

MEETING

ERLANGER COUNCIL

October 4, 2005

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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 4, 2005.

Reverend John Street of the Erlanger United Methodist 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, Jim Burger, Kevin Burke, John Dunhoft, Paul Hahn, Brian Hammond, Bill Howard, Vicki Kyle, Frank Rose, Greg Sandel and Patty Suedkamp. Mr. Henry arrived shortly after the meeting began.

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

MINUTES – M/S, Hahn-Suedkamp, that the minutes of the Special Meeting held on August 23, 2005, be approved as read. All ayes, no nays, motion carried. All ayes, no nays, motion carried.

M/S, Burger-Burke, that the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 6, 2005 be approved as read. All Ayes, no nays, motion carried.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS – Mayor Otto said he would like everyone to join him in celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Viox and Viox Company. He introduced City Engineer Jim Viox and his brother Bill Viox who are owners of the Viox and Viox Engineers and Surveyors . Their Erlanger business was started by their father in 1955. Mr. and Mrs. James H. Viox Jr. were both very involved with the City in many ways throughout the years. Jim Viox reviewed the history and growth of his family's business. Mayor Otto congratulated the Viox family and presented Jim and Bill Viox with a plaque. He wished them many more years of success.

Mayor Otto introduced United States Marshall John Shickel. Marshall Shickel said he was here tonight on behalf of President Bush, and the United States Attorney General's office, to present plaques of commendation to members of the Northern Kentucky S.W.A.T. team for their role in the apprehension of Federal Fugitives George and Jennifer Hyatte. Erlanger Police Officer Jason Whaley; Officer Tom Loose from the Fort Mitchell Police Department and John Lonacker from the Independence Police Department were present to receive the commendations. Marshall Shickel stated the Erlanger Communications Center also played a major role in the apprehension.

Mayor Otto introduced Bobby Gray, owner of Fly and Shot Store. He opened the fly fishing store nine months ago on Dixie Highway. Mr. Gray said he grew up in Erlanger and was very happy to be back in his home town. Mayor Otto welcomed him back to Erlanger and wished him much success.

Mayor Otto stated we have one more special person we want to honor tonight. He introduced Council member Patty Suedkamp. Mayor Otto said Ms. Suedkamp began her service to the City on the Erlanger Life Squad in 1980 baby sitting the children of the women who ran the squad during the day. She later started making squad runs and did this for 11 years. She was also a member of the Fire/EMS Auxiliary for 20 years. Ms. Suedkamp has been a member on City Council since 1999.

She was a member of the first class of the Erlanger Citizens Police Academy and is now the president of the Citizens Police Academy Alumni. Mayor Otto further stated that Ms. Suedkamp was a member of the Erlanger-Elsmere School District's Tichenor Service Center board and the Erlanger Historical Society. She is chairwoman of the Erlanger-Elsmere Renaissance Advisory Board and chairwoman of the Erlanger Fire/EMS 100-year Anniversary Celebration. She also headed up the Friendship Garden Memorial that is constructed in front of the City building. Mayor Otto presented her with a service pin and thanked her for the 25 years of service to the Community.

#### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Administration - Mr. Burger said he did not have a report tonight.

Linda Carter reported the Administration Department sent out 6750 real estate and tangible tax bills on October 1, 2005.

Ms. Carter said she had received requests from some Council members regarding our tax rate in comparison to other cities. She distributed a graph showing the tax rates for all Kenton County cities. The graph showed 12 city's tax rates were higher and 7 city's tax rates were lower than the tax rate for the City of Erlanger.

Ms. Kyle reported Heritage Day as a big success. Thank you to everyone who worked to make it a great day.

Ms. Kyle reminded everyone that 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.

M/S, Kyle-Burke, that the Halloween Trick-or-Treat hours be on Halloween night from 6 to 8 P.M. All ayes, no nays, motion carried.

Mr. Dunhoft reported he had received requests by several residents who reside in the vicinity of Jacqueline Park. These residents would like to see the park re-opened. Mayor Otto assigned the issue to the Public Safety Committee.

Public Safety - Mr. Dunhoft reported a \$40,000. Grant has been received by the Erlanger-Elsmere Board of Education to purchase and install security cameras in Tichenor Middle School and Lloyd Memorial High School.

Ms. Suedkamp said the Fire/EMS Department received two grants totaling \$127,000.

- Fire Act Grant for new firefighter gear
- Commercial Equipment Direct Assistance Program Grant (CEDAP) for monitoring hazardous material incidents.

Mr. Blankenship announced that October is Fire Prevention Month. This year's theme is "Use Candles with Care". Numerous fire and life safety programs are scheduled throughout the month.

Public Service - Mr. Rose asked Mr. Dave Hahn to report on the first of three subjects to be brought up tonight.

Dave Hahn reported he has been approached by the Erlanger Police

Alumni Association to adopt a street. They have chosen Baker Street. As part of the adoption they will keep the street clean of any garbage or trash that accumulates on it. They are also requesting to adopt a street on the east side of town as well. When a street is adopted by an organization, the City will place a sign on the street along with the name of the organization who adopted it. He hopes other organizations will do the same thing.

