

**CITY OF SOUTHGATE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
August 21, 2024
122 Electric Ave.**

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

The following answered roll call: Council Members Anderson, Lycans, Melville, Messmer, Okura, and Wegener were present. Also present: City Clerk Barton, Finance Director/Treasurer Edgley, Police Chief Christmann, Public Works Foreman Bowman, Asst. Fire Chief Greg Muench, and Assistant City Attorney Aaren Meehan.

Public Comments: Council Member Okura read the Green Thumb Awards: 137 Bonnie Lynn Terrace and 383 Linden Ave.

Approval of meeting minutes 7/17/24. Motion/Second: Anderson/Okura. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.

Public Works: Councilman Melville reported the street project is finished, except for a few punch list items that the contractor will come back to do. Bray will be working in the Community Center Park on one side of the trail for a SD1 project. This should be finished in Sept. or Oct. SD 1 will work on the Blossom Ln. project in Spring. Mr. Bowman had no report.

Public Safety: Councilman Anderson said the Police Evidence Room Project will need to be bid out, but he would like to start on the prep work on the site before the construction starts. Mayor Hamberg said he will setup a meeting to discuss. Mr. Anderson said that K-9 Cody is having health issues and will be retiring. The Safety Committee talked about the golf cart ordinance and would like to keep it as is. Council discussed further and would like for the City Attorney to draft an ordinance to allow golf carts on City streets with proper street equipment. Police Chief Christmann said he has ordered a police vehicle on the state contract. The K-9 unit, a 2018 Ford Explorer will be sold on gov deals. The Police Dept. will not be getting another K-9. Assistant Fire Chief Greg Muench said the engine has been out of service for repair and will be coming back soon.

Code Enforcement: Councilman Messmer said there were 58 new cases.

Community Relations & Recreation: Council Member Okura said the next volunteer garden day is on 9/5 at 9:00am at the Community Center. The City wide yard sale will be 9/14 and the Pumpkin Walk will be 10/11. VFW Auxiliary Quarter Auction is 9/3. Fire Dept. Auxiliary Stagette is 10/18.

Public Buildings: Councilman Lycans asked about when the committee will meet regarding the Police evidence room. 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 preliminary June financials. Motion/Second: Wegener/Okura. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.** Finance Director Edgley said she needs to make adjustments/entries for June to finish up the year. The auditors will be coming onsite in Oct. City Clerk Barton said she is working on tax bill preparation/changes. Assistant City Attorney Meehan had no report, but read the following:

Ordinance 24-09 Establish real & personal property tax rate – first reading

Ordinance 24-10 Establish firehouse tax rate – first reading

Ordinance 24-11 Establish motor vehicle & boat tax rate – first reading

Order 24-05 Re-appoint Therese Paul & Fred Espenscheid to Parking Citation Appeal Board

Resolution 24-08 Award electric & gas franchise to Duke Energy. Motion/Second: Lycans/Melville. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.

Resolution 24-09 Authorize retirement of K-9 Cody. Motion/Second: Lycans/Anderson. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.

Old Business: none.

New Business: Mayor Hamberg said he received a KYTC report listing the improvement projects in Northern KY. There was discussion of the sidewalk and retaining wall by Mr. Car Wash. Mayor Hamberg said he has tried to get funding to repair those items, but it was not approved.

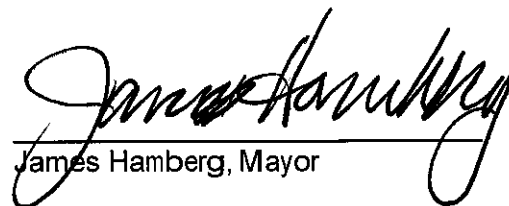
Payment of Vouchers: Check vouchers #34561-34629 were presented for Council's review.

Mayor & Council Comments: none.

Announcements: none.

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

ATTEST: Brandi Barton
Brandi Barton, City Clerk


James Hamberg, Mayor