

CITY OF EDGEWOOD  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 24, 2004  
7:00 P.M.  
Revised

**PUBLIC HEARING ON MUNICIPAL ROAD AID FUND** - Mayor Link called the Public Hearing to order at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Link stated that the City expects to receive approximately \$135,000 in Municipal Road Aid, in FY 2004-05, which will be used for street rebuilding, repair and general maintenance. The public was invited to attend and comment. Mayor Link read the proposed list for concrete replacement and asphalt overlay. Mr. Grady gave an opinion of Charter Oak Rd. and expressed the need for its repair, discussion followed. Mr. Rolfes stated for the record that to his knowledge, the City has not received any additional comments regarding this specific list. Mayor Link closed the hearing at 7:13 p.m. The minutes for the public hearing are attached for the record.

**CALL TO ORDER** - Mayor Link called the regular meeting of the Edgewood City Council to order at 7:14 p.m. in council chambers of the Edgewood City Building. The following council members were present: Bill Grady, David MacMillan, Mark Steffen, Ray Spears, and Scott Guenther. Also in attendance were City Attorney Frank Wichmann, City Administrator Roger Rolfes, and Sr. Deputy Clerk Mary Jane Lucas. Dale Henson was absent; Mr. Schreiber arrived at 7:18 p.m.

### **INVOCATION**

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Mr. Grady requested that funding for the proposed facility be added as item No.13. At the request of Mr. Spears, Mayor Link changed item No. 12, Field Usage Update to No. 1 in consideration for the speaker's time. Items 31 & 32 were moved to No. 4 due to length of meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Mr. Steffen made a **motion** to accept the minutes of May 10, 2004; seconded by Mr. MacMillan. Mr. Guenther abstained. **Motion passed: 5 ayes –1 abstain.**

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Field Usage Update** – A lengthy debate was held concerning the controversy over the use of the fields in the Edgewood parks, and the possible use of fields outside of the City. Mr. Spears said the park issue needs to be [based upon] who is using the fields and on what level. [Mr. Guenther stated that it was his experience as a baseball coach and having two kids playing soccer that it was more difficult to get a practice time on a big ball field for a baseball team than it was for a soccer field]. Mayor Link stated that the field usage project should be discussed in a committee meeting having coaches and everyone from soccer and baseball discuss their needs and fit these needs to what we have in the way of turf. Mr. Leo Calderon, speaking as a resident, stated that his question was very simple: How many baseball fields do we have verses soccer fields? He addressed responsibility, flexibility, and fairness. Mr. Pete Birmingham, Dixie Soccer Treasurer, discussed several issues concerning soccer fields:

- Soccer players of different ages play on different size fields and there are no home fields big enough for older players U12 – U16.
- Indicated that over a period of time, Dixie Soccer has invested a significant amount or money in the fields from registration fees.
- Allocation of land
- Soccer field maintenance.

Mr. Birmingham stated that he did not think the answer was to take away a baseball field to give it to soccer. Mr. Steffen and Mr. Schreiber agreed that taking away a baseball field would accomplish nothing. Discussion was held over the lack of field use of Presidents Park in the fall and the use of the soccer teams using it for practice in the fall. Mr. Spears stated that we have a good start on talking about trying to meet the needs of the soccer players. The Mayor asked Mr. Spears to set up a committee meeting. Discussion was also held on the availability of land use at Doe Run Lake and Pioneer Park. Dixie soccer was asked to contact Wayne Spiegel and Rita King concerning Doe Run and Pioneer Parks in helping to meet the present needs for land acquisition.

### **REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**Hank Fedders, KZF Engineering- Brookwood Circle recommendation** – Mr. Fedders stated that they narrowed the street between 3033 and 3037 to 19 ft. In that particular stretch there will be a vertical curb and as we go across the driveways that curb will drop down to a 2-inch high curb where people go into the driveway. As we get past the two houses where the right-of-way widens out the street will expand out to a 22 ft. back-to-back curb with a roll curb and gutter and carry that around to the other end. The exception will be between the two houses where the first 200 ft. will be 19 feet. Mr. Steffen asked if the part of the street that drops down would be replaced.

