

**CITY OF SOUTHGATE  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
Nov 6, 2024  
122 Electric Ave.**

**Call to Order:** Mayor Hamberg called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

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

**Public Comments:** Council Member Okura read the Green Thumb Awards: 241 Evergreen Ave. & 242 Bluegrass.

Drue Miller asked council to consider naming the alley by Miller Accounting & Tax Service at 16 E. Walnut St. Her father started the business and she continues to operate in Southgate for over 50 years. She is selling the location and will have "friends and family" only in her home going forward. She requested the alley be named "Miller Alley". Another alley in the city will be named "Muench Alley". **Motion to move forward with naming the respective alleys "Miller Alley" and "Muench Alley". Motion/Second: Wegener/Lycans. Approved by vote Aye 5 Nay 0.**

**Approval of meeting minutes 10/16/24. Motion/Second: Anderson/Okura. Approved by vote: Aye 5 Nay 0.**

**Public Works:** Councilman Melville had no report due to his absence. Foreman Bowman said Public Works is currently working on leaf pickup. They will then start working on Christmas decorations. Mayor Hamberg told Council that one Public Works employee was currently out on workers comp, leaving the department short staffed. The City is moving forward with the hiring process for the extra laborer instead of waiting for January.

**Public Safety:** Councilman Anderson had nothing to report. Police Chief Christmann said that there was some preliminary work being done in the garage for the new evidence room. Watson Heating/Air has relocated the heater in the garage. Chief Christmann told the Council that Officer Tim Mitchell has been certified as an AED & CPR instructor. Chief Christmann will be checking with Officer Mitchell for some available dates to schedule training for staff and Council who wish to pursue the classes. Fire Chief Beatsch reported that the Stagette was the most successful to date. He thanked everyone who donated and helped with that success. He reported that it was decided that the Stagette would be held every other year going forward. Chief Beatsch said there was a problem with the old ambulance that would be very costly to repair. It is out of service. He said that the new ambulance had broken down and had to be repaired. They had to borrow a squad from Central Campbell. He said that the siren may be disabled due to being on an old analogue system and dispatch is now using a new system.

**Code Enforcement:** Councilman Messmer said there were 30 new cases and \$5,000 fines issued. The City collected about \$15,000 in fines.

**Community Relations & Recreation:** Council member Aileen Okura reported that the City clean-up event is Nov 4 - 11. Park & Tree Board meeting Nov. 11. She reported the schedule for

upcoming holiday events: Tree Lighting – Nov. 30, Home Decorating Contest Dec. 9-14, awards will be given at the Community Christmas Party Dec. 15.

**Public Buildings:** Councilman Lycans said the new phones have been installed at the Fire Dept. Training is scheduled for Monday.

**Finance and Administration:** Council Member Wegener reviewed the payables. **There was a motion to approve the Sept. financials. Motion/Second: Wegener/Okura. Approved by vote: Aye 5 Nay 0.** Finance Director Edgley said revenue is on target with budget. City Clerk Barton said tax collection was at 28%. The newsletters are being formatted and anticipated delivery date is Nov. 16 by the Boy Scouts. Assistant City Attorney Shultz had no report.

**Old Business:** Council Member Okura had a question about the removal of Section 8 of the proposed golf cart ordinance. Mayor Hamberg said that the ordinance did not pass but asked the clerk to look into Section 8 of the ordinance.

**New Business:** Mayor Hamberg introduced Will Weber from Southbank Partners. Mr. Weber gave a presentation about his company and the help they provide to cities with economic development projection and grant writing. He mentioned cities around Southgate that have joined. After some discussion, it was decided by the Council that the City would enter a 6 month contract with Southbank Partners. During the next fiscal year budget process, the City will reevaluate whether they decide to continue with a contract. **A motion was made to spend \$7,500 to enter a 6 month contract, (Jan – June 2025). Motion/Second: Messmer/Wegener. Approved by vote: Aye 4 Nay 1.**

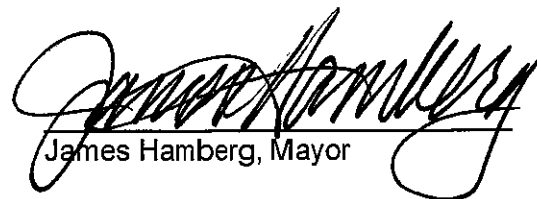
**Payment of Vouchers:** Check vouchers #34845-34881 were presented for Council's review.

**Mayor & Council Comments:** none.

**Announcements:** none.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, **Motion/Second: Wegener/Messmer. Approved by vote: Aye 5 Nay 0. Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm**

ATTEST: Barbara Baldwin  
Barbara Baldwin, Asst. City Clerk

  
James Hamberg, Mayor