

City OF NEWPORT, KY
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Monday, May 23, 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 **R-2016-030** an order **appointing Kenneth Honchell and Matthew Boshears to the position of Patrol Officer, Grade III, and Anthony Trelle to the position of Police Recruit**, in the Newport Police Department effective June 6, 2016. Commissioner Fennell 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 Fennell:	Yes	Commissioner Hayden:	Yes	Mayor Peluso:	Yes
Commissioner Guidugli:	Yes	Commissioner Peluso:	Yes	<u>Motion carried 5-0.</u>	

Mayor Peluso gave the oath of office and Chief Collins introduced and welcomed the newest members of the department who in turn introduced their respective family members in attendance.

The city clerk read **R-2016-031** an order **promoting Jake Silvati to Engineer/Medic** in the Newport Fire/EMS Department. 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 Fennell:	Yes	Mayor Peluso:	Yes
Commissioner Hayden:	Yes	Commissioner Peluso:	Yes	<u>Motion carried 5-0.</u>	

The city clerk read **R-2016-032** an order **promoting Scott Kohrs to Lieutenant** in the Newport Fire/Ems Department. Commissioner Fennell 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 Fennell:	Yes	Commissioner Hayden:	Yes	Mayor Peluso:	Yes
Commissioner Guidugli:	Yes	Commissioner Peluso:	Yes	<u>Motion carried 5-0.</u>	

Mayor Peluso presented a **Business Recognition Award** to Ms. Tara Halpin, President of **Steinhauser, Inc.** The company is in it's 111th year and came to Newport in 1978.

At 7:15 p.m. the Mayor called for a brief recess. The meeting reconvened at 7:25 with all members of the Board present and responding to roll call.

Historic Preservation Officer Scott Clark gave a review and report on the 2016 **Excellence in Preservation Awards**. Mr. Clark presented the Historic Education award to City Manager Tom Fromme for the Newport Riverwalk Plaques. Other recipients from Newport recognized at the

event included: 634 Monmouth, currently home to the Urban Chick Boutique, Terri Smith, for Rehabilitation Adaptive Reuse; 839 York Street, Ed Davis, for Preservation Legacy; and Jim Price of 301 Overton Street as Preservation Hero.

Mayor Peluso shared news that the City will be receiving a Certified Local Government Grant for \$20,000 from the Kentucky Heritage Council to conduct an architectural survey for approximately 1,000 previously undocumented properties in the Buena Vista neighborhood. This is a step toward achieving National Register Designation for the area. The grant requires a local match of \$13,333.33. Mr. Clark recognized volunteers organized by Micky and Catherine McElwain, as well as Angela and Corey Siddall, Ed Davis, Josh Tunning, Ken Rechten, and others from the West Side Neighborhood Group and the East Row Historic District.

PUBLIC FORUM

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Peluso made a **motion to approve the minutes: of the regular meeting held April 25, 2016; the special meeting held April 28, 2016, and the caucus meeting held May 9, 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 Peluso:	Yes	Commissioner Fennell:	Yes	Mayor Peluso:	Yes
Commissioner Hayden:	Yes	Commissioner Guidugli:	Yes		<u>Motion carried 5-0.</u>

NEW BUSINESS

The city clerk read **R- 2016-033**, an order authorizing City Manager Thomas J. Fromme to **accept the bids of various suppliers** for the Department of Community Services pursuant to bids received April 28, 2016. Commissioner Peluso made a **motion to approve;** second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Guidugli. Mr. Fromme noted most of the vendors are familiar names, Mid-American Salt is a new vendor and references were checked. Upon hearing there were no comments or questions, the mayor called for a roll call vote.

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

The city clerk read **R-2016-034**, an order declaring certain personal property of the city of Newport as **surplus and authorizing disposal** in accordance with state law. Commissioner Guidugli made a **motion to approve;** second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Fennell. Mr. Fromme stated that a recent grant allowed for new breathing apparatus. Chief Childress explained the air bottles may have some life left and could be of some use to another department. Upon hearing there were no comments or questions, the mayor called for a roll call vote.

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

The city clerk read **R-2016-035**, an order authorizing City Manager Thomas J. Fromme 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)** and establishing the procurement policy for any KOHS approved project for the FY-2016 application cycle. Commissioner Hayden 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 Hayden: Yes Commissioner Guidugli: Yes Mayor Peluso: Yes
Commissioner Fennell: Yes Commissioner Peluso: Yes Motion carried 5-0.

The city clerk read **R-2016-036**, an order authorizing Mayor Jerry Peluso to execute an **Interlocal Agreement** with the City of Woodlawn, Kentucky to **provide Police, Fire/EMS, and street cleaning services to the City of Woodlawn**, Kentucky. Commissioner Peluso made a **motion to approve**; second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Fennell. Mr. Fromme confirmed the agreement has been mutually beneficial and our costs are covered by the proposed amounts. 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 Motion carried 5-0.

The city clerk gave first reading to tentative **O-2016-005**, an ordinance amending section 33.24 of the code of ordinances concerning **mandatory retirement for members of the Fire/EMS department**. Commissioner Peluso made a **motion to approve**; second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Fennell. Mr. Fromme said this proposed ordinance and the next on the agenda are in conflict and should have been changed at the same time years ago when the City joined CERS. 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 Motion carried 5-0.

The city clerk gave first reading to tentative **O-2016-006**, an ordinance amending section 33.09 of the code of ordinances concerning **mandatory retirement for members of the police department**. Commissioner Guidugli 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 Guidugli: Yes Commissioner Hayden: Yes Mayor Peluso: Yes
Commissioner Fennell: Yes Commissioner Peluso: Yes Motion carried 5-0.

