

REGULAR MEETING
ERLANGER CITY COUNCIL
March 1, 2022

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, March 1, 2022.

Reverend B.J. Donahue, Erlanger Baptist Church, 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, Vicki Kyle, Diana Niceley, Rebecca Reckers, Don Skidmore, and Renee Skidmore. Council Member Gary Meyer was not present.

Also present were: Mayor Jessica Fette, City Administrator Matt Kremer, Chief of Police Kyle Rader, City Clerk Sherry Hoffman, Director of Economic Development/ACAO 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, Reckers-Doan, that the minutes of the regular council meeting held on February 1, 2022 and the special council meeting on February 23, 2022 be approved as written. All ayes, no nays, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA - M/S, Reckers-Kyle, to remove the Rules and Procedures of Meetings municipal order from the agenda and to request the discussion of substantive changes to the municipal order at the March 15, 2022 caucus meeting. All ayes, no nays, motion carried.

M/S, Kyle-Elmore, to approve the agenda with the requested change. All ayes, no nays, motion carried.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS – Mayor Fette gave the oath of office to the following Fire/EMS employees:

- Jeremy Daugherty FF/EMT
- Ryan Fogel FF/Medic
- Erika Muench FF/Medic
- Keiana Sherman FF/Medic

Cara Brooks, Community Relations Manager with Duke Energy, gave the following update regarding their increased charges:

- Natural Gas
 - ➔ Commodity price increase
 - ➔ Capital and infrastructure projects
- Electric
 - ➔ East Bend Plant closed for maintenance resulting in Duke Energy having to purchase power from the market; costs were higher than in the past resulting in higher bills for residential service
- Available Assistance through Duke Energy

Director Glenn presented the following for the Locust Street Park Master Plan:

- Project Design
- Project Estimate - \$688,491.00
- Project Timeline - Year three suggested by task force

CITIZENS/PUBLIC COMMENTS - Resident Linda Dietz thanked the following Fire/EMS personnel for responding to her home and assisting her when she fell:

- Captain Justin Brinkman
- FF/Medic Whitney Williams-Farrell
- FF/Medic Jacob Schafer
- FF/EMT Tom Herman

MAYOR'S REPORT - Mayor Fette welcomed the new firefighters.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT - Mr. Kremer had nothing further to report.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT - Mr. Gatlin had nothing further to report.

REPORT ON CAPITAL PROJECTS - Director Glenn had nothing further to report.

Additional Reports - Other department leaders had nothing further to report.

REPORTS OF TASK FORCES

- Kenton County Alliance - Ms. Skidmore reported on their recent meeting
- Emergency Preparation - Mr. Knipper requested a caucus meeting on March 15, 2022

BIDS - None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

- M/S, Doan-Elmore, to remove the dividers at council seats. All ayes, no nays, motion carried.

LEGISLATION - Mr. Gatlin read the second reading of Ordinance No. 2535 amending Ordinance No. 2350 and Section 37 of the Erlanger Code of Ordinances establishing an economic incentive for the development of jobs and employment in the City and the qualifications for that incentive. M/S, Kyle-Elmore, to adopt the ordinance as written. All ayes, no nays, motion carried.

Mr. Gatlin read the second reading of Ordinance No. 2536 creating a Commonwealth Area Professional District Capital Improvement incentive and grant. M/S, Reckers-Jasper Lucas, to adopt the ordinance as written. All ayes, no nays, motion carried.

Mr. Gatlin read the first reading of an ordinance amending Erlanger Ordinance numbers 2522 and 2530 and the budget adopted thereby for the City of Erlanger for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2021 and ending on June 30, 2022.

Mr. Gatlin read the first reading of an ordinance amending the Erlanger Zoning Ordinance making any necessary revisions to definitions and height and area standards related to family child care homes for compliance with Senate Bill 148 and KRS 199.

Mr. Gatlin read the first reading of an ordinance repealing in the entirety Chapter 110 related to occupational licenses and creating an entirely new chapter for occupational licenses.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

ADJOURNMENT - M/S, Niceley-Knipper, to adjourn from the regular meeting at 8:15 p.m. All ayes, no nays, motion carried.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Sherry Hoffman
City Clerk

Jessica Fette
Mayor