

**CITY OF NEWPORT, KY
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JANURARY 23, 2023 @ 7:00 PM
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Guidugli Jr., on Monday, January 23, 2023 at 7:00 PM. The public had access to the live stream meeting through the City of Newport, KY Facebook Page Facebook.com/CityofNewportKY and YouTube/CityofNewportKY.

In Attendance:

Mayor Thomas L. Guidugli Jr., Commissioner Mike Radwanski, Commissioner Julie Smith-Morrow, Commissioner Rehtin.

Others Present:

City Manager Thomas J. Fromme, Assistant City Manager John Hayden, Dan Braun, City Attorney, Deputy City Clerk Joy Rovno, Chief of Police Christopher Fangman, Chief of Fire/EMS Frank Peluso.

PERSONNEL ORDERS

COMMISSIONERS ORDER NO. R-2023-014

AN ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT, KENTUCKY, APPOINTING JAN KNEPSHIELD TO THE CODE BOARD OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT, KENTUCKY.

Thomas Fromme stated Mr. Knepshield is a former City Commissioner, he previously served on the Code Enforcement Board and the Board of Adjustment.

Commissioner Rehtin explained this is a Mayor appointment which is ratified by the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Radwanski made a motion to approve R-2023-014. Commissioner Smith-Morrow offered a second to the motion. The Mayor called for a vote:

Commissioner Radwanski	Yes
Commissioner Smith-Morrow	Yes
Commissioner Rehtin	Yes
Mayor Thomas Guidugli Jr.	Yes

Motion Carried 4-0

COMMISSIONERS ORDER NO. R-2023-015

AN ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT, KENTUCKY, APPOINTING TIM KISER AND STEVE MATHISEN TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT, KENTUCKY.

Thomas Fromme explained Mr. Kiser is a resident of the west end and new board appointment. Mr. Kiser is active in the community and is knowledgeable of building trades, which will be useful serving on this board. Mr. Mathisen resides at 18th and Monmouth, he currently serves on the Code Enforcement Board, he will vacate his seat to serve on the Board of Adjustments.

Commissioner Radwanski made a motion to approve R-2023-015. Commissioner Smith-Morrow offered a second to the motion. The Mayor called for a vote:

Commissioner Radwanski	Yes
Commissioner Smith-Morrow	Yes
Commissioner Rechten	Yes
Mayor Thomas Guidugli Jr.	Yes

Motion Carried 4-0

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

PUBLIC FORUM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Revised Regular Meeting Minutes December 12, 2022 and January 9, 2023.

Commissioner Rechten made a motion to approve the revised December 12, 2022 and January 9, 2023 minutes. Commissioner Smith-Morrow offered a second to the motion. The Mayor called for a vote:

Commissioner Radwanski	Yes
Commissioner Smith-Morrow	Yes
Commissioner Rechten	Yes
Mayor Thomas Guidugli Jr.	Yes

Motion Carried 4-0

NEW BUSINESS

COMMISSIONERS ORDER NO. R-2023-013

AN ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT, KENTUCKY AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING CITY MANAGER THOMAS J. FROMME TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE A BICYCLE TRANSPORTATION PLAN AGREEMENT WITH TRI-STATE TRAILS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CITY OF COVINGTON.

Thomas Fromme stated the catalyst for this plan was the fatality on the 11th Street Girl Scout Bridge in 2022. He stated the meetings with Tri-State Trails, Devou Good, the City of Covington along with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet have been productive and positive. The City of Newport has been working on dedicated pedestrian and bicycle safety in the community; these partnerships will help achieve this goal.

Rachel Comte spoke on behalf of Tri-State Trails. She stated these trails are to provide dedicated bike and pedestrian trails to connect community assets. She stated this plan is in keeping with the City of Newport Comprehensive Plan. Ms. Comte provided the Board of Commissioners with a copy of comments from the community on the bike trails. She thanked everyone for their support in making this project a reality.

Commissioner Rehtin recognized Matt Butler for helping finance this project. He also asked that grants be applied for to help fund this project.

Commissioner Smith-Morrow agreed with Commissioner Rehtin, and is glad this very important project is moving forward.

Commissioner Radwanski stated he is looking forward to what the plan will yield for the people of Newport and Covington.

Mayor Guidugli stated he has enjoyed collaborating with this group. This group is aware of the City's scarce resources and have made every accommodation to deal with these challenges but still helping to move our community forward.

