

**CITY OF SOUTHGATE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
March 1, 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, Okura, Messmer, Wegener, and Lykins were present. Council Member Melville was absent. Also present: City Clerk Barton, Public Works Foreman Bowman, Finance Director/Treasurer Edgley, Police Chief Christmann, Fire Chief Beatsch, and City Attorney Stewart.

Public Comments: Steve Bridewell spoke about the Southgate Optimist Club Casino Night which will be held on April 22 at St. Therese Church. Council Member Okura introduced the new Park and Tree Board members Mary Bridewell and Connie Torres. Stephanie with Bramel & Ackley Auditors presented the audit report for fiscal year ending 6/30/22. There may be a minor change to the draft as presented. Stephanie will bring hard copies of the final audit. **Motion to accept the Audit as presented. Motion/Second: Anderson/Wegener. Approved by vote: Aye 5 Nay 0.**

Approval of regular meeting minutes 2/15/23. Motion/Second: Wegener/Messmer. Approved by vote: Aye 5 Nay 0.

Public Works: Public Works Foreman Bowman said he was working on budget. Council Member Anderson asked about the sand for the volleyball court and the new hoops for the basketball goals. Mr. Bowman said he would get to those things.

Public Safety: Councilman Anderson had no report. Police Chief Christmann had no report. Fire Chief Beatsch said he turned in receipts to the City for the ARPA expenditures for the fire department. Chief Beatsch said he is working with the City IT consultant on the key fob programming at the firehouse.

Code Enforcement: Councilman Messmer reported 11 new citations. There were \$10,350 in fines issued.

Community Relations & Recreation: Council Member Okura reported Park & Tree Board will be having Arbor Day on April 28. Super Seniors will be meeting on March 16. Ms Okura reminded residents to sign up for alerts with Nixle.

Public Buildings: Councilman Lykins had no report.

Finance and Administration: Council Member Wegener reviewed the payables. **He made a motion to approve the January financials. Motion/Second: Wegener/Okura. Approved by vote: Aye 5 Nay 0**

Finance Director Patty Edgley said she reviewed the audit. City Clerk Barton said the resident who asked about making a film in the Community Center Park has postponed the project at this time.

City Attorney Stewart reported on the opioid settlement agreement from the pharmacies which the City received. The Mayor needs to sign the participation agreement to join the settlement. **A motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the opioid settlement with the pharmacies. Motion/Second: Lykins/Anderson. Approved by vote: Aye 5 Nay 0.**

Ms Stewart read the following:

Ordinance 23-02 Adopt the Code of Ordinance supplement (second reading) Motion/Second: Wegener/Okura. Approved by vote: Aye 5 Nay 0.

Old Business: Mayor Hamberg said the City received notice that DLG has preliminary approved the LWCF grant from last May 2022. Originally the City was told that they were not awarded the grant. There was discussion about the grant. The City's intention is to tear down the tennis courts and build a green space park. There was a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement with DLG to accept the LWCF grant for \$50,000 with a 50/50 match. **Motion/Second: Messmer/Okura. Approved by vote: Aye 5 Nay 0.**

New Business: Mayor Hamberg said the Beverly Hills memorial dedication will be held on May 28 at 2:00pm. The working committee will meet on March 10 to plan the event. North American is starting on the apartments on the Beverly Hills site. The County has not started on the "hump" repair on Blossom Ln. yet. They are waiting on the utility companies to do their work first.

Payment of Vouchers: Check vouchers #33342-33388 were presented for Council's review.

Mayor & Council Comments: none

Announcements: none

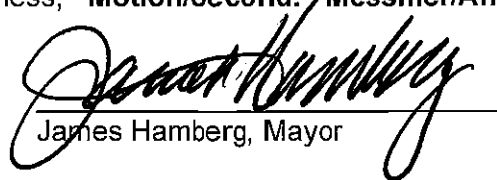
Executive Session per KRS 61.810 (1)(f) Discussion which might lead to appointment, discipline, or dismissal of an employee. Motion to go into Executive Session. Motion/Second: Anderson/Okura. Approved by vote: Aye 5 Nay 0.

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

There was a motion to hire a new full time police officer not to exceed \$20,458 in this budget year through 6/30/22. The police budget will be amended to reflect this change. Mayor Hamberg said the City will hire a part time Public Works Laborer for the summer which was already budgeted.

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

ATTEST: Brandi Barton
Brandi Barton, City Clerk


James Hamberg, Mayor