

MEETING
ERLANGER COUNCIL
October 3, 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, October 3, 2006.

Gene Barbour, from the Erlanger United Methodist Church opened the meeting with a prayer, after which 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, Fire/EMS Chief Tim Koenig, City Clerk Linda Carter, Police Captain Bob Arens, Fire/EMS Assistant Chief Terry Allen, Fire Marshall Tim Deye, City Attorney Frank Wichmann and City Engineer Jim Viox.

MINUTES - M/S, Dunhoft-Hahn, that the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 5, 2006, be approved as read. All ayes, no nays, motion carried.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION - Mayor Otto introduced Council Member Patty Suedkamp. Ms. Suedkamp read a proclamation pronouncing October 2006 as Fire Prevention Month in the City of Erlanger and presented the proclamation to Erlanger Fire Marshall Tim Deye.

Mayor Otto asked Fire Marshall Tim Deye to introduce Robert (Bob) Williams who is retiring from the Erlanger Fire/EMS Department. Fire Marshall Deye stated that Bob has spent 45 years in fire service on various Northern Kentucky Fire Departments, 16 of those with the City of Erlanger Fire/EMS. Bob has held many positions in the department and will be greatly missed by its membership and the citizens of our City. Mayor Otto presented Bob with a proclamation and a key to the City. He congratulated Bob and thanked him for his service to the Community.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Administration - Mr. Howard reported the Administration Department has filed an application to be able to sell passports. We feel this will be a great service to our community as well as an additional source of revenue. Two other local cities have averaged around \$10,000 per year selling passports. We believe given our central location in Northern Kentucky and longer operating hours we should be able to generate more than \$10,000 per year. The Citizens' Police Academy Alumni have offered to sell passports after hours in the Police Department. This is a fantastic offer and will help increase revenues.

Mr. Howard stated tangible and property taxes are in the mail. They are due with a discount by November 1st and without penalty December 31st. If you do not receive your bill this week, please contact our office.

Ms. Kyle announced the Parks and Recreation October monthly event will be held in connection with the Erlanger Branch of the Kenton County Library and ConnectErlanger. Friendship Festival will be held on Saturday, October 28 from 2:00 to 5:00 P.M. There will be Police and Fire/EMS personnel and vehicles and other local agencies passing out helpful family information. There will also be a gymnastics demonstration by members of the Silverlake Recreation Center. More information will be available as we get closer to the event. Be sure to save the date for this family

friendly event and collect some Halloween goodies and safety tips for parents and children.

Public Safety - Mr. Dunhoft stated the Committee met and discussed several requests by residents. The following are the recommendations the Committee wished to make to Council:

- Illegal Aliens - Immigration Custom Enforcement (ICE) investigates and enforces federal immigration law. No local ordinances are needed.
- Concord Drive cul-de-sac - The best fix to the problem would be the removal of the center circle; however there are no monies in the current budget for this. Public works will revisit this option spring 2007 to see if monies are available at that time. There will be a "No Outlet" sign placed at the intersection of Lambda and Concord to help keep unnecessary traffic out of the cul-de-sac. Bavarian will be contacted to advise them of the damage which their trucks may be causing. We also recommend that the "No Parking in the Cul-de-sac" sign be removed and place the no parking restriction in the cul-de-sac during snow emergencies. No City department has a problem with this restriction being removed.
- The construction of Turkeyfoot Road changed intersections of several side streets. Committee is recommending the Mayor to sign an executive order to change parking along Woodlyn Hills Drive, Misty Creek Drive, and Doris Circle.
- The Committee would like to discuss school area traffic flow at the October 17, 2006 Committee meeting. Mayor Otto asked if there were any objections, there were no objections.
- October is "Cyber Security Awareness Month" in the Commonwealth. This is also a nationwide effort aimed at increasing the public's awareness of cyber security and crime issues, so that internet users can take precautions to avoid these threats. Citizens can go to www.staysafeonline.org; small businesses should use www.ProtectYourBusiness.ky.gov The Erlanger Police Department suggests you visit each site for security tips.

Police Chief Fields reported that on September 26, 2006, the Police Department was faced with two traffic posts for 12 hours. The Police Alumni Association placed one person on the traffic post all day saving us one officer and the City around \$1,100 in overtime. Chief Fields said he wanted to thank the alumni members who worked and Council Member Patty Suedkamp for working and scheduling the relief workers.

