

MEETING
ERLANGER COUNCIL
August 2, 2005

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, August 2, 2005.

Reverend Jeff Farrell, of the Open Door Community Church, 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, and Greg Sandel. Jim Burger and Patty Suedkamp were absent, absence excused

Also present were: City Administrator Bill Scheyer, Fire/EMS Chief Tim Koenig, Codes Administrator David Hahn, City Clerk Linda Carter, Police Captain Bob Arens, City Attorney Frank Wichmann, and City Engineer Jim Viox.

MINUTES - M/S, Howard-Kyle, that the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on July 5, 2005, be approved as read. All ayes, no nays, motion carried.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS - Mayor Otto introduced City Clerk Linda Carter. Ms. Carter said she wanted to introduce Sandra Schweikert, her Administrative Assistant who started out as the receptionist for the Administration Department who has been promoted as her Administrative Assistant. Mayor Otto presented Sandra with a five-year service pin and thanked her for her service to the community.

Ms. Carter then introduced Kathy Cahill. Ms. Carter stated Kathy became involved with the Erlanger EMS in 1975 as a volunteer. Since then she has served on Council and worked part-time and full time for the Summer Parks Program and for the last 5 years as the City Community Development Coordinator. Mayor Otto congratulated Kathy and thanked her for 15 plus years service to our Community and presented her with a 15-year service pin.

Mayor Otto introduced Fire/EMS Chief Tim Koenig. Chief Koenig stated Jerome Wendeln joined the Erlanger Fire/EMS Department in 2000 working part-time, mostly weekends. He is also full-time Fire/EMS officer with the City of Florence. Mayor Otto presented Jerome with a 5-year service pin and thanked him for his service to the Community.

Mayor Otto then introduced Erlanger Police Captain Bob Arens. Captain Arens introduced Lieutenant Scott Abney. Lieutenant Abney began his career with the Erlanger Police Department as a dispatcher in 1980. In 1986 he was hired as a Police Officer. Since then he had been promoted to Sergeant and now Lieutenant. Mayor Otto congratulated Lieutenant Abney and presented him with a twenty-five year service pin, and thanked him for his service to the Community.

City Administrator Bill Scheyer reported a federal grant in the amount of \$190,000 has recently been received by the City through the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program. The grant will

fund phase I of the Step Forward Project. The Step Forward Project was created to make Erlanger a more walkable community and connect people through physical activity. A small portion of the money will go toward marketing the program but \$180,000 will go directly to the sidewalks in the City's Sidewalk Master Plan. The City's Sidewalk Master Plan together with the Safe Routes 2 School Program were designed to encourage more kids to walk to school. The Mr. Scheyer introduced Marsha Ball and Mary Singlar of the Northern Kentucky Health Department. Ms. Singlar spoke of the Step Forward's Natural Partnership consisting of the City of Erlanger, the Northern Kentucky Health Department and the Erlanger School District. The Step Forward Committee's objectives are: 1) Reduced childhood obesity, cleaner air and water, and reduced chronic diseases linked to lifestyle; 2) Better quality of life for residents; and 3) Healthier children and involved parents.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Administration - Mr. Howard stated he had no report this evening.

City Clerk Linda Carter stated she is finished working on the proposed personnel policy. Mayor Otto assigned this to the Administration Committee.

Ms. Carter also stated she has received the certification for the tax rate from Kenton County. We can schedule a Special Council meeting for the first reading and the second reading at the September 6th Council meeting. Mayor Otto asked if there were any objections? There were no objections.

Ms. Kyle said she wanted to remind everyone of the following Community events:

Current	"Get Moving Kenton County" sponsored by the Kenton County Cooperative Extension. Earn points for gifts and get fit. Call 356-3155 for information.
August 28, 2005 8:00 A.M.	First Annual Friendship City 5K run/walk as part of "Step Forward Erlanger". Start at Erlanger Branch of The Kenton County Library. We need volunteers and sponsors for this event. Call Kathy Cahill at 727-7955
September 18, 2005 Noon to 6:P.M.	City of Erlanger Heritage Day at the Depot Park. Get booth reservation forms at the City building or call 727-7955

Public Safety - Mr. Hahn said he has no report this evening.

