

MEETING
ERLANGER COUNCIL
January 2, 2007

Mayor Thomas L. Rouse called the regular meeting of the Erlanger City Council to order in the City of Erlanger Council Chambers at 7:00 P.M., Tuesday, January 2, 2007.

Presentation of Color was conducted by the Erlanger Police Color Guard.

Mayor Rouse introduced the Lloyd Memorial High School Chamber Choir who sang the National Anthem and My Old Kentucky Home.

Members of Council and citizens pledged allegiance to the flag

Mayor Rouse asked for a moment of silence for President Gerald Ford who passed away December 26, 2006.

The following Members of Council were present: Jim Burger, Kevin Burke, Tom Cahill, John Dunhoft, Paul Hahn, Keith Henry, Bill Howard, Vicki Kyle, Corine Pitts, Renee Skidmore, and Patty Suedkamp. Greg Sandel was absent, absence excused.

Also present were: City Administrator Bill Scheyer, Police Chief Marc Fields, Fire/EMS Chief Tim Koenig, City Clerk Linda Carter, Finance Officer Jerry Knochelmann, Information Systems Administrator Becky Hopkins, Police Captain Bob Arens, Police Captain Tim Thames, City Attorney Frank Wichmann and City Engineer Jim Viox.

MINUTES - M/S, Dunhoft-Hahn, that the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 5 2006, be approved as read. All yeas, no nays, motion carried.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION - Mayor Rouse introduced City Administrator Bill Scheyer. Mr. Scheyer said the National League of Cities (NLC) Award for Municipal Excellence identifies and showcases outstanding city and town programs that improve the quality of life in America's communities. The 2006 National League of Cities Gold Award for Municipal Excellence in cities with a population of 50,000 or less was presented to the City of Erlanger at the Congress of Cities and Exposition conference in Reno, Nevada for our Erlanger Advance Life Support (ALS) Program. This program provides advance life support for the City of Erlanger as well as five neighboring jurisdictions.

Mr. Scheyer introduced Fire/EMS Chief Tim Koenig. Chief Koenig stated the NLC also gave to the City a check in the amount of \$2,000 to pass along to a non-profit organization.

Ms. Suedkamp presented the check for \$2,000 to Eric Johnson of the Hero's organization. Hero's is made up of public safety professionals and citizens who are there to support families of fallen safety professionals. This organization was started in 2004. There have been 29 fallen safety professionals in the last 28 months. This check is truly appreciated.

Mayor Rouse congratulated Mayor Otto and all who are responsible for the creation of the ALS program.

Mayor Rouse stated it was his great pleasure to present his first proclamation to former Mayor Marc T. Otto, Sr. Mayor Rouse thanked Marc Otto for his years serving on Council and as Mayor. John

Dunhoft presented the proclamation which made January 6, 2007 Marc T. Otto, Sr. Day in the City of Erlanger.

Mayor Rouse presented a plaque to former Council Member Brian Hammond and thanked him for his involvement with the Lakemont Park project and his service to the community.

MAYOR'S REPORT - Mayor Rouse then read the Mayor's Report. A copy of which is attached to these minutes.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Public Safety - Police - No report.

Public Safety - Fire/EMS - No report.

Public Works - No report.

Administration - Mr. Scheyer said the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce is trying to get legislation passed to require all cities to use net profit. Mayor Rouse assigned the to Local Government Committee for review.

Mr. Scheyer said we received a request to purchase the City's cell towers that are currently leased. Mayor Rouse assigned the request to the Finance Committee.

Mr. Scheyer said he received a request for a right-of-way closure at 421 Clay Street and Schmidt Street which is between Clay Street and Center Street. Mayor Rouse assigned the request to the Public Works Committee.

Finance - Mayor Rouse introduced City Finance Officer Jerry Knochelmann. Mr. Knochelmann gave each Council Member a copy of the latest statement of revenues and expenditures for the current fiscal year ending June 30, 2007. Mr. Knochelmann reviewed with Council what the columns represent. Mayor Rouse urged Council Members to read over the statement and feel free to ask Mr. Knochelmann any questions they may have.

Connect Erlanger - No report.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Human Resources - No report.

Revenue Generation - No report.

Local Government - No report

REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORTS OF CITY OPERATIONS

City Engineer - No report.

City Attorney - No report.

City Administrator - Mr. Scheyer reported the audit presentation will be held at the January 16, 2007 committee meeting at 6:30 P.M.

Mr. Scheyer introduced college student Rebecca Volke who has volunteered to intern for the City. She will be working with David

Hahn doing economic analysis and also with the Renaissance Committee.

