

**CITY OF SOUTHGATE  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
April 5, 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, Melville, 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 City Attorney Stewart.

**Public Comments:** none.

**Approval of regular meeting minutes 3/15/23. Motion/Second: Anderson/Okura. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.**

**Approval of special meeting minutes 3/22/23. Motion/Second: Melville/Lycans. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.**

**Public Works:** Councilman Melville reported that Public Works has been cutting grass and planting flowers. Sand for the volleyball court was ordered. Public Works Foreman Bowman had no report.

**Public Safety:** Councilman Anderson reported the costs for the Beverly Hill Memorial dedication on May 28. **There was a motion to spend up to \$3,500 on the dedication. Motion/Second: Anderson/Melville. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.**

Police Chief Christmann discussed the need for light poles and cameras to be placed at the memorial site. He received an estimate for a camera from the City's IT consultant. **There was a motion to spend up to \$11,000 on 2 light poles, camera, and a flagpole for the site. Motion/Second: Anderson/Melville. Approved by vote: Aye 5 Nay 1.** Fire Chief Beatsch had no report.

**Code Enforcement:** Councilman Messmer reported 49 new citations and \$6,800 in fines issued. There was a Code Enforcement annual meeting held on Mar. 16<sup>th</sup>. No cases have been appealed for many years because John Lauber works with residents to get violations resolved. Mayor Hamberg said there is new legislation that will allow cities to place code enforcement liens on the city tax bills.

**Community Relations & Recreation:** Council Member Okura reported Park & Tree Board Arbor Day is April 28. Super Seniors meeting is April 20. Ms Okura reminded residents to sign up for alerts with Nixle. Campbell County Clean Up is April 28-29.

**Public Buildings:** Councilman Lykins said he has a quote to do maintenance on the generator at the firehouse. Motion to sign a contract with Buckeye Power Sales for \$820 per year for a 3 year contract. **Motion/Second: Lycans/Okura. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.**

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

Finance Director Edgley said the expenses are on target with 67% through the year on budget. There will be a special council meeting on May 6 to review the budget. City Clerk Barton said Rumpke contract will be up for renewal on July 1. She said the price increase would be 5%. There was discussion of what other cities spend for waste and recycling. **A motion to renew the contract with Rumpke for a 2 year extension was made. Motion/Second: Messmer/Okura. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.** KLC will be doing the City Ethics training at the next council meeting on April 19. Newsletter articles are due by April 28. Budgets are due to Patty Edgley by April 19.

City Attorney Stewart had no report, but read the following:

**Resolution 23-05 Recognizing April 28 as Arbor Day celebration. Motion/Second: Okura/Melville. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.**

**Proclamation for Fair Housing Month in April. Motion/Second: Anderson/Wegener. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.**

**Proclamation for Public Works Week May 21-27. Motion/Second: Melville/Okura. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.**

**Old Business:** none.

**New Business:** Mayor Hamberg said the repair to Blossom (hump) will be done after June 1. The road will be temporarily closed on Blossom Ln. and traffic routed through Memorial Pointe Dr. The Beverly Hill Memorial dedication will be May 28 at 2:00 pm.

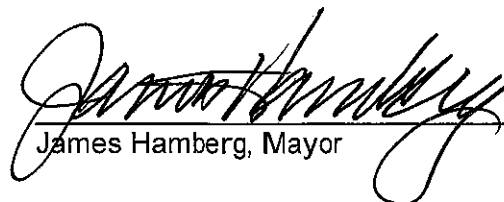
**Payment of Vouchers:** Check vouchers #33417-33496 were presented for Council's review.

**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, City Clerk

  
James Hamberg, Mayor