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**CITY OF NEWPORT, KY  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
Monday, May 22, 2023  
MINUTES**

**Call to Order:**

A regular meeting was called to order by Mayor Guidugli Jr. on May 22, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room of the Newport Municipal Building at 998 Monmouth Street. The meeting was opened with a silent invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**In attendance were:**

Commissioner Radwanski, Commissioner Smith-Morrow, Commissioner Rehtin, Vice Mayor Fennell, Mayor Guidugli Jr., City Manager Thomas Fromme, Assistant City Manager John Hayden, City Attorney Dan Braun, Police Chief Christopher Fangman, Fire Chief Frank Peluso, City Clerk Tiffany Myers.

**Presentations, Awards, and Proclamations:**

- Mayor Guidugli Jr. read a proclamation honoring the Newport High School Boys' Basketball team.
- Mayor Guidugli Jr. recognized Newport High School student winners of the Skills USA photograph contest and several Newport School teachers honored by their peers for teacher of the month.
- Matt Butler with Devou Good Foundation gave a presentation on the Spoke Bridge design. This bridge is currently known as the 4<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge. The Devou Good Foundation had a survey asking people for their preferred bridge. The design presented was chosen over KYTC's design. The Spoke Bridge is designed to have three lanes and no shoulders but maintains the ability for pedestrians and cyclists to use. Part of the bridge design will have connecting paths from the River Front Commons Trail and the Licking River Greenway Trail. The bridge will also feature planters, benches, and LED lighting. The project's estimated cost is \$65 million.

**Recess:**

Mayor Guidugli Jr. called for a 10-minute recess at 7:39 p.m. The meeting resumed at 7:50 p.m. with attendance taken. The following were present: Commissioner Radwanski, Commissioner Smith-Morrow, Commissioner Rehtin, Vice Mayor Fennell, and Mayor Guidugli Jr.

**Consent Agenda:**

**COMMISSIONERS ORDER NO. R-2023-042**

AN ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT, KENTUCKY GRANTING PROPERTY ASSESSMENT MORATORIA TO NEWPORT MILLENNIUM HOUSING CORPORATION III RELATING TO THE RESTORATION OF PROPERTIES AT 1128 AND 1130 LIBERTY STREET, 1027 ANN STREET, AND 28 W 9<sup>TH</sup> STREET IN NEWPORT, KENTUCKY.



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**COMMISSIONERS ORDER NO. R-2023-043**

AN ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT, KENTUCKY, GRANTING A PROPERTY ASSESSMENT MORATORIUM TO COLUMBIA CITADEL LLC, RELATING TO THE RESTORATION OF THE PROPERTY AT 30 W 7<sup>TH</sup> STREET IN NEWPORT, KENTUCKY.

**COMMISSIONERS ORDER NO. R-2023-044**

AN ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT, KENTUCKY, GRANTING A PROPERTY ASSESSMENT MORATORIUM TO LOUISA LLC, RELATING TO THE RESTORATION OF THE PROPERTY AT 906 WASHINGTON AVENUE IN NEWPORT, KENTUCKY.

**COMMISSIONERS ORDER NO. R-2023-045**

AN ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT, KENTUCKY, GRANTING A PROPERTY ASSESSMENT MORATORIUM TO JON AND KAREN MIZNER, RELATING TO THE RESTORATION OF THE PROPERTY AT 503 LEXINGTON AVENUE IN NEWPORT, KENTUCKY.

A motion by Commissioner Rehtin, seconded by Commissioner Smith-Morrow, to approve the Consent Agenda Orders R-2023-042-R-2023-045 as presented.

**Roll Call:**

Commissioner Radwaski	Yes
Commissioner Smith-Morrow	Yes
Commissioner Rehtin	Yes
Vice Mayor Fennell	Yes
Mayor Guidugli Jr.	Yes

Motion 5-0.

**Public Forum:**

- No one from the audience approached the podium.

**Approval of Minutes:**

A motion by Commissioner Smith-Morrow, seconded by Commissioner Radwanski, to approve the regular minutes from April 24, 2023, as presented.

**Roll Call:**

Commissioner Radwanski	Yes
Commissioner Smith-Morrow	Yes
Commissioner Rehtin	Yes



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Vice Mayor Fennell Abstained

Mayor Guidugli Jr. Yes

Motion 4-1.

**Old Business:**

**The second reading of the Ordinances was read as follows.**

**COMMISSIONERS ORDINANCE NO. O-2023-003**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT, KENTUCKY AMENDING CHAPTER 111; ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, LICENSING PROCEDURE, SECTION 111.58, SUBSECTIONS (D) (4) AND (E) (2) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES CONCERNING EXTENDED HOURS LICENSES.

A motion by Commissioner Radwanski, seconded by Commissioner Smith-Morrow, to approve O-2023-003 as read.

**Roll Call:**

Commissioner Radwanski Yes

Commissioner Smith-Morrow Yes

Commissioner Rehtin Yes

Vice Mayor Fennell Yes

Mayor Guidugli Jr. Yes

Motion 5-0.

**COMMISSIONERS ORDINANCE NO. O-2023-004**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT, KENTUCKY AMENDING SECTION 32.064 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES CONCERNING COMPOSITION OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION.

A motion by Vice Mayor Fennell, seconded by Commissioner Rehtin to approve O-2023-004 as read.

**Roll Call:**

Commissioner Radwanski Yes

Commissioner Smith-Morrow Yes

Commissioner Rehtin Yes

Vice Mayor Fennell Yes

Mayor Guidugli Jr. Yes

Motion 5-0.



