

**CITY OF NEWPORT, KY**  
**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**Monday, May 19, 2014**  
**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, Thomas Guidugli, Jr., Commissioner, Commissioner John Hayden, Commissioner Frank Peluso, and Mayor Jerry Peluso. Also in attendance were: City Manager Thomas Fromme, City Attorney Daniel Braun, Chief Tom Collins, Fire Capt. Randy Childress, Assistant City Attorney Robert List, Historic Preservation Officer Scott Clark, Community Liaison Bev Holiday, and City Clerk Amy Able.

**PERSONNEL ORDERS**

The city clerk read **R-2014-036**, an order **proclaiming the month of May as "Historic Preservation Month"** in the City. Commissioner Guidugli made a **motion to approve**; second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Fennell. Newport Historic Preservation Officer Scott Clark addressed the Board, thanking them for the proclamation and announcing the 2014 Historic Preservation Awards on May 28<sup>th</sup> where several Newport properties will be recognized. Upon hearing there were no further comments or questions, the mayor called for a roll call vote.

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

The city clerk read **R-2014-037**, an order **proclaiming the month of May as "Bike Month"** in the City. Commissioner Fennell made a **motion to approve**; second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Guidugli. Upon hearing there were no further comments or questions, the mayor called for a roll call vote.

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

Mayor Peluso administered a ceremonial oath to the newest member of the Fire/EMS Department.

The city clerk read **R-2014-038**, an order **appointing David Ausdenmoore** to the position of **Firefighter/Medic Grade 0**, in the Newport Fire/EMS Department effective May 20, 2014. Commissioner Peluso made a **motion to approve**; second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Fennell. Upon hearing there were no further comments or questions, the mayor called for a roll call vote.

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

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**PRESENTATIONS**

**Newport Firefighters Local 45 awarded two scholarships** to local seniors. Presentation of the scholarships was made to **Jacob Melville** of Newport Central Catholic and **Meghan Carroll** of Newport High School who will both receive \$500 per semester for their first year of college.

The Mayor called for a brief recess at 7:07 p.m. The meeting resumed at 7:17 p.m. with all members of the Board present.

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

**Mr. Mike Whitehead** announced the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual East Row Garden Walk will be held June 7 and 8 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. each day with eight gardens featured on the tour and a vendor's market and tickets available at 5<sup>th</sup> and Washington.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Guidugli made a **motion to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2014 regular meeting**; 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.

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

Commissioner Peluso made a **motion to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2014 special meeting**; 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.

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

Commissioner Fennell made a **motion to approve the minutes of May 5, 2014 caucus meeting**; 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.

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

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The city clerk read **R-2014-039**, an order authorizing the city manager to **accept the bids of various suppliers** for the Department of Community Services pursuant to bids received April 21, 2014. Commissioner Peluso made a **motion to approve**; second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Guidugli. Commissioner Fennell noted a road salt containment structure is being built so that larger amounts of road salt can be stored in the future. Upon hearing there were no further comments or questions, the mayor called for a roll call vote.

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

The city clerk read **R-2014-040**, an order authorizing the city manager to make application(s) for, enter into agreement(s) with, act as the authorized correspondent for, and to sign any documentation necessary to facilitate and administer project(s) with the **Kentucky Office of Homeland Security** (KOHS). Commissioner Peluso made a **motion to approve**; second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Guidugli. Chief Collins explained this authorization is necessary for various grant opportunities that arise through KOHS. He stated considerable funding has come from this source in the past, these are full rather than matching grants, and application will be made for funds for rifles for the cruisers. Upon hearing there were no further comments or questions, the mayor called for a roll call vote.

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

The city clerk read **R-2014-041**, an order authorizing the city manager to execute a Release of Right of Reverter concerning a certain parcel of real property commonly referred to as the Bernadette Watkins Park for use in the Scholar House Development Project. Commissioner Peluso made a **motion to approve**; second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Fennell. Mr. Thomas Guidugli, Sr. addressed the Board explaining this is somewhat of a housekeeping measure since the property has been in the hands of the Housing Authority since 1995 but had a restriction (of use for public housing) and the tax credit specialists with the Department for Local Government recommend that be removed as it will now be in the hands of a new entity. There will be a daycare built there so it will actually still be a community use. The park was originally the Housing Authority's and was given to the City. Funds from the Secretary of the Interior were used to develop the park and that is when the restriction was added. In 1995 the City gave the Housing Authority a portion of the park for the Marguerite Robinson Community Center. Upon hearing there were no further comments or questions, the mayor called for a roll call vote.