Chief Fields announced the Erlanger Neighborhood Watch Groups and the Erlanger Police Department were named "The Best Program in the State for 2006". Chief Fields thanked the members of the Neighborhood Watch Groups. You have taken the program to a whole different level.

Chief Fields introduced Officer Kim Baldwin and congratulated her for being awarded the "Exemplary Performance Award". Officer Baldwin established Erlanger's first Community Watch Group in the Spring Valley Subdivision. This Community Watch Group is one of the most active groups in the City. Officer Baldwin is a credit to the department and the community. Officer Baldwin thanked District Sergeant Mike Bianchi and the members of the Watch Group.

On May 28, 2006 Dispatcher Matt Allen received a call for assistance from 556 Perimeter Avenue. The owner of the residence, Mr. Mahan was choking according to his wife. Matt dispatched Police and EMS to the address. He advised Officer Jeremiah Dowell to quicken his response to the call as Mr. Mahan was in deteriorating condition. Officer Dowell arrived and applied the Heimlich maneuver. Mr. Mahan was soon breathing on his own. Chief Fields congratulated Officer Dowell and Dispatcher Allen for a job well done.

Ms. Suedkamp announced the Erlanger Fire/EMS Department has been awarded the Lifetime Safety Achievement Award for 2005 by the Residential Fire Safety Institute.

Ms. Suedkamp reported a Fire/EMS 1994 Chevrolet one ton truck needs a new engine. This truck is used for pulling trailers and for hydrant testing. The cost for a rebuilt engine is estimated between \$8,000 and \$10,000. The estimated cost for a new truck is around \$25,000. Nothing needs to be done tonight. We are still checking out all our options and should have a recommendation by the November Council meeting.

Mr. Blankenship reported the EMS Mutual Aid Coverage for the month of September consisted of six total dispatches and of those; three were Advance Life Support (ALS), one disregard, and two Basic Life Support (BLS) calls.

Public Service - Mr. Hammond reported the City has published an invitation to bid advertisement for the overall mass grading of Lakemont Park. The bids are to be opened October 16, 2006 at 2:00 P.M. Results and recommendations will be reported at the next regular Council meeting.

Mr. Henry stated the committee has advised the developer interested in building the Brightleaf condominiums to apply to the Northern Kentucky Area Planning Commission (N.K.A.P.C.).

Mr. Sandel said the schedules for the Annual Fall Leaf Pick-up in Erlanger can be obtained at any of the Erlanger banks and at the City Municipal Building and on line at www.ci.erlanger.ky.us or www.connecterlanger.com .

M/S, Suedkamp-Blankenship, 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 September 17, 2006, Heritage Day, was a wonderful day for the City. The turnout was great, the weather was good; this was the best year ever. Mr. Hahn thanked all City departments for their cooperation and hard work.

M/S, Suedkamp-Burke, 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 - Mr. Wichmann stated a request for review and recommendation for a zone change had been filed by Sallee Developers on behalf of Accu-Tex Signs and Banners to the Kenton County Planning Commission. The Planning Commission's

recommendation has now been received. Mayor Otto assigned this to the Public Service Committee for discussion on October 24, 2006.

Mr. Wichmann reported in order to receive a grant for the Safe Routes to School Program, a resolution must be passed by Council authorizing the Mayor to sign the above mentioned Agreement, as well as any other necessary documents relating to the project.

Mayor Otto asked if there were any objections. There were no objections. Mayor Otto instructed Mr. Wichmann to prepare the resolution.

City Administrator - Mr. Scheyer informed Council he had received correspondence from several residents commenting on the good works of several members of our Public Works Department. Dale Wilson, Ed Milligan and Dan Kennedy are to be congratulated for going the extra mile and for being good representatives of the Public Works Department and the City.

Mr. Scheyer reported he has received a letter from the City of Edgewood requesting the City of Erlanger allow the portion of the Dixie High School parking area that is within Erlanger City limits to be annexed by the City of Edgewood. Mayor Otto assigned the request to the Public Service Committee.

Mr. Scheyer stated he had received information from Thomas More College about the Encyclopedia of Northern Kentucky. Northern Kentucky cities that participated would have information about their city included in the publication. The cost would be around \$1,000. The encyclopedias would be placed in various libraries around the state.