Commissioner Radwanski made a motion to approve R-2023-013. Commissioner Rehtin offered a second to the motion. The Mayor called for a vote:

Commissioner Radwanski	Yes
Commissioner Smith-Morrow	Yes
Commissioner Rehtin	Yes
Mayor Thomas Guidugli Jr.	Yes

Motion Carried 4-0

COMMISSIONERS ORDER NO.R-2023-002

AN ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT, KENTUCKY AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING CITY MANAGER, THOMAS J. FROMME, TO EXECUTE A SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH FIRE RECOVERY USA, LLC REGARDING BILLING SERVICES FOR THE FIRE/EMS DEPARTMENT.

Chief Peluso gave a brief explanation of the billing service. This is service charges 20% and is specific to vehicle incidents, ambulance billing remains separate.

Commissioner Smith-Morrow asked if these fees are reviewed annually to make sure the City is receiving the best rates.

Chief Peluso replied this collection company provides service to surrounding communities within the county. He has received recommendations from other cities that are currently using this service.

Commissioner Radwanski made a motion to approve R-2023-002. Commissioner Rehtin offered a second to the motion. The Mayor called for a vote:

Commissioner Radwanski	Yes
Commissioner Smith-Morrow	Yes
Commissioner Rehtin	Yes
Mayor Thomas Guidugli Jr.	Yes

Motion Carried 4-0

COMMISSIONERS ORDER NO. R-2023-003

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 DISPOSAL IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE LAW.

Chief Peluso stated five ladders would be sold, the expired items from 1989 would be destroyed.

Commissioner Radwanski made a motion to approve R-2023-003. Commissioner Rehtin offered a second to the motion. The Mayor called for a vote:

Commissioner Radwanski	Yes
Commissioner Smith-Morrow	Yes
Commissioner Rehtin	Yes
Mayor Thomas Guidugli Jr.	Yes

Motion Carried 4-0

COMMISSIONERS ORDER NO. R-2023-004

AN ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT, KENTUCKY AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE 2022 DODGE DURANGO AWD POLICE VEHICLE.

Chief Fangman stated the purchase of the 2022 Dodge Durango was bought with seizure funds, and will replace a vehicle that was in an accident.

Commissioner Radwanski made a motion to approve R-2023-004. Commissioner Smith-Morrow offered a second to the motion. The Mayor called for a vote:

Commissioner Radwanski	Yes
Commissioner Smith-Morrow	Yes
Commissioner Rehtin	Yes
Mayor Thomas Guidugli Jr.	Yes

Motion Carried 4-0

COMMISSIONERS ORDER NO. R-2023-005

AN ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT, KENTUCKY AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING CITY MANAGER THOMAS J. FROMME TO EXECUTE A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT, RELEASE AND ASSIGNMENT IN RESOLUTION OF THE WILLIAM VIRGIL LAWSUIT.

Thomas Fromme stated this case has been an ongoing for 35 years.

Commissioner Radwanski made a motion to approve R-2023-005. Commissioner Rehtin offered a second to the motion. The Mayor called for a vote:

Commissioner Radwanski	Yes
Commissioner Smith-Morrow	Yes
Commissioner Rehtin	Yes
Mayor Thomas Guidugli Jr.	Yes

Motion Carried 4-0

CONSENT AGENDA

COMMISSIONER'S ORDER NO. R-2023-006

AN ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT, KENTUCKY AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER THOMAS FROMME TO EXECUTE A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF NEWPORT, DOING BUSINESS AS NEIGHBORHOOD FOUNDATIONS, FOR THE GRAND TOWERS ELEVATOR REPLACEMENT PROJECT.

COMMISSIONER'S ORDER NO. R-2023-007

AN ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT, KENTUCKY ACKNOWLEDGING THE REQUIREMENT THE CITY MUST FUND ALL COST OVERRUNS RELATED TO IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GRAND TOWERS ELEVATOR REPLACEMENT PROJECT.

COMMISSIONER'S ORDER NO. R-2023-008

AN ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT, KENTUCKY ADOPTING A RESIDENTIAL ANTI-DISPLACEMENT AND RELOCATION ASSISTANCE PLAN FOR THE GRAND TOWERS ELEVATOR REPLACEMENT PROJECT.

COMMISSIONER'S ORDER NO. R-2023-009

AN ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT, KENTUCKY ACKNOWLEDGING RECEIPT OF STATE CLEARINGHOUSE COMMENTS AND AGREEING ALL REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN THESE COMMENTS SHALL BE MET DURING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GRAND TOWERS ELEVATOR REPLACEMENT PROJECT.

COMMISSIONER'S ORDER NO. R-2023-010

AN ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT, KENTUCKY ADOPTING PROCUREMENT STANDARDS AND A CODE OF CONDUCT TO GOVERN ALL PROCUREMENTS MADE IN CONNECTION WITH THE GRAND TOWERS ELEVATOR REPLACEMENT PROJECT.

