

CITY OF NEWPORT, KY
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
December 3, 2021, 5:00 PM
MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Guidugli on Friday, December 3, 2021, at 5:00 PM, in the Multipurpose Room of the Newport Municipal Building, 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 (Virtually), City Attorney Dan Braun, City Clerk Janie Patterson.

NEW BUSINESS

COMMISSIONERS ORDER NO. R-2021-101

AN ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT, KENTUCKY ADOPTING THE 2020 NEWPORTFORWARD UPDATED GOALS AND OBJECTIVES AS PART OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT, KENTUCKY

Comments/Presentation

- Assistant City Manger Larisa Sims (Virtually)
 - Highlighted goals and objectives to the Board for consideration during a presentation concerning the Comprehensive Plan adoption.
 - Thanked the committee members for their efforts and all the work they have put into this project over the past 18 – 24 months and presented them with certificates of thanks.

- Ron Rawe is the Planning Commission Chair, and a community member, and was involved in the entire planning process and helped facilitate a good deal of the meetings. He presented about public engagement. He commented on the comprehensiveness of the plan that it was one of the most complete he has seen in all his years as Chair.

- Vice Mayor Frank Peluso – Commented that it is very important that everyone in Newport knows what is going on, how these programs are going to be implemented, what the future holds for them as Newport residents and business owners, and that they can be involved.

- Assistant City Manager Larisa Sims – Commented there are basic requirements to change the zoning ordinance for public notification, but we will want to do much more than the bare minimum required. She expects that there will be some focus groups to ensure that the neighborhoods and business districts, are involved and that anyone who owns property, where the zoning may be changed, is engaged to understand what it might mean to their specific property.
- Commissioner Jerry Peluso – Commented as much information as possible needs to be made available to the public and to do that it needs to be discussed at caucus meetings. He also thanked everyone for their participation.
- Commissioner Ken Rehtin – Commented that everything can't happen at once and during caucus meetings the Board can prioritize things that need to happen quicker than others. He commended the Board, committee, and consultants for everyone's efforts and time commitment. He commended Assistant City Manager Larisa Sims for her leadership and stated she did an excellent job.
- Commissioner Beth Fennell – Commented this is the most extensive comprehensive plan she has seen. She thanked Larisa for working with residents, committee, and the Board.
- City Manager Thomas Fromme – Commented this is the most comprehensive review that he has personally been involved in. He thanked Larisa and the committee members for all their work toward an extensive and complete process.
- Mayor Thomas Guidugli Jr. – Commented we had a good consultant, an impressive leadership team, and a great amount of participation. He has only participated in one other comprehensive plan and this one exceeded it by far. He thanked everyone for their effort and their time commitment.

Commissioner Beth Fennell made a motion to approve Order R-2021-101; Commissioner Ken Rehtin 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 NO. R-2021-102

AN ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT, KENTUCKY APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN FOR THE NEWPORT DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT-WATERWORKS ROAD DAM

Comments

- City Manager Thomas Fromme – Commented that we are required to have an emergency plan in place of who is to be notified in the unlikely event that an emergency would happen.

Commissioner Beth Fennell made a motion to approve Order R-2021-102; 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 Rehtin	Yes
Vice Mayor Frank Peluso	Yes
Mayor Thomas Guidugli Jr.	Yes

Motion Carried 5-0

COMMISSIONERS ORDINANCE O-2021-020

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT, KENTUCKY AMENDING SECTION 116B.03 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES REGARDING PHOTOGRAPHING AND RECORDING OF ITEMS RECOVERED PURSUANT TO THE LEADS ONLINE ELECTRONIC REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Comments

- City Manager Thomas Fromme – Commented this is because there has been an increase in items so that the serial number required further identification.
- City Attorney Dan Braun – Commented the Police Department asked this amendment to be made to make it easier for tracking.
- Mayor Thomas Guidugli – Commented this is an ongoing enforcement driven by the police to help ensure that stolen goods are returned and figuring out that they were stolen.

Commissioner Beth Fennell made a motion to approve Ordinance O-2021-020; 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 Rehtin Yes
Vice Mayor Frank Peluso Yes
Mayor Thomas Guidugli Jr. Yes

Motion Carried 5-0

ADJOURNMENT


Commissioner Ken Rehtin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 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 Rehtin 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., MAYOR

ATTEST:



JANIE PATTERSON, CITY CLERK