M/S, Howard-Kyle, to participate in the Encyclopedia of Northern Kentucky project. All ayes, no nays, motion carried.

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

CORRESPONDENCE - Chief Fields received a thank you note from Linda Virt of Greenfield Indiana. In the note she described a dangerous situation she and her four friends were in on I-75 North. Sergeant Shawn Sims was the responding officer. Sergeant Sims was helpful and handled the situation in a very professional manner.

CITIZENS/PUBLIC COMMENTS - Mr. Bill Willen of Community Auto congratulated and thanked the Erlanger Police Department for the way they solved a homicide that had recently taken place in Erlanger Lakes.

BIDS - Mr. Viox reported the City advertised and received bids for crack and joint filling various streets within the City.

			Paul Michels & Sons	
Item	Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost	Cost
Crack & Joint Filling	24,817.07	Pounds	\$1.64	\$40,700.00

Mr. Viox reported Paul Michels and Sons submitted the only bid for this project. He recommended accepting the bid from Paul Michels and Sons as the lowest and best bid.

M/S, Hahn-Suedkamp, to accept the bid from Paul Michels and Sons as the lowest and best bid. All ayes, no nays, motion carried.

Mr. Viox reported the City advertised and received bids for resurfacing on Enterprise (previous to end), Bluecreek Drive (Sagebrush to cul-de-sac), Hallam Avenue (Hayden Drive to Rainbow Terrace), Lake Knoll Drive, Mimosa Court and Gregory Lane.

Name of Bidder	Total Bid
Paul Michels and Sons	\$130,225.75
Eaton Asphalt	\$136,198.20
Bluegrass Paving	\$142,381.00
Barrett Paving Materials	\$147,714.50

Mr. Viox recommended accepting bid from Paul Michels and Sons as the lowest and best bid.

M/S, Suedkamp-Hahn, to accept the bid from Paul Michels and Sons as the lowest and best bid. All ayes, no nays, motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - Mayor Otto stated that the November Council meeting is scheduled for election night. If there are no objections, he would like to reschedule the meeting November 21, 2006. There were no objections.

Mayor Otto recommended Council set October 24, 2006 for their Planning Session. There were no objections.

NEW BUSINESS - No new business.

LEGISLATION - Mr. Wichmann read Municipal Order 10-03-06-01 providing for the replenishment of the Reserve Account for that portion thereof allocated to the design and construction of Lakemont Park.

M/S, Dunhoft-Blankenship, to adopt and allow the Mayor to sign Municipal Order 10-03-06-01 providing for the replenishment of the Reserve Account for that portion thereof allocated to the design and construction of Lakemont Park. Roll call vote, all ayes, no nays, motion carried.

Mr. Wichmann read Resolution Number 10-03-06-01 accepting title to and thus all maintenance responsibility for Brightleaf Boulevard, Autumn Road Connector and the bypassed segment of Turkeyfoot Road within the City limits from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet. The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet is willing to provide such assistance as may be authorized and deemed necessary by the Cabinet, and as agreed upon by the City and Cabinet, for any such future replacement and/or major repairs required to the two existing cast-in-place concrete box culverts located on the bypassed segment of Turkeyfoot Road.

M/S, Henry-Dunhoft, to adopt and allow the Mayor to sign Resolution Number 10-03-06-01 accepting title to and thus all maintenance responsibility for Brightleaf Boulevard, Autumn Road Connector and the bypassed segment of Turkeyfoot Road within the City limits from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet. The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet is willing to provide such assistance as may be authorized and deemed necessary by the Cabinet, and as agreed upon by the City and Cabinet, for any such future replacement and/or major repairs required to the two existing cast-in-place concrete box culverts located on the bypassed segment of Turkeyfoot Road. Roll call vote, all ayes, no nays, motion carried.

Mr. Wichmann read an ordinance amending the text of the Erlanger Zoning Ordinance. This was the first reading.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - Mayor Otto announced a Special Council meeting will be held on October 24, 2006 at 6:30 P.M. for the reading of the resolution relating to the SafeTEA-Lu Federal Reimbursement Agreement for the Safe Routes to School Project.

M/S, Rose-Burke, to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 P.M. All ayes, no nays, motion carried.

APPROVED:

Marc T. Otto, Sr.
Mayor

Respectfully Submitted:

Sandra Schweikert

ATTEST:

Linda Carter
City Clerk