

REGULAR MEETING
ERLANGER CITY COUNCIL
April 6, 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, April 6, 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, Ryan Elmore, Tyson Hermes, Jennifer Jasper, Stephen Knipper, Vickie Kyle, Gary Meyer, Diana Niceley, Rebecca Reckers, Don Skidmore, and Renee Skidmore. Council Member Vicki Kyle participated virtually. Council Member Kathy Cahill was 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 Emi Randall, Director of Finance Kara Kramer, Director of Public Works Peter Glenn, Fire/EMS Chief Todd Whitaker, and City Attorney Jack Gatlin.

MEETING MINUTES – M/S, Hermes-Jasper, that the minutes of the regular council meeting held on March 2, 2021 and the special council meeting held on March 16, 2021 be approved as written. All ayes, no nays, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA - M/S, Meyer-Niceley, to table the first reading of the FY21 amended budget ordinance. Discussion followed. Four ayes (R. Skidmore, Niceley, Meyer, D. Skidmore), Seven nays (Hermes, T. Cahill, Kyle, Jasper, Knipper, Reckers, Elmore), motion failed.

M/S, Elmore-Reckers, to approve the agenda as presented. Eight ayes (Elmore, T. Cahill, Kyle, D. Skidmore, Hermes, Knipper, Reckers, Jasper), three nays (Niceley, Meyer, R. Skidmore), motion carried.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS – Mayor Fette introduced Ignite Institute intern, Ashley Wilburs.

Mayor Fette introduced Gary Williams with Gary Williams Martial Arts. He discussed his after school program.

CITIZENS/PUBLIC COMMENTS - None.

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

- Planning Development Services' (PDS) transformational changes over the past year; Councilman Meyer serves as treasurer on the PDS Management Board
- Erlanger Salutes Armed Services Banners
- VFW Memorial Day Parade
- Child Abuse Prevention Month

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

- Foreclosure update - requested a caucus meeting in April to discuss two properties
- Fire/EMS Rescue 74 surplus municipal orders
- American Rescue Plan Act
- Northern Kentucky Medical Examiner

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

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

- Mesa and Hickory Lane Road Projects - Bid awarded to JPS Construction
- Veterans War Memorial - City agreed to accepting ownership and maintenance responsibilities
- Misty Creek Playground - Equipment installation in process
- Decorative Tower at City Building - requested a budget amendment of \$35,000.00 to address structural issues and to make safe

Additional Reports -

- Ms. Hoffman reported on the following:
 1. Waste Collection - Accepting bids for residential service, requested a caucus meeting on April 20, 2021 to discuss the bids received, requested a municipal order to be read at the May 4, 2021 regular city council meeting to award the bid
 2. Electronic Document Management - Accepting bids
- Ms. Randall reported on the following:
 1. Edge Incentive Recipients
 2. Kentucky Investment Incentive - requested a caucus meeting to discuss legislation approving an incentive for Atlas Air
- Mr. Stewart reported on the following:
 1. Citation Officers were addressing tall grass concerns
 2. Building permit applications increased
- Chief Whitaker reported on the following:
 1. Accreditation team continued to meet
 2. Hydrant and hose testing had begun
 3. Flight for Air Climb scheduled for April 25, 2021
- Ms. Kramer reported on the following:
 1. Council Budget Retreat scheduled for April 24, 2021
 2. Revenue was up 8%
 3. All departments remained within budget
- Chief Rader reported on the following:
 1. Sergeant Kyle Thornberry graduated from the National Forensics Academy
 2. Frauds, citations, and traffic stops had increased

REPORTS OF TASK FORCES -

- Ms. Elmore reported that the Parks Master Planning Task Force met on April 6, 2021 and focused primarily on Phase 1 of Silverlake Park
- Ms. Skidmore reported that the Kenton County Alliance did not meet
- Ms. Reckers reported that the next Small Business Task Force meeting would be held on April 9, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.
- Mayor Fette reported that the next Summer Sendoff Task Force meeting would be held on May 4, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. and the Parks Master Planning Task Force would meet that same day at 5:00 p.m.