Mr. Blankenship reported the Fire/EMS Department had 100 fire incidents and 288 EMS patients/dispatches during the month of July. There were a total of 11 fires and 89 non-fire events during the month.

Mr. Blankenship stated July was the beginning of Phase II for our Advance Life Support Service (ALS). On July 1, 2005 we

started making ALS runs in the cities of Crescent Springs, Villa Hills, and Edgewood.

Mr. Blankenship reported the EMS is promoting the ICE campaign (I n Case of Emergency). A person would put the word ICE beside a phone number in your cell phone that would be the person you would want to have called if you were unable to make the call yourself. If you are unconscious and someone is rescuing you, they can go to your cell phone and choose ICE and let your loved one know that you are being taken to a hospital.

Service - Mr. Rose said he had no report.

Mr. Howard reported we will be taking the first steps in planning the Lakemont Park at the Committee meeting August 8, 2005.

Dave Hahn stated he had issued a memo to Council members regarding a proposed zoning map amendment changing an area on Old State Route 17 from residential to commercial. The Northern Kentucky Area Planning Commission (NKAPC) has reviewed this and they recommend the change. Frank Wichmann has written the ordinance if Council wants to have the first reading tonight. Mayor Otto asked if there were any objections. There were no objections from Council.

Dave Hahn reported he had received an additional zone request in the same area as listed above, also asking for a zone change from residential to commercial. Mayor Otto assigned this to the Public Service Committee, which will be meeting August 23, 2005 at 6:30 P.M.

Mr. Bill Scheyer suggested we request the NKAPC staff to schedule time for assistance in establishing guidelines for the 3 L Highway area. As development occurs, we want to make sure we are not making errors that might effect Banklick Creek.

Mr. Howard introduced Kathy Cahill. Kathy Cahill distributed fliers for the Friendship City 5K. She asked Council members to distribute the fliers to organizations around town and in their neighborhoods. She also stated that donations and prizes are being accepted for the event.

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

REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

Chamber of Commerce - Mr. Hammond said the 2005 Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner is being held September 15, 2005 at the Northern Kentucky Convention Center.

Erlanger Historical Society - Mr. Hahn reminded everyone Heritage Day will be held on September 18, 2005 this year. There will be advertisements in the local newspapers promoting the event and notifying potential vendors.

Mr. Hahn announced the new edition of From Buffalo Trails to the Twenty-First Century: A Centennial History of Erlanger, Kentucky is on order and should arrive in time for Heritage Day. Persons

wishing to purchase the new edition may do so at the City building and at the Depot Museum.

Kenton County Mayor's Group - Mr. Scheyer reported the Mayor's Group has been discussing the lawsuit that has been filed against the Kenton County Sanitation District and the Northern Kentucky Cities over Storm Water Management Program. Mr. Scheyer stated the Sanitation District was the most logical agency to manage a regional program because it already was managing the sanitary sewer infrastructure through Northern Kentucky. If the lawsuit prevails, all individual cities would have to pay for their own storm water management. This would cost the Cities millions and millions of dollars to manage on their own. We need to have a unified discussion to get everyone to understand and pull together. Mr. Scheyer stated that this is a nationally recognized program and asked for everyone's support.

Kentucky League of Cities - Mayor Otto asked Council members interested in attending the 2005 Fall Kentucky League of Cities Convention October 5 - 8, 2005 to contact Administrative Assistant Sandra Schweikert by the end of this week.

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

REPORTS OF CITY OPERATIONS

City Engineer - Mr. Viox reported work on the Hulbert Avenue sidewalk project is on schedule and will be finished shortly.

City Attorney - Mr. Wichmann stated that at the next Committee meeting we will discuss an evidentiary hearing for abandoned properties. Mayor Otto said Council should hold a Special Meeting August 16th 2005 regarding this issue.

