

**City OF NEWPORT, KY**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**Monday, October 21, 2019**  
**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, Jr., Commissioner Frank Peluso, Commissioner Ken Rehtin, and Mayor Jerry Peluso. Also in attendance were: City Manager Thomas Fromme, City Attorney Daniel Braun, Police Chief Chris Fangman, Fire Chief Bill Darin, Historic Preservation Officer Scott Clark, Community Liaison Bev Holiday, and City Clerk Amy Able.

**PRESENTATIONS, AWARDS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

Mayor's **Cannoli Awards** were presented to **Mrs. Catherine McElwain** and **Mr. Joshua Rosen** in recognition of their civic contributions including their efforts in beautification through independent neighborhood cleanup efforts combatting litter.

Historic Preservation Officer Scott Clark stated the application for **Buena Vista's addition as a National Historic Register District** will be reviewed by the Kentucky Heritage Council on October 22, 2019. If approved it will be forwarded to the National Parks System for final approval.

**Ms. Paige Ellerman** gave an update on the growth and success of the **Newport Penguins Swim and Dive Team** and recognized Ms. Caroline Bruns as well as team members, families, and volunteers in attendance. With the addition of a Junior Team there were three programs all summer and over 300 children served. Requests for future expansion include additional pool time, a water fountain, a pool record board, and a trophy case. Ms. Kim Ward was recognized for coordinating a grant and new swim family Ms. Kelsey and Sierra Parton were introduced and spoke about their experience. The Mayor congratulated the team, thanked the volunteers, and noted any specific appeals for funding will go to the Newport Foundation.

**PUBLIC FORUM.**

**Ms. Chris Comte**, a resident of Park Avenue, President of the Garden Club, and Chair of the Tree Committee, addressed the Board. The Garden Club has participated in the planting of over 450 trees. Bike lanes and projects are very appropriate. Bike lanes on Sixth Street would feed bike-friendly enhancements in Bellevue.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Fennell made a motion to approve the minutes of the Monday, September 23, 2019 regular meeting and the Monday, October 7, 2019 caucus meeting. Commissioner Guidugli offered a second to the motion. Upon hearing there were no changes, corrections, comments or questions, the mayor called for a roll call vote.

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

The city clerk gave first reading by title and summary to tentative **O-2019-026**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT, KENTUCKY AMENDING SECTION 32.018 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES CONCERNING **ENFORCEMENT PROCEEDINGS**.

Commissioner Peluso made a **motion to approve**; second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Guidugli. Mr. Fromme said the simple change clears up any ambiguity making clear code enforcement officers have discretion. Upon hearing there were no comments or questions, the mayor called for a roll call vote.

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

The city clerk read tentative **R-2019-071**

AN ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT, KENTUCKY AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ISSUE **PURCHASE ORDERS FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO [2019/2020] RAM 3500 TRUCKS, A [BRAND/STYLE] LEAF COLLECTOR, AND A JOHN DEER SKID STEER FOR USE IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**.

Commissioner Guidugli made a **motion to approve**; second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Fennell. Mr. Roell explained the current leaf collector is 15-20 years old and susceptible to break-downs and other issues. The trucks included here are part of replacing the existing fleet which are mostly 1999-2005 models. The older diesels are now very expensive to repair (in excess of \$5,000 to remove cab). The skid steer has a variety of attachments (such as a hoe-ram (hammer)) used almost daily. The items are over budget due to attachments such as replacing the damaged skid steer hammer and also due to tariffs for steel. The proposed two tanks on trucks adds to the cost; this is to apply beet juice at the spreader which is more effective. The bids received for the trucks were lower than the State contract pricing. Upon hearing there were no comments or questions, the mayor called for a roll call vote.

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

### **COMMENTS FROM CITY DEPARTMENT HEADS**

Mr. Roell

- The project to replace the roof and HVAC at the municipal complex began today and will take several months to complete.
- Leaf pickup will now be by schedule which has been published on the website. Most streets will have three pickups but some (in areas with fewer trees) will have two. Residents are asked to put leaves out to the curb just before their collection day.

### **COMMENTS FROM CITY MANAGER**

- Extensive sidewalk repairs were done two months ago.
- Currently an inventory is being done to find sidewalks with damage from trees in the right-of-way. The inventory of the East Row is complete, the West Side is in progress, Clifton will follow.
- TMS did a great job working around trees and with alignment to existing walks.
- The whole City can be proud of the Penguins Swim and Dive team and their results in competitions. The team has been great for building community.
- Corporex is moving forward with Ovation. About 700 of the 800 piers are in.
- Trick-or-Treat will be from 6-8 on Halloween.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Fennell

- OKI is collecting traffic counts on the bike lane project. She asked for next steps, Mr. Fromme responded many issues would need to be resolved including outside funding/considerable grants. She thanked ReNewport and Mr. Gordon Henry for assistance with the project. Resident Ms. Kelsey said parking is already bad on Saratoga and there are concerns about privacy with no front yards. Mr. Henry replied Saratoga would not have bike lanes due to the narrow lanes and median but could have “sharrow” markings to promote awareness.
- Congratulated the Penguins on their exciting accomplishments and inclusive spirit.
- The new Bernadette Watkins Park playground build is another example of working together with many staff members, community members, Perfetti Van Melle, and KaBoom coming together.

Commissioner Guidugli

- Thanked the Penguins families for coming out, being a part of the City, and demonstrating community and team pride by participating in City parades.

Commissioner Rehtin

- Thanked all the volunteers without whom there would not be such successful tree planting projects, bicycle racks, or swimming program. It all adds to the services provided by the City. Recognized Ms. Comte for organizing the 104 trees that were planted by 75 volunteers in three or four hours.
- Regarding Corporex moving forward on the music venue, Mr. Banta will give a presentation at the Westside Coalition meeting on October 22 at 7 pm at 8<sup>th</sup> and York at the Baptist Church.

Mayor Peluso

- Also thanked the many volunteers.
- Extended sympathy to the friends and family of long-time resident Mike Baroni who leaves an impressive legacy through his children and grandchildren.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Guidugli made a motion to adjourn; second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Peluso.

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

**The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.**

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Date Approved/Signed

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Jerry R. Peluso, Mayor

Attest:

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Amy B. Able, City Clerk