

REGULAR MEETING  
ERLANGER COUNCIL  
April 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, April 2, 2007.

Members of Council and citizens pledged allegiance to the flag.

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, Greg Sandel, Renee Skidmore, and Patty Suedkamp.

Also present were: City Administrator Bill Scheyer, Police Chief Marc Fields, Fire/EMS Chief Tim Koenig, City Clerk Linda Carter, Finance Officer Jerry Knochelmann, Public Works Administrator Rick Bogard, City Attorney Frank Wichmann and City Engineer Jim Viox.

MINUTES - M/S, Hahn-Pitts, that the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 6, 2007, be approved as read. All yeas, no nays, motion carried.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION - Mayor Rouse introduced Community Development and Parks and Recreation Coordinator Kathy Cahill.

Kathy introduced Patricia Franxman, last years' winner of the Erlanger Community Achievement Scholarship. Patricia thanked Mayor Rouse and Council for the scholarship and told them it had enabled her to be a full time student working on a double major. She was able to concentrate on her studies and not have to hold a job her freshman year. She said she was very proud, and grateful to have been one of the recipients of this scholarship. Patricia announced the winner of the 2007 Erlanger City Council Community Achievement Scholarship as Robert Andrew Carroll of Hallam Avenue. Andrew is a senior at Saint Henry High School. He has done community service with the Republican Party, Pennies for Patients, Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, Ronald McDonald House, Special Olympics, Hoxworth Blood Center, Scarf It Up Program, Saint Paul's Community Pharmacy, St. Charles' Nursing Home, Project Women, Madonna House, Parish Kitchen, BeConcerned, and the American Cancer Society. He will be attending either Bellarmine University or the University of Louisville. Mayor Rouse read a proclamation congratulating Andrew and Kathy presented the proclamation to Andrew. Andrew said he was very proud that he had been chosen and he is very thankful. The audience applauded Andrew and Mayor Rouse wished him well.

MAYOR'S REPORT - Mayor Rouse stated that Insight Cable will be broadcasting our meetings live on channel ICM 6 and rebroadcast on various dates and times during the month.

Mayor Rouse said he had three areas of concern at this time of the year:

1. Weather alerts - Residents need to know the difference between warnings and watches and have a plan of action.
2. Nicer weather results in more children playing in the streets- Residents need to be more aware when driving.
3. Fire/EMS and Police resources are required more often on the interstate highways. This means fewer resources are available on Erlanger streets.

Mayor Rouse reported we have received numerous written responses from local Northern Kentucky cities interested in our Dispatch proposal. He again complemented the staff members for their thoroughness and professionalism during their presentations.

Mayor Rouse said the ongoing budget meetings are going well and he hoped Council members would be attending the meetings so that they would be fully informed and satisfied with the new budget.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Public Safety - Police - No report.

Public Safety - Fire/EMS - Ms. Pitts read the March 2007 reports for ALS and Mutual Aid runs.

- Mutual Aid Runs for March 2007: Ft. Mitchell - 7 dispatches, 2 completed; Ft. Wright - 1 dispatch, 1 completed with a total of 8 dispatches, 3 completed.
- ALS Statistics for March 2007: Erlanger - 56; Elsmere - 26 ; Point Pleasant - 9; Crescent Springs - 15 ; Edgewood - 13; Fort Mitchell - 2; Fort Wright - 1; Total - 118
- Erlanger Basic Life Support (BLS) March 2007 Totals - 139 total Erlanger runs

Ms. Suedkamp read a letter received by Chief Tim Koenig from Florence Fire/EMS Chief Marc A. Muench. Chief Muench thanked our firefighters for their quick response and diligent service in assisting the Florence Fire/EMS Department with five recent building fires.

Ms. Suedkamp read a letter from Bruce R. Kaechle, President & CEO of TargetSafety and Timothy S. Wall, Chairman of the Volunteer and Combination Officers Section (VCOS) of the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC). They were sending congratulations for the Erlanger Fire/EMS Department being selected as a recipient of the Target Safety - VCOS, IAFC Online Training Grant. Receiving this grant means the department will receive one year of online training for free. The value of this grant is equivalent to \$7,500.

