

MEETING

ERLANGER COUNCIL

November 1, 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, November 1, 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: Kevin Burke, John Dunhoft, Paul Hahn, Brian Hammond, Keith Henry, Bill Howard, Vicki Kyle, Frank Rose, and Greg Sandel. Mr. Blankenship, Mr. Burger and Ms. Suedkamp were absent, absence excused.

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

MINUTES – M/S, Dunhoft-Kyle, that the minutes of the Regular meeting held on October 4, 2005, be approved as read. All ayes, no nays, motion carried. All ayes, no nays, motion carried.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Administration – Ms. Kyle said she received the Administration Team Activity report and was very impressed.

- Mr. Scheyer conducted a class on "How Government Works" to the 4th grade students at Arnett Elementary School.
- Linda Carter has implemented new computer software for a tax program and cash receipt program this month.
- Almost 7,000 tax bills were mailed October 1st. This has kept the City Clerk's staff very busy entering payments, answering phones and waiting on customers.
- Dave Hahn participated in meetings to discuss the Walking Trails

of Doe Run Lake.

- Dave Hahn participated in meetings with Cinergy discussing the potential of having underground utilities on Dixie Highway.
- The Finance Department received a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the 4th consecutive year.
- Jerry Knochelmann reported the Fire/EMS Advance Life Support service is operating in the black for the first quarter.

Mr. Howard reported over 200 children and adults attended our October Halloween event.

Mr. Howard announced the next City event will be a bus trip to the Grand Victoria Casino for our Senior Citizens on November 18th.

Linda Carter stated an ordinance regarding meetings of Committees that Council previously approved, had not been properly published. It must be re-read this evening and published again.

Public Safety – Mr. Dunhoft read a letter to Chief Marc Fields from Boone County Sheriff Michael A. Helmig thanking the Erlanger Police Department for their part in a recent murder investigation. Sheriff Helmig wanted to personally thank Captain Tim Thames, Lieutenants Todd Rice and Kevin Gilpin, Sergeants Mike Bianchi and Tony Wilson, Officers Dan Ryan, Bill Allen and Gerald Gates, and Dispatchers Carolyn Foltz and Tyra Lainhart for their part in bringing this case to fruition.

Chief Fields said Council had recently passed an ordinance pertaining to street lighting in cul-de-sacs. He said there are other areas that also need street lighting. He would like to have the Committee review this problem. Mayor Otto assigned this to the Public Safety Committee that will meet November 15, 2005.

Mr. Dunhoft read a letter to the Erlanger Fire/EMS Department from Mrs. Anita Swartz expressing her appreciation for Sean Fortney's quick action by jumping into a swimming pool and saving her young son.

Mr. Hahn reported Fire/EMS Lieutenant Todd Schulkers has been awarded the Certificate of Merit from the Louisville Metro Council in recognition of outstanding achievement for providing assistance in a

time of national need, showing compassion, to those in distress in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina.

Fire/EMS Assistant Chief Terry Allen stated he wanted to recognize Training Captain Eric Seibel for submitting an article to a major national magazine on Rapid Intervention Teams. He has been recognized by national organizations.

Assistant Chief Allen reported the number of runs as of November 1, 2005 was 3,517 compared to number in 2004 which was 2,895 for the whole year. He said with the volume we are experiencing we are anticipating to finish the year with around 4200 runs for 2005.

Public Service - Mr. Rose reported the Committee met last month to discuss various requests.

- Sale of property on Tulip Tree Lane to a resident - Committee recommends denying the request.
- Request to change zone from single family to multi-family in order to turn home into a duplex - Committee recommends denying the request.
- School District request to partner in a health fitness facility at the school for residents - Committee recommends reviewing at budget time.

Mayor Otto asked if there were any member of Council against the Committee recommendations, Council agreed with the recommendations.

Dave Hahn reported the Northern Kentucky Area Planning Commission (NKAPC) has made recommendations on three requests that had been submitted to Council.

- Add IP4 zone to text amendment to sign regulations
- Zone change: RIG - NC2 zone

The NKAPC recommended against both requests but Council does not have to follow recommendation. Mayor Otto assigned these to the Public Service Committee for review November 15, 2005.

Dave Hahn said he sent an email to Council regarding the proposed zoning and building permit fees. The Budget was based on using the new NKAPC fee schedule. At a previous meeting Council felt the new

NKAPC fee schedule was too high. Dave Hahn proposed a blended rate. Mayor Otto assigned this to the Public Service Committee to review.

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

REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

Erlanger-Elsmere Renaissance – Linda Carter reported the "Light Up the Dixie" is scheduled for December 10, 2005. It is open to all businesses in Erlanger and Elsmere.

Ms. Carter said the Renaissance Advisory Board meeting was held on October 17, 2005. The committee directed Mr. Yoder to seek funding through the Renaissance on Main grant program for property acquisition for a location for the Dixie Farmers' Market in "The Dixie Renaissance District.

Kentucky League of Cities – Mayor Otto reported he and five Council members had attended the recent annual Kentucky League of Cities Convention. He said it was a very informative and successful experience.

Mr. Howard complimented Mayor on the workshop the Mayor and Mr. Scherer had conducted at the convention.

Mr. Dunhoft said the Mayor's presentation was excellent. He did a tremendous job.

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 - No report.

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

CORRESPONDENCE - No correspondence.

CITIZENS/PUBLIC COMMENTS - Mr. John Harrell, 158 Hillwood Court stated there are 25 to 30 barking dogs in his neighborhood. The dogs are barking night and day. He would like Council to consider limiting households to 1 dog. He suggested Council double fines after the first warning.

Mayor Otto thanked Mr. Harrell for voicing his concerns. He asked Dave Hahn to review the ordinance.

Dave Hahn said the ordinance is fairly new. We can notify violators, then cite them. The violators can appeal to the Code Board. Many of the owners of these dogs have been cited before.

Mayor Otto stated we take concerns seriously. He asked the Administration Committee to review at the November 22, 2005 meeting.

BIDS - Mr. Howard stated the Lakemont Park Committee had the opportunity to purchase playground equipment with a \$57,955 grant. The grant paid for 50% of the playground equipment. Only one company placed a bid. Game Time, c/o David Williams & Associates had the winning bid.

M/S, Howard-Rose, to accept the bid of \$57,955 from the Game Time Company, c/o David Williams and Associates for playground equipment at Lakemont Park. All ayes, no nays, motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - No unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS - No new business.

LEGISLATION - Mr. Wichmann read an ordinance in regard to meetings of Committees of the City Council thereof. This was the first reading.

M/S, Rose-Burke, to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 P.M. All ayes, no nays, motion carried.

APPROVED:

Marc T. Otto, Sr.

Mayor

Sandra Schweikert
Administrative Assistant

ATTEST:

Linda Carter

City Clerk