

**CITY OF NEWPORT, KY
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
NOVEMBER 15, 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, 998 Monmouth Street, on Monday, November 15, 2021, 7:00 PM.

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, Chief of Police Christopher Fangman, Chief of Fire Frank Peluso, City Attorney Dan Braun, City Clerk Janie Patterson, Project Manager Doug Roell, Historic Preservation Officer Scott Clark.

PRESENTATIONS, AWARDS, PROCLAMATIONS

- NKY Chamber/Tri-ED/MeetNKY, Regional Advancement for the Business Community
- Newport Business, Executive Transportation 60th Anniversary

PERSONNEL ORDERS

COMMISSIONERS ORDER R-2021-088

AN ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT, KENTUCKY, APPOINTING DOUGLAS PATTON TO THE POSITION OF POLICE OFFICER, GRADE III, IN THE NEWPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 29, 2021

Vice Mayor Frank Peluso made a motion to approve R-2021-088; 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

COMMISSIONERS ORDER R-2021-089

AN ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT, KENTUCKY, PROMOTING DANIEL DELANEY TO THE POSITION OF LIEUTENANT IN THE NEWPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 14, 2021

Commissioner Beth Fennell made a motion to approve R-2021-089; 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 R-2021-090

AN ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT, KENTUCKY, PROMOTING ADAM MOEVES TO THE POSITION OF SERGEANT IN THE NEWPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 14, 2021

Commissioner Beth Fennell made a motion to approve R-2021-090; 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 R-2021-091

AN ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT, KENTUCKY, PROMOTING ANTHONY TRELLEL TO THE POSITION OF SERGEANT IN THE NEWPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 14, 2021

Vice Mayor Frank Peluso made a motion to approve R-2021-091; 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

Recess/Break

Mayor Guidugli requested a short break to take pictures at approximately 7:30. The Board reconvened at 7:43.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

CONSENT AGENDA

COMMISSIONERS ORDER R-2021-092

AN ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT, KENTUCKY GRANTING PROPERTY ASSESSMENT MORATORIUM TO BELLEVUE LAND LLC, RELATING TO THE RESTORATION OF PROPERTY AT 711 WEINGARTNER PLACE IN NEWPORT, KENTUCKY

COMMISSIONERS ORDER R-2021-093

AN ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT, KENTUCKY GRANTING PROPERTY ASSESSMENT MORATORIUM TO DOUGLAS ALLEN, RELATING TO THE RESTORATION OF PROPERTY AT 222 E 5TH STREET IN NEWPORT, KENTUCKY

COMMISSIONERS ORDER R-2021-094

AN ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT, KENTUCKY GRANTING PROPERTY ASSESSMENT MORATORIUM TO CATHERINE ROSE, RELATING TO THE RESTORATION OF PROPERTY AT 640 ROBERTS STREET IN NEWPORT, KENTUCKY

COMMISSIONERS ORDER R-2021-098

AN ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT, KENTUCKY GRANTING PROPERTY ASSESSMENT MORATORIUM TO HEALTHY HOMES 3 LLC, RELATING TO THE RESTORATION OF PROPERTY AT 313 W 11TH STREET IN NEWPORT, KENTUCKY

COMMISSIONERS ORDER R-2021-099

AN ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT, KENTUCKY GRANTING PROPERTY ASSESSMENT MORATORIUM TO HEALTHY HOMES 2 LLC, RELATING TO THE RESTORATION OF PROPERTY AT 2 PARKVIEW AVENUE IN NEWPORT, KENTUCKY

Vice Mayor Frank Peluso made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda; 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

PUBLIC FORUM

- Frank Ray, 637 Monroe Street, speaking as a Gateway representative for East Row Historic Board – Expressed concern about the trees that were cut down at the park by the Ovation area. He inquired if there were any plans to address possible erosion.
 - General discussion took place; Project Manager Doug Roell and Assistant City Manager Larisa Sims helped answer questions. The City will post future notifications on the City Facebook page and website.
- Jason Kram, 67 Lindon Avenue, serving as Chair of East Row Historic Foundation – Expressed he would like meeting agendas and minutes to be made easily available to the public.
- Don Spaulding, 15th Street – Expressed he would like to have seen wood from one of the larger trees used to make a park bench to honor the location of the old Newport Barracks.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Regular Meeting Minutes September 20, 2021
- Regular Meeting Minutes October 18, 2021 (Amended)

Commissioner Ken Rechtin made a motion to approve the minutes as amended; 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

OLD BUSINESS

COMMISSIONERS ORDINANCE O-2021-019

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT, KENTUCKY CLOSING AND VACATING PART OF AN UNNAMED ALLEY IN THE CITY OF NEWPORT, CAMPBELL COUNTY, KENTUCKY

Commissioner Ken Rehtin made a motion to approve O-2021-019; 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 R-2021-095

