

**CITY OF SOUTHGATE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Aug. 5, 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, Okura, Messmer, Hartman, Melville, and Whitehead were present. Also present: City Clerk Barton, Police Chief Christmann, Public Works Foreman Stortz, Assistant City Attorney Shultz, Finance Director/Treasurer Edgley. Fire Chief Beatsch was absent.

Public Comments: Council Member Okura read the July Green Thumb award winners: 118 Electric Ave. and 2407 Joyce Ave.

Approval of meeting minutes 7/15/26. Motion/Second: Okura/Hartman. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.

Public Works: Council Member Melville asked City Engineer Shumate to speak about the street project on Valley View. Mr. Shumate said the street has more damage than expected and that a two inch overlay would not be enough. In his opinion, a full tear out of the street is required. This could be an additional \$200,000. A change order will be done to Riegler's contract. Possible funding was discussed with the KLC Bond for the project. Public Works Foreman Stortz said Public Works was patching the street on Linden and cleaning up the garage.

Public Safety: Council Member Messmer said the weather made the Block Party not very well attended or much revenue generated. The Fire Dept. will look at another fund raiser later in the year. Police Chief Christmann said a new law regarding school bus passing went into effect. All lanes of traffic must stop when a school bus stops unless there is a divider in between the opposite direction of traffic.

Code Enforcement: Council Member Curry reported 8 new, 14 abated and 28 open cases. There were \$8,500 fines issued. The property owner with the bamboo on Center St. is working towards compliance with the new invasive species ordinance.

Community Relations & Recreation: Council Member Okura said the next Park & Tree Board meeting is 8/10. St. Therese book sale 8/9-8/14, Southgate School Readifest 8/13, Campbell Co. Citizen Academy 8/31. Council Member Okura asked Council to spend the remaining balance of \$900 of the Read Ready funds to purchase back packs, water bottles, and gift cards for an event at Canterbury Apts. **Motion to approve. Motion/Second: Okura/Hartman. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.**

Public Buildings: Council Member Whitehead said he and Public Works Foreman Stortz did the inspections at the city buildings. Council Member Whitehead said the Fire Dept. and the city building basement need to be cleaned up and organized. Council Member Messmer asked about purchasing the ice machine that St. Therese loaned them for the Block Party. Mayor Hamberg said he will talk to Father about it.

Finance and Administration: Council Member Hartman reviewed payables. **Motion to approve the preliminary June financials. Motion/Second: Hartman/Okura. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.**

Finance Director Edgley said the budget looks good with around \$60,000 surplus in the June preliminary financials. City Clerk Barton said she is waiting on the tax file from the Campbell Co. PVA and then the tax rate can be calculated. City Attorney Shultz had no report.

Old Business: none.

New Business: Council Member Okura would like to see about having a farmer's market at the community center. Council Member Curry asked about getting new signs for the Park & Tree Green Thumb Awards. Council Member Okura said new signs were received. Council Member Whitehead said we need to get an estimate for the new window at the Police Dept. Mayor Hamberg talked about the road paving on US 27 that KYTC is doing. There may be a possibility of getting a stop light at Memorial Pointe Dr. in the future because of the work. Mayor Hamberg also discussed no smoking/vaping in city buildings and that it is in the personnel policy, but there is no ordinance on this.

Payment of Vouchers: Check vouchers #36438-36487 were presented for Council's review.

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



Brandi Barton, City Clerk



Jim Hamberg, Mayor