

SPECIAL MEETING
ERLANGER COUNCIL
July 18, 2006

Mayor Marc T. Otto, Sr. called the Special Meeting of the Erlanger City Council to order in the City of Erlanger Council Chambers at 7:00 P.M., Tuesday, July 18, 2006.

Council Member Randy Blankenship 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, Kevin Burke, John Dunhoft, Paul Hahn, Brian Hammond, Keith Henry, Bill Howard, Vicki Kyle, Frank Rose, Greg Sandel, and Patty Suedkamp. Jim Burger was absent, absence excused.

Also present were: City Administrator Bill Scheyer, Police Chief Marc Fields, Codes Administrator Dave Hahn, City Clerk Linda Carter, Assistant Fire/EMS Chief Terry Allen, and City Attorney Frank Wichmann.

MINUTES - M/S, Dunhoft-Hahn, that the minutes of the Regular meeting held on June 6, 2006, be approved as read. All ayes, no nays, motion carried.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Administration - Mr. Howard reported the Second Annual 5K Walk/Run will be held on August 27, 2006 at 8:00 A.M. The participants will begin and end at the Erlanger Branch of the Kenton County Library.

Mr. Howard announced that the Annual Erlanger Heritage Day celebration will be held on September 17, 2006 from noon until 6:00 P.M. at the Erlanger Railroad Depot Park. Vendors and crafters may obtain an application for a booth at the Erlanger City Building.

Mr. Howard reminded everyone of the Sunday Family Walk begun by Step Forward Erlanger. More information may be obtained on the Connect Erlanger web site.

Ms. Kyle said Council has received copies of the Personnel Policy amendment for review that is being signed by executive order by the Mayor. Council will be voting on a municipal order on the amendment at the next Council meeting.

Ms. Suedkamp reported that she has received excellent comments about the City's parks program. Kathy Cahill does a great job.

Public Safety - Mr. Dunhoft reported the Committee had asked the Police Department to evaluate a request by a Cherry Hill resident to approve the installation of stop signs at the intersection of Cedar Tree and Spruce Tree Lanes. The Police Department recommended to the Committee that the request be approved. The Committee agreed. Mayor Otto asked if there were no objections he will sign an Executive Order for the placement of the stop signs. There were no objections.

Mr. Dunhoft informed Council that Officer Dave Lillich and his K-9 partner Sombie recently attended this year's North American Police Working Dogs Association (NAPW) training. There were 250 teams in attendance from all over the nation. Officer Lillich and Sombie passed all certifications with no problems.

Police Chief Marc Fields received a letter from Douglas Hensley expressing how impressed he was with Officer Eric Love's professionalism. On July 15, 2006 Officer Love pulled Mr.

Hensley's vehicle over for a violation. He stated that the officer was very polite, courteous, and professional.

Chief Fields announced that "National Night Out" in Erlanger is on August 1, 2006, from 6:00 to 9:00 P.M. It is being held at Lloyd High School and is sponsored by the Erlanger Police Department. This year's event will include The National Guard and a Black Hawk helicopter, the Northern Kentucky Emergency Response Unit (SWAT), the Emergency Management Bus, a demo rollover car, University of Cincinnati Hospital Aircare, a K-9 demonstration and much more. Please join your neighbors for a fun evening.

Chief Fields said Fire Arms Training (FAT) is being held in the Police Department training room until August 7, 2006. You may visit between 5:00 and 9:00 P.M.

Chief Fields announced the Erlanger Police Department has received a Highway Safety Traffic Alcohol Grant in the amount of \$11,000. This grant helps to pay for an extra patrol officer on the road looking for drivers driving under the influence of alcohol (D.U.I). Last year, the officers apprehended an average of one D.U.I every two hours. This also gave us an extra officer looking for other problems.

Ms. Suedkamp reported that Jeanie Webster died last Sunday night. She was a Volunteer and a member of the Auxiliary for many years. Ms. Suedkamp wanted to thank the Erlanger Fire/EMS and Police Department Honor Guard units. She had never seen a volunteer so honored and she appreciated that.

Mr. Blankenship reported members of the Erlanger Technical Rescue Team, along with the Newport Fire Department recently trained for possible rescues from the Newport Purple People Bridge.