AN ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT, KENTUCKY, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF UP TO \$8,140,000 TAXABLE INDUSTRIAL BUILDING REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2021, IN ORDER TO ASSIST SOUTH BEACH #1, LLC, OR ASSIGNS, TO REFUND BONDS THAT WERE ORIGINALLY ISSUED TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPPING OF AN INDUSTRIAL BUILDING FACILITY LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OF NEWPORT, KENTUCKY AND TO IMPROVE SAID FACILITY; PROVIDING FOR THE PLEDGE OF REVENUES FOR THE PAYMENT OF SAID BONDS; AUTHORIZING A FOURTH SUPPLEMENTAL TRUST INDENTURE APPROPRIATE FOR THE PROTECTION AND DISPOSITION OF SUCH REVENUES AND FURTHER TO SECURE THE PAYMENT OF SAID BONDS; AND AUTHORIZING A BOND PURCHASE AGREEMENT

Comments

- Dick Spoor with Keating Mueiting and Kleekamp in Cincinnati is Bond Council – This project is the South Shore Condominiums; the Developer was South Beach #1 LLC, an affiliate of Capital Investment Group. This project was originally done in 2004 and in 2014 bonds were issued to pay off original bonds, the original bonds were used to build the parking garage below the condominiums which were built beyond the flood wall. They had to build a four-story garage before they could start building the condominiums which cost a lot of money. Since 2014 to the present all the units have been sold, and the revenues are coming in on a steady basis. Now they can refinance the bonds with a lower interest rate.

Vice Mayor Frank Peluso made a motion to approve R-2021-095; 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

COMMISSIONERS ORDER R-2021-096

AN ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT, KENTUCKY DECLARING CERTAIN PERSONAL PROPERTY OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT AS SURPLUS PERSONAL PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZING TRANSFER IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE LAW

Comments

- City Manager Thomas Fromme – Commented this is a truck bed and is going to be donated to the City of Dayton, Kentucky per their request.

Commissioner Ken Rehtin made a motion to approve R-2021-096; 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

COMMISSIONERS ORDER R-2021-097

AN ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT, KENTUCKY, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, THOMAS J. FROMME, TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH CUSTOM DESIGN BENEFITS TO ACT AS THE CITY'S THIRD-PARTY ADMINISTRATOR WITH VARIOUS INSURANCE COMPANIES AND WITH DELTA DENTAL PPO + PREMIER TO PROVIDE FOR THE CITY OF NEWPORT'S EMPLOYEES' HEALTH AND DENTAL INSURANCE NEEDS

Comments

- Lisa Stamm, Staff Attorney and Consultant with Sheryl Morgan – She reviewed the plan and the benefits and made recommendations.

Vice Mayor Frank Peluso made a motion to approve R-2021-097; 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-2021-100

AN ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT, KENTUCKY, REAPPOINTING COMMISSIONER ELISABETH FENNEL AS REPRESENTATIVE AND APPOINTING LARISA SIMS AS ALTERNATE FROM THE CITY OF NEWPORT, KENTUCKY TO THE OHIO-KENTUCKY-INDIANA REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Comments

- Commissioner Beth Fennell
 - Commented that the City has been very fortunate to have a good seat on OKI and that all federal transportation dollars go through OKI for funding, and Newport has received millions of dollars including Carothers Road, Festival Park, and South Monmouth Street.
 - Acknowledged that Assistant City Manager Larisa Sims has been a great staff buy in and gave her the credit she is due.

Commissioner Ken Rechtin made a motion to approve R-2021-100; Vice Mayor Frank Peluso offered a second to the motion. The Mayor called for a vote:

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

Motion Carried 4-0

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

- Commissioner Ken Rechtin
 - Would like to recall RMR and make an agenda item in January or February 2022 and would like City staff to meet with RMR for suggestions on how they are going to resolve this problem.
 - Would like to have a caucus meeting for the Board to discuss and come up with a process on how to spend the ARPA money. He would like to focus on infrastructure needs with an emphasis on lead pipes and water lines.

- Commissioner Jerry Peluso
 - Would like to see the RMR issue and ARPA money discussed openly during a Caucus meeting.
- Commissioner Beth Fennell
 - People Bridge repairs will continue after it has opened.
 - We have a federal infrastructure bill specifically for bridges and roads; Brent Spence Bridge is going to be a long term project and it's critical we get the Fourth Street bridge done to accommodate traffic.
- Vice Mayor Frank Peluso
 - Would like to have a link available on the City website to allow residents the opportunity to give public input.
- Mayor Thomas L. Guidugli Jr.
 - Requested a survey monkey be made available on the City website which he thinks will be useful to gain feedback about changes residents would like to see.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Ken Rechtin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 PM; Commissioner Jerry Peluso 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

12-13-2021
Date Approved/Signed

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

ATTEST:

Janie Patterson
JANIE PATTERSON, CITY CLERK