

City OF NEWPORT, KY
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Monday, October 19, 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: Acting City Manager Daniel Braun, Assistant City Attorney Robert List, Police Chief Thomas Collins, Fire Chief Gary Auffart, Finance Officer Lenny Kuntz, Development Services Director Greg Tulley, Community Liaison Bev Holiday, and City Clerk Amy Able.

PERSONNEL ORDERS

The city clerk read Order **R-2015-069**, appointing **Matthew Shipp** to the full time position of staff accountant. 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 Peluso:	Yes	Mayor Peluso:	Yes
Commissioner Guidugli:	Yes	Commissioner Hayden:	Yes	<u>Motion carried 5-0.</u>	

Mr. Shipp was introduced and welcomed.

The city clerk read Order **R-2015-070**, appointing **Derick Dieters** to the full time position of citation officer. 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>	

Mayor Peluso stated Derick has done a great job in his position as a part time employee. Mr. Dieters thanked the Board.

The city clerk read Order **R-2015-071**, reappointing **Joseph Mumper** to the **Newport Housing Authority Commission**. 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	Mayor Peluso:	Yes
Commissioner Hayden:	Yes	Commissioner Guidugli:	Yes	<u>Motion carried 5-0.</u>	

Mr. Mumper was recognized for his service.

PRESENTATIONS, AWARDS & PROCLAMATIONS

The city clerk read **R-2015-072**, a resolution adopting a **proclamation honoring Dorothy Rice** on the occasion of her 100th birthday on November 17, 2015. Commissioner Peluso 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 Peluso:	Yes	Commissioner Guidugli:	Yes	Mayor Peluso:	Yes
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Commissioner Fennell: Yes Commissioner Hayden: Yes Motion carried 5-0.
Mayor Peluso read the proclamation declaring November 17 "Dorothy Rice Day" and presented a copy to Mrs. Rice who was in attendance with members of her family.

Chief Collins presented awards recognizing Lt. Ripberger and Sgt. Arnberg of the Police Department for life saving action and courageous performance on an emergency call on October 5. Mr. Terry Wilkins addressed the Board and publicly thanked the officers. He added that as a newcomer to Newport the Police Department is excellent.

At 7:15 the mayor called for a brief recess. The meeting reconvened at 7:30 p.m. with all members of the Board present.

PUBLIC FORUM There was no one present who responded to the invitation to address the Board.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Peluso made a **motion to approve the minutes of the September 28, 2015 meeting**; 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 Peluso: Yes Commissioner Fennell: Yes Mayor Peluso: Yes
Commissioner Guidugli: Yes Commissioner Hayden: Yes Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Guidugli made a **motion to approve the minutes of the October 5, 2015 special and caucus meetings**; 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 Peluso: Yes Mayor Peluso: Yes
Commissioner Hayden: Yes Commissioner Fennell: Yes Motion carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

The city clerk read **R-2015-073**, an order **accepting the recommendation** of the City of Newport Planning and Zoning Commission **denying the requested text amendment** change to Section 10.3 of the Zoning Ordinance to allow miniature golf as a permitted outside attraction in the CDBF/CCO submitted by Carlisle Enterprises/ Zach Leopold. Commissioner Guidugli made a **motion to approve**; second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Fennell. Mr. Tulley addressed the Board and noted within the City Center Overlay Zone, any designation zoned CDBF would have been a possible location, the applicant filed for the area to the west of the Thompson House (former Southgate House) but following the public hearing the Planning and Zoning Commission came to the unanimous recommendation that was not appropriate in that zone. Responding to a question, Mr. Tulley explained the proposed Sky Wheel would be in the Conservation District/CO Zone which is very different and any development there is done through a concept development plan while this was looking for a text amendment for a specific use in location. 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: No Motion carried 4:1.

The city clerk read **R-2015-074**, an order, authorizing the city manager to enter into and execute a **Master Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Infrastructure Projects**, Programs or Policies and an **Agreement for Participation in Private Sewer Lateral Repair Program with Sanitation**

District No. 1 of Northern Kentucky. Commissioner Peluso made a **motion to approve**; second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Guidugli. The matter was discussed at length by the Board with Mr. Braun and Mr. List responding to questions. According to SD1, their official policy was never to camera lines until after the homeowner had done it unless there was a visible collapse in the street. The program is for occasions of failure, not blockage. Other cities have expressed reservations about the agreement and the indemnification. The City could add a letter or some expression of concern but it would not necessarily add any substance, force or effect; either the indemnification is valid or it isn't. The language "as permitted by law" can be added. Once all comments and questions were exhausted, the mayor called for a roll call vote.

Commissioner Peluso: Yes Commissioner Fennell: No Mayor Peluso: Yes
Commissioner Guidugli: Yes Commissioner Hayden: Yes Motion carried 4:1.

The agreement will be executed immediately and forwarded to SD1 this week. Commissioner Peluso suggested that once repairs are being made the projects should be monitored to be sure they are being done in compliance with standards. Commissioner Hayden asked that someone stay in touch with the residents to be sure the commitments are being kept by SD1. Mayor Peluso noted Ms. Debbie Rizzo is the contact at SD1 for residents to initiate an agreement.

COMMENTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS

Mr. Tulley stated Newport Pavilion is fully leased. The project was fifteen years in the making.

COMMENTS FROM THE CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

Mr. Braun had no comments from City Manager Fromme.

Mr. Braun offered congratulations to Mr. Sal Wertheim, longtime Festival Coordinator for the City, who in September was awarded a medal, the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany. This is the only award given by the Federal Government to civilians; it is given for life-long dedication and endeavors benefitting Germany. Mr. Wertheim was recognized for his work with various groups and the Sister Cities Program, he is the only non-German to ever receive it.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Fennell

- The new hires and honors made this a positive meeting. It is nice to celebrate the staff and express that we're proud of them. We are glad to make the new hires

Commissioner Peluso

- Congratulations to Master Charlie Fry on his achievement of 8th Degree Black Belt. His business, Fry Master Defense Systems, is one of the longest tenants in the Shopping Center and his family has a long history in the community including his mother's years teaching at Corpus Christi.

Commissioner Hayden

- Thanks to Kim Colston for her organization of the Monsters on Monmouth parade and activities.

Commissioner Guidugli

- Added three hundred children participated in Monsters on Monmouth and it was a great success.

Mayor Peluso

- \$230,000 of \$250,000 in Safer Routes to Schools grant funds has been spent. The sidewalk improvements on the north side of Ninth Street, though hard to picture before the project, look nice and make the area much safer for pedestrians.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Date Approved/Signed

Jerry R. Peluso, Mayor

Attest:

Amy B. Able, City Clerk

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