



CITY OF NEWPORT PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION
January 23, 2024
MINUTES

Newport Municipal Building, 998 Monmouth Street, 1st Floor Multi-Purpose Room

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A regular Newport Planning & Zoning Commission meeting was held on Tuesday, January 23, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. at the Newport Municipal Complex, 998 Monmouth Street, Newport, Kentucky.

In Attendance were Ron Rawe-Chairperson, Neal Connor, Joe Klare, Bill Kreutzjans, Willis Gregory, Planning and Development Director Brian Steffen, City Attorney Dan Braun, and City Clerk Tiffany Myers. Absent were City Engineer Steve Berling and City Manager Thomas Fromme.

Election of Chairperson:

A motion by Neal Connor, seconded by Bill Kreutzjans, to nominate Ron Rawe as the Chairperson for 2024.

Roll Call:

Willis Gregory	Yes
Neal Connor	Yes
Joe Klare	Yes
Bill Kreutzjans	Yes
Ron Rawe	Yes

5-0 Motion carried- so ordered.

Election of Vice Chairperson:

A motion by Joe Klare, seconded by Neal Connor, to nominate Bill Kreutzjans for the Vice Chairperson for 2024.

Roll Call:

Willis Gregory	Yes
Neal Connor	Yes
Joe Klare	Yes
Bill Kreutzjans	Yes
Ron Rawe	Yes

5-0 Motion carried- so ordered.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion by Willis Gregory, seconded by Joe Klare, to approve special meeting minutes from November 7, 2023, as presented.

Roll Call:

Willis Gregory	Yes
Neal Connor	Yes
Joe Klare	Yes
Bill Kreutzjans	Yes
Ron Rawe	Yes

5-0 Motion carried- so ordered.

Prior to commencing the Public Hearing, all parties giving testimony were sworn in. All parties, including the applicant, City staff, Board Attorney, and those in support and opposition of the applicant, have a right to give testimony and cross-examination witnesses.

PUBLIC HEARING: PZ-01-24-Text Amendment to various codes in zoning.

Comments:

- Planning and Development Director Brian Steffen provided the Board with a text amendment documentation. (See the attached text amendment documentation.) Brian stated that a lot of this is housekeeping items such as grammatical errors. There is a section regarding tattoo shops that will be added. Brian went over the packet in depth with the Board and answered questions.
- Mike Blaney, a resident of Newport, introduced his sister to the Board as a tattoo artist who is looking to open a business here in the city.
- Erin Blaney, a tattoo artist and resident of Newport. She is actively looking for available shops in Newport to open her Tattoo Studio. Unfortunately, she can only find spaces available outside of the proposed zone. Planning and Development Director Brian Steffen will contact Bev Holiday; she is the city's Business Liaison who can help find a suitable space in the correct zone.
- Josh Tunning, 212 W 8th Street. Would love to see a tattoo studio to be allowed in the West End.

A motion by Bill Kreutzjans, seconded by Neal Connor, to approve the text amendment to various codes in zoning prepared by the City of Newport, based on the testimony provided. And approving the language change of Section 153.43 of the Code of Ordinances

Roll Call:

Willis Gregory	Yes
Neal Connor	Yes
Joe Klare	Yes
Bill Kreutzjans	Yes
Ron Rawe	Yes

5-0 Motion carried- so ordered.

Adjournment:

A motion by Bill Kreutzjans, seconded by Neal Connor, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried- so ordered. Accordingly, the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:13 p.m.

Approved: _____
Ron Rawe, Chairperson

Attest: _____
Tiffany Myers, City Clerk