

REGULAR MEETING  
ERLANGER CITY COUNCIL  
March 7, 2023

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 7, 2023.

Tim Krueger, Erlanger Christian Church, gave the invocation.

Members of City Council and citizens pledged allegiance to the flag, led by Girl Scout Troop 2097.

The following Members of City Council were present: Tom Cahill, Tyson Hermes, Vicki Kyle, Jennifer Jasper-Lucas, Diana Niceley, Rebecca Reckers, Don Skidmore, Renee Skidmore, and Renee Wilson.

Also present were: Mayor Jessica Fette, Chief of Police Kyle Rader, City Administrator Bill Wulfeck, City Clerk Sherry Hoffman, Director of Economic Development/ACAO Emi Randall, Director of Finance Kara Kramer, Public Works Director Peter Glenn, Fire/EMS Chief Randy Godsey, and City Attorney Jack Gatlin.

MEETING MINUTES – M/S, Kyle-Niceley, that the minutes of the regular council meeting held on February 7, 2023 be approved as written. All ayes, no nays, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA - M/S, Reckers-Kyle, that the agenda be approved as written. All ayes, no nays, motion carried.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS – George Betas, owner of Greek to Me, spoke about 23 years of business in Erlanger, being a Greek, “twist” style restaurant, sponsoring baseball teams, and serving on Erlanger’s Board of Adjustment.

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

- Dr. Hutchison Upcoming Kentaboo street project and its effects on his property
- Thomas Trimpe Opposed to organized sports at Flagship Park
- Scott Meiners Opposed to Flagship Park amended ordinance
- Joe Nielander Coach of running group at Flagship Park, thanked the City for considering an amended Flagship Park ordinance

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

- Tree City USA - The City received this designation; thanked Mr. Glenn, Ms. Niceley, and members of the Beautification Task Force and Urban Forest Commission for their dedication to this project
- Railroad Depot Painting - Dominic Phillips gave the City a H. Simonton painting of the Railroad Depot; thanked Mr. Phillips for his generosity

CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT - Mr. Wulfeck reported on the following:

- Emergency Procedures - How to proceed in the instance of a fire or tornado
- Photographer - Photographer would be available on March 21, 2023 for any elected official or employee who needed their professional picture taken

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

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

- Misc. Projects
  - ➔ Snow Plow Damage - Compiling list of locations
  - ➔ Railroad Underpass Project - Right-of-way entry permit was approved by the railroad, pre-construction meeting scheduled for mid April, project to begin in early May

- Street Projects
  - ➔ Hillcrest Paving Project - Would start soon
  - ➔ Kentaboo Street Improvement - Budgeted for Fiscal Year 2024

Additional Department Reports - Ms. Hoffman reported on the following:

- Friendship Garden Recognition - Retired employee Ken Yaden
- Annual Scholarships - Applications due March 10, 2023

Ms. Kramer reported on the following:

- Budget Boot Camp - April 15, 2023
- Summer Sendoff Fundraising - Reaching out to Erlanger businesses for sponsorships

#### REPORTS OF TASK FORCES

- City Beautification - Ms. Niceley reported that April 29, 2023 will be the City's Arbor Day event
- Fire/EMS - Ms. Niceley reported that the task force would meet on March 15, 2023 at 5 p.m.
- Parks Master Planning - Mr. Hermes reported that current projects were being reviewed, including long range improvement plans, six plans had been completed, completion of all park improvements would not be final until 2029
- Cherry Hill Semi Truck Issue - Ms. Jasper-Lucas reported that there were a reduction in the number of semi trucks going through the neighborhood, new signage had been added and GPS updated, Boone County installed delineators, and no meetings were scheduled

BIDS - Mayor Fette reported on the following RFPs:

- City Attorney - Awarded to Jack Gatlin with Gatlin and Voelker
- City Engineer - Awarded to Viox and Viox Inc.

Director Glenn reported on the following bids:

- Cahill Commons Phase 1 Project - Awarded to the Beaumont Building Group for \$267,682.00
- Hillcrest Storm Water Project - Awarded to Riegler Blacktop for \$172,626.00

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - Ms. Skidmore reported on the Kenton County Alliance's new program, Catch My Breath regarding tobacco awareness.

NEW BUSINESS - None.

LEGISLATION - Mr. Gatlin read the second reading of an ordinance amending Section 96.29 of the Erlanger Code of Ordinances and Ordinance Number 2343 related to restrictions of use of organized athletic teams at Flagship Park. M/S, Reckers-Cahill, to adopt the ordinance as read. Discussion followed. Three ayes (Cahill, Jasper-Lucas, Reckers), six nays (Hermes, R. Skidmore, Kyle, Wilson, Niceley, D. Skidmore), motion failed.

Mr. Gatlin read the second reading of Ordinance No. 2554 amending Erlanger Ordinance Numbers 2542, 2543, and 2548 and the budget adopted thereby for the City of Erlanger for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2022 and ending on June 30, 2023. M/S, Cahill-Niceley, to adopt the ordinance as read. Eight ayes (Hermes, Cahill, R. Skidmore, Kyle, Jasper-Lucas, Niceley, Reckers, D. Skidmore), one nay (Wilson), motion carried.

Mr. Gatlin read the second reading of Ordinance No. 2555 amending section 92.01 of the Erlanger Code of Ordinances updating the Uniform Fire Code adopted to the 2018 edition. M/S, Cahill-Hermes, to adopt the ordinance as read. All ayes, no nays, motion carried.

Mr. Gatlin read Municipal Order No. 03-07-23-01 making the written determinations required by KRS 82.083 for the sale or other disposition of property owned by the City. M/S, Cahill-Reckers, to adopt the municipal order as read. All ayes, no nays, motion carried.

Mr. Gatlin read Municipal Order No. 03-07-23-02 authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Rumpke for the exclusive use of the public streets and rights of way of the City, for the collection and disposal of all solid waste from property of the City, and collectible solid waste from all residential collection units within the City. M/S, Hermes-Kyle, to adopt the municipal order as read. All ayes, no nays, motion carried.

Mr. Gatlin read Municipal Order No. 03-07-23-03 approving an interlocal agreement for the enforcement of the Erlanger Code of Ethics by a Joint Board. M/S, Kyle-Niceley, to adopt the municipal order as read. All ayes, no nays, motion carried.

Mr. Gatlin read Municipal Order No. 03-07-23-04 accepting the re-appointment of Marcus Carey, Darryl Cumins, Robert Sanders, Tom Quirk, Bryce C. Roades, and Jack Westwood and the appointment of James Dady as members of the Northern Kentucky Regional Ethics Authority Enforcement Committee for a two-year term, commencing February 1, 2023 and expiring on January 31, 2025. M/S, Jasper Lucas-Kyle, to adopt the municipal order as read. All ayes, no nays, motion carried.

Mr. Gatlin read Resolution No. 03-07-23-01 supporting the passage of House Bill 343 relating to universal recognition of occupational licenses. M/S, Kyle-Hermes, to adopt the resolution as read. Five ayes (Hermes, Kyle, Wilson, Niceley, Reckers), four nays (Cahill, R. Skidmore, Jasper-Lucas, D. Skidmore), motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - Mayor Fette and Director Glenn presented to Mr. Cahill a framed plan for Cahill Commons in memory of former Councilwoman and employee Kathy Cahill.

ADJOURNMENT - M/S, Reckers-Niceley, to adjourn from the regular meeting at 8:25 p.m. All ayes, no nays, motion carried.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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Sherry Hoffman  
City Clerk

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Jessica Fette  
Mayor