City Administrator - Mr. Scheyer stated he has received a request from Mike Sanders, Superintendent of Erlanger-Elsmere School district, to partner with the City and the Kenton County Board of Health on a project that would be a true benefit to the Community. Mayor Otto assigned this to the Public Service Committee for discussion on August 16, 2005.

Bill Scheyer reported the City has an opportunity to apply for a Community Economic Growth Grant (CEGG) from the Kentucky Community Development Office of the Governor's Office for Local Development. This grant would help finance plans for the Lakemont Park. A resolution passed by Council is needed in order to submit the grant application. Mayor Otto asked if there were any objections from Council; there were no objections. Mayor Otto asked Mr. Wichmann to prepare the resolution for the first Council meeting in September.

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

CORRESPONDENCE - Mr. Hammond received an e-mail from Valerie Kepler, 885 Ashridge, Erlanger, thanking the Public Works Department for mowing the weeds that had been growing along the Brightleaf Boulevard sidewalk. Ms. Kepler asked if there were any plans to plant trees or shrubs along the sidewalk.

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

BIDS - Mr. Viox presented two upcoming projects, and the names of bidders and their bids that were opened August 2, 2005.

Bids for storm sewer extension on Brightleaf Boulevard and Gregory Lane.

Name of Bidding Company	Total Cost
J.P.S. Construction, Incorporated	\$33,900.00
T.M.S. Construction, Incorporated	\$34,402.00
G & M Pipeline	\$34,820.00
Paul Michels & Son, Incorporated	\$39,182.00
Lonkard Construction, Incorporated	\$40,345.00

Mr. Viox recommended the City accept the bid from J.P.S. Construction, Incorporated.

M/S, Dunhoft-Blankenship, to accept the bid from J.P.S. Construction Incorporated for Storm Sewer Extension on Brightleaf Boulevard and Gregory Lane, as the lowest and best bid. All ayes, no nays, motion carried.

Bids for Resurfacing and Curb Replacement on Kimberly Drive and Cherry Tree Lane (Maple Tree Lane to Cedar Tree Lane) and resurfacing and storm sewer improvements on Hallam Avenue (Dixie Highway to Mary Street).

Name of Bidding Company	Total Cost
J.P.S. Construction, Incorporated	\$216,326.95
Paul Michels & Sons, Incorporated	\$217,911.95
Eaton Asphalt Paving Company, Incorporated	\$222,500.00
Barrett Paving Materials, Incorporated	\$232,899.00

Mr. Viox recommended the City accept the bid from J.P.S. Construction.

M/S, Kyle-Rose, to accept the bid from for resurfacing and curb replacement on Kimberly Drive and Cherry Tree Lane (Maple Tree Lane to Cedar Tree Lane) and resurfacing and storm sewer improvements on Hallam Avenue (from Dixie Highway to Mary Street) as the lowest and best bid. All ayes, no nays, motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - No unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS - No new business

LEGISLATION - Mr. Wichmann read Ordinance Number 2262 in regard to meetings of Committees of the City Council thereof. This was the second reading.

M/S, Burke-Sandel, to adopt and allow the Mayor to sign Ordinance Number 2262 in regard to meetings of Committees of the City Council thereof. Roll call vote, all ayes, no nays, motion carried.

Mr. Wichmann read an ordinance amending the Erlanger Zoning Ordinance to change the zoning map thereof, and re-classify thereon an approximate 1.3 acre area located along the west side of Old Kentucky S.R. 17 and on the east side of New Kentucky 17 Madison Pike, approximately 100 feet north of Worthington Drive, from the R-1G Zone to an NC Zone, with an agreed development plan. This was the first reading.

M/S, Rose-Kyle, to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 P.M. All ayes, no nays, motion carried.

APPROVED:

Marc T. Otto, Sr.
Mayor

Sandra Schweikert
Administrative Assistant

ATTEST:

Linda Carter
City Clerk