

MEETING
ERLANGER COUNCIL
March 7, 2006

Mayor Marc T. Otto, Sr. called the Regular Meeting of the Erlanger City Council to order in the City of Erlanger Council Chambers at 7:00 P.M., Tuesday, March 7, 2006.

Reverend Larry Stiles of the Erlanger Church of Christ, opened the meeting with a prayer, after which the Members of Council and citizens pledged allegiance to the flag.

The following Members of Council were present: Randy Blankenship, Jim Burger, Kevin Burke, John Dunhoft, Paul Hahn, Brian Hammond, Keith Henry, Vicki Kyle, Frank Rose, Greg Sandel, and Patty Suedkamp. Bill Howard 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, City Attorney Frank Wichmann, and City Engineer Jim Viox.

MINUTES - M/S, Dunhoft-Blankenship, that the minutes of the Regular meeting held on February 7, 2006, be approved. All ayes, no nays, motion carried.

M/S, Burger-Hammond, that the minutes of the Special Council meeting held on February 28, 2006, be approved. All ayes, no nays, motion carried.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION - Mayor Otto introduced Fire/EMS Chief Tim Koenig. Chief Koenig then introduced Fire/EMS Lieutenant Rob Hucker. Chief Koenig stated Lieutenant Hucker joined the EMS Department as an EMT 15 years ago. He is an outstanding member of our department. Mayor Otto presented Rob with a 15-year service award pin and thanked him for his service to the Community.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Administration - Mr. Burger reported the Committee met to discuss a request to amend the zoning ordinance pertaining to fences. He said the Committee decided not to change the ordinance but asked that the City Attorney make some changes in the language of the civil citation warning letter.

Ms. Kyle said applications for the Friendship City Scholarship along with letters of recommendation and community service hours must be turned in no later than 4:30 P.M., on March 17, 2006. The \$1,500 scholarship is awarded each year to a graduating high school student. You must be a resident of Erlanger to apply.

Ms. Kyle reminded everyone of the City's March event being held March 20, 2006 at the Erlanger Branch of the Kenton County Library. Our Senior Citizens will be treated to a box luncheon at 11:30 A.M.

Public Safety - Mr. Dunhoft reported on the streetlight requests. Cinergy will pay for streetlights to be installed on Crescent Springs Road but the City will incur a cost of \$57.62 per month.

The City will have to pay \$10,000 for the installation of streetlights on Kenton Lands Road plus a monthly fee.

Mayor Otto asked Bill Scheyer if there was money in the Budget to cover the costs for the installation and addition monthly fees. Mr. Scheyer said he would review the budget but felt sure it could be covered.

Chief Fields introduced Officer Tasha Humphreys. She has recently returned from serving our country in Iraq. Tasha is originally from Montgomery, Alabama. She attended Eastern Kentucky University and graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice. The

day after she graduated from the 22 week Police Corp training she was deployed to Iraq. We are certainly glad she is has come back to her new home in Erlanger. Officer Humphreys stated she was glad to be back home and is so happy to be working for the City.

Ms. Suedkamp reported that on March 4, 2006 the Erlanger Fire/EMS department responded to a fire at Peel's Palace on Houston Road. Flames were shooting 30 to 40 feet in the air. Peel's Palace has been closed for quite some time but the close proximity of the occupied Airport Inn was a concern. Elsmere, Edgewood, Point Pleasant and Fort Mitchell Fire/EMS Departments also responded along with our Police Department.

Ms. Suedkamp stated that for the month of February, our Basic Life Support responded to 154 runs and our Advance Life Support responded to 131 runs.

Mr. Blankenship reported our human and K-9 members of the Technical Rescue Team were called on to participate in a search for a child that had wandered off. The child was found alive and safe.

Public Service - Mr. Rose asked for the Committee to meet on March 21, 2006 at 6:30 P.M. with City staff to discuss requests to amend the text of the zoning ordinance.

Mr. Sandel said the Committee met on February 21, 2006 to discuss the request from the Kroger Company to amend the ordinance that regulates Sunday wine and liquor sales. The Committee recommends that the ordinance be amended to allow bottled wine and liquor to be sold on Sundays after 11:00 A.M. and to have the first reading of the amended ordinance tonight. Mayor Otto asked if there were any objections, there were no objections.

Mr. Hammond reported progress on the Lakemont Park Committee. He said that he would report on details at the March 21, 2006 Committee meeting.

M/S, Hahn-Suedkamp, to accept the Reports of the Standing Committees as presented. All ayes, no nays, motion carried.

REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

Erlanger-Elsmere Renaissance - Ms. Suedkamp announced the annual meeting for the Dixie Farmers' Market will be on March 16, 2006 at 7:00 P.M. at the Erlanger Municipal Building. The Farmers' Market should have around 40 venders this year. Ms. Suedkamp said that unsold produce again will be donated to Harvest Ministry, First Baptist's Church food bank.

