

City OF NEWPORT, KY
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Monday, August 22, 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, Assistant to the City Manager Larissa Sims, City Attorney Daniel Braun, Police Chief Thomas Collins, Fire Chief Bill Darin, Finance Officer Lenny Kuntz, Historic Preservation Officer Scott Clark, Code Enforcement Director Brian Steffen, Community Liaison Bev Holiday, and City Clerk Amy Able.

PUBLIC FORUM

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

PRESENTATIONS, AWARDS & PROCLAMATIONS

Det. Renee South addressed the Board detailing the success of this year's National Night Out. There were 2,000 in attendance and Target gave away 700 back packs. The event grows each year and new businesses have joined the effort including Campbell County Public Library. Mayor Peluso presented an award to Ray and Lynn Bricking, recognizing Sports Clips Haircuts who gave over 120 haircuts during the event. Though the event wraps up at 8:30, the stylists stayed to cut hair until 9:30.

City Manager Fromme recognized City Clerk Amy Able for attaining the Fellowship designation in the Athenian Leadership Society, a program sponsored by the International Institute of Municipal Clerks.

PUBLIC FORUM

Ms. Heidi Foust of Overton announced the details and a call for volunteers for the 2nd Trash Bash Challenge to be held September 11. Last year 100 people collected 1,000 pounds of trash and they hope to double the numbers this year when they meet at Providence Park at 2 p.m.

Mr. Don Spaulding thanked everyone who made the movie night at Vets Pool a success.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Peluso made a motion to approve the minutes of the Monday, July 25, 2016 regular meeting, Commissioner Guidugli offered a second to the motion. Upon hearing there were no further 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>	

OLD BUSINESS

The city clerk gave second reading to **O-2016-015** an ordinance amending the code of ordinances chapter 72 parking time zones. Commissioner Fennell made a **motion to approve**;

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

The city clerk gave second reading to **O-2016-016** an ordinance amending portions of Chapter 111 of the Newport Code of Ordinances concerning alcoholic beverages (licensing). 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>	

NEW BUSINESS

The city clerk gave first reading to tentative **O-2016-017**, an ordinance First Reading Tentative **O-2016-017** an ordinance **levying and assessing an ad valorem tax** for city purposes for the fiscal year 2016-2017 on all property located within the City of Newport, Kentucky. Commissioner Peluso made a **motion to approve**; second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Fennell. Mr. Fromme noted the proposed rate is the compensating rate and no public hearing is required. 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 read **R-2016-058** an order authorizing and directing City Manager Thomas J. Fromme to accept and execute a **proposal for basic design services** with Vivian Llambi and Associates, Inc. **concerning the roundabouts and gateway project**. Commissioner Peluso made a **motion to approve**; second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Guidugli. Mr. Fromme responded to questions and referenced the prior presentation to the Board concerning these improvements at the two traffic circles as well as the Route 9 entry from Wilder. He noted the contract is for \$114,000 and there are plans to do fundraising to defray the costs. Brief discussion followed. Considerable preliminary work has been done and designs will take into consideration concerns and elements such as protecting the investment, turning radius for trucks/buffer areas, and visual appeal to be enjoyed from a distance (not to entice pedestrians). Upon hearing there were no further 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-2016-059** an order authorizing and directing the city manager to **issue a purchase order for the purchase of three 2016 Dodge Charger V8 AWD** police pursuit vehicles. 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	<u>Motion carried 5-0.</u>	

The city clerk read Tentative **R-2016-060** an order authorizing Mayor Jerry Peluso to enter into and execute a **Development Agreement (Phase I) with Bellevue Re, LLC**, including the transfer of certain real property owned by the City of Newport for use by New Riff Distilling in a project concerning the construction of a rickhouse and other related storage and distilling purposes pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth therein. Commissioner Fennell made a **motion to**

approve; second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Guidugli. Mr. Fromme explained the City owned property was for access to the floodwall, an easement will be maintained. The project is expected to be a catalyst on the Route 9 corridor. Mr. Ken Lewis addressed the Board noting they need more space and are advancing the timeline for their project. It would be more affordable to put the rickhouse in Central Kentucky but he is pleased to keep the project in Newport. Two of the buildings to be restored date to the turn of the last century. The first phase of the project, on the south side of the Licking Valley Girl Scout Bridge at Eleventh Street, includes distribution, storage and office space and tourism will be an important part of it. The second phase will include a brewery tap room and restaurant with decks that extend over the floodwall. The first phase is financed (\$7.5m), and the second phase will utilize state tourism incentives. 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>	

The city clerk gave first reading to tentative **O-2016-018**, an ordinance amending Section 37.094 of the Code of Ordinances concerning occupational licenses to include subsection (h) to provide for a credit of the occupational license fee for new employees as part of an economic development project by **New Riff Distilling, LLC under the Kentucky Business Investment Program** pursuant to KRS 154.32-010 through 154.32-100. Commissioner Peluso 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.

