

City OF NEWPORT, KY
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Monday, June 13, 2016
MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Peluso at 5:30 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 John Hayden, Commissioner Frank Peluso, and Mayor Jerry Peluso. **Absent:** Commissioner Thomas Guidugli Also in attendance were: City Manager Thomas Fromme, City Attorney Daniel Braun, Police Chief Thomas Collins, Acting Fire Chief Randy Childress, Community Liaison Bev Holiday, and City Clerk Amy Able.

PERSONNEL ORDERS

The city clerk read **R-2016-040** an order **appointing William Darin to the position of Fire/EMS Chief in the City of Newport, effective June 14, 2016.** Commissioner Peluso made a **motion to approve**; second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Fennell. Mr. Fromme introduced and Mr. Darin who began his career in fire service in 1972 and most recently served as Chief in East Peoria, IL. Upon hearing there were no comments or questions, the mayor called for a roll call vote.

Commissioner Peluso: Yes Commissioner Hayden: Yes

Commissioner Fennell: Yes Mayor Peluso: Yes Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Peluso gave the oath of office. Chief Darin, a fourth-generation firefighter, stated he has a passion for fire service and it is a privilege and honor to continue his career here. Chief Darin introduced his family members in attendance. At 5:37 Mayor Peluso called for a brief recess. The meeting reconvened at 5:42 with all Commissioners Fennell, Hayden and Peluso and Mayor Peluso present and responding to roll call, Commissioner Guidugli was absent.

OLD BUSINESS

The city clerk gave first reading to tentative **O-2016-006**, 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 Hayden. Upon hearing there were no comments or questions, the mayor called for a roll call vote.

Commissioner Peluso: Yes Commissioner Fennell: Yes

Commissioner Hayden: Yes Mayor Peluso: Yes Motion carried 4-0.

The city clerk gave first reading to tentative **O-2016-007**, an ordinance amending section 33.09 of the code of ordinances concerning **mandatory retirement for members of the police department.** Commissioner Fennell 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 Fennell: Yes Commissioner Peluso: Yes

Commissioner Hayden: Yes Mayor Peluso: Yes Motion carried 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

The city clerk read **R-2016-041**, an order authorizing Mayor Jerry Peluso to execute a **contract with Woolpert Engineering** for professional services for the Newport **Riverwalk Improvements / Pedestrian Bridges** Project. Commissioner Peluso made a **motion to approve**

for the purposes of discussion; second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Fennell. Mr. Fromme said the project is a continuation of the Riverwalk Improvements. Pedestrian walkway bridges will connect the Taylor Southgate Bridge with the top of the floodwall. The engineering costs will be \$157,050 of the total project cost of \$1.647m. The project will be administered by Southbank Partners. Future enhancements will include sidewalks all the way to Bellevue along the south side of the floodwall as well. Commissioner Peluso asked for an update to be given in the next few weeks on cleanliness in that area. Mr. Fromme replied the best methods are being researched and we hope to have something in place very soon. Commissioner Fennell said the connections have been talked about for a long time and will be a great link improving accessibility for the river cities. Mr. Fromme agreed and said he hopes there will be an eventual improvement at Columbia Street similar to the pedestrian crossing over the Port of Entry. Another improvement in this area, there has been a lot of damage over the years from those parking behind the aquarium and walking up the floodwall, this will be corrected by the steps being added. Mayor Peluso called for any other questions. Mr. Braun noted the question should be called again since the motion was phrased "for the purpose of discussion". Commissioner Peluso amended his motion to a motion for approve; Commissioner Fennell offered a second. Upon hearing there were no comments or questions, the mayor called for a roll call vote.

Commissioner Peluso: Yes Commissioner Hayden: Yes
Commissioner Fennell: Yes Mayor Peluso: Yes Motion carried 4-0.

The city clerk gave first reading to tentative **O-2016-008**, an ordinance of the City of Newport, Kentucky amending **Section 31.42** of the Code of Ordinances concerning the **Office of the City Manager**. Commissioner Peluso made a **motion to approve**; second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Fennell. Mr. Fromme stated an amendment to the organizational ordinance addressing authorized positions is necessary in order to hire an assistant to the city manager. Upon hearing there were no comments or questions, the mayor called for a roll call vote.

Commissioner Peluso: Yes Commissioner Hayden: Yes
Commissioner Fennell: Yes Mayor Peluso: Yes Motion carried 4-0.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Commissioner Hayden: Yes Commissioner Fennell: Yes
Commissioner Peluso: Yes Mayor Peluso: Yes Motion carried 4-0.

The meeting adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

Date Approved/Signed

Jerry R. Peluso, Mayor

Attest:

Amy B. Able, City Clerk