

**CITY OF SOUTHGATE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
July 15, 2026
122 Electric Ave**

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

The following answered roll call: Council Members: Curry, Hartman, Okura, Melville, Messmer and Whitehead were present. Also present: City Clerk Barton, Police Chief Christmann, Assistant City Attorney Shultz, Finance Director/Treasurer Edgley, and Fire Chief Beatsch.

Public Comments: Jason Lanham (149 Bonnie Lynn Terrace) presented a proposal by the St. Therese Centennial committee to place a sign on the shelter by the Veterans Memorial Park. This shelter was the trolley shelter and was originally named "Shrine of the Little Flower". They would like to put a historical marker in front of the shelter and the top of the shelter. **There was a Motion and Second to approve the signage at the shelter. Motion/Second: Curry/Whitehead. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.**

Approval of meeting minutes 7/1/26. Motion/Second: Okura/Melville. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.

Public Works: Council Member Melville said he spoke with Public Works Foreman Stortz. No parking signs were put up on Fairbanks Ln. on one side of the street and in the cul-de-sac. Street patching was done on Linden. Curbs, aprons, and under drains were completed on Valley View. A pole in the sidewalk was being moved on Valley View. Council Member Curry asked about Shaler and said the asphalt needed to be repaired. Mayor Hamberg said the City will look at that and also the intersection of Willow and US 27.

Public Safety: Council Member Messmer had no report. Fire Chief Beatsch said Engine 1301 has problems with the engine. They are hoping for good weather for the Block Party on Saturday July 18. Police Chief Christmann said there was a complaint about construction trucks parking on both sides of the street and in the cul-de-sac on Fairbanks. Public Works put up no parking signs. Police Officer Barnett is graduating from the academy on July 23.

Code Enforcement: Council Member Curry reported 9 new cases, 10 abated cases, 2 citations issued, and \$2,250 in fines issued.

Community Relations & Recreation: Council Member Okura said First Church has VBS registration 7/14-16, Southgate Fire Dept. Block Party is 7/18, Southgate School has Cross Country track event 7/29, St. Therese has pre-school meetup at the Southgate Community Center Park 7/30. The Pumpkin Walk will be 10/9.

Public Buildings: Council Member Whitehead had no report.

Finance and Administration: Council Member Hartman reviewed payables.

Finance Director Edgley had no report. City Clerk Barton had no report, but said there is a correction on the reading of ordinance 26-10 and 26-11. It is the second reading of the ordinance. Assistant City Attorney Shultz had no report, but read the following:

Ordinance 26-10 Amend pay class for police dept. (second reading). Motion/Second: Melville/Hartman. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.

Ordinance 26-11 Amend pay class for city employees (second reading). Motion/Second: Curry/Okura. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.

Order 26-07 Re appoint Phyllis Yeager to Code Enforcement Board. Mayor Hamberg will sign.

Old Business: none.

New Business: Mayor Hamberg said that he and Council Member Okura have a letter to send to the businesses in the City inviting them to a meeting on Aug. 4th to discuss starting a Business Association. This was on the recommendation of KLC Vision 25-30-35 Plan.

Campbell County Emergency Management asked the Cities if they had facilities that could be used in an emergency. The County EMS will look at the Community Center to see if it is a possible location.

Payment of Vouchers: Check vouchers #36391-36437 were presented for Council's review.

Executive Session per KRS 61.810(1) (k) Meetings which federal or state law specifically require to be conducted in private. Discussion under KRS 158.162 (2)(d) and KRS 61.878 (1)(m) Motion to go into Executive Session. Motion/Second: Melville/Curry. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.

No action was taken in Executive Session.

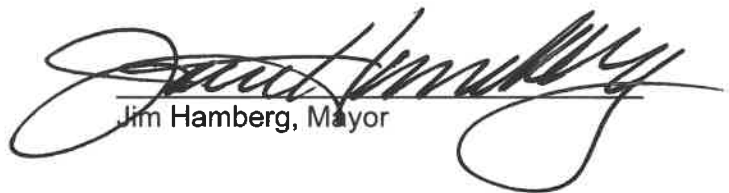
Motion to go back into Open Session. Motion/Second: Curry/Melville. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.

There was a motion for the Campbell County Sheriff Dept. to use the Community Center for public safety at no cost with a full rental waiver. Motion/Second: Hartman/Okura. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.

Adjournment: There being no further business, **Motion to adjourn. Motion/Second: Messmer/Whitehead. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.**



Brandi Barton, City Clerk


Jim Hamberg, Mayor