**Commissioner Peluso: Yes      Commissioner Hayden: Yes      Mayor Peluso: Yes**  
**Commissioner Fennell: Yes      Commissioner Guidugli: Yes      Motion carried 5-0.**

Commissioner Fennell made a motion to enter into an executive session at the conclusion of the meeting as allowable under KRS 61.810 (1)(c) discussion of proposed or pending litigation against or on behalf of the public agency. Commissioner Guidugli offered a second to the motion. Upon hearing there were no comments or questions, the mayor called for a roll call vote.

**Commissioner Fennell: Yes      Commissioner Hayden: Yes      Mayor Peluso: Yes**  
**Commissioner Guidugli: Yes      Commissioner Peluso: Yes      Motion carried 5-0.**

#### **COMMENTS FROM CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Fromme stated excitement continues to grow in Newport, most of the available office space is full and discussions continue with developers.

- Concerning the project at Third and Washington, it is likely that the Board will soon consider an Inducement Resolution for Industrial Revenue Bonds. The mixed use development will be a \$40-50m project.
- In 2014-2015 the City will continue to address roads and other infrastructure needs. Changes taking shape include the Scholar House, this is part of the vision for changing that area of the City.
- The long awaited Route 9 project should begin in July along the southern corridor bordering Wilder. The area of the floodwall gates will be improved as part of this project. The project will have three phases. The first addresses the south corridor from Wilder to Ninth Street. The second phase will be for the connector road between the Fourth Street and Taylor-Southgate bridges including the traffic circles. The final phase is for the area from the Housing Authority area, from Ninth to Fifth Street.
- Festival season will kick off soon with Italianfest June 12 through 15.

#### **COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Fennell

- Congratulations to the scholarship winners and thanks to the firefighters for providing this opportunity to the high school seniors of Newport.

Mayor Peluso shared an idea in light of it being Historic Preservation Month.

- At the recent ribbon cutting for Source One, a new business on Fourth Street, which many years ago was the Merchants Club and more recently a Good Year tire shop, the owners

shared they had found a box in attic storage from the 1940's marked "\$25 COD" which contained six "craps sticks". The Board should consider a museum space for such historic items to be displayed. Commissioner Fennell added some preliminary research had been done several years ago and there are at least two large collections that may be able to provide or lend items of local interest. Ludlow, Fort Thomas and Dayton have all created museums in recent years. Chief Collins added that historic PD items displayed at Newport on the Levee have received a great response.

- Primary Election Day will be May 20, everyone was encouraged to remember to vote.
- The Mayor recognized the city clerk for her hard work even outside of regular business hours.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

An **executive session convened at 8:45 p.m.** in the offices of the police department on the first floor of the city building. All members of the Board, the City Manager Fromme, and City Attorney Braun were present. Discussion took place as allowable under KRS 61.810(1)(c). Following a motion and a second, passed by majority, the executive session ended and the Board returned to regular, open session in the Commission Chambers at 8:45 p.m.

The city clerk read **R-2014-042**, an order authorizing the city manager to execute a **landslide repair agreement with Neyer Properties Acquisitions, Ltd.** concerning hillside slippage in the vicinity of **Watch Point Lane**. Commissioner Fennell made a motion to approve; second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Hayden. Upon hearing there were no further comments or questions, the mayor called for a roll call vote.

<b>Commissioner Fennell:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Commissioner Peluso:</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Mayor Peluso:</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Commissioner Hayden:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Commissioner Guidugli:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b><u>Motion carried 4-1.</u></b>	

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Commissioner Hayden made a **motion to adjourn**; second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Guidugli . The mayor called for a roll call vote.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

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Date Approved/Signed

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Jerry R. Peluso, Mayor

Attest:

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Amy B. Able, City Clerk