

MEETING
ERLANGER COUNCIL
September 6, 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, September 6, 2005.

Reverend Charles Martin, of the Erlanger Christian 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, Keith Henry, Bill Howard, Vicki Kyle, Frank Rose, Greg Sandel and Patty Suedkamp. Jim Burger and Brian Hammond were absent, absence excused

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

Mayor Otto stated the first order of business tonight was to conduct a Public Hearing concerning Abandoned Property in the City.

Mr. Wichmann read Kentucky Revised Statute (KRS) 92.305 that states (1) "Any city of the second to the sixth class which finds and declares that there exists abandoned urban property as defined in KRS 132.012 within the city, or which find that there exists blighted or deteriorated property pursuant to KRS 99.705 to 99.730, may levy a separate rate of taxation on abandoned urban property pursuant to KRS 132.012 (2) Prior to levying a tax upon abandoned urban property, the legislative body of a city of the second to the sixth class shall delegate to the vacant properties review commission, if established pursuant to KRS 99.710, or another department or agency of the city government, the responsibility of determining which properties within the city are abandoned urban properties.

Dave Hahn read KRS 132.012 which defines "Abandoned Urban Property" as any vacant structure or vacant or unimproved lot or parcel of ground in a predominantly developed urban area which has been vacant or unimproved for a period of at least one (1) year and which because it is dilapidated, unsanitary, unsafe, vermin infested, or otherwise dangerous to the safety of persons, it is unfit for its intended use; or by reason of neglect or lack of maintenance has become a place for the accumulation of trash and debris, or has become infested with rodents or other vermin; or has been tax delinquent for a period of at least three (3) years.

Dave Hahn read the addresses of properties which would be defined as abandoned property. He cited 19 Center Street as vacant for more than one (1) year; and 648 Donaldson Road as unsafe and dangerous to the safety of persons, and unfit for its intended use. Both properties had been issued citations.

Mayor Otto said the owners of these two properties had been notified of this Public Hearing and asked if they were present. The owners were not present.

Dave Hahn said he had received a letter from the owner of 648 Donaldson regarding his property. He said the owner described his intentions regarding the future development of the property.

Mayor Otto asked if the citizens attending tonight's meeting had any questions or statements. There were no citizens present.

M/S, Suedkamp-Blankenship, to adjourn the Public Hearing. All ayes, no nays, motion carried.

Mr. Wichmann read a Municipal Order 09-06-05-01 of the City of Erlanger, in Kenton County Kentucky, determining and declaring the existence of Abandoned Urban Property in the City.

M/S, Rose-Henry, to adopt and allow the Mayor to sign Municipal Order 09-06-05-01 of the City of Erlanger, in Kenton County Kentucky, determining and declaring the existence of Abandoned Urban Property in the City. Roll call vote, all ayes, no nays, motion carried.

MINUTES - M/S, Dunhoft-Hahn, that the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 2, 2005, be approved as read. All ayes, no nays, motion carried.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS - Mayor Otto asked Dave Hahn to make the introduction of a special award recipient. Dave introduced Public Works Superintendent Rick Bogard. Rick serves on the executive committee of the Northern Kentucky branch of the American Public Works Association. It was this organization who nominated him for the Public Works Employee of the Year Award. Rick said his goal is to give the best effort he can. He said he is very fortunate to have a great group of people to work with. Mayor Otto said the entire Public Works team does an excellent job for the residents. Mayor Otto stated we have a great team that does great work and he is proud of every one of them.

Mayor Otto introduced Chief Marc Fields. Chief Fields said he was proud to introduce Officer Ric Bohl. Rick started working with the City on the Fire Department and Rescue Squad in 1990. Rick started working as a dispatcher and in 1997 he was hired as a Police patrolman. He organizes the Citizen's Police Academy and in charge of its Alumni Association. Rick is a member of the Police Department Honor Guard and is involved in many additional aspects of law enforcement. Mayor Otto presented Officer Bohl with a 15 year service pin and thanked him for his service to the community. Ric stated Erlanger is a great place to work.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Administration - Ms. Kyle reported the City's revised Personnel Policy has been reviewed and approved. It will be signed by the Mayor in an Executive Order.

Ms. Kyle announced the Erlanger-Elsmere Board of Education is sponsoring a Benefit for the Hurricane Katrina Victims on Friday September 16, 2005, 3:30 to 8:00 P.M.

Mr. Howard reported the Friendship City 5 K Run held on August 28th was a great success. We had expected 50 participants and had a total of 67. Thank you to all who helped make this event so successful. Our undying gratitude goes to our volunteers: Tony Wilson, Donna Sparks and Rhonda Wolf, Patty Suedkamp, Rod Snow, Mayor Marc Otto, Corrine Pitts, Chrissy Graves, Tom Cahill, Kim and Dylan Cardwell, David Leonard, Jill Stulz, Jenny Mardis and

family, Teresa Barron and family, Jared Hiner, Rick Bogard, Officer Rick Bohl, Bob Williams, Tim Deye, Sue Banks, and Stacey Unkraut. Special thanks to the following businesses and organizations that donated to this event: Silverlake Recreation Center, Panera Bread, Krogers, Northern Kentucky Water District, Erlanger Branch of the Kenton County Library, Chiquita International, and the Erlanger Public Works, Police and Fire/EMS departments.