Ms. Suedkamp announced a charity event to celebrate the "Everyday Heroes" of our community. The 2007 Heroes Basketball game is being held April 14' 2007. The game is Northern Kentucky Fire/EMS departments verses Northern Kentucky Police departments with the proceeds going to Transitions Recovery Center. Pre-game begins at 7:00 P.M. and the game starts at 7:30 P.M. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children and students.

Public Works - No report.

Administration - Mr. Burger asked to have the committee meet April 17, 2007 at 6:30 P.M.

Ms. Kyle reported the March event at Silverlake was a big hit with everyone. Thank you to our volunteers and to Silverlake Recreation for allowing us to use their facility at a nominal cost.

Ms. Kyle reported there were over 200 attendees to our Easter Event. Thank you to all the volunteers that made this event so successful.

Ms. Kyle announced a "Senior Day" will be held on April 4, 2007 from 2:00 to 3:30 P.M. at the Erlanger branch of the Kenton County Library.

Ms. Kyle stated that on April 11, 2007 there will be a special "Senior Swim and Exercise" at Silverlake Recreation Center from 2:00 to 3:30.

Ms. Kyle stated the City's May event will be a night at a Florence Freedom Baseball game on May 26, 2007.

Finance - Mr. Henry stated he had no report.

Mr. Knochelmann reported he had arrived at attainable revenue numbers by averaging revenue increases and decreases for the last five years.

Mr. Knochelmann reported he has received all departmental requests. If Council has any questions they should ask the department heads or him for the answers to their questions.

Connect Erlanger - Mr. Howard reported the committee is making progress on the electric sign.

Mr. Howard stated the Friendship 5K walk/race that is held in August will be joined by Step Forward Erlanger.

Ms. Skidmore stopped by a Sierra Club meeting that was being held at the Erlanger Branch of the Kenton County Library. She read from a pamphlet a list of things residents can do to save on energy.

#### SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Human Resources - No report.

Revenue Generation - Mr. Cahill reported two plans for possible revenue generation.

##### 1) Billing for Fire/EMS Extraction

- Plan - A second billing business has been contacted about providing the billing for this service. The plan should be reviewed by City Attorney Frank Wichmann.

##### 2) Inspection/Licensing of Rental Properties

- Plan - Meeting with inspectors to determine if we have the manpower to do this in the City or do we need to contract this out. We need to set price of licenses and inspections.

Local Government - No report.

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

#### REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

Historical Society - Mr. Hahn reported the Depot Museum is now open on Saturdays from noon until 4:00 P.M.

Erlanger/Elsmere Renaissance - Ms. Suedkamp announced the Farmer's Market will open at the Erlanger Baptist Church parking lot on Thursday, April 19, 2007 and will run through October. The hours are 2:30 to 6:30 P.M. We are planning several events at the market as in the past such as car seat safety. In addition, the Erlanger/Elsmere Renaissance Committee is going to issue vouchers to the seniors and families in need to use towards the purchase of fresh produce at the market.

Ms. Suedkamp reported grant applications have been submitted for funds to make improvements along Dixie Highway.

Municipal Government League - Mr. Cahill reported Mayor Rouse, Ms. Pitts, Mr. Sandel and himself attended the MGLNK meeting on March 15, 2007. They listened to a presentation that was being made by Tom Caradoni, President and CEO of the Northern Kentucky Convention and Visitors Bureau. The Ryder Cup Matches will be coming to Lexington in 2008. The Ryder Cup is a golf trophy contested biennially in an event called the "Ryder Cup Matches" by teams from Europe and the United States. Lexington has also been chosen as the site for the 2010 Equestrian Games. This is a two week international program running from September 25 thru October 10, 2010. There will be 600,000 tickets sold to the public from around the world. These two events will be great opportunities for Kentucky to obtain world wide recognition.