COMMISSIONERS ORDER NO. R-2023-011

AN ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT, KENTUCKY CERTIFYING ANY AND ALL PAYMENTS, FEES OR OTHER MISCELLENEOUS REVENUES RECEIVED FROM THE GRAND TOWERS ELEVATOR REPLACEMENT PROJECT WILL BE UTILIZED IN COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATIONS PROMULGATED AT 24 CFR 570.489 (e) (1) WITH SAID REVENUES TO BE UTILIZED TO ASSIST IN PRESERVATION AND/OR DEVELOPMENT OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING LOCATED IN THE CITY OF NEWPORT, KENTUCKY.

COMMISSIONERS ORDER NO. R-2023-012

AN ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT, KENTUCKY APPROVING AND ADOPTING REVOLVING FUND GUIDELINES FOR RECEIPT AND USE OF PROGRAM INCOME RESULTING FROM IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GRAND TOWERS ELEVATOR REPLACEMENT PROJECT.

Dan Braun explained the consent agenda. He stated in prior legislation in relation to the Grand Towers Elevator Project Mayor Guidugli would need to recuse himself from the vote due to his fathers involvement with the project.

Thomas Fromme stated this is a grant which was awarded to the Newport Housing Authority to replace the elevators at Grand Towers due to there over use during Covid.

Commissioner Rehtin made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda R-2023-006 – R-2023-012. Commissioner Smith-Morrow offered a second to the motion. The Mayor called for a vote:

Commissioner Radwanski	Yes
Commissioner Smith-Morrow	Yes
Commissioner Rehtin	Yes
Mayor Thomas Guidugli Jr.	Recuse

Motion Carried 3-0

FIRST READING COMMISSIONERS ORDINANCE NO. O-2023-001

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT, KENTUCKY AMENDING CHAPTER 72, PARKING REGULATIONS, SECTION 72.10(A) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES CONCERNING PARKING TIME ZONES LIMITATIONS.

Thomas Fromme explained this ordinance requires vehicles to move 50 feet from its original location in a 72 hour period. In the past vehicles could be moved or pushed inches and be in compliance; this will put an end to non-operable vehicles remaining on the street.

Commissioner Radwanski made a motion to approve R-2023-001. Commissioner Rechten offered a second to the motion. The Mayor called for a vote:

Commissioner Radwanski	Yes
Commissioner Smith-Morrow	Yes
Commissioner Rechten	Yes
Mayor Thomas Guidugli Jr.	Yes

Motion Carried 4-0

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

- Congratulated the new Board members on their first legislative meeting.
- Plans under way for Board Retreat in February.
- State of the City Report.
- Annual Report.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Radwanski

- Thanked Public Works for doing a great job on snow removal.
- Thanked Mayor Guidugli and Thomas Fromme for the continued onboarding.

Commissioner Rechten

- Asked residents to attend River Metals Recycling hearing to show their support for a resolution to the ongoing issues with this business.
- The Sierra Club of Northern Kentucky has taken interest in River Metals Recycling and prepared a report addressing the environmental effects and violations of the Clean Air Act. He hopes the Sierra Club will bring this issue to a national level.

Commissioner Smith-Morrow

- Excited to begin the Bicycle Transportation Plan and thanked the Devou Good Foundation, Tri-State Trails and the community for their support.
- Recognized Ryan Whaley for receiving an award of honor for donating his kidney to a fellow firefighter.
- Thanked Public Works for their quick response to the snow removal.

Mayor Comments

- Westside Historic District is in progress, there will be public input sessions, thanked staff for their work on the District.
- Announced the Board of Commissioners Meeting schedule and stated there will be Caucus and Special Call meetings which would be announced when scheduled.
- The Board Planning Session will be held in the Commission Room and is open to the public.
- Citizen Boards are incredibly important for the operation of government.
- Anyone interested in serving on a City Board can fill out a Board Interest Form which can be found on the City website www.newportky.gov

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Radwanski made a motion to adjourn @ 7:50pm; Commissioner Smith-Morrow offered a second to the motion. The Mayor called for a vote:

Commissioner Radwanski	Yes
Commissioner Smith-Morrow	Yes
Commissioner Recthin	Yes
Mayor Thomas Guidugli Jr.	Yes

Motion Carried 4-0

Respectfully submitted,

2/28/23
Date Approved/Signed

Attest:

Joy Rovito
Joy Rovito, Deputy City Clerk

Thomas L. Guidugli Jr.
Thomas L. Guidugli Jr., Mayor