Dave Hahn stated he has received 2 requests:

1. A resident wants to acquire a section of City property on Tulip Tree Lane.
2. A request from a home owner to allow a multi-family residence to operate from her zone. This zone is a single family residential zone.

Mayor Otto assigned both requests to the Public Service Committee.

Mr. Hammond said he would like the Lakemont Committee to meet October 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M.

Mr. Burger stated he is against changing the single family residential zone to a zone that would allow multifamily residences. He further stated he is against the proposed sale of the City property on Tulip Tree Lane as this was designated as green space property.

M/S, Burger-Kyle, 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 this year's Farmers Market Harvest Day is October 13, 2005 from 3 to 6 P.M. There will be pumpkin painting, a best costume contest for the children and a visit from McGruff the Crime Dog.

Ms. Suedkamp stated October 27<sup>th</sup> will be the last Farmer's Market for this season.

Erlanger Housing Development Corporation - Bill Scheyer reported that the Brighton Properties Board did not see any reason to continue

working with the Erlanger Housing Development Committee after plans for a development project fell through.

Kenton County Mayors' Group - Mr. Burger said in a meeting with Judge Executive Drees, he asked Council and residents to show their support for legislation to amend sections of Chapter KRS 220 effecting Sanitation District Number 1 of Northern Kentucky.

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

#### REPORTS OF CITY OPERATIONS

City Engineer - Mr. Viox thanked the City for the recognition.

City Attorney - Mr. Wichmann stated the Storm Water Resolution has been prepared and is ready to be read tonight. He asked everyone to contact the State legislators directly to encourage them enact legislation that will clarify existing legislation regarding the regional storm-water system.

City Administrator - Mr. Scheyer asked that Erlanger-Elsmere School Superintendent Mike Sanders and Elsmere Mayor Bradford be invited to attend the October 18, 2005 Committee meeting to discuss the School District request.

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

CORRESPONDENCE - No correspondence.

CITIZENS/PUBLIC COMMENTS - Ms. Carol Buechil of 410 Sunset reported dump trucks are using the Emergency Access Road behind Erlanger Lakes for hauling excess dirt from the construction sites to Lions Club Park. This is making the road, homes and cars on Sunset Terrace very dusty and dirty. Mayor Otto stated this had been discussed at the last Council meeting and the consensus was that this was safer than making the trucks use Dixie Highway to Sunset to get to Lions Park.

BIDS - Dave Hahn presented an upcoming painting project and the names

of bidders and their bids that were opened September 13, 2005.

Bids for Painting various areas at 5 separate locations: Administration Department, Police Department, Firehouse 1, Firehouse 3, and Police District 2.

Name of Bidding Company	Total Amount Bid
Tri-Star Contractors	\$21,799.00
Doyles Custom Painting	\$25,320.00
Brian Brothers Painting	\$26,263.00
Wright Contracting	\$26,300.00
Environments Service Group	\$29,108.25
Bellos Painting	\$29,900.00
Baynum Painting	\$32,640.00

Dave Hahn recommended the City accept the bid from Tri-Star Contractors.

M/S, Henry-Burger, to accept the bid from Tri-Star for painting various areas at 5 locations: Administration Department, Police Department, Firehouse 1, Firehouse 3 and police District. All ayes, no nays motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - No unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS - Ms. Suedkamp reminded everyone that the Citizens Police Academy is having a Food Drive at the Aldi Grocery this weekend.

LEGISLATION - Mr. Wichmann read Ordinance Number 2265 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 second reading.

M/S, Howard-Burger, to adopt and order published Ordinance 2265 regarding the compensation and classification of City Officers and employees and the personnel policies of the City in regard thereto. Roll call vote, all ayes, no nays, motion carried.

Mr. Wichmann read Ordinance Number 2266 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 second reading.

M/S, Dunhoff-Burger, to adopt and order published Ordinance Number 2266 regarding a separate classification abandoned urban property in the City, for the purpose of the ad valorem taxation thereof. Roll call vote, all ayes, no nays, motion carried.

Mr. Wichmann read Resolution Number 10-04-05-01 of the City of Erlanger, Kentucky supporting legislation to amend sections of Chapter KRS 220 effecting Sanitation District Number 1 of Northern Kentucky.

M/S, Burke-Dunhoft, to adopt and allow the Mayor to sign Resolution Number 10-04-05-01 of the City of Erlanger, Kentucky supporting legislation to amend sections of Chapter KRS 220 effecting Sanitation District Number 1 of Northern Kentucky. All ayes, no nays, motion carried.

Mr. Wichmann read Municipal Order Number 10-04-05-02 of the City of Erlanger, approving the appointment of James E. Molley as a member of the Board of Adjustments for the City of Erlanger, to fill the vacancy therein resulting from the resignation of Thomas J. Lalley.

M/S, Rose-Burke, approving Municipal Order Number 10-04-05-02 appointing James E. Molley as a member of the Board of Adjustments for the Cit of Erlanger, to fill the vacancy therein resulting from the resignation of Thomas J. Lalley. All ayes, no nays, motion carried.

M/S, Rose-Kyle, to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 P.M. All ayes, no nays, motion carried.

**APPROVED:**

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**Marc T. Otto, Sr.**

**Mayor**

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**Sandra Schweikert**

**Administrative Assistant**

**ATTEST:**

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Linda Carter

City Clerk