Mr. Cahill reported Clint Brown, President/CEO of the Florence Freedom baseball team introduced the new schedule and announced the 2007 Frontier All-Star game will be held at Champion Field July 10-11, 2007

Mr. Cahill reported Rick Hulfield, Executive Director of Children, Inc. described the Vision 2015 Civic Contribution Committee. They are encouraging municipalities to become involved in recognizing volunteers that work with and help children. There will be an awards program in October at the Northern Kentucky Convention Center and a Civic award will be presented this year.

#### REPORTS OF CITY OPERATIONS

City Engineer - No report.

City Attorney - No report.

City Administrator - Mr. Scheyer reported he had received a request from a property owner to make a zone change on his Dixie Highway property. Mr. Scheyer asked that this be assigned to committee. Mayor Rouse assigned this request to the Administration Committee.

Mr. Scheyer reported he had received a letter from Dennis Gordan, director of the Northern Kentucky Area Planning Commission, to give Council an update on their "One Stop Shop" Program. Mayor Rouse assigned this to be reviewed by a Special Committee consisting of Council Members Patty Suedkamp, Paul Hahn, Greg Sandel, Jim Burger, and Keith Henry.

Mr. Scheyer stated the Citizen Survey Panel was originally proposed by Professor Matt Shank from Northern Kentucky University. The panel is composed of various residents of our City willing to answer survey questions on various topics from time to time through their email. We still need more residents to volunteer to serve on the panel. This is a great way to let the Mayor, Council, and Department Heads know the opinions of a wide range of residents.

Mr. Scheyer said that Governor Fletcher was in town last Friday. He was here to recognize various health programs that have been implemented across the state. The Governor recognized our Step Forward Erlanger Program.

Mr. Scheyer said the Master Sidewalk Plan and the Step Forward Erlanger Program go in conjunction with each other. The Master Sidewalk Plan can be found on the City web site. The Plan will be revised in the near future to add the Master Crosswalk Plan. Mr. Scheyer stated the City won \$300,000 in grant money and the first project, Hallam Avenue, will be going out for bid very shortly. He said McAlpin Avenue and Lloyd Avenue are next.

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

CORRESPONDENCE - Mayor Rouse received a thank you note from Missy Andress, our new Assistant City Clerk. She really appreciated the warm welcome she received on her first day at work. She also wanted to express her appreciation for the opportunity that has been given her.

Mayor Rouse said he had received an email from Deborah Allen from Jacqueline Drive asking for Council to revisit their decision to decline membership on the Telecommunications Board of Northern Kentucky. Mayor Rouse explained why Council had originally made this decision and asked Council if they wanted to revisit their decision. No one on Council wished to discuss or review this at this time.

CITIZENS/PUBLIC COMMENTS - Jenny Zink, a constituent liaison for Congressman Geoff Davis came to introduce herself to Mayor Rouse and Council. She wanted to make sure Council was familiar with Congressman Davis' website and e-newsletter. It is a great source of grants that are available. Ms. Zink invited everyone to a constituents' service meeting being held April 14, 2007 at the Edgewood Senior Center.

BIDS - No bids.

WORK IN PROGRESS - Nothing to report.

BUSINESS FOR THE GOOD AND WELFARE OF THE CITY - Nothing to report.

LEGISLATION - Mr. Wichmann read an ordinance providing for a credit of its occupational license fee for new employees as part of an economic development project United Dairy Farmers, Incorporated under the Kentucky Jobs Development Act (KRS 154.24.010.160, KRS 141.120, KRS 141.350 and KRS 141.407). This was the first reading.

ADJOURNMENT - M/S, Suedkamp-Dunhoft, to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 P.M. All yeas, no nays, motion carried.

APPROVED:

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Thomas L. Rouse  
Mayor

Respectfully Submitted:

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Sandra Schweikert

ATTEST:

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Linda Carter  
City Clerk