The city clerk gave first reading to tentative **O-2016-007**, an ordinance amending section 99.02(a) and (b) of the code of ordinances, concerning **rental dwelling licenses**. Commissioner Fennell made a **motion to approve**; second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Hayden. Mr. Fromme explains this will make clear that non-profits must follow the same guidelines as others. Commissioner Peluso noted a payment in lieu of taxes is received from Neighborhood Foundations. Mr. Fromme added, following changes with the Newport Housing Authority the amount collected through that PILOT has risen considerably in the last ten years. Upon hearing there were no other comments or questions, the mayor called for a roll call vote.

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

The city clerk gave first reading to tentative **O-2016-008**, an ordinance of the City of Newport, Kentucky authorizing the issuance of City of Newport, Kentucky General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2016 in the approximate aggregate principal amount of \$3,315,000 (subject to a permitted adjustment increasing or decreasing the principal amount of Series 2016 Bonds by up to \$330,000) for the purpose of refunding in advance of maturity the outstanding City of Newport, Kentucky General Obligation Public Project Bonds, Series 2007A (the "Prior Bonds"), the proceeds of which were used to pay the costs of the construction of (a) Pavilion Parkway, (b) water mains and lines, (c) sewer mains and lines, (d) water detention facilities and (e) related appurtenances and improvements; approving the form of bonds; 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; maintaining the heretofore established sinking fund; and authorizing acceptance of the bids of the bond purchaser for the purchase of the bonds. Commissioner Peluso made a **motion to approve**; second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Fennell. Mr. Fromme stated the savings will be \$187,000, the maturity date of 2027 does not change, the bond issuance was originally for infrastructure at the Newport Pavilion and was issued in 2007 as a 20 year bond issuance. Mr. Dirk Bedarff was in attendance and offered to answer any questions. Commissioner Guidugli said this was a good decision and shows financial stability instead of dealing with lump sums and short term issues. 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>	

COMMENTS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

Mr. Fromme stated the City staff, City Commission, and community deserve the credit for the Historic Education Award from the River Cities Excellence in Historic Preservation presentation. The new plaques were designed to be long lasting and more resistant to distress and damage. The staff worked to recreate the narratives as the earlier prototypes could not be located. He thanked Rolf Monument, The Think Shop, Bev Holiday, Scott Clark, Doug Roell, Ray Ebert, and all of the contractors who assisted with the project and did a wonderful job.

Mr. Fromme requested an executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Peluso made a motion to enter executive session as allowable under KRS 61.810 (1) (f) for discussion of personnel matters that might lead to the appointment, discipline or dismissal of individuals. It was noted that no action was anticipated this evening and a return to regular session was not expected. Commissioner Fennell made a second to the motion. The executive session will convene immediately following final comments from the Board. 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>	

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Peluso

- The Memorial Day parade will be held on Monday, May 30 and begins at 9 a.m.
- The Taste of Newport will be held Sunday, June 5.
- Italianfest will be June 9-12.
- Congratulations to the new members of the Police Department and the members of the Fire Department who have been promoted.

Commissioner Fennell

- Echoed the congratulations to the newest Police and promoted Firefighters.
- Entries to the City are looking wonderful as are the roses on Saratoga. Landscaping along Carothers and Grand looks nice. Thanks to the Public Works/Community Services workers and those residents and volunteers like Don Spaulding who have pitched in to help with beautification in the neighborhoods. The high school and middle schoolers have also worked on projects that make a difference.

Commissioner Guidugli

- Congratulations to the newest members, it is great to be in a financial position to do so.
- Gateways are an excellent investment.
- Dumpsters seen on the streets are a sign of unprecedented investment to properties and those improvement projects help property values.
- Welcome to the new business at 720 Monmouth, “27 Bar + Kitchen”, all are encouraged to visit them for a unique dining experience.

Mayor Peluso

- The Taste of Newport will be from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the 700 and 800 blocks of Monmouth with over 20 restaurants participating and live music throughout the day.
- West Side Coalition meets Tuesday from 6:30 to 8:30 at Buena Vista Park hosting an ice cream social.
- Lots of good news and events over the past week including the Preservation Awards and construction kick off for a Habitat house at 1011 Columbia Street where Joe Slagel, an employee at Carabello’s will be a new homeowner. The Cincinnati Habitat group has done thousands of these, this is only the fourth certified historic restoration.
- The American Heart Association held the Heart Chase event which was centered at Newport on the Levee and spread the games out through the City. It was a great success.
- Newport Renaissance Recreation Group has been out mulching and weeding. Thanks to Catherine and Micky McElwain, Don Spaulding, Josh Tunning, Kyle Randall and all who pitched in. They will meet again Saturday at 8:30 to weed, mulch, and prune the trees planted last year.
- Recognized employee Bob Steffen for going above and beyond with efforts to adapt parts for new street signs at a huge savings to the City and for creative work coming up with an alternative and great savings on batteries for the parking meters.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

The Board reconvened in executive session on the second floor of the city building at approximately 8:15 with Commissioners Fennell, Guidugli, Hayden, and Peluso, Mayor Peluso, and Mr. Fromme present.

Following a motion and second to exit the executive session, carried by voice vote, there being no further business, **the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.**

Date Approved/Signed

Jerry R. Peluso, Mayor

Attest:

Amy B. Able, City Clerk

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