Mr. Fedders said yes it would. We were going to drop that down and right now there is a little sag just past those houses and we are going to drop that down about 2ft. once we get past the house. When you go past the driveways, it is going to drop about 6 inches on each side. The plan is to replace the two driveways (mostly aprons) and their drains. Mr. Rolfes reported that a letter was sent to the two homeowners and a tenant, and we did get a response to the letters. The only concern was over the speed. The only issue he can see is if we do go along with the sidewalk across the driveway, the parked vehicles may be hanging over the sidewalk. Mr. Fedders agreed. He stated the sidewalk could be deleted at any time. When we get back to the widened area we have a 4 ft. grass strip between the back of the curb and the sidewalk and a five-foot sidewalk. The van parked at 3037 would be about a foot and a half into that sidewalk and people would just have to walk around it. The joint wouldn't show so they wouldn't have to walk in the street but we would have to get a right-of-way or an easement because the sidewalk would be 2 or 3 ft. into the private property. He thinks the sidewalk extension is important. Mayor Link asked how difficult it would be to make a parking pad. Mr. Fedders explained that we could give the owners at 3037 the option from an earlier scheme: the house, a wall, a pad, the sidewalk and street and then steps where the sidewalk connects to the house. Mayor Link stated that his phone calls indicate that residents do not want the sidewalk eliminated and want the sidewalk to go all the way up to Brookwood. They are asking that we consider a sidewalk on Brookwood. Mr. Fedders stated that right now in phase one the sidewalk would run from Brookwood Dr. down to and cross over Dottie Ln. Discussion was held concerning going the rest of the way on Brookwood Circle. Mr. Guenther asked Mr. Fedders in the design he is recommending, if as far as the street goes, taking the sidewalk out, really kept it as close to the existing conditions as you could keep it while still making improvements to that road. Mr. Fedders replied yes and referred to the blueprints. Mr. Guenther stated that the recommendation made a lot of sense except it seemed more efficient for the city to construct any sidewalk ourselves as opposed to bidding it out. Mr. Fedders suggested we bid it with the project; it would be cheaper than to put it in later. When you get a unit price for the sidewalk, you can always take it out of the bid. Mr. Fedders explained that the problem with the drainage still had to be worked out. Mr. Steffen asked if we need a **motion** on this to go forward with this project to add what is recommended on these blueprints. The Mayor stated that he needed a consensus to and we can deal with the motion that to concur with what Hank has said here, and what you have said, and he can continue to proceed and we can get the cost on it. Mr. Guenther said as long as it is clearly understood that council is saying if it comes back and costs too much including the sidewalk, we'll just pull it out and do it ourselves. Mr. Fedders repeated that they have not decided exactly where it ends because they still have to work the drainage out. **Mayor asked if all are in favor – 6 ayes – 0 nays.**

**NKAPC – Larissa Keith – Doe Run Lake presentation** – Larissa Keith, Principal Planner, gave a summary of the Doe Run Park Master Plan commissioned by the City of Erlanger and The Drees Company. She included the project's mission, its goal and objectives, along with the two primary elements, the concept plan and the funding matrix. Representing the Doe Run Steering Committee, Ms. Keith requested that the City of Edgewood adopt the plan and take an active part in its implementation. Mr. Guenther made a **motion** to endorse the conceptual development plan that Ms. Keith presented; seconded by Mr. Steffen. Mr. MacMillan voted nay. **Motion passed: 5 ayes – 1 nay.**

**Funding for the proposed facility** – Mr. Grady wished to point out that he has been opposed to this facility; \$7,000,000 is far too much to spend on a facility. He wanted to point out that there is a 4 to 3 vote on this and if one more person voted against the issuance of the bonds, it would stop the project as it's envisioned because you would have no funding for a \$7,000,000 building. On the matter of the ordinance of the expenditures for amending the budget, it encompasses the Senior Center and the design of the City Building. He will not vote for the design of the City Building as projected in the budget. He asked if there was any way of separating them. Mr. Wichmann stated that you could do two separate ordinances. The first reading will be June 14<sup>th</sup> on both. Mr. Dirk Bedarff, legal bond council for the bonds, explained that ordinance 2004-05-06 actually authorized the issuance of 30-year project bonds of \$4,250,000 to be sold at a competitive sale. The Municipal Order 2004-09 is one reading to go ahead and advertise the bonds; this is a timing issue. When the second reading of the Ordinance is done the actual sale can be conducted. Mr. Bedarff defined a general obligation public project bond, and how it works, to council. Mr. Schreiber asked about the contract with Pilot if the bond issue did not pass and had the contract been signed. Mr. Rolfes stated that the contract had not been signed and Pilot wanted it signed before the 4<sup>th</sup> of June because their subcontractor bids are only good for thirty days and the bids were due in May 4<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Grady stated that takes away the privilege of changing the vote. Mr. Steffen called for a special meeting to allow for the vote prior to signing the contract. Mr. Grady expected more opposition to the project as people become more knowledgeable about it before signing the contract. The special meeting was set for Tuesday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, at 6:00 PM.

## **ORDINANCES, MUNICIPAL ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS**

**Ordinance 2004-05-06 – Authorizing the issuance of general obligation public project bonds for the city building, 1<sup>st</sup> reading** – Mr. Wichmann read the ordinance: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD, KENTUCKY AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION PUBLIC PROJECT BONDS, SERIES 2004 IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$4,250,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING THE COSTS OF THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF A PUBLIC PROJECT IN THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD, KENTUCKY; APPROVING A FORM OF BOND; AUTHORIZING DESIGNATED OFFICERS TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER THE BONDS; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE FILING OF NOTICE WITH THE STATE LOCAL DEBT OFFICER; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT AND SECURITY OF THE BONDS; CREATING A BOND PAYMENT FUND; CREATING A SINKING FUND; AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE BID OF THE BOND PURCHASER FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE BONDS; AND REPEALING INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES.

