repair of the "hump" on Blossom Ln. The City budgeted \$20,000 for this project. No state road funds were available for this project and the cost of the bids were higher than expected. **There was a motion made to pay the additional cost of \$28,275 to do the repair with the stipulation that if there are any change orders that it will come back to the City for approval. Motion/Second: Anderson/Melville. Approved by vote: Aye 5 Nay 0.**

**New Business:** Mayor Hamberg said that four of the six council members will be in Lexington for the KLC New Elected Officials training on Jan. 18. **There was a motion to cancel the council meeting on Jan. 18. Motion/Second: Okura/Lycans. Approved by vote: Aye 5 Nay 0.** Public Works Foreman Bowman said that Michaels Construction has been sold to JR Jurgensen. They have the contract to repair Joyce and US 27 curbs.

**Payment of Vouchers:** Check vouchers #33129-33216 were presented for Council's review.

**Executive Session:** There was a motion to go into Executive Session per KRS 61.810 (1) (f) Discussion which might lead to the appointment, discipline, or dismissal of an individual employee, without restricting that employee's right to a public hearing if requested. **Motion/Second: Anderson/Okura. Approved by vote: Aye 5 Nay 0.**

**Motion to come back into open session: Motion/Second: Melville/Anderson. Approved by vote: Aye 5 Nay 0. No action was taken in Executive Session.**

**Mayor & Council Comments:** none

**Announcements:** none

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, **Motion/Second: Okura/Wegener. Approved by vote: Aye 5 Nay 0.**

ATTEST: Brandi Barton  
Brandi Barton, City Clerk

  
James Hamberg, Mayor