

CITY OF NEWPORT, KY
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Monday, January 26, 2015
MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Peluso at 7:00 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Newport Municipal Building at 998 Monmouth Street. The meeting was opened with a moment for silent invocation and the mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

In attendance were: Commissioner Thomas Guidugli, Jr., Commissioner John Hayden, Commissioner Frank Peluso, and Mayor Jerry Peluso. **Absent:** Commissioner Beth Fennell. Also in attendance were: City Manager Thomas Fromme, City Attorney Daniel Braun, Chief Tom Collins, Fire Chief Gary Auffart, Community Liaison Bev Holiday, and City Clerk Amy Able.

PERSONNEL ORDERS

The city clerk read **R-2015-002, an order reappointing Sandra O'Shea as a member of the Code Enforcement Board** for a term expiring 1/31/2017. Commissioner Peluso made a **motion to approve**; second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Hayden. Upon hearing there were no comments or questions, the mayor called for a roll call vote.

Commissioner Peluso: Yes Commissioner Guidugli: Yes
Commissioner Hayden: Yes Mayor Peluso: Yes Motion carried 4-0.

The city clerk read **R-2015-003, an order reappointing Michael Buescher as member of the Planning and Zoning Commission** for a term expiring 1/31/2019. Commissioner Guidugli made a **motion to approve**; second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Hayden. Upon hearing there were no comments or questions, the mayor called for a roll call vote.

Commissioner Guidugli: Yes Commissioner Peluso: Yes
Commissioner Hayden: Yes Mayor Peluso: Yes Motion carried 4-0.

The city clerk read **R-2015-004, an order reappointing Mary Beth Crocker, Mark Ramler, and Robert Ingguls as members of the Historic Preservation Commission** for terms expiring 1/31/2017. Commissioner Peluso made a **motion to approve**; second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Guidugli. Upon hearing there were no comments or questions, the mayor called for a roll call vote.

Commissioner Peluso: Yes Commissioner Hayden: Yes
Commissioner Guidugli: Yes Mayor Peluso: Yes Motion carried 4-0.

The city clerk read **R-2015-005, an order appointing Michael Chalk as a member of the Newport Housing Authority Commission** for a term expiring 1/31/2019. Commissioner Peluso made a **motion to approve**; second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Hayden. Upon hearing there were no comments or questions, the mayor called for a roll call vote.

Commissioner Peluso: Yes Commissioner Guidugli: Yes
Commissioner Hayden: Yes Mayor Peluso: Yes Motion carried 4-0.

The city clerk read **R-2015-006, an order reappointing Susan Whitehead, Darren Kuzma, Ray Butts, and Mark Marron as members of the Board of Adjustment** for terms expiring 1/31/2017. Commissioner Guidugli made a **motion to approve**; second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Hayden. Upon hearing there were no comments or questions, the mayor called for a roll call vote.

Commissioner Guidugli: Yes Commissioner Hayden: Yes

Commissioner Hayden: Yes Mayor Peluso: Yes Motion carried 4-0.

The city clerk read **R-2015-007, an order reappointing Darren Spahr, James Guthrie, and Kenneth O'Dea as a member of the Urban Design Review Board** for a term expiring 1/31/2017. Commissioner Peluso made a **motion to approve**; second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Hayden. Upon hearing there were no comments or questions, the mayor called for a roll call vote.

**Commissioner Peluso: Yes Commissioner Guidugli: Yes
Commissioner Hayden: Yes Mayor Peluso: Yes Motion carried 4-0.**

A number of the members being reappointed to the various City Boards and Commissions were in attendance and were recognized. Mayor Peluso expressed thanks to all who serve the City by giving their time as members of these bodies.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. Kyle Randall of Liberty Street addressed the Board expressing his dissatisfaction with the selection process for members of City Boards and Commissions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Hayden made a **motion to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2014 special meeting**; second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Guidugli. Upon hearing there were no comments or questions, the mayor called for a roll call vote.

**Commissioner Hayden: Yes Commissioner Peluso: Yes
Commissioner Guidugli: Yes Mayor Peluso: Yes Motion carried 4-0.**

Commissioner Peluso made a **motion to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2015 regular meeting**; second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Hayden. Upon hearing there were no comments or questions, the mayor called for a roll call vote.

**Commissioner Peluso: Yes Commissioner Guidugli: Yes
Commissioