

**CITY OF SOUTHGATE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
June 5, 2024
301 W. Walnut St.**

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

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

Public Comments: Council Member Okura presented the Green Thumb Award to Gary Gearding 111 Electric Ave. The other winner, Denny & Sandy Wagner 109 Electric were not present. Mayor Hamberg and Campbell County Planning & Zoning Director, Cindy Minter presented a KLC training achievement award to Southgate's representative on Planning & Zoning Board, Mike Williams.

Approval of special meeting minutes 5/15/24. Motion/Second: Melville/Okura. Approved by vote: Aye 5 Nay 0.

Public Works: Councilman Melville had no report. Public Works Foreman Bowman said there is progress on the street project.

Public Safety: Councilman Anderson had no report. Police Chief Christmann had no report. Fire Chief John Beatsch said he met with Mayor Hamberg today and they came to an agreement to give more funds to the Fire Department in the new 2024-25 fiscal year budget.

Code Enforcement: Councilman Messmer had no report.

Community Relations & Recreation: Council Member Okura said The Park & Tree Board will have a Volunteer Garden Day on 6/6. First Church will have Community Block Parties on Thursdays in June and July. St. Therese Festival will be 6/13-6/15. The Fire Department will have their Block Party on 7/20.

Public Buildings: Councilman Lycans was absent. Council Member Messmer asked about the phones and the keyless entry at the firehouse. City Clerk Barton explained that there was a meeting to discuss the phone system with Fire Chief Beatsch. The Fire Dept. was told by the City's IT Consultant what internet speed they needed and who to call for pricing on a new phone system. There was discussion about the new playground equipment that has not been installed yet. The company that was installing the equipment has not been responsive and no date was given for installation. The City will reach out to the representative again to schedule the install and if there is no response, then the City Attorney will get involved.

Finance and Administration: Council Member Wegener said he reviewed the payables. **Motion to approve April financials. Motion/Second: Wegener/Anderson. Approved by vote: Aye 5 Nay 0.**

Finance Director Edgley said the current budget is approximately at 83% revenue and 90% expenses.. She amended the 2023-24 fiscal year budget.

City Clerk Barton said the grant application for AARP (park benches and sun shades) was not awarded to the City. Second notices for the rental dwelling licenses will be mailed this week.

City Attorney Stewart reported on medical cannabis that will be legalized on Jan. 1, 2025. There was discussion on the topic. **There was a motion to ask the City Attorney to draw up a resolution for the next council meeting that says the City will place the issue of medical cannabis on the ballot for the citizens to decide if they want a medical cannabis related business in Southgate. Motion/Second: Messmer/Anderson. Approved by vote: Aye 4 Nay 1.**

City Attorney Stewart read the following ordinances:

Ordinance 24-07 Amend 2023-24 fiscal year budget (first reading)

Ordinance 24-08 Adopt 2024-25 fiscal year budget (first reading)

There was discussion on the new budget for 2024-25 fiscal year.

Old Business: none.

New Business: Mayor Hamberg said there will be a public hearing at the City of Wilder for Planning & Zoning on Sunrock development on 6/10. Mayor Hamberg announced the six candidates running for council in November.

Payment of Vouchers: Check vouchers #34433-34526 were presented for Council's review.

Mayor & Council Comments: none.

Announcements: none.

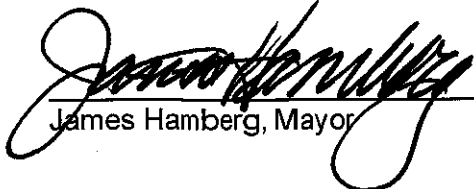
Motion to go into Executive Session under KRS 61.810 (1) (g) Discussions between a public agency and a representative of a business entity and discussions concerning a specific proposal, if open discussions would jeopardize the sitting, retention, or upgrading of a business. Motion/Second: Okura/Wegener. 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.

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

ATTEST: Brandi Barton
Brandi Barton, City Clerk


James Hamberg, Mayor