

**CITY OF SOUTHGATE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Feb. 15, 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, Messmer, Wegener, and Lykins were present. Also present: City Clerk Barton, Public Works Foreman Bowman, Finance Director/Treasurer Edgley, Police Chief Christmann, Fire Chief Beatsch, and Assistant City Attorney Hill.

Public Comments: Jason Hatter (116 Harvard) requested to use the community center park to film a video. Mayor Hamberg asked him to send a summary and dates he wants to do this.

Approval of regular meeting minutes 2/1/23. Motion/Second: Anderson/Melville. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.

Public Works: Councilman Melville reported that there are interviews scheduled this week for Public Works Laborer. A resident on W. Walnut requested that 2 trees be cut back or down behind her back yard fence. It is in the City alleyway and has dropped large branches on the swing set by the fence. **There was a motion to spend \$4,200 to remove the 2 trees in the alley. Motion/Second: Melville/Anderson. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.** Mr. Melville said City Engineer Shumate is working on cost estimates on the street projects. The City will look at a KLC bond to fund the project over a period of time. Public Works Foreman Bowman had no report.

Public Safety: Councilman Anderson gave an annual SWEMS report. Police Chief Christmann gave an annual report. Fire Chief Beatsch included the annual report in the Council packets.

Code Enforcement: Councilman Messmer had no report.

Community Relations & Recreation: Council Member Okura reported the Park & Tree Board met on Monday. They are planning Arbor Day. Super Seniors meetings will start again next month. Ms. Okura said the NKY Hazardous Mitigation Plan survey is posted on the website and Facebook. Today is the deadline to take the survey.

Public Buildings: Councilman Lykins said several minor repairs were made at the firehouse.

Finance and Administration: Council Member Wegener reviewed the payables.

Finance Director Patty Edgley had no report. City Clerk Barton said the auditors will present the audit at the March 1 council meeting.

Mayor Hamberg discussed the SD 1 project from Moock Rd. into the park. SD1 is asking for an easement to come thru the City park. Motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the easement with SD 1 for this project. **Motion/Second: Anderson/Okura. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.**

Assistant City Attorney Hill had no report, but read the following:

Ordinance 23-01 Amending Animal Ordinance (second reading) Motion/Second: Okura/Melville. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.

Ordinance 23-02 Adopt the Code of Ordinance supplement (first reading)

Resolution 23-03 Authorize Mayor to sign contract for accounting services. Motion/Second: Wegener/Lykins. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.

Resolution 23-04 Opposing passage of SB 50 and HB 50 relating to partisan local elections. Motion/Second: Lykins/Anderson. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.

Old Business: none.

New Business: Mayor Hamberg said the Beverly Hills memorial dedication will be held on May 28 at 2:00pm. The memorial should be completed then. The working committee will plan the event.

Payment of Vouchers: Check vouchers #33298-33340 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