

REGULAR MEETING
ERLANGER CITY COUNCIL
May 3, 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, May 3, 2022.

Brian Nevins, Erlanger Police Chaplain, 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, Gary Meyer, Diana Niceley, Rebecca Reckers, Don Skidmore, and Renee Skidmore

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, Assistant Fire/EMS Chief Dave McQuerry, City Engineer Jim Viox, and City Attorney Jack Gatlin.

MEETING MINUTES – M/S, Reckers-Knipper, that the minutes of the regular council meeting held on April 5, 2022 and the special council meeting held on April 19, 2022 be approved as written. All ayes, no nays, motion carried.

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

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS – Mark Sarakatsannis, General Manager of Dixie Chili, discussed the restaurant's history and locations.

The following STAND (Students Against Narcotic Dependence) Letter Champions read their letters:

- Noora Lafi Miles Elementary School
- Sydney Greenwald Lindeman Elementary School

Mayor Fette proclaimed the following:

- Kids to Park Day May 21, 2022
- City Clerk Week May 1-7, 2022
- Police, EMS, and Public Works Week May 15-21, 2022
- Building/Zoning Month May, 2022

CITIZENS/PUBLIC COMMENTS - The following addressed Mayor and Council:

- Debbie Eckerle - Requested change to curfew ordinance
- Julie Estep - Not in favor of closing old Erlanger road
- Paul Yancey - Not in favor of vehicle insurance premium
- Renee Wilson - Was not present
- Serena Owen - Requested the following to be added to the June council meeting agenda:
 - ➔ Recognition of Erlanger-Elsmere School scholarship recipients
 - ➔ Juneteenth Proclamation
 - ➔ Community Heroes Proclamation

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

- Over 200 trees were given out at Arbor Day

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

- Foreclosure Update
 - 406 Center
 - 607 Perimeter

Ms. Kyle reported tall grass on Fieldcrest and requested the time frame in which it would be cut. Mr. Kremer to follow-up with Ms. Kyle.

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

REPORT ON CAPITAL PROJECTS - Director Glenn reported on the following:

- Sidewalk Improvement Projects
 - Stevenson Road sidewalk improvements to begin May 4, 2022
- City Signage Project
 - Master planning all city signs
- Montgomery Road Public Works Facility Project
 - Grading revisions
 - Obtaining final cost estimates
 - Demolition of existing buildings begins May 23, 2022
- Arbor Day Program
 - 200 trees distributed

Additional Department Reports - None.

REPORTS OF TASK FORCES

- Kenton County Alliance - Ms. Skidmore reported on the May 3, 2022 meeting
- Emergency Preparedness Task Force - Mr. Knipper reported on their May 3, 2022 meeting; next meeting was scheduled for May 17, 2022; requested representation from Fire/EMS and Public Works Departments

BIDS - Erlanger Road Park Master Plan

- Three bids were received; Mr. Glenn reported that the bid was awarded to Human Nature

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - Mr. Cahill reported on the Cherry Hill Subdivision Workshop:

- Estimated approximately 50 people attended
- Topics covered were semi-truck issues, reconstruction project, possible street closure, and future park planning

NEW BUSINESS - M/S, Reckers - Jasper Lucas, to change the start time of the May 17, caucus meeting from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. All ayes, no nays, motion carried.

Ms. Jasper-Lucas discussed resident complaints regarding the temporary yard sign ordinance. Mr. Hermes requested a caucus meeting on June 21, 2022 to discuss the issue further.

LEGISLATION - Mr. Gatlin read the first reading of an ordinance approving and adopting a supplement to the Code of Ordinances of the City.

Mr. Gatlin read Municipal Order No. 05-03-22-01 making the written determinations required by KRS 82.083 for the sale or other disposition of property owned by the City. M/S, Elmore-Kyle, to adopt the municipal order as written. All ayes, no nays motion carried.

Mr. Gatlin read Resolution No. 05-03-22-01 encouraging the prohibition of certain discriminatory practices within the City of Erlanger and condemning racism, discrimination, and bigotry.

First Motion:

M/S, Jasper Lucas-Cahill, to adopt the resolution as written. Discussion followed regarding language in the "Now, Therefore" section of resolution.

Second Motion:

M/S, Meyer-Cahill, to modify section "Now, Therefore" by changing the word "ordained" to "resolved".
All ayes, no nays, second motion carried. Discussion continued.

Return to First Motion:

Seven ayes (Cahill, Kyle, Jasper-Lucas, Niceley, Meyer, Reckers, Elmore), five nays (Hermes, D. Skidmore, Knipper, Doan, R. Skidmore), first motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

ADJOURNMENT - M/S, Meyer-Niceley, to adjourn from the regular meeting at 8:19 p.m. All ayes, no nays, motion carried.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Sherry Hoffman
City Clerk

Jessica Fette
Mayor