

**CITY OF SOUTHGATE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
July 17, 2024
122 Electric Ave.**

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

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

Public Comments: Mr. Gauspohl from 143 Center St. spoke about bamboo in his yard that his neighbor is complaining about. Code Enforcement Officer Lauber explained that bamboo is considered a grass. City Attorney told Mr. Gauspohl to work with Code Enforcement and if it needs to go to the Code Enforcement Appeals Board, then they can decide.

- Mr. Siemer from 269 Beech Rd. spoke about his neighbor at 272 Bluegrass who is not taking care of their property and wanted to know what the City can do about it. Code Enforcement Officer Lauber said to contact him when he sees a violation. City Attorney Stewart discussed options of what the City can and can't do when a property has violations. She said for Mr. Siemer to work with Code Enforcement Officer Lauber.
- Matt Lehman introduced himself to Council and said he is a candidate running for KY House of Representatives for District 67.
- Council Member Okura presented the Park & Tree Board Green Thumb Award to Willie Wynn of 376 Linden Ave. The other winner from 117 Center St. was not present.

Approval of meeting minutes 6/19/24. Motion/Second: Anderson/Lycans. Approved by vote: Aye 5 Nay 0.

Public Works: Councilman Melville reported the street project is finished. Some sidewalks need to be replaced and a final punch list needs to be completed. City Engineer Jim Shumate discussed the street project budget and amount spent to date. The contingency amount was not needed. Council Member Melville said the playground was installed at the Community Center Park, but there is a slide that needs to be installed still. The playground is not open to the public until the installers come back to finish the job. Mr. Bowman said the new dump truck is now on the road.

Public Safety: Councilman Anderson had no report. Police Chief Christmann said there is a blitz for speed enforcement this weekend. He said speeding on I-471 has been an issue. Fire Chief John Beatsch said the Southgate Fire Dept. Block Party is Saturday July 20. He also said that Alta Fiber will send a contract to the City for the Mayor's signature for the new phone system at the Fire Dept.

Code Enforcement: Councilman Messmer was absent. His mother passed away.

Community Relations & Recreation: Council Member Okura said the Campbell Co. Library had their book bus at the community center today with about 125 in attendance. There is a volunteer garden day on 7/20 at 9:00am at the Community Center. The City wide yard sale will be 9/14 and the Pumpkin Walk will be 10/11.

Public Buildings: Councilman Lycans asked about the Police evidence room. Mayor Hamberg said we will look at that in the next month. The deadline to have it completed is January 2026.

Finance and Administration: Council Member Wegener said he reviewed the payables. **There was a motion to approve the May financials. Motion/Second: Wegener/Okura. Approved by vote: Aye 5 Nay 0.** Finance Director Edgley had no report. City Clerk Barton had no report. City Attorney Stewart had no report, but read the following:

Resolution 24-06 Authorize Mayor to sign amendment to Fire Contract with Southgate Fire Dept. Motion/Second: Lycans/Wegener. Approved by vote: Aye 5 Nay 0.

Resolution 24-07 Authorize Mayor to sign Section 125 Cafeteria Plan. Motion/Second: Melville/Okura. Approved by vote: Aye 5 Nay 0.

Order 24-01 Order to appoint Police Chief Christmann as the Alcohol Beverage Administrator

Order 24-02 Order to appoint Scott Hildebrand as police officer

Order 24-03 Re-appoint Mike Williams to Campbell Co. Municipal Board of Adjustment

Order 24-04 Re-appoint Dan Speier to Code Enforcement Appeal Board

Old Business: Council Member Okura said several residents have approached her about golf carts in the City. Mayor Hamberg asked the Safety Committee to meet and come back to Council in August with their recommendation.

New Business: Council Member Okura said that a resident told her that there are kids playing basketball on the court after dark. The park closes at dusk. Mayor Hamberg said that the residents should call the police to enforce.


Payment of Vouchers: Check vouchers #34561-34629 were presented for Council's review.

Mayor & Council Comments: Mayor Hamberg said that the Municipal Government League is hosting a night at the ballpark on July 30. Mayor Hamberg mentioned that the KLC Conference will be held in Lexington on Sept. 24-27. If council is interested in going, to let City Clerk Barton know.

Announcements: none.

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

ATTEST: Brandi Barton
Brandi Barton, City Clerk


James Hamberg, Mayor