

REGULAR MEETING
ERLANGER CITY COUNCIL
September 7, 2021

Mayor Jessica Fette 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 7, 2021.

Raul Maya, Pastor of Centro Cristiano Bethel, gave the invocation.

Members of City Council and citizens pledged allegiance to the flag.

The following Members of City Council were present: Tom Cahill, Steven Doan, Ryan Nicole Elmore, Tyson Hermes, Jennifer Jasper-Lucas, Stephen Knipper, Gary Meyer, Diana Niceley, and Rebecca Reckers. Council Members Vicki Kyle, Don Skidmore, and Renee Skidmore were not present.

Also present were: Mayor Jessica Fette, City Administrator Matt Kremer, Building and Zoning Administrator Mark Stewart, Chief of Police Kyle Rader, City Clerk Sherry Hoffman, Director of Economic Development-Asst CAO Emi Randall, Director of Finance Kara Kramer, Director of Public Works Peter Glenn, Fire/EMS Chief Todd Whitaker, City Attorney Jack Gatlin, and City Engineer Jim Viox.

MEETING MINUTES – M/S, Elmore-Reckers, that the minutes of the regular council meeting held on August 3, 2021, the special council meeting held on August 9, 2021, and the special council meeting held on August 24, 2021 be approved as written. All ayes, no nays, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA - M/S, Reckers-Jasper Lucas, to approve the agenda as presented. All ayes, no nays, motion carried.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS – Mayor Fette introduced Gene Works with Boone-Kenton Lumber and Building Supply. Mr. Works discussed the history of their business, previous and current ownership, and their expansion into large commercial work.

CITIZENS/PUBLIC COMMENTS - None.

MAYOR'S REPORT - Mayor Fette reported on the following:

- Summer Sendoff - September 18, 2021, 2:00-10:00 p.m., Silverlake Park; asked council members to sign up for the Pie Eating Contest

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT - Mr. Kremer reported on the following:

- 406 Center Street - Mr. Gatlin began foreclosure proceedings
- Utilities Grant - Staff was finalizing paperwork, in process of obtaining signatures on contract
- Occupational License Amended Ordinance - Requested a caucus meeting on October 19, 2021 to discuss and review a proposed amended ordinance

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT - Mr. Gatlin reviewed legislation.

REPORT ON CAPITAL PROJECTS - Mr. Glenn reported on the following:

- Park Projects - The basketball court's overlay was completed at Silverlake Park
- Street Projects - The Sagebrush project was halfway completed, the Shadyside project was on hold temporarily

Additional Reports -

- Ms. Randall reported on the following:
 1. Training - Began the Kentucky Institute for Economic Development training
 2. Meetings - Met with the Kenton County Public Library and the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce
- Ms. Hoffman reported on the following:
 1. Field of Flags - Partnered with DAV (Disabled American Veterans) in hosting their their annual Field of Flags program at Flagship Park from September 22-29, 2021
 2. MUM Fundraiser - Selling mums to support the City's adopted troop, Bravo Battery
- Chief Rader reported on the following:
 1. Citizens Police Academy - Accepting applications from citizens to attend the Academy
- Chief Whitaker reported on the following:
 1. Hydrant Program - Performed hydrant maintenance
 2. Patriot's Day - Over 100 first responders scheduled to attend their Wills for Heroes event on September 11, 2021
 3. Hoxworth Donor Van - Blood drive scheduled on September 24, 2021 at the Central Firehouse
- Mr. Stewart had nothing further to report.
- Ms. Kramer reported on the following:
 1. Audit - Preparing for October 18, 2021 audit
 2. Financials - To be submitted in November or December 2021

REPORTS OF TASK FORCES - None.

BIDS - Mr. Glenn reported on the following:

1. Crack Filling of Various Streets - Three bids were received, the bid was awarded to the lowest bidder Paul Michels & Sons in the amount of \$54,000.00

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS -

- Ms. Reckers - Requested a caucus meeting on September 21, 2021 to discuss legislation to obtain monthly check registers
- Ms. Niceley - Requested a caucus meeting on September 21, 2021 to discuss reducing the number of council members
- Mr. Doan - Requested a caucus meeting on September 21, 2021 to discuss chickens, he requested Mr. Gatlin to draft an ordinance that would allow chickens

LEGISLATION - Mr. Gatlin read the second reading of Ordinance No. 2526 approving and adopting a supplement to the Code of Ordinances of the City. M/S, Reckers-Niceley, to adopt the ordinance as written. All ayes, no nays, motion carried.

Mr. Gatlin read the second reading of Ordinance No. 2527 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, 2021, and ending on June 30, 2022, 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, and creating a special fund, called the Park Improvement Fund to support the ongoing development of new and existing parks.

- A. An ad valorem tax on real property, at the rate of \$0.307 dollars for each one hundred dollars of the value thereof
- B. An ad valorem tax on personal property other than motor vehicles at the rate of \$0.297 dollars for each one hundred dollars
- C. The City shall allocate twelve percent of the real estate tax revenue to the Park Improvement Fund

Discussion - Mr. Meyer stated he was in favor of a higher rate for tangible taxes.

M/S, Hermes-Elmore, to adopt the ordinance as written. Eight ayes (Hermes, Cahill, Jasper-Lucas, Knipper, Doan, Niceley, Reckers, Elmore), one nay (Meyer), motion carried.

Mr. Gatlin read the first reading of an ordinance repealing the current Erlanger Zoning Code and Zoning Map and replacing it with an updated Zoning Code and Zoning Map.

Mr. Gatlin read Municipal Order No. 09-07-21-01 authorizing the Mayor to enter into a license agreement with the Erlanger-Elsmere Independent School District of Kenton County, Kentucky for parking. M/S, Reckers-Niceley, to adopt the municipal order as written. All ayes, no nays, motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - None.

ADJOURNMENT - M/S, Reckers-Knipper, to adjourn from the regular meeting at 7:37 p.m. All ayes, no nays, motion carried.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Sherry Hoffman
City Clerk

Jessica Fette
Mayor