

City OF NEWPORT, KY
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Monday, April 25, 2016
MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Peluso at 7:00 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Newport Municipal Building at 998 Monmouth Street. The meeting was opened with a moment for silent invocation and the mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

In attendance were: Commissioner Beth Fennell Commissioner Thomas Guidugli, Commissioner John Hayden, Commissioner Frank Peluso, and Mayor Jerry Peluso. Also in attendance were: City Manager Thomas Fromme, City Attorney Daniel Braun, Police Chief Thomas Collins, Acting Fire Chief Randy Childress, Historic Preservation Officer Scott Clark, Community Liaison Bev Holiday, and City Clerk Amy Able.

PRESENTATIONS, AWARDS & PROCLAMATIONS

The city clerk read Order **R-2016-028, authorizing issuance of a proclamation designation May as “Historic Preservation Month”**. Commissioner Peluso made a **motion to approve**; second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Fennell. Upon hearing there were no comments or questions, the mayor called for a roll call vote.

Commissioner Peluso:	Yes	Commissioner Fennell:	Abstain	Mayor Peluso:	Yes
Commissioner Hayden:	Yes	Commissioner Guidugli:	Yes	<u>Motion carried 5-0.</u>	

Mayor Peluso read the proclamation and presented a copy to Mr. Clark. On behalf of the Historic Preservation Commission and residents, Mr. Clark accepted the proclamation and thanked the Board. He stated Newport was one of the first cities in Kentucky to actively engage in historic preservation and has remained active over the last thirty years. He added 2016 is the 50th anniversary of the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the 100th anniversary of the National Park District. He thanked the Board for the support to the community in these regards.

Ms. Patricia Smitson of the Red Cross was introduced and announced with Chief Childress the upcoming **Smoke Detector Blitz** campaign planned for May 7 with plans to install as many as 900 smoke detectors in Newport homes.

Ms. Vivian Llambi and Mr. Todd Wales of Vivian Llambi and Associates joined by Mr. Jack Moreland as they gave a presentation on the **landscape concept for new roundabouts** and the Twelfth Street entrance from Route 9.

PUBLIC FORUM

No one present responded to the Mayor’s invitation to address the Board.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Guidugli made a **motion to approve the minutes: of the regular meeting held March 28, 2016; the special meeting, meeting of The Newport Public Properties Corporation, and the caucus meeting held April 11, 2016, and the special meeting held April 18, 2016**; second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Hayden. Upon hearing there were no comments or questions, the mayor called for a roll call vote.

Commissioner Guidugli:	Yes	Commissioner Peluso:	Yes	Mayor Peluso:	Yes
Commissioner Hayden:	Yes	Commissioner Fennell:	Yes	<u>Motion carried 5-0.</u>	

OLD BUSINESS

The city clerk gave second reading of tentative number **O-2016-003** an ordinance amending Section 151.02 of the Code of Ordinances, concerning **designation of electrical inspector and adoption of fees**. Commissioner Peluso made a **motion to approve**; second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Fennell. Upon hearing there were no comments or questions, the mayor called for a roll call vote.

Commissioner Peluso:	Yes	Commissioner Guidugli:	Yes	Mayor Peluso:	Yes
Commissioner Fennell:	Yes	Commissioner Hayden:	Yes	<u>Motion carried 5-0.</u>	

The city clerk gave second reading of tentative number **O-2016-004** an ordinance amending Section 96.42(B) of the Code of Ordinances, concerning **animal license and registration requirements**. Commissioner Guidugli made a **motion to approve**; second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Hayden. Upon hearing there were no comments or questions, the mayor called for a roll call vote.

Commissioner Guidugli:	Yes	Commissioner Peluso:	Yes	Mayor Peluso:	Yes
Commissioner Hayden:	Yes	Commissioner Fennell:	Yes	<u>Motion carried 5-0.</u>	

NEW BUSINESS

The city clerk read Order **R-2016-029**, authorizing the city manager to execute an agreement with the Commonwealth of Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, Department of Highways concerning **maintenance responsibilities for state maintained roads and state owned property** located within the City. Commissioner Peluso made a **motion to approve**; second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Guidugli. Upon hearing there were no comments or questions, the mayor called for a roll call vote.

Commissioner Peluso:	Yes	Commissioner Hayden:	Yes	Mayor Peluso:	Yes
Commissioner Guidugli:	Yes	Commissioner Fennell:	Yes	<u>Motion carried 5-0.</u>	

COMMENTS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

Mr. Fromme stated the City of Cincinnati has filed a lawsuit over the piers to the Purple People Bridge. There have been ongoing negotiations on this matter. He stated we see no evidence that Newport has ever had ownership of the pier, we believe it was owned by Cincinnati since the 1960's when it was transferred to them by the State of Kentucky and the railroad. There was a maintenance agreement with the State of Kentucky and the State of Ohio regarding the property. When ownership of the bridge was transferred to us, we did not take ownership of anything in Cincinnati. Though a nominal amount, the bridge company was paying annual lease payments for the approach. Mr. Braun added Cincinnati may simply be turning to the courts to get a resolution rather than continuing negotiations.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Guidugli

- Historic Preservation has been a crucial element of our success and will propel us to the next level of achievement.
- Discussion of the designs for our gateways is also exciting. It's nice to see that we have been slowly improving the entrances to the City within our budget.

Commissioner Fennell

- We are proud to have the second largest district in Kentucky.
- Thanks to all who worked so hard on Buena Vista Park and the recent rededication.
- Sympathy is extended to the family of Rosemary Picarillo, a long-time resident who

recently passed away.

Commissioner Hayden

- The presentation on proposed designs for entry ways looks fantastic and will be another big step. There have been many changes in recent years all over the city, thanks to Southbank Partners and Jack Moreland for their hard work, great partnerships, and assistance finding funding.
- The reopening of Buena Vista Park was a great example of people from all over coming together to beautify the park. Everyone is encouraged to visit and enjoy the park that has benefited greatly from “buy-in” from residents all over the city.

Commissioner Peluso

- Thanks to all the volunteers who worked on Buena Vista Park.
- The presentation was phenomenal. We should discuss groups and neighborhoods getting involved in maintaining entry ways. The City could budget for this but get assistance with maintenance of signs and plantings. He suggested a committee be appointed.
- There is a large number of street lights out all over the city – at least 47 at one time. Residents can report lights that are out to Duke Energy by making note of the pole number and calling or reporting it online. Duke Energy should be invited back to detail the timeline for LED conversion.

Mayor Peluso

- Thanks to the Board for their support and the Renaissance Park Committee for all the work on Buena Vista Park. We know community parks are important when people consider moving into or staying in an area.
- Several new businesses have opened recently. Welcome to Grave Mistakes, KY 27, and Wisdom Tree all on Monmouth. They join other businesses that opened in recent months including the Vapor Lounge, Carabello’s expansion on 9th Street, and Lilly Pad.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Commissioner Hayden made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Guidugli offered a second to the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote.

Commissioner Hayden:	Yes	Commissioner Fennell:	Yes	Mayor Peluso:	Yes
Commissioner Guidugli:	Yes	Commissioner Peluso:	Yes	<u>Motion carried 5-0.</u>	

The meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Date Approved/Signed

Jerry R. Peluso, Mayor

Attest:

Amy B. Able, City Clerk