

**CITY OF SOUTHGATE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Aug. 19, 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, City Attorney Stewart, Finance Director/Treasurer Edgley, and Fire Chief Beatsch.

Public Comments: Mayor Hamberg and Police Chief Christmann presented service awards to Police Officer Tim Mitchell for 5 years of service and Police Sergeant Garrett Haynes for 10 years of service.

Approval of meeting minutes 8/5/26. Motion/Second: Hartman/Curry. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.

Public Works: Council Member Melville said the street project on Valley View is moving along. The contractor, Riegler will ensure that residents can park on the street when they leave the site for the day. Mr. Melville thanked Public Works for doing a good job during the storm last week by removing trees and clearing the roadways.

City Engineer Shumate presented the bids for the community center parking lot. He recommended Riegler, who was the low bid at \$231,414.20. **Motion to accept the bid plus contingency of 15% (\$34,712.13). Motion/Second: Melville/Curry. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.** Mr. Shumate said the project should be completed by 10/31/26. Mayor Hamberg said he and Finance Director Edgley reviewed the numbers for the KLC bond for the street project. The bond will be for \$1,479,500. The City will pay \$287,156 out of the General Fund. There is an anticipated \$69,500 that will be reimbursed from SD1 for the cost share program.

Public Works Foreman Stortz said Campbell Co. Emergency Management staff came to look at the community center, but there was an event going on so they did not view it at this time. It was under consideration to be used in an emergency or disaster. Council Member Messmer asked about a pothole in the alley behind W. Walnut St. Mayor Hamberg asked Public Works Foreman Stortz to look at that. Council Member Melville said there was a request to repair Gleason, however, it will probably need a full tear out and it is not on the list this year to do. Public Works will do what they can to patch it until it can be replaced.

Public Safety: Council Member Messmer had no report. Police Chief Christmann said the police department received their plaque for accreditation which is good for 4 years. Fire Chief Beatsch said the fire department had dozens of runs during the storm last week. There was a run at Canterbury Apartments in which the police assisted.

Code Enforcement: Council Member Curry said he rode with Code Enforcement Officer Berkley this week. If anyone has questions for code enforcement, please contact Neil Berkley.

Community Relations & Recreation: Council Member Okura said the Campbell Co. Citizen Academy is 8/31, The City Wide Yard Sale is 9/12, the next Park & Tree Board meeting is 9/14.

The Pumpkin Walk is 10/9. The Fire Dept. Stagette is 10/16 and Read Ready will present at the next council meeting on 9/2.

Public Buildings: Council Member Whitehead said the recent storm has brought up the need for generators at the city buildings. The fire department generator needs to be repaired. It is only working on half power. Buckeye Power will be called to come look at it. Mayor Hamberg was checking into grant opportunities for generators, but it is very competitive. Mayor Hamberg said that he spoke with St. Therese about the ice machine, but Father said he will need to get back with him since he was busy with school starting.

Finance and Administration: Council Member Hartman reviewed payables.

Finance Director Edgley said the tax file has come to the city. She will work on the calculation with the Mayor. The auditors will be here on 10/27. City Clerk Barton said the City Yard Sale is 9/12. The tax calculations should be ready for the next meeting on 9/2. Ms. Barton said she is looking into new tax software to replace the current software which will soon be no longer supported.

City Attorney Stewart said she will work on the ordinance for no smoking in the city buildings. It is in the personnel policy. Ms. Stewart read the following:

Ordinance 26-12 Approve lease agreement for financing a project and authorize execution of documents related to the lease (first reading).

Proclamation for Ron Kohrs, Dept. President of VFW

Old Business: Southgate Business Associates was held on 8/4. The proposed next meeting date is 9/1. This meeting will be held at the city building. The Vision 26-30-35 plan was finalized. There were a few changes proposed in the plan. **Motion to approve the Vision 26-30-35 with changes. Motion/Second: Messmer/Curry. Approved by vote: Aye 6 Nay 0.**

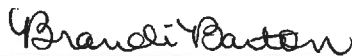
New Business: Mayor Hamberg spoke about NKADD Community Forum on 9/21. This forum is to get resident input for the county. On 9/10 the Assisted Living facility will give a tour to City employees and council members. The owners hope to have the facility completed by Aug. 2027.

Payment of Vouchers: Check vouchers #36488-36525 were presented for Council's review.

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



Jim Hamberg, Mayor



Brandi Barton, City Clerk