Mr. Howard said our next City event will be Heritage Day, Sunday September 18, 2005 from 12 noon until 6 P.M.

Mayor Otto stated the City will be sponsoring a booth on Heritage Day for Hurricane Katrina victims.

Mr. Howard reported the October Halloween event will be held on Sunday, October 30, 2005 from 1 to 4 P.M. at the Erlanger Branch of the Kenton County Library.

Public Safety - Mr. Hahn stated he had no report.

Mr. Dunhoft read a letter that had been received by Police Chief Marc Fields from U.S. Marshal John Schickel, U.S. Marshal Service, Eastern District of Kentucky. Marshal Schickel stated the U.S. Marshal Service would like to thank the Erlanger Police Department for their role in the apprehension of Federal Fugitives, George and Jennifer Hyatt. He stated our communications center also played a major role in the apprehension. Thanks for a job well done.

Police Chief Marc Fields introduced Officer Ric Bohl. Officer Bohl announced the Annual 9-11 Memorial Service candlelight vigil will be held in conjunction with the City of Elsmere and the Point Pleasant Fire District Fire/EMS Departments on Sunday, September 11, 2005, starting at 7:45 P.M. at the Erlanger City Building parking lot.

Ms. Suedkamp reported Fire/EMS Captain Donna Sparks has been deployed to Gulfport, Mississippi to help out the Hurricane Katrina victims. She is part of the Public Health Service Disaster Medical Assistance Team (DMAT).

Ms. Suedkamp further reported Fire/EMS Lieutenant Todd Schulkers is in New Orleans also working with Hurricane Katrina recovery teams. He may be home soon.

Public Service - Mr. Rose reported progress on the zoning text amendment requests.

Mr. Dave Hahn reported he had received a request from the owners of Superbowl. The large Superbowl business sign near Donaldson Road has been damaged beyond repair and has to be replaced. The newer zoning ordinances limit the size of the new signs. The owners are requesting a text amendment to allow the new sign to be the same size as the present one.

Mayor Otto asked if there were any objections to this proposal. There were no objections. Mayor Otto asked Dave Hahn to work this out with the Superbowl owners.

Dave Hahn said he has received a request by the Lions Club to use the emergency access road behind Erlanger Lakes for hauling dirt from Erlanger Lakes construction sites to the Lions Club.

Mayor Otto asked if there were any objections. There were no objections.

M/S, Kyle-Henry, 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 Renaissance Erlanger-Elsmere "The Dixie" was named a Certified Level 1 Program. This is the highest designation in the Renaissance on Main Program and makes us eligible to apply for up to \$150,000 in grant funding.

Ms. Suedkamp announced The Dixie Farmer's Market has received two grants. 1) \$3,824 grant from the Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy to develop plans for a Farmers' Market Pavilion. 2) The Dixie Farmers' Market was one of eight markets statewide to participate in the program to gauge market potential for meat and aquaculture items in farmers' markets. This was part of the Federal State Market Improvement Program.

Ms. Suedkamp informed Council The Dixie Farmers' Market is working with harvest Ministries at the Erlanger Baptist Church to collect surplus produce at the end of the market to distribute at their food pantry on Friday.

Mrs. Suedkamp reported the Dixie Farmers' Market is working with the Northern Kentucky Regional Farmers market and the Kenton County Extension Office to be accepted into the Women's, Infants, and Children's Program (WIC) and the Senior Services Program that will provide vouchers for the purchase of produce at the Farmers' Market.

Mrs. Suedkamp said this month the Renaissance Program will be making their first loan out of the Dixie Façade Improvement Loan Program for a new awning at Boyle Jewelers.

Erlanger Historical Society - Mr. Hahn reminded everyone Heritage Day will be celebrated on September 18, 2005 from noon until dusk this year.

Erlanger Housing Development Corporation - Mr. Dunhoft reported that he and Bill Scheyer and others from the Erlanger Housing Development Corporation have met with members of the Northern Kentucky Housing and Homeless Coalition regarding apartment units on Woodward. The apartments are currently being used as a halfway house. There would not be any zoning issues. Mayor Otto asked if there were any objections to investigating this proposal. There were no objections.

M/S, Rose-Hahn, 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 - No report.

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

CORRESPONDENCE - No correspondence.

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

BIDS - Mr. Viox presented three upcoming projects, and the names of bidders and their bids that were opened September 6, 2005.

Bids for concrete street repairs on Kelly Lane, Delphi Drive and Ridgewood Drive.