BIDS - Mr. Glenn reported on the following:

1. Rho and Terrace Drive Concrete Project - awarded to Humphrey Concrete in the amount of \$159,262.00
2. City Beautification Project - awarded to Beaumont Building Group in the amount of \$37,010.50
3. Silverlake Park Phase 1 - awarded to Riegler Blacktop in the amount of \$235,014.75
4. City Parks Parking Lot Projects - awarded to Paul Michels and Sons in the amount of \$96,706.25

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS - Mr. T. Cahill and Mr. Kremer addressed issues with the two Public Works structures on railroad property; Mr. Kremer advised that there was an opportunity to purchase land.

M/S, T. Cahill-Hermes, to adjourn the regular session and move into executive session pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(b) to discuss the future acquisitions or sale of real property at 7:50 p.m. All ayes, no nays, motion carried.

M/S, Hermes-T.Cahill, to adjourn from the executive session and return to the regular session at 8:26 p.m. All ayes, no nays, motion carried.

M/S, T. Cahill-Reckers, to allow Mr. Kremer and the Mayor to negotiate the acquisition of property for the City of Erlanger. All ayes, no nays, motion carried.

LEGISLATION - Mr. Gatlin read Ordinance No. 2516 repealing Section 72.02 of the Erlanger Code of Ordinances related to snow emergencies. M/S, Knipper-Reckers, to adopt the ordinance as read. Ten ayes (Elmore, T. Cahill, Kyle, D. Skidmore, Hermes, Meyer, R. Skidmore, Knipper, Reckers, Jasper), one nay (Niceley), motion carried.

Mr. Gatlin read Ordinance No. 2517 renaming part of Erlanger Road - Sycamore Tree Lane. M/S, Elmore-Jasper, to adopt the ordinance as read. All ayes, no nays, motion carried.

Mr. Gatlin read the first reading of an ordinance amending Erlanger Ordinance Numbers 2498, 2512, and 2513 and the budget adopted thereby for the City of Erlanger for the Fiscal Year beginning on July 1, 2020 and ending on June 30, 2021. This first reading included moving \$300,000.00 from General Government into the Public Works' budget and moving \$60,000 from General Government into the Capital budget.

Discussion ensued that included the requested addition of \$35,000 for the City Building tower repair costs.

M/S, Hermes-Reckers, to add to the agenda the first reading of a FY21 Amended Budget ordinance that includes moving \$300,000.00 from General Government into Public Works' budget, moving \$60,000 from General Government into the Capital budget, and increasing the Public Works' budget by \$35,000.00. Nine ayes (Elmore, T. Cahill, Kyle, D. Skidmore, Hermes, R. Skidmore, Knipper, Reckers, Jasper), two nays (Meyer, Niceley), motion carried.

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M/S, T. Cahill-Jasper, to table the reading of the municipal order for the Public Works office space one year lease. Discussion followed. Ten ayes (Elmore, T. Cahill, Kyle, D. Skidmore, Hermes, R. Skidmore, Niceley, Knipper, Reckers, Jasper), one nay (Meyer), motion carried.

Mr. Gatlin read Municipal Order No. 04-06-21-01 making the written determination required by KRS 82.083 for the sale or other disposition of property owned by the City. The method of disposition for the 2003 Spartan Rescue Truck shall be transferred to another governmental agency with or without compensation. M/S, Knipper-Reckers, to adopt the municipal order as read. All ayes, no nays, motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - None.

ADJOURNMENT - M/S, Elmore-Niceley, to adjourn from the regular meeting at 8:44 p.m. All ayes, no nays, motion carried.

ATTEST:

Sherry Hoffman
City Clerk

APPROVED:

Jessica Fette
Mayor