

CITY OF NEWPORT, KY
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Wednesday, August 28, 2019
MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Peluso at 4:00 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Newport Municipal Building at 998 Monmouth Street.

In attendance were: Commissioners Thomas Guidugli, Jr., Frank Peluso, Ken Rehtin, and Mayor Jerry Peluso. Absent: Commissioner Beth Fennell Commissioner. Also in attendance were: City Manager Thomas Fromme, City Attorney Daniel Braun, Assistant City Attorney Robert List, Assistant City Attorney John Hayden, Fire Chief Bill Darin, Assistant City Manager Larisa Sims, Police Chief Tom Collins, and City Clerk Amy Able.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Guidugli made a motion to enter into an executive session as allowable under KRS 61.810 (1) for “(c) discussions of proposed or pending litigation against or on behalf of the public agency”; and “(e) collective bargaining negotiations between public employers and their employees or their representatives”. Second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Peluso. Upon hearing there were no questions, the mayor called for a roll call vote.

Commissioner Guidugli: Yes Commissioner Rehtin: Yes
Commissioner Peluso: Yes Mayor Peluso: Yes Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Braun explained the hearing would be conducted in closed session and only counsel, the executive committee and active members of the fire department, city staff, and the police department (for control purposes) would remain in the room during these discussions.

Two representatives of the AFL-CIO and Kentucky Firefighters Association President Joe Baer stated they represent the Fire Department and asked to remain in attendance.

Mayor Peluso asked about response to calls for service during the meeting. Mr. Silvati stated he was not on shift; those present in uniform were. Chief Darin stated those on duty are typically permitted to attend Board meetings and leave if a call comes in.

Mr. Braun stated that once the hearing is complete the Board would deliberate but no return to regular session for action this evening will follow. The contract indicates that a decision in writing will be presented within fifteen days and this is the Board’s intent. Mr. Braun stated for those present giving testimony, the matter is limited to discussion of the four grievances presented only, not in a capacity to change the current collective bargaining agreement as it stands.

Attorneys Clement Tsao and Pamela Newport of Branstetter, Stranch and Jennings, PLLC and IAFF Local 45 President M. “Jake” Silvati were present to represent IAFF Local 45. Approximately twenty-nine members of IAFF Local 45 remained in attendance. The mayor asked all others to clear the room for the hearing.

ADJOURNMENT OF SPECIAL MEETING

There being no further business on the special meeting agenda, Commissioner Rehtin made a **motion to adjourn the hearing and reconvene in executive session**. Commissioner Guidugli offered a second to the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote.

Commissioner Rehtin: Yes Commissioner Peluso: Yes

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

The hearing portion of the meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m., the Board reconvened in executive session on the second floor of the city building at approximately 5:30 for deliberation with Commissioners Guidugli, Peluso, Rehtin, Mayor Peluso, and City Attorney Daniel Braun present. Following a motion and second to exit the executive session, carried by voice vote, there being no further business, **the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:30 p.m.**

Date Approved/Signed

Jerry R. Peluso, Mayor

Attest:

Amy B. Able, City Clerk

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