

City OF NEWPORT, KY
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Monday, August 17, 2015
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 Tom Fromme, City Attorney Daniel Braun, Police Chief Thomas Collins, Fire Chief Gary Auffart, Community Liaison Bev Holiday, and City Clerk Amy Able.

PERSONNEL ORDERS

The city clerk read Order **R-2015-046, promoting Chris Cruze** to the position of Engineer/Medic in the Newport Fire/EMS Department. Commissioner Peluso made a **motion to approve**; second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Fennell. Chief Auffart recognized Firefighter Cruze's past performance in the department. 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>	

Mayor Peluso gave a ceremonial oath. Engineer Cruze introduced his family members in attendance. At 7:05 the mayor called for a brief recess. The meeting reconvened at 7:10 p.m. with all members of the Board present.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. Hurshell Byers of 134 Chesapeake addressed the Board expressing his interest in purchasing a portion of the city property adjacent to his home for construction of a driveway and garage. The City Manager explained he has discussed this previously with Mr. Byers, that a lease was considered but construction of a permanent structure would complicate this and in order to sell a portion of the public property the City would need to accept public bids, not simply offer it to one buyer. The City Manager will meet with Mr. Byers to discuss the matter.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Guidugli made a **motion to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2015 regular meeting**; second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Peluso. 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 Peluso:	Yes	Commissioner Hayden:	Abstain	<u>Motion carried 5-0.</u>	

OLD BUSINESS

The city clerk gave second reading to **O-2015-009, an ordinance closing and vacating portions of Putnam Street** in the City of Newport. . Commissioner Fennell made a **motion to approve**; second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Peluso. The city manager stated this is a paper street and the closing is being done to prepare for potential construction on Thirteenth Street. Upon hearing there were no further comments or questions, the mayor called for a roll call

vote.

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

NEW BUSINESS

The city clerk read **R-2015-047** an order authorizing the city manager to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with **the David J. Joseph Company** for participation in the city of Newport's **Job Development Incentive Program (JDIP)** pursuant to section 37.212 et. seq. of the Code of Ordinances. Commissioner Guidugli made a **motion to approve**; second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Fennell. The city manager stated the business will be a great addition and they are currently negotiating a lease at Newport on the Levee. Upon hearing there were no further comments or questions, the mayor called for a roll call vote.

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

The city clerk read **R-2015-048** an order authorizing and directing the city manager to execute a **contract with Eaton Asphalt Paving Co., Inc.** (for Bid Package 1, Riverboat Row.) Commissioner Fennell made a **motion to approve**; second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Guidugli. The city manager noted the same contractor had the low bid on four different projects. The completion date is November 1, 2015. Residents and businesses in the immediate construction area will be notified. Upon hearing there were no further comments or questions, the mayor called for a roll call vote.

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

The city clerk read **R-2015-049** an order authorizing and directing the city manager to execute a **contract with Eaton Asphalt Paving Co., Inc.** (for Bid Package 2, Thornton Street, Lindsey Street, Keturah Street, and Hodge Street from Brighton Street to Patterson Street and from Patterson Street to Isabella Street; Putnum Street from Ninth Street to Twelfth Street; and 1,900 feet of Kentucky Drive.) Commissioner Guidugli made a **motion to approve**; second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Fennell. Board members expressed how pleased they are that this much needed work is being scheduled. Upon hearing there were no further comments or questions, the mayor called for a roll call vote.

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

The city clerk read **R-2015-050** an order authorizing and directing the city manager to execute a **contract with Eaton Asphalt Paving Co., Inc.** (for Bid Package 3, Forest Street and parts of Eighth Street, Hamlet Street, and Boone Street.) Commissioner Peluso made a **motion to approve**; second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Fennell. It was confirmed that the areas planned for construction have been reviewed with the utility companies and there are no known conflicts. Upon hearing there were no further 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 read **R-2015-051** an order authorizing and directing the city manager to execute a **contract with Eaton Asphalt Paving Co., Inc.** (for Bid Package 4, New Linden Road, Adrian Drive, David Court, Wilson Road, and Loraine Court, and reconstructing part of

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

The city clerk read **R-2015-052** an order authorizing the city manager, pursuant to the interlocal agreement establishing the city's participation in the **Kentucky League of Cities Insurance Services Association**, to enter into and execute a **Trust Participation Agreement** in association therewith. Commissioner Peluso made a **motion to approve**; second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Guidugli. The city manager noted this update is required to participate with KLCIS. 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 DEPARTMENT HEADS

Chief Collins

- Thanked the Board and everyone who helped make National Night Out a successful and right-sized event with for the approximately 700 in attendance.
- The Rides on Monmouth Car Show will be on Sunday August 23, 2015. Thanks to Source One Auto for their sponsorship and the cooperation of the businesses.

COMMENTS FROM THE CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

City Manager Fromme

- The street reconstruction projects awarded are for streets in several different neighborhoods and will bring improvements to the entire city. Staff does an excellent job assessing the most critical needs, prioritizing, and planning the projects. Over \$700,000 will be spent this year.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Guidugli

- Regarding the street projects, the infrastructure component is so important, as is using resources wisely, and, as was mentioned, making sure to coordinate with the utilities. This is all a part of formulating a plan; the infrastructure work will not be done once all streets are addressed once; they will need to be maintained and need additional work and repaving again in ten years' time. This is possible because of the Board's commitment to setting aside funds for infrastructure paired with the help and support of State Transportation funds thanks to the diligence of Representative Keene.

Commissioner Fennell

- Regarding the streets, Newport is in a unique situation, over 200 years old and carrying so much traffic. Alleys will attention, too, and we will try to get to that.
- National Night Out was well done. Thanks to Det. South and all who helped.
- Thanks to city staff for efforts to stay ahead of weeds and litter especially with all the festivals and events going on.

Commissioner Peluso

- Expressed condolences to the family of Bonnie Shoemaker who passed away this week; she was a friend to the City and for over twenty years was an employee of the Newport Water Department.
- The flag at the Memorial on Pavilion Parkway came down in a windstorm and needs to be replaced. The city manager noted two passersby collected and turned in the flag. A rope encased cable broke in the unusually high winds, a replacement has been ordered, and once this arrives a crane will be scheduled to make the repairs.

Commissioner Hayden

- It is exciting that the street projects planned represent a good cross-section of the City with all parts of town represented. The commitment to infrastructure goes a long way toward encouraging development. The frequent good news seen in the press about businesses and developers wanting to come to Newport is not from happenstance, it is the result of the plan put in place and being executed. He complimented the staff for their hard work behind the scenes and noted the fruits of their labor are all around us.

Mayor Peluso

- National Night Out was a great effort by Det. South, Lt. Kunkel, Chief Collins and all the Police Department.
- Recently invited to give remarks at the Interactive College of Technology graduation. They may be adding an HVAC Program in the near future.
- A recent newspaper story detailed the transition of the Mainstrasse neighborhood in Covington from a concentration of bars to more restaurants and a family friendly atmosphere. Covington got aggressive about enforcement and has an ABC Board that controls 2:30 a.m. licenses. This has been very effective and he would like to see Newport's Board of Commissioners create a similar ABC Board to deal with problems at locations with 2:30 a.m. licenses. An independent board creates transparency and more accountability. He asked the city attorney to review this. Commissioner Hayden suggested once more information is obtained this be discussed at a caucus meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Commissioner Peluso made a **motion to adjourn**. Commissioner Fennelloffered a second to the motion. The Mayor asked 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 meeting adjourned 7:45 p.m.

Date Approved/Signed

Jerry R. Peluso, Mayor

Attest:

Amy B. Able, City Clerk