

**CITY OF SOUTHGATE  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES -amended  
April 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: Okura, Melville, Messmer, Curry, and Whitehead were present. Council Member Hartman was absent. Also present: City Clerk Barton, Police Chief Christmann, Public Works Foreman Bowman, City Attorney Stewart, Finance Director/Treasure Edgley, Fire Chief Beatsch was absent.

**Public Comments:** none.

**Approval of meeting minutes 4/1/26. Motion/Second: Okura/Curry. Approved by vote: Aye 5 Nay 0.**

**Approval of special meeting minutes 4/8/26. Motion/Second: Okura/Curry. Approved by vote: Aye 5 Nay 0.**

**Public Works:** Council Member Melville said there was a water main break on North and Beech. There is a dead tree on Electric that will be removed by our tree contractor. Duke Energy is replacing poles on Alexandria Pike. Mayor Hamberg said he will meet with KYTC about future work on Alexandria Pike. Works Foreman Arvil Bowman had no report.

**Public Safety:** Council Member Messmer had no report. Police Chief Christmann said he received a bid for the secured entrance area at the police dept. They were expecting another contractor to look at it, but they didn't show up. Mayor Hamberg asked the Police Chief to get other bids. Council Member Whitehead said he reviewed the one bid and it did not address the french drain that is needed. Public Works can tie in the French drain. Fire Chief Beatsch was absent.

**Code Enforcement:** Council Member Curry reported 9 new cases, 6 abated cases, and 56 open cases. Fines of \$9,450 were issued. There is a code enforcement board meeting tomorrow at 6:00.

**Community Relations & Recreation:** Council Member Okura said the next Garden volunteer day is 4/18. Arbor Day celebration is 4/24. City Cleanup event is 5/11-5/18. Ms. Okura requested to spend additional \$376 on items for Read Ready. This is for Memorial Day and other events. **Motion/Second to approve the expenses: Motion/Second: Okura/Melville. Approved by vote: Aye 5 Nay 0.** The next Park & Tree Board meeting is 4/13 with a plant swap.

**Public Buildings:** Council Member Whitehead said the Fire Dept. wants to purchase a steamer to clean tile. He asked about the paperwork for the ice machine at the Fire Dept. A fire fighter in the audience said they will look for it in their department.

**Finance and Administration:** Council Member Hartman was absent.

Finance Director Edgley said she was working on budget. City Clerk Barton had no report.

City Attorney Stewart had no report, but read the following:

**Ordinance 26-03 Amend Ordinance 91-11 and Section 31.02 in order to revise the future compensation for elected offices of Mayor and Council. (Second reading). Motion/Second: Messmer/Whitehead. Approved by vote: Aye 5 Nay 0.**

**Proclamation for Arvil Bowman's 25 years of service. A service award was presented to him by Mayor Hamberg.**

**Proclamation for National Fire Service Week.**

**Old Business:** none.

**New Business:** none.

**Payment of Vouchers:** Check vouchers #36155-36190 were presented for Council's review.

**Mayor & Council Comments:** none.

**Announcements:** none.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, **Motion to adjourn. Motion/Second: Curry/Okura. Approved by vote: Aye 5 Nay 0.**

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James Hamberg, Mayor

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Brandi Barton, City Clerk