

**CITY OF SOUTHGATE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
May 1, 2024
122 Electric Ave.**

Call to Order: Mayor Hamberg called the meeting to order.

The following answered roll call: Council Members Anderson, Melville, Messmer, Okura, Lycans, and Wegener were present. Also present: City Clerk Barton, Finance Director/Treasurer Edgley, Police Sergeant Johns, Public Works Foreman Bowman, Fire Chief Beatsch, and City Attorney Stewart.

Public Comments: none.

Motion to amend the agenda for tonight. Motion/Second: Okura/Anderson. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.

Approval of regular meeting minutes 4/17/24. Motion/Second: Okura/Wegener. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.

Public Works: Councilman Melville said Riegler Blacktop has started the street project at the Public Works/Auxiliary parking lot. Mr. Melville said Riegler quoted a price to repave the tennis court parking lot and Shaler alley. This would be an addendum to the contract. The Land & Water Conservation Fund Grant application stated the parking lot would be repaved. Mayor Hamberg said we can add approximately \$22,300 as a change order to the contract. This would be included in the loan with KLC for the street projects. **Motion to do lease agreement for financing with KLC for up to a maximum of \$530,000 for the street projects. Motion/Second: Melville/Wegener. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.** Public Works Foreman Bowman had no report.

Public Safety: Councilman Anderson said the committee has not been able to meet to discuss the golf cart ordinance. Police Sergeant Johns had no report. Fire Chief John Beatsch said the Southgate Fire Department will have a Fire Olympics at the Community Center on May 11 at 1:00.

Code Enforcement: Councilman Messmer had no report.

Community Relations & Recreation: Council Member Okura said the Optimist Club will have the Fishing Derby on 5/18. The Park & Tree Board will have a Volunteer Garden Day on 5/2. The City will have a dumpster at the Public Works garage for City Clean Up Event from 5/6-5/13. Memorial Day Parade will be 5/27. The Pumpkin Walk will be 10/11.

Public Buildings: Councilman Lycans said he will call the vendor about the problem with the generator at the fire house.

Finance and Administration: Council Member Wegener said he reviewed the payables. **Motion to approve March financials. Motion/Second: Wegener/Okura. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.**

Finance Director Edgley said the budget is on target for expenses and revenue.

City Clerk Barton said the Boy Scouts will deliver the newsletters around May 18. The Rental Dwelling License bills were mailed this week.

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

Ordinance 24-04 Establish non-exclusive franchise for use of public streets, alleys, and other public grounds for the transmission and distribution of electricity and gas through and for consumption within the City (third reading). Ms. Stewart explained that the attorney for Duke Energy requested changes in the ordinance so that is why the City will do a third reading. **Motion to approve Ordinance 24-04. Motion/Second: Anderson/Melville. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.**

Ordinance 24-06 Approve lease agreement for the financing of a project and authorize execution of documents (first reading).

Old Business: Council Member Okura said the Arbor Day students winning posters are on display at the Campbell County Library (Ft. Thomas location) through May 14.

New Business: Mayor Hamberg asked Council if they wanted to cancel the regular Council meeting and hold a Special meeting to discuss budget on May 15 at 5:00pm. **Motion to cancel the regular meeting on 5/15. Motion/Second: Lycans/Messmer. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0. Motion to hold a Special meeting on 5/15. Motion/Second: Okura/Melville. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.**

Payment of Vouchers: Check vouchers #34400-34432 were presented for Council's review.

Mayor & Council Comments: none.

Announcements: Mayor Hamberg said Ashley Builders had a redesign of the plans for the assisted living facility at Memorial Pointe. The construction will not begin until 2025.

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

ATTEST: Brandi Barton
Brandi Barton, City Clerk

James Hamberg
James Hamberg, Mayor