Name of Bidding Company	Total Cost
TMS Construction	\$97,310.90
Paul Michels and Sons	\$126,249.00
J.P.S. Construction	\$126,895.00
Prus Construction	\$135,087.00

Mr. Viox recommended the City accept the bid from TMS Construction.

M/S, Suedkamp-Dunhoft, to accept the bid from TMS for concrete street repairs on Kelly Lane, Delphi Drive and Ridgewood Drive, as the lowest and best bid. All ayes, no nays, motion carried.

Bids for crack filling on various streets within the City.

Name of Bidding Company	Unit Cost	Total Cost
Michels and Sons	\$1.65	\$40,700
Len Riegler Blacktop	\$1.85	\$40,700

Mr. Viox recommended the City accept the bid from Michels and Sons, Incorporated.

M/S, Kyle-Sandel, to accept the bid from Michels and Sons for crack filling on various streets within the City as the lowest and best bid. All ayes, no nays, motion carried.

Bids for catch basin reconstruction on various locations in the City.

Name of Bidding Company	Total Cost
TMS Construction	\$11,260.00
Prus Construction	\$12,375.00
JPS Construction	\$13,150.00
Paul Michels and Sons	\$14,700.00
Lonkard Construction	\$17,650.00

Mr. Viox recommended the City accept the bid from TMS Construction.

M/S, Suedkamp-Dunhoft, to accept the bid from TMS for catch basin reconstruction on various locations in the City as the lowest and best bid. All ayes, no nays, motion carried

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - No unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS - Mr. Howard stated that the City and other organizations post upcoming events on signs and banners in front of the parking lot facing Commonwealth Avenue. He suggested that we look into the purchase of an electronic moving message sign to get information out to the citizens more effectively. Mayor

Otto said this was a good idea and asked Mr. Howard to look into the costs so that this can be put into next year's budget.

LEGISLATION - Mr. Wichmann read Ordinance Number 2263 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 second reading.

M/S, Dunhoft-Rose, to adopt and allow the mayor to sign Ordinance Number 2263 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. Roll call vote, all ayes, no nays, motion carried.

Mr. Wichmann read Ordinance Number 2264 providing for the annual assessment of all real estate and personal property within the City of Erlanger which is subject to taxation thereby, for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2005 and ending on June 30, 2006, and providing for the payment and collection of such taxes, and the penalties and interest thereon, and describing the purpose for which the taxes so collected shall be appropriated and used. This was the second reading.

M/S, Kyle-Henry, to adopt and order published Ordinance Number 2264 providing for the annual assessment of all real estate and personal property within the City of Erlanger which is subject to taxation thereby, for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2005 and ending on June 30, 2006, and providing for the payment and collection of such taxes, and the penalties and interest thereon, and describing the purpose for which the taxes so collected shall be appropriated and used. Roll call vote, all ayes, no nays, motion carried.

Mr. Wichmann read an ordinance in regard to the compensation and classification of City Officers and employees and the personnel policies of the City in regard thereto. This was the first reading.

Mr. Wichmann read an ordinance in regard to a separate classification of abandoned urban property in the City, for the purpose of the ad valorem taxation thereof. This was the first reading.

Mr. Wichmann read a resolution authorizing the filing of a Community Economic Growth Grant (CEGG) Project Proposal / Grant Application for an amount up to \$950,000 to the Governor's Office for Local Development (GOLD) Kentucky Community Development Office (KCDO) for a recreational development and maintenance facility construction project; authorizing and directing the Mayor of Erlanger, Kentucky to execute any documents which are deemed necessary by GOLD to carry out this project including Grant Agreement Execution; and authorizing the Mayor of Erlanger, Kentucky to act as the authorized correspondent for this project.

Mr. Bill Scheyer explained that a state grant pool has been established in the amount of \$10,000,000 to help promote and enable City projects throughout the state. Mr. Scheyer asked

Council's permission to prepare a grant application to help fund the Lakemont Park project and a new maintenance facility. A resolution by Council is needed in order to submit the application.

M/S, Suedkamp-Dunhoft to adopt and allow the Mayor to sign a resolution authorizing the filing of a CEGG Project Proposal / Grant application for an amount up to \$950,000 to GOLD, Kentucky Community Development Office for a recreational development and maintenance facility construction project; authorizing and directing the Mayor of Erlanger, Kentucky to execute any documents which are deemed necessary by GOLD to carry out this project including Grant Agreement Execution; and authorizing the Mayor of Erlanger, Kentucky to act as the authorized correspondent for this project. Roll Call vote, all ayes, no nays, motion carried.

M/S, Rose-Kyle, to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 P.M. All ayes, no nays, motion carried.

APPROVED:

Marc T. Otto, Sr.
Mayor

Sandra Schweikert
Administrative Assistant

ATTEST:

Linda Carter
City Clerk