

CITY OF NEWPORT, KY
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
September 15, 2021, 5:00 PM
MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Guidugli on Wednesday, September 15, 2021, at 5:00 PM, in the Multipurpose Room of the Newport Municipal Building at 998 Monmouth Street.

In Attendance:

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

Others Present:

City Manager Thomas Fromme, Assistant City Manager Larisa Sims, City Attorney Dan Braun, Chief of Police Christopher Fangman, Finance Director Lenny Kuntz, City Clerk Janie Patterson.

PERSONNEL ORDERS

COMMISSIONERS ORDER NO. R-2021-074

AN ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT, KENTUCKY, APPOINTING THOMAS FAUST TO THE POSITION OF FULL TIME STAFF ACCOUNTANT IN THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 4, 2021

Vice Mayor Frank Peluso made a motion to approve Order R-2021-074; 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

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Guidugli opened the public hearing and reviewed the proposed Property Tax Rate.

City Manager Thomas Fromme addressed the Board and gave a brief presentation noting that the adopted budget included a four percent increase to revenue which would be obtained through the adoption of the proposed, allowable rate. He also highlighted:

- Property Tax Revenue is approximately twelve percent of City budget.
- Compensating Rate: Tax rates could stay the same, drop, or go up based on evaluations.
- When considering the base tax rates plus the Fire District tax rates, Newport tax rates are very low in comparison to the City of Covington, the City of Florence, and all other taxing agencies in Campbell County.

There were not any comments submitted by City residents. The public hearing closed at 5:30 PM.

NEW BUSINESS

COMMISSIONERS ORDINANCE O-2021-014

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT, KENTUCKY LEVYING AND ASSESSING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR CITY PURPOSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2021 – 2022 ON ALL PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OF NEWPORT, KENTUCKY

Vice Mayor Frank Peluso made a motion to approve Ordinance O-2021-014; 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 R-2021-075

AN ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT, KENTUCKY EXTENDING THE DEVELOPMENT MORATORIUM UPON ALL PROPERTIES CURRENTLY LOCATED WITHIN THE I – 2 AND TRANSITION ZONES BOUNDED BY SIXTH STREET TO THE NORTH, THE LICKING RIVER TO THE WEST, LOWELL STREET TO THE EAST, AND NINTH STREET TO THE SOUTH AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES TO REFUSE TO ACCEPT OR PROCESS APPLICATIONS FOR A ZONE CHANGE, DEMOLITION PERMITS, APPROVING DEVELOPMENT PLANS OR PLACING THE SAME ON THE PLANNING AND ANY ZONING COMMISSION AGENDA FOR DETERMINATIONS, ESTABLISHING THE PURPOSE FOR THE MORATORIUM AND SETTING THE DURATION THEREOF

Commissioner Ken Rechtin made a motion to approve Order R-2021-075; 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

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Ken Rechtin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:35 PM; 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

9/20/2021
Date Approved/Signed

Thomas L. Guidugli Jr.
THOMAS L. GUIDUGLI JR., MAYOR

ATTEST:

Janie Patterson
JANIE PATTERSON, CITY CLERK