

**CITY OF SOUTHGATE  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
Sept. 4, 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, Asst. Fire Chief Greg Muench, and City Attorney Stewart. Public Works Foreman Bowman was absent.

**Public Comments:** City Clerk Barton read the tax rates for the Public hearing. Jeff Paul asked for the City to abandon the street on Shaler so that he can pour a parking pad for his camper and park it on the side of his house. Currently it is in the right of way. City Attorney Stewart explained what the procedure was to do this. **There was a motion to authorize the City Attorney to move forward with the process to close Shaler. Motion/Second: Lycans/Melville. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.**

Mayor Hamberg asked City Attorney to read Order 24-06 to Appoint Officer Haynes as Police Sergeant. Order was read and Mayor Hamberg pinned the badge on Sergeant Haynes.

Council Member Okura read the Green Thumb Awards: 11 Bonnie Ln. & 269 Beech Rd.

**Approval of meeting minutes 8/21/24. Motion/Second: Melville/Okura. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.**

**Public Works:** Councilman Melville had no report. Mr. Bowman was absent.

**Public Safety:** Councilman Anderson had no report. Police Chief Christmann had no report. Assistant Fire Chief Greg Muench said the engine is back in service. The Fire Dept. is painting fire hydrants.

**Code Enforcement:** Councilman Messmer said there were 49 new cases and \$5,500 fines issued.

**Community Relations & Recreation:** Council Member Okura said the next volunteer garden day is on 9/5 at 9:00am at the Community Center. Minute Man will have an open house for their new conference center on 9/5. The City wide yard sale will be 9/14 and the Pumpkin Walk will be 10/11. Fire Dept. Auxiliary Stagetette is 10/18.

**Public Buildings:** Councilman Lycans had no report.

**Finance and Administration:** Council Member Wegener said he reviewed the payables. **There was a motion to approve the July financials. Motion/Second: Wegener/Lycans. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.** Finance Director Edgley had no report. City Clerk Barton said she is working on tax bill preparation/changes. City Attorney Stewart discussed the draft of the golf cart ordinance that Council asked her to prepare. There was discussion amongst Council. Mrs. Stewart said she will make the changes and have it for next meeting. Then Mrs. Stewart read the following:

**Ordinance 24-09 Establish real & personal property tax rate – second reading.** There was a motion to approve Ordinance 24-09. Motion/Second: Wegener/Melville. Roll Call was read. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.

**Ordinance 24-10 Establish firehouse tax rate – second reading.** There was a motion to approve Ordinance 24-10. Motion/Second: Wegener/Okura. Roll Call was read. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.

**Ordinance 24-11 Establish motor vehicle & boat tax rate – second reading.** There was a motion to approve Ordinance 24-11. Motion/Second: Anderson/Lycans. Roll Call was read. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.

**Old Business:** Mayor Hamberg said the valuations of properties were up because of the new homes at Memorial Pointe. This also helped the tax rates to be reduced this year. Council Member Anderson asked about items needed to finish the playground. Mayor Hamberg said that he spoke with the owner of the playground installation company. He is going to give the City a picnic table or park bench and some additional borders.

**New Business:** Mayor Hamberg said that Mike Williams will be moving out of the City, but he can remain as the Southgate representative on the Campbell Co. Planning & Zoning Board. The Mayor will be meeting with the President of the HOA at Woodland Hills tomorrow to discuss the SD1 project that effected 3 buildings. The residents at the complex had to move out. Council Member Okura asked about the tennis courts park. Mayor Hamberg said he spoke with DJ Scully from the Campbell Co. Extension Office about the Park & Tree Board's plan for the park. He said it may cost between \$20 -\$30,000 for the trees, plants, and installation. Mayor Hamberg said he will be meeting next week with SD1 about the project by the lake at the Community Center.

**Payment of Vouchers:** Check vouchers #34718-34752 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