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**COMMISSIONERS ORDINANCE NO. O-2023-005**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT, KENTUCKY AMENDING SECTION 32.061 REGARDING THE DEFINITION OF PRESERVATION-RELATED PROFESSIONAL IN THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION.

A motion by Commissioner Rehtin, seconded by Commissioner Smith-Morrow, to approve O-2023-005 as read.

**Roll Call:**

Commissioner Radwanski	Yes
Commissioner Smith-Morrow	Yes
Commissioner Rehtin	Yes
Vice Mayor Fennell	Yes
Mayor Guidugli Jr.	Yes

Motion 5-0.

**New Business:**

**COMMISSIONERS ORDER NO. R-2023-041**

AN ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT, KENTUCKY ACKNOWLEDGING THE DESIGNATION OF VARIOUS ROADS AS EITHER PART OF OR EXCLUDED FROM THE CITY ROAD SYSTEM.

A motion by Commissioner Rehtin, seconded by Commissioner Radwanski, to approve R-2023-041 as read.

**Comments:**

City Manager Thomas Fromme stated that this Order is in addition to the Road Aid Funding approved in April. The NKADD sent this Order to the city at the last minute in April with the approved roads. Unfortunately, the city did not have adequate time to check all the streets listed before the April meeting, so that is why this Order is presented today.

**Roll Call:**

Commissioner Radwanski	Yes
Commissioner Smith-Morrow	Yes
Commissioner Rehtin	Yes
Vice Mayor Fennell	Yes
Mayor Guidugli Jr.	Yes

Motion 5-0.



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**COMMISSIONERS ORDER NO. R-2023-046**

AN ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT, KENTUCKY, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING CITY MANAGER THOMAS J. FROMME TO EXECUTE A UNION CONTRACT WITH LOCAL 286, AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY, AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, SETTING FORTH RATES OF PAY, HOURS OF WORK, AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT.

A motion by Commissioner Radwanski, seconded by Vice Mayor Fennell, to approve R-2023-046 as read.

**Comments:**

City Manager Thomas Fromme said that both Unions on tonight's agenda conducted themselves professionally, and he is proud of the work Public Works has done with their limited staff. These contracts for Public Works and the Police Department help the city maintain employees and feel these are fair contracts and recommend that the Commissioners approve these two Orders.

A motion by Commissioner Radwanski, seconded by Vice Mayor Fennell, to approve R-2023-046 as read.

**Roll Call:**

Commissioner Radwanski	Yes
Commissioner Smith-Morrow	Yes
Commissioner Rehtin	Yes
Vice Mayor Fennell	Yes
Mayor Guidugli Jr.	Yes

Motion 5-0.

**COMMISSIONER'S ORDER NO. R-2023-047**

AN ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT, KENTUCKY, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING CITY MANAGER THOMAS J. FROMME TO EXECUTE A UNION CONTRACT WITH FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE, LODGE #2, NEWPORT, KENTUCKY, SETTING FORTH RATES OF PAY, HOURS OF WORK, AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT.

A motion by Commissioner Radwanski, seconded by Commissioner Smith-Morrow, to approve R-2023-047 as read.

**Roll Call:**

Commissioner Radwanski	Yes
Commissioner Smit-Morrow	Yes
Commissioner Rehtin	Yes
Vice Mayor Fennell	Yes

Mayor Guidugli Jr.

Yes

Motion 5-0.

**Department Heads Report:**

**City Manager Thomas Fromme:**

- The public support for Newport Schools and students was excellent tonight.
- The city is continuing to meet to discuss the budget.
- Italianfest will be held June 8<sup>th</sup> -June 11<sup>th</sup>.
- The Memorial Day Parade will start at 9:00 a.m.
- The city is still working on getting Buena Vista designated as a Historic District. We have hired a professional company to help ensure this is done correctly.

**Board of Commissioners Comments:**

**Commissioner Radwanski:**

- The City staff does a great job, and the citizens are unaware of how hard the staff works behind the scenes to resolve issues.
- Tickets are on sale for the East Row Garden Walk.

**Commissioners Smith-Morrow:**

- Pleased with the 5-year contracts for Newport's Police and Public Works employees.
- Amazed by the overwhelming support from the audience for the Spoke Bridge presentation tonight.
- Glad to show support for Newport teachers and students for their achievements this school year.

**Commissioner Rehtin:**

- The Spoke Bridge will incorporate a lot of things the city needs.

**Mayor Guidugli Jr.:**

- Much excitement in the room for the Spoke Bridge. If built, this bridge will be the centerpiece of Newport.

**Vice Mayor Fennell:**

- Asked city staff about what residents should do about loose dogs on the weekends. City Manager Thomas Fromme advised residents to call dispatch. There is always someone able to assist in the city.
- Would like to hear what the State proposes for their bridge design.
- Appreciated the outpouring of support from everyone in the city in her mom's passing.

**Comments:**

**City Manager Thomas Fromme:**

- The city has restarted an Ambassador Program. Charles Williams is the coordinator and is looking for volunteers. People who are interested in volunteering can contact the city.

**Adjournment:**

A motion by Commissioner Radwanski, seconded by Vice Mayor Fennell, to adjourn the meeting. Accordingly, the meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
City Clerk Tiffany Myers

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Date Approved:

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Mayor Thomas L. Guidugli Jr.

Attest:

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City Clerk Tiffany Myers

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