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

The city clerk gave first reading to tentative **O-2016-019**, an ordinance First Reading Tentative **O-2016-019** an ordinance amending portions of Chapter 32 of the Newport Code of Ordinances concerning the **Code Enforcement Board** including amendment to Sections 32.001 through 32.016 and addition of Sections 32.017 through 32.025. **Motion to approve** was made by Commissioner Fennell and second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Hayden. Mr. Steffen explained updates are required following HB 422 and the Code citations will now have lien priority. The notification requirement has also been improved which will be a considerable savings. There are also provisions for a hearing officer (rather than convening the paid board) which will result in further savings. Upon hearing there were no further 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	<u>Motion carried 5-0.</u>	

The city clerk gave first reading to tentative **O-2016-021**, an ordinance an ordinance amending Section 150.99 of the Newport Code of Ordinances **regarding penalties for violation** of the Building, Zoning and Property Maintenance Code. Commissioner Peluso made a **motion to approve**; second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Guidugli. Mr. Steffen said the fine schedule dated to the original ordinance in 1998. This also encompasses other ordinances that allow fines. Upon hearing there were no further 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 gave first reading to tentative **O-2016-022**, an ordinance amending Section XI of the **Local Participation Agreement** for the City Center Development Area incorporated into Ordinance No. 2014-004 with regard to the activation date. Commissioner Guidugli made a

motion to approve; second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Fennell. Mr. Fromme stated this housekeeping measure updates the activation date. 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.**

COMMENTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS

Chief Collins

- Thanked everyone who worked to make National Night Out a success.
- The Rides on Monmouth car show, organized again this year by the PD will be Sunday, August 28
- Riverfest traffic concerns – pre-planning and recent re-opening of a few roads should ensure a good traffic flow

Chief Darin

- Thanked the Police Department for allowing the Fire Department to participate in National Night Out, a very enjoyable event.

CITY MANAGERS COMMENTS

- Summer is a very time, staffing levels do not increase beyond two landscapers. Callers should not be discouraged, all the needs to be addressed are added to the list and prioritized as necessary.
- This is the last year of the current trash contract. Recycling will be discussed at a future caucus meeting.
- 140 trees will be planted this fall. This has been a terrific citizen-driven initiative. Public Works helps with preparation starting in the summer with preparing tree wells and removing dead trees.
- With recent heavy rains many residents has some flooding. A list is being compiled by the City Manager's office. We would like to know if there are recurring problems. The City will look into these matters and will be communicating with SD1.
- There was damage to a storm line on Washington and it has been replaced.
- The Purple People Bridge is not owned by the City. There is a lawsuit pending regarding responsibilities for certain repairs. Kentucky gave ownership of a portion of property to Cincinnati in the 1960's. When the Bridge ownership was transferred, there was no transfer of that portion. The Southbank Bridge Company leases that portion from Cincinnati.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Fennell

- Thanked the City Manager for taking the lead on the storm water and flooding issues. Another example of the City's commitment to working out problems.
- Thanks to Mr. Ken Lewis for working with the City again and for his belief in Newport.
- Thanks to the Police Department for their work on National Night Out.

Commissioner Guidugli

- Thanks to Newport Recreation for the Nemo movie night enjoyed by all.
- The Inaugural River City Relay on August 27 will start and end in Newport but is the first relay

to pass through all the river cities. It will be a celebration of the connectivity that is building vibrancy.

Mayor Peluso

- A few houses on the 800 block of Isabella experienced flooding recently. Some residents have been advised to divert water from downspouts to the sidewalk. Mr. Steffen said the City has assist with testing.
- Thanks to all, especially Chief Collins, Det. South, and Commissioner Peluso for grilling at National Night Out.
- There is a new business at 5th and Monmouth – the Press Eatery open six days a week.
- Three publications have written about the great news about the New Riff. It will be a great development for Newport and the surrounding area as well.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Commissioner Fennell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Guidugli offered a second to the motion. The Mayor asked 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>	

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Date Approved/Signed

Jerry R. Peluso, Mayor

Attest:

Amy B. Able, City Clerk