

**CITY OF NEWPORT, KY
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AUGUST 16, 2021, 7:00 PM
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Guidugli, in the Multipurpose Room of the Newport Municipal Building, at 998 Monmouth Street, on Thursday, August 16, 2021, at 7:00 PM.

Mayor Guidugli opened the meeting with a moment for silent invocation, and then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

In Attendance: Mayor Thomas Guidugli Jr., Vice Mayor Frank Peluso, Commissioner Beth Fennell, Commissioner Jerry Peluso, Commissioner Ken Rechtin.

Others Present: City Manager Thomas Fromme, Assistant City Manager Larisa Sims, Chief of Police Christopher Fangman, Chief of Fire Frank Peluso, City Attorney Dan Braun, City Clerk Janie Patterson.

PERSONNEL ORDERS

COMMISSIONERS ORDER NO. R-2021-048

AN ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT, KENTUCKY, APPOINTING CHRISTOPHER MOERMOND TO THE POSITION OF POLICE OFFICER, GRADE III, IN THE NEWPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVE AUGUST 30, 2021

Vice Mayor Frank Peluso made a motion to approve Order R-2021-048; Commissioner Beth Fennell offered a second to the motion. The Mayor called for a vote:

Commissioner Beth Fennell	Yes
Commissioner Jerry Peluso	Yes
Commissioner Ken Rechtin	Yes
Vice Mayor Frank Peluso	Yes
Mayor Thomas Guidugli Jr.	Yes

Motion Carried 5-0

COMMISSIONERS ORDER NO. R-2021-049

AN ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT, KENTUCKY, PROMOTING FIRE/MEDIC AUSTIN ROSENBAUM TO THE POSITION OF ENGINEER/MEDIC GRADE 0 IN THE NEWPORT FIRE DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVE MAY 18, 2021

Commissioner Beth Fennell made a motion to approve Order R-2021-049; Commissioner Ken Rechtin offered a second to the motion. The Mayor called for a vote:

Commissioner Beth Fennell	Yes
Commissioner Jerry Peluso	Yes
Commissioner Ken Rechtin	Yes
Vice Mayor Frank Peluso	Yes
Mayor Thomas Guidugli Jr.	Yes

Motion Carried 5-0

COMMISSIONERS ORDER NO. R-2021-050

AN ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT, KENTUCKY,
PROMOTING FIRE/MEDIC PHILLIP WAGNER TO THE POSITION OF ENGINEER/MEDIC
GRADE 0 IN THE NEWPORT FIRE DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVE
AUGUST 1, 2021

Vice Mayor Frank Peluso made a motion to approve Order R-2021-050; Commissioner Beth Fennell offered a second to the motion. The Mayor called for a vote:

Commissioner Beth Fennell Yes
Commissioner Jerry Peluso Yes
Commissioner Ken Rehtin Yes
Vice Mayor Frank Peluso Yes
Mayor Thomas Guidugli Jr. Yes

Motion Carried 5-0

PRESENTATIONS AWARDS AND PROCLAMATIONS

Fire Chief, Frank Peluso honored Captain Matthew Pleiman and Captain Scott Kohrs for their retirement from the Newport Fire Department.

Julie Kirkpatrick, President of Northern Kentucky Convention and Visitors Bureau, presented information about the Taste of Newport which will take place the whole month of September. She thanked Bev Holiday and the city for turning this event into a month-long celebration to help drive people into Newport restaurants.

Ms. Kirkpatrick presented Jake Ward, a senior at Newport Independent schools, with an award for designing and developing the logo for Taste of Newport.

City Manager, Thomas Fromme presented Tim Appleton, with a volunteer award for serving as chairman for the new dog park.

Recess/Break

Mayor Guidugli requested a short break to allow for an opportunity to take pictures at approximately 7:20. The Board reconvened at approximately 7:30.

Roll Call

Present: Mayor Thomas Guidugli Jr., Vice Mayor Frank Peluso, Commissioner Beth Fennell, Commissioner Jerry Peluso, Commissioner Ken Rehtin

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

PUBLIC FORUM

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting Minutes, July 19, 2021;
Special Meeting Minutes, July 20, 2021

Commissioner Ken Rehtin made a motion to approve Regular Meeting Minutes, July 19, 2021, and Special Meeting Minutes, July 20, 2021; Commissioner Beth Fennell offered a second to the motion. The Mayor called for a vote:

Commissioner Beth Fennell Yes
Commissioner Jerry Peluso Yes
Commissioner Ken Rehtin Yes
Vice Mayor Frank Peluso Yes
Mayor Thomas Guidugli Jr. Yes
Motion Carried 5-0

OLD BUSINESS

COMMISSIONERS ORDINANCE O-2021-013

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT, KENTUCKY CREATING SECTION 33.25 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES REGARDING DESIGNATION OF THE CITY'S FIRE/EMS DEPARTMENT AS THE ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT/EMERGENCY AMBULANCE PROVIDER WITHIN THE CITY

Vice Mayor Frank Peluso made a motion to approve Ordinance O-2021-013; Commissioner Beth Fennell offered a second to the motion. The Mayor called for a vote:

Commissioner Beth Fennell Yes
Commissioner Jerry Peluso Yes
Commissioner Ken Rehtin Yes
Vice Mayor Frank Peluso Yes
Mayor Thomas Guidugli Jr. Yes
Motion Carried 5-0

NEW BUSINESS

COMMISSIONERS ORDER NO. R-2021-035

AN ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT, KENTUCKY, APPROVING AMENDMENTS AND/OR ADDITIONS TO THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL PURSUANT TO §33.05(B) OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT, KENTUCKY

Commissioner Ken Rehtin made a motion to approve Order R-2021-035; Commissioner Beth Fennell offered a second to the motion. The Mayor called for a vote:

Commissioner Beth Fennell Yes
Commissioner Jerry Peluso Yes
Commissioner Ken Rehtin Yes
Vice Mayor Frank Peluso Yes
Mayor Thomas Guidugli Jr. Yes
Motion Carried 5-0

COMMENTS FROM CITY MANAGER

Mr. Thomas Fromme hopes there will not be major future shutdowns, due to the new Covid Variants, because of the negative impact it could have on city businesses.

River Fest decisions will be taken day by day. Newport music venues have stated vaccination cards will be mandatory to gain access to concerts.

CPX office building is going to start on first phase; Four components of phase 1: music venue, garage, hotel, and office building. Everything seems to be going well.

There will be a consent agenda which will include 21 property assessment moratoriums to review at the next regular scheduled meeting on September 20.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Back and forth discussion about parking meters took place; The Police Department is hosting a meeting on Wednesday, 8/18/21, 5:00, to answer questions and receive input for test meters on the 800th block of Monmouth Street; Captain Paul Kunkel hand delivered letters to businesses on the 800th block. Parking enforcement is not meant to be a money maker.


ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Beth Fennell made a motion to adjourn meeting at 8:15; Vice Mayor Frank Peluso offered a second to the motion. The Mayor called for a vote:

- Commissioner Beth Fennell Yes
- Commissioner Jerry Peluso Yes
- Commissioner Ken Rehtin Yes
- Vice Mayor Frank Peluso Yes
- Mayor Thomas Guidugli Jr. Yes

Motion Carried 5-0

9/20/2021
Date Approved/Signed


THOMAS L. GUIDUGLI JR., MAYOR

ATTEST:


JANIE PATTERSON, CITY CLERK