Public Service - Mr. Rose stated the Committee is recommending that Mr. Darryl Sallee make an application to the Northern Kentucky Area Planning Commission (NKAPC) for a zone change on a piece of property between Hagedorn's and Aldi's on Dixie Highway. The Committee will review the recommendation of the NKAPC after the public hearing and will make a recommendation after that review.

Mr. Rose reported the Committee reviewed the request by Bavarian to increase the trash fee being paid by Erlanger residents due to Bavarian's increase in gas costs. The Committee's recommendation is not to amend the contract.

Mr. Rose said Mr. Phil Drees has sent a letter and a plan showing the right-of-ways he is interested in having the City close. The Committee is requesting to have another committee meeting to discuss Mr. Drees' right-of-way closure proposal. There were no objections to the recommendation.

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

REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

Erlanger Historical Society - Mr. Hahn reported Mrs. Pat Hahn and himself met with Kathy Cahill, Linda Carter, and Jack Scheben to work on Heritage Day plans. Heritage Day is being celebrated on September 17, 2006, from noon until 6:00 P.M. Vendors and crafters contact Kathy at the City building to reserve your spot for Heritage Day.

Mayor Otto stated the 2006 Kentucky League of Cities Convention is being held in Lexington, October 4 to 7, 2006. Council members wishing to attend should have their reservation turned in to Linda Carter or Sandra Schweikert no later than August 1, 2006. Mayor Otto and Mr. Scheyer will be teaching a seminar again this year.

Mr. Sandel reminded Council of the Municipal Government League meeting July 27, 2006. Interested parties please contact Linda Carter by tomorrow.

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

REPORTS OF CITY OPERATIONS

City Engineer - No report.

City Attorney - No report.

City Administrator - Mr. Scheyer reported Connect Erlanger is doing well with 500 active members. Upcoming recruitment events include a Parent Child Fair and an Intergenerational Mosaic with the Historical Society.

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

CORRESPONDENCE - David and Ella Mae Ferrato sent a letter thanking Sergeant Shawn Sims for assisting them while they were lost on I-275 in May 2006. Sergeant Sims gave them directions and also his card in case they needed further assistance.

Matt Grimes, owner of Colonial Cottage, wrote a letter thanking Detective Aylor for his assistance in the arrest of an individual on July 9, 2006.

Kristin Dergan sent a letter of thanks to Officer McGohan for allowing her to ride along with him during his shift as an observer in June 2006.

CITIZENS/PUBLIC COMMENTS - The 2006 Erlanger Friendship City Scholarship winner Patricia Franxman, thanked Council for the scholarship. The money is proving to be very helpful. She thanked Mayor Otto, Council and everyone from the bottom of her heart.

Kenneth Cooper, 416 Center Street stated a storm sewer is running in his yard. The ground was sinking and someone from Public Works put dirt to fill up the holes. He is wanting to install a deck and would like to know what the City plans to do in his back yard.

Mayor Otto asked Dave Hahn and Rick Bogard to discuss this with Mr. Cooper after the meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - No unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS - Mayor Otto said the mother of Finance Officer Jerry Knochelmann passed away yesterday.

Dave Hahn reported he has received a request to change the zone of the property located at 313 Pleasure Isle Drive from Residential to Commercial or Industrial. Mr. Hahn asked that this request be placed in committee for review.

Dave Hahn reported he has received a request to change the zone of the property located at 3862 Narrows Road from Single Family Residential to a Residential Zone that would allow condominiums. He requested that this be placed into committee for review.

Mayor Otto assigned both requests to the Public Service Committee. He asked Dave Hahn to send out further information to Council.

LEGISLATION - Mr. Wichmann read Ordinance Number 2276 regarding annexing a parcel of real estate with the consent of the owner thereof. This is the second reading.

M/S, Duhoft-Suedkamp, to adopt Ordinance Number 2276 regarding annexing a parcel of real estate with the consent of the owner thereof. Roll call vote, all ayes, no nays, motion carried.

M/S, Dunhoft-Suedkamp, to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 P.M. All ayes, no nays, motion carried.

APPROVED:

Marc T. Otto, Sr.
Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda Carter
City Clerk