CORRESPONDENCE - No correspondence.

CITIZENS/PUBLIC COMMENTS - Katie Jones of 35 Westwood Drive, said she has been a resident in the City of Erlanger for the past six years. Of those past six years she has owned a Staffordshire terrier. The City has an ordinance passed in 1986 banning residents from owning this breed of dog since it is another name for Pitt Bull terriers which are often vicious. Ms. Jones said her dog is very gentle and she would like Council to revisit the 20 year old ordinance. She has received a civil citation and has to go to court and would like Council to consider this as soon as possible. Mayor Rouse assigned this to the Public Safety - Police Committee that will meet on January 16, 2007 at 6:30 P.M.

No other citizens wished to speak at this time.

BIDS - No bids.

WORK IN PROGRESS - No work in progress at this time.

BUSINESS FOR THE GOOD AND WELFARE OF THE CITY - Mr. Dunhoft reported the Erlanger Housing Board finally bought their first piece of property. Local contractors will bid for remodeling and updating this property to bring it up to code. It will then be offered for sale to a lower income family at a lower than market price. Mr. Dunhoft stated the City is not looking to make money; we want to help families get a fresh start and to preserve the market value of the neighborhoods. Mayor Rouse said this is a great first step.

Mr. Burger stated he had attended a meeting of the Spring Valley Watch Group back in October 2006. He said neighbors had several worth while ideas he wanted to bring them back to Council for their consideration. The first suggestion was to review the current trash contract with Bavarian Trucking. Mayor Rouse assigned this to the Administration Committee. The second suggestion was to look at the Zoning Ordinances along Turkeyfoot Road to make sure we get what we want for future construction. Mayor Rouse assigned this to the Administration Committee.

Ms. Skidmore stated the State of Kentucky currently has a survey on the internet asking opinions on what to do with a possible fiscal surplus. She suggested the City of Erlanger's present and future needs should be discussed at the January 16, 2007 Committee meeting.

Ms. Pitts made a suggestion that Council sometimes meet at remote sections of the City to maybe draw citizens living in those sections into getting more involved with City affairs.

Mr. Scheyer reminded Council of the following important dates:

- January 16, 2006 - 2005-2006 Audit Presentation;

Administration and Local Government Committees: Plan meeting with Adam Koenig, discuss Governor's survey, and Gross Receipts response.

Public Safety-Police Committee : Review Pit Bull ordinance

- January 23, 2007 - Meeting with Adam Koenig
- January 27, 2007 - Council Retreat at Firehouse Number 3, from 9:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M.

Mayor Rouse said he will be in his office on Wednesdays from 3:00 until closing at 6:00 P.M. unless he is otherwise scheduled.

Ms. Suedkamp reminded everyone of former Mayor Marc Otto's retirement party being held on January 6, 2007 at the Erlanger Lion's Club beginning 7:30 P.M.

Mr. Howard said our Parks and Recreation department will be hosting an ice skating party at Northern Kentucky Ice Center in Crescent Springs on January 7, 2007 from 5:30 P.M. until 7:00 P.M. The event is limited to the first 100, so you must call Kathy Cahill for reservations.

LEGISLATION - Mr. Wichmann read Municipal Order 01-02-07-01 adopting rules of procedure for the meetings of the Erlanger City Council.

M/S, Burke-Suedkamp, to execute Municipal Order 01-02-07-01 adopting rules of procedure for the meetings of the Erlanger City Council. Roll call vote was answered by all yeas, no nays, motion carried.

Mr. Wichmann read Municipal Order 01-02-07-02 in regard to City Council committee assignments and meeting schedules.

M/S, Henry-Burke, to execute Municipal Order 01-02-07-02 regarding City Council committee assignments and meeting schedules. Roll call vote was answered by all yeas, no nays, motion carried.

Mr. Wichmann read Municipal Order 01-02-07-03 approving the appointment of members to the Board of Directors of the Erlanger Housing Development Corporation.

M/S, Suedkamp-Dunhoft, to execute Municipal Order approving the appointment of members to the Board of Directors of the Erlanger Housing Development Corporation. Roll call vote was answered by all yeas, no nays, motion carried.

Mr. Wichmann read an ordinance repealing various ordinances in regard to meetings of committees of the City Council. This was the first reading.

ADJOURNMENT - M/S, Kyle-Cahill, to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 P.M. All yeas, no nays, motion carried.

APPROVED:

Thomas L. Rouse
Mayor

Respectfully Submitted:

Sandra Schweikert

ATTEST:

Linda Carter
City Clerk