

City OF NEWPORT, KY
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Monday, December 17, 2018
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 Thomas Guidugli, Jr., Commissioner Frank Peluso, Commissioner Ken Rehtin, and Mayor Jerry Peluso. Absent: Commissioner Beth Fennell. Also in attendance were: City Manager Thomas Fromme, Assistant City Manager Larisa Sims, City Attorney Daniel Braun, Police Chief Tom Collins, Fire Chief Bill Darin, Director of Finance Lenny Kuntz, Historic Preservation Officer Scott Clark, Community Liaison Bev Holiday, and City Clerk Amy Able.

PRESENTATIONS, AWARDS & PROCLAMATIONS

Mr. Clark and Ms. Bonnie Stacey recognized NHS students who participated in “Celebrating Artistic Expression – The Beauty of the East Row Expressed Through Photography”, an exhibit at the Newport History Museum at the Southgate Street School.

Chief Collins recognized Det. Renée South on her retirement after twenty years of dedicated service. She was lauded for her work as a detective and victim’s advocate.

Mr. Jason Barron, Executive Director of Red Bike gave an update. There are plans to add three stations. There was a dip in participation due to the extreme cold from January through April. Four of the twelve stations in Northern Kentucky see 40% of the rides and 14% of the overall 57 station system. The “Go Program” is designed to get access to ride share to those with low income. Next year 100 electric assist bikes will be added. Numbers are up since July (even with Lime and Bird scooters having arrived in the area.) Of the 440 bikes 400 are out on average.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Guidugli made a motion to approve the minutes of the Monday, November 19, 2018 regular meeting, and the Monday, November 26, 2018 special meeting. Commissioner Peluso offered a second to the motion. Upon hearing there were no changes, corrections, comments or questions, the mayor called for a roll call vote.

Commissioner Guidugli:	Yes	Commissioner Rehtin:	Yes	
Commissioner Peluso:	Yes	Mayor Peluso:	Yes	<u>Motion carried 4-0.</u>

NEW BUSINESS

The city clerk gave first reading of **O-2019-001**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT, KENTUCKY AUTHORIZING THE **ISSUANCE OF \$1,500,000 PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION NOTES, SERIES 2019**; APPROVING THE FORM OF NOTES; AUTHORIZING DESIGNATED OFFICERS TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER THE NOTES; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE FILING OF NOTICE WITH THE STATE LOCAL DEBT OFFICER; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT AND SECURITY OF THE NOTES; CREATING A NOTE PAYMENT FUND; MAINTAINING THE HERETOFORE ESTABLISHED SINKING FUND; AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROPOSAL OF THE PURCHASER OF THE NOTES; AND REPEALING INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES.

Commissioner Guidugli made a **motion to approve**; second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Peluso. Mr. Fromme reviewed this was included as part of the approved budget and is needed for capital equipment purchases (police, fire, and public works) and to cover expenses for the upgrade to 800 MHz radios. It is anticipated that next year there will be an additional \$1.5m. Bids were received from two of the three financial institutions contacted. Upon hearing there were no comments or 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.**

The city clerk gave first reading of **O-2019-002**

AN ORDINANCE CLOSING AND VACATING PART OF CENTRAL AVENUE IN THE CITY OF NEWPORT, CAMPBELL COUNTY, KENTUCKY.

Commissioner Peluso made a **motion to approve**; second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Guidugli. Mr. Fromme stated this concerns the 300 block of Central; at the time the land was purchased for the Ovation Development, the City agreed to vacate the area bounded by the old ("Riverside Ford") lot and the original Corporex purchased area. Necessary utility right-of-ways will be maintained. Upon hearing all comments and questions, the mayor called for a roll call vote.

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

The city clerk read Order **-2018-074**

AN ORDER APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A SECOND AMENDMENT TO LEASE AGREEMENT, A SECOND AMENDMENT TO TRUST INDENTURE, AND AN AMENDED AND RESTATED AGREEMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES, ALL RELATING TO CITY OF NEWPORT, KENTUCKY VARIABLE RATE DEMAND (TAXABLE) INDUSTRIAL BUILDING REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 1998 (AQUARIUM HOLDINGS OF NORTHERN KENTUCKY, LLC PROJECT).

Commissioner Peluso made a **motion to approve**; second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Guidugli. Mr. Fromme reviewed the history of the previously approved bonds issued twenty years ago for a maximum of thirty years; this is the last extension. It remains a good deal for the City due to significant revenue from a PILOT from the Aquarium and this will continue over the next ten years. Additional benefits include passes to the Aquarium for Newport's public and parochial schools. Upon hearing there were no comments or questions, the mayor called for a roll call vote.

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

The city clerk read Order **R-2018-075**

AN ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT, KENTUCKY AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH TMS CONSTRUCTION FOR THE NINTH STREET CATCH BASIN IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.

Commissioner Guidugli made a **motion to approve**; second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Peluso. Mr. Fromme explained the design improvement was chosen for this area which has seen considerable problems. Both the City's Engineer and SD1 agree that the problems are largely due to the removal of open-throated drains on corners in favor of grates at ground-level. Litter, leaves, and storm debris can clog these relatively small drains causing quick back-ups. Several local businesses have experienced problems. The hybrid design includes a drain in the road and a throat drain at the curb. SD1 has agreed to cost sharing for the engineering expense and Mrs. Sims confirmed they have approved the drawings. This includes approximately

eight drains from Saratoga to York. Engineers have confirmed the line in place is sufficient to handle the capacity. Mayor Peluso stated he recognizes the work that has been done but he is not comfortable with the plan at this time, he needs some more information and has some ideas to share. Upon hearing all comments or questions, the mayor called for a roll call vote.

Commissioner Guidugli: Yes Commissioner Rehtin: Yes
Commissioner Peluso: Yes Mayor Peluso: No **Motion carried 3-1.**

COMMENTS FROM CITY MANAGER

Mr. Fromme said the City has had several good years over the last decade and 2018 may top the list. He thanked the staff for their efforts getting issues resolved and making historic achievements (such as the work involved in projects like the sale of Newport on the Levee) as well as the Board for their cooperation and leadership.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Guidugli extended holiday wishes.

Commissioner Rehtin

- Noted concerns with the possibility of a Special Session of the Kentucky Legislature and possible impact to the City related to payments for CERS.
- Extended holiday wishes.

Commissioner Peluso

- Extended holiday wishes.
- Reflected that improvements and development take a long time (for example, ten years for the Pavilion to come to fruition); therefore, long-range planning is essential for continued success.
- Thanked all of the team including the citizens who contribute to the success of the City.

Mayor Peluso

- Thanked the Commissioners for their regular engagement at meetings and events throughout the city and citizens who participate in many ways including those active with ReNewport which has done a lot to improve the quality of life in the city.
- Extended holiday wishes.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Commissioner Guidugli made a **motion to adjourn**; second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Peluso. The mayor called for a roll call vote.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Date Approved/Signed

Jerry R. Peluso, Mayor

Attest:

Amy B. Able, City Clerk