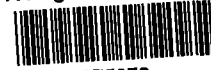


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MEETING
ERLANGER COUNCIL
April 3, 2001

Mayor Marc T. Otto, Sr. 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 3, 2001.

The following Members of Council were present: Jim Burger, Kevin Burke, John Dunhoft, James Gronefeld, Paul Hahn, Keith Henry, Bill Howard, Vicki Kyle, Thomas Rouse, David Smith, Ken Yaden and Patty Suedkamp.

Also present were: City Administrator Bill Scheyer, Police Lieutenant Bob Arens, Assistant Fire/EMS Chief Tim Koenig, Codes Administrator David Hahn, City Attorney Frank Wichmann, Community Development Coordinator Kathy Cahill and City Clerk Linda Carter.

Reverend Steven Risor, New Beginnings Evangelical Presbyterian Church, opened the meeting with a prayer, after which the Mayor, Members of Council and citizens pledged their allegiance to the Flag.

MINUTES - M/S, Yaden-Kyle, that the minutes of March 20 and the Special Meeting of March 20, 2001 be approved. All ayes, no nays, motion carried.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Administration & Finance – Mr. Hahn reported the committee met with the staff regarding a program to rent the Council chambers. The recommendations were handed out to Council Members for review. Mr. Hahn asked if anyone had any objections to the recommendations? There were no objections.

M/S, Hahn-Suedkamp, to have Frank Wichmann draft an ordinance setting the regulations for the rental of the Council room. All ayes, no nays, motion carried.

Commerce & Economic Development – Mr. Burger said Ms. Suedkamp suggested we announce new businesses each month at the meeting. He talked to Dave Hahn and Linda Carter. They will provide a list of businesses.

Public Safety – Police – Mr. Dunhoft said the committee is recommending no parking on Watson and designated the last two parking spaces in the City lot as drop off spots for Triple E. Mr. Dunhoft asked Mr. Wichmann to draft an ordinance allowing only emergency equipment on the Erlanger Lakes access road. Mayor Otto asked if there were any objections from Council. There were no objections.

Mr. Gronefeld said they received a request to make Hulbert Avenue no parking. After reviewing the request the committee is recommending no change to Hulbert Avenue. Mayor Otto asked if there were any objections from Council. There were no objections.

Mr. Gronefeld said they are recommending no parking on Holly Lane. He said they would like to have the first reading tonight. Mayor Otto asked if there were any objections from Council. There were no objections.

Public Safety - Fire/E.M.S. – Ms. Kyle thanked Todd Schulkers and Bob Arens for the fine job they did for career day at St. Henry's High School.

Public Works – Mr. Rouse said they are continuing to gather information on the problems on Pleasure Isle Drive. He reported progress.

Mr. Rouse said they have received a request to install a marquis type sign on Crescent Springs Road listing businesses. This does not meet current zoning. Mayor Otto assigned the request to the Commerce and Economic Development Committee for review.

Mr. D. Hahn said Kenton County is proposing a landscape/screening ordinance. They asked us to consider it for adoption. Mr. Hahn says ours is working fine and would recommend we stay with our current ordinance.

Mr. Yaden thanked Mr. Hahn for taking care of a complaint from a resident on Rosebud regarding a dumpster that was overflowing. Mr. Hahn said it should be taken care of by tomorrow.

Mr. Rouse asked the citizens to please police their yards and neighborhoods for litter. He said this is his annual plea to clean up our City.

Community Development – Mr. Howard reported progress on the skateboard park.

M/S, Burke-Suedkamp, that the reports of the standing committees be adopted as presented. All yeas, no nays, motion carried.

REPORTS OF CITY OPERATIONS

Parks & Recreation – Ms. Cahill said the next event will be held on April 14th at Silverlake Recreation Center. The Pioneers will visit the Council on May 1st to present presents to the Members for the start of the Spring Frolic. The activities for the Erlanger/Elsmere Summer Parks Programs are available at both city buildings.

Ms. Cahill said in celebration of Local Government Month eighteen students from local high schools will be attending the next Council meeting. They will tour the departments prior to the meeting. She invited the Council Members to have dinner with them between the tours and the meeting. The students will be sitting with the Members during the meeting.

City Engineer – Mr. Viox said bid requests will be going this week

for street resurfacing and repairs. Bids will be due back May 15th.

City Attorney – Mr. Wichmann said he negotiated an agreement for the tower for \$1,600 for the first year. He said this is higher than the other leases for the tower. He recommended allowing the Mayor to sign the lease

M/S, Kyle-Howard, to accept the tower lease agreement and allow the Mayor to sign agreement. All ayes, no nays, motion carried.

Mr. Wichmann said we have no authority regarding the railroad crossing on Stevenson Road. Stevenson Road is a State road. Per Mr. Yaden's request Mr. Wichmann said he would try to locate a copy of the lease agreement with Cincinnati and the railroad. Mr. Wichmann suggested contacting the General Assembly; they have control over the railroad. Mr. Scheyer said he contacted the Director of Industrial Development regarding the quality of the crossing. The Director felt they could do something about the crossing.

City Administrator – Mr. Scheyer said the Power Plant Advisory Committee met and all correspondence was distributed. In addition to discussing the new correspondence, they discussed the site issue, safety issue and air quality. The committee decided if the air quality permit was issued they will continue to meet.

Ms. Suedkamp read a statement addressing the negative remarks received from a citizen. She stated the Council does not have any control over the power plant. She said the committee has been working hard to gather accurate information and they have tried to remain neutral so they can bring information back to Council.

Mr. Rouse said it is difficult to be a Council member when you have very little control of an issue. Mr. Rouse said they have received a lot of information. He said no matter what it may or may not do to the environment, it is the wrong area for a power plant. He drafted a resolution opposing the location of the power plant. He asked that he be allowed to read it. Mayor Otto asked if there were any objections? There were no objections from Council Members.

Mr. Rouse read the resolution regarding the opposition to the Cinergy Power Plant being located in the current proposed location.

M/S, Rouse-Gronefeld, to adopt and allow the Mayor to sign Resolution 04-03-01-01 regarding the City's opposition to the proposed Power Plant. All ayes, no nays, motion carried.

Prior to the vote, Mr. Van Needham, Cinergy Regional Governmental Affairs Representative, said he respects Mr. Rouse's opinion but disagrees with it. He asked the Council to allow him to assemble a group of experts to answer questions before they vote on the Resolution. He said he enjoyed working on the Advisory Committee and felt everyone did a good job. Council Members voiced opposition to the location of the plant but not against Cinergy. Various Council Members stated they were displeased with the negative remarks they had received. After discussion, the vote was taken.

M/S, Dunhoft-Burke, that the reports of the City Operations be adopted as presented. All ayes, no nays, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Mr. Dunhoft said he received a thank you email from a citizen on Circle Drive. They thanked the Police Department for putting radar on the street.

CITIZENS/PUBLIC COMMENTS – The following citizens addressed their opposition to the power plant: Riley Kinman, Joe Maloney, Mary Aubrey, Kathy Lang, Jeanette Gronick, Ruby Wiley Dianne Goetz, Mira Runion, Linda Ligas, Deborah Schmidt, Linda Mardis and John Schmidt.

Legislation – Mr. Wichmann read the ordinance allowing emergency vehicles only on the Erlanger Lakes access road. This was a first reading.

Mr. Wichmann read the ordinance designating no parking on Holly Lane. This was the first reading.

M/S, Hahn-Suedkamp, to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. All yeas, no nays, motion carried.

APPROVED:

Marc T. Otto, Sr.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda Carter
City Clerk