To encourage nearby residents to use the City's extensive sidewalk network, Ms. Suedkamp said the Farmer's Market can possibly tie in with the Step Forward Erlanger fitness program, encouraging residents to walk to the Farmers' Market.

Erlanger Housing Development Corporation - Mr. Dunhoft stated that due to some changes recently, we need to revamp the new Erlanger Housing Development Corporation.

Mr. Wichmann explained that originally the Erlanger Housing Development partnered with Brighton Properties. This partnership has been terminated. The Erlanger Housing Development Corporation has continued its business with the Bank of Kentucky. The Corporation needs Council to authorize "Lease-Back Financing" in order to continue. This can be approved with a resolution.

Mayor Otto asked if there were any objections to a resolution being read during Legislation authorizing this financing. There were no objections.

National League of Cities - Mayor Otto said he and Bill Scheyer will be attending the National League of Cities (NLC) Congressional City Conference in Washington D.C. March 12th to March 15th. The last NLC conference they attended was very informative and he was looking forward to the upcoming conference. Mayor Otto said he would report to Council at the next meeting.

M/S, Burke-Kyle, that the Reports of Representatives be adopted as presented. All ayes, no nays, motion carried.

REPORTS OF CITY OPERATIONS

City Engineer - Mr. Viox reported that at the February 21, 2006 Committee meeting, the Committee reviewed the Dixie Fix Proposal that is an Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana (OKI) Regional Council of Governments initiative.

City Attorney - No report

City Administrator - Mr. Scheyer reported that we have received two requests for changes to our zoning ordinance. The first request is for a text amendment to the Industrial Park for a dog day care business. The property is in the IP-1 zone which does not list this as a permitted use. The second request is for a zone change on Dixie Highway from Residential to Commercial to construct an automotive store that is similar to Auto Zone. The property is presently zoned R-2 which is a multi-family residential zone. Mayor Otto assigned these requests to the Public Service Committee that will meet March 21, 2006.

M/S, Dunhoft-Hahn, that the reports of the City Operations be adopted as presented. All ayes, no nays, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE - An unsigned letter of appreciation was received by Rick Bogard and the Public Works Department thanking them for the great job they did on December 8th and 9th with snow removal. The writer also noticed the awful pot holes were filled on Sycamore Tree and Tulip Tree Lanes in Cherry Hill.

CITIZENS/PUBLIC COMMENTS - No citizens wished to address council at this time.

BIDS - No Bids

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - No unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS - No new business.

LEGISLATION - Mr. Wichmann read Ordinance 2270 amending the text of the Erlanger Zoning Ordinance in regard to signs. This was the second reading.

M/S, Burger-Burke, to adopt and allow the Mayor to sign Ordinance 2270 amending the text of the Erlanger Zoning Ordinance in regard to signs. Roll call vote, all ayes, no nays, motion carried.

Mr. Wichmann read an ordinance amending the text of the Erlanger Zoning Ordinance in regard to sexually oriented businesses. This was the first reading.

Mr. Wichmann read an ordinance establishing the times and hours during which malt beverages may be sold at retail to be hours after 6:00 A.M. and before 2:30 A.M. prevailing time, on any day except Sunday and the hours after 11:00 A.M. and before 2:30 A.M.,

prevailing time, on any Sunday except that no malt beverages shall be sold at retail during the hours the polls are open in the City on election day. This was the first reading.

Mr. Wichmann read Resolution 03-07-06-1 authorizing and directing the Erlanger Housing Development Corporation to execute and deliver a master lease-purchase agreement with the Bank of Kentucky, Incorporated in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 for the financing of the acquisition, rehabilitation and improvement of real property; between the Erlanger Housing Development Corporation and the City of Erlanger, Kentucky related to such master lease; and authorizing other actions in connection with the foregoing.

M/S, Dunhoft-Sandel, to adopt and cause the Mayor to sign Resolution 03-07-06-1 authorizing and directing the Erlanger Housing Development Corporation to execute and deliver a master lease-purchase agreement with the Bank of Kentucky, Incorporated in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 for the financing of the acquisition, rehabilitation and improvement of real property; between the Erlanger Housing Development Corporation and the City of Erlanger, Kentucky related to such master lease; and authorizing other actions in connection with the foregoing. Roll call vote, all ayes, no nays, motion carried.

M/S, Rose-Kyle, to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 P.M. All ayes, no nays, motion carried.

APPROVED:

Marc T. Otto, Sr.
Mayor

Sandra Schweikert
Administrative Assistant

ATTEST:

Linda Carter
City Clerk