Mr. Steffen asked if Ordinance 2004-05-05 could also be discussed at the Special Meeting. Mr. Wichmann replied yes. Discussion was held concerning: square footage, cost, time to reconsider, debate over project opinions, options, and viability of long term use of the house for Administration. Mr. Guenther thought that most of the taxpayers in the City of Edgewood would prefer to have more street repairs, sidewalks and perhaps lower taxes than create a new building assuming that other functional facilities could be provided at a substantially lower cost. Mr. Guenther disagreed with Mr. Steffen that his long-term proposal was just as expensive as \$7,000,000. Mr. Steffen stated that he does not think we are overextending ourselves. Mr. Grady expressed his concerns over financing other projects and raising taxes. Mayor Link reminded him of the City's long-term commitments. There was debate over the impressions that the residents may have concerning this project and their opinions on what they feel the City needs. Mr. Schreiber felt that it would cost more to have three buildings. Mr. Rolfes stated some of the problems with the house purchased for temporary use and why they would further exacerbate the problem. Discussion was held concerning the debt service and the possible need/cost of more staff depending on the final decision. Mr. Spears stated that the bonds were not for the Senior Center and Mr. Rolfes reaffirmed that the funding purpose of the total package is for the City Building only.

**Municipal Order/Resolution No. 2004-09 –Authorizing the advertisement for bids and distribution of preliminary official statement for the purchase of city general obligation public project bonds.** Mayor Link called for a motion. Mr. Schreiber made a **motion** to adopt Municipal Order/Resolution No. 2004 - 09; seconded by Mr. Steffen. Aye votes were recorded for Mr. MacMillan, Mr. Schreiber, and Mr. Steffen. Nay votes were recorded for Mr. Grady, Mr. Guenther, and Mr. Spears. **Motion tied 3 ayes – 3 nays.** Mayor Link broke the tie and voted for the order. **Motion passed 4 ayes – 3 nays.**

## **REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**Mayor's Report – 2004/2005 budget message-** Mayor Link's annual presentation addressed the following: the facilities projects update; An overview of the significant achievements of the Administrative, General Services, Police, Parks, and Fire Departments; The new facilities; The General Fund budget of \$5,127,000 is \$164,600 or 3.32% greater than projected in the 5-year budget. \$50,000 of the increase is reflected in the portion of the grant funds included in the year's budget Expenses and transfers of \$5,143,100 is \$65,500 or 1.29% greater than projected in the 5-year plan. The construction projects have a major impact on this year's budget. \$4,250,000 will be added to the general fund to revenue to reflect the bond sales making the total revenues for the year \$9,377,000. The expenses for the capital projects will be an estimated \$50,000 for the Senior Center to close out that project and \$5,783,700 in expected expenses related to the City Building construction for the coming fiscal year. This will increase our total general fund projected expenses and project expenses to \$10,976,800. The difference of \$1,599,800 will be transferred from the CIP fund to balance the budget. Mayor link stated that the proposed budget would allow the City to continue to progress in many areas and implement the plans for our facility needs without any new taxes. Mayor Link also recognized Roger Rolfes, City Administrator, was chosen City/County Administrator of the Year at the Greater Cincinnati Public Service Recognition's 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration on Fountain Square.

**Administrator's Report** – Mr. Rolfes addressed a storm drainage issue at the end of Carl Court. A storm sewer pipe is significantly eroding the ground on a resident's property line. The City was asked to repair it but, upon inspection, it was found that a developer had put it in when the subdivision was put in. There was no easement so the pipe does not technically belong to the City. The City and Sanitation District do not get involved if a pipe is not on a right-of-way or an easement. Mr. Rolfes and Mr. Goetz agree that this would be an expensive item. Mr. Rolfes, after concurring with Mr. Wichmann, advised the resident that it was not the City's responsibility. Mr. Rolfes stated that she offered to give the City an easement but he believes that it will be a large ticket item. The resident stated that she would probably be back to council.

**CITIZENS DESIRING RECOGNITION ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Brookwood Commons Schreiber Development** – Mr. Wichmann stated that the last documents were delivered to his office about 6:15 p.m. and he plans to discuss them at the next regular council meeting.

**Facilities Update** – Mr. Rolfes reported that the Senior Citizen building is on target, looking somewhere between the 25<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> of June and the dedication around the middle of July. All the furniture is in town and waiting to be delivered.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Approval for Summit purchase** – Mr. Guenther made a **motion** to approve the purchase of 700 ft. of snaptite hose from Summit Fire Apparatus at the cost of \$4,069.31 because the item purchased is in the best interest of the public and the city due to price; seconded by Mr. Spears. **Motion passed: 6 – 0.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Memorial Day Ceremony, May 31st at 10:00a.m. in Freedom Park.
- Kenton County Fiscal Court Town Hall Meeting to be held in conjunction with the City of Crestview Hills on Tuesday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at 7p.m. at Atria.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Grady made a **motion** to adjourn at 10:00 p.m.; seconded by Mr. Spears. **Motion passed 6 – 0.**

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Mayor John D. Link

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mary Jane Lucas, Sr. Deputy Clerk

Date passed: \_\_\_\_\_

**BUDGET PRESENTATIONS** – Joe Messmer reported for Fire/EMS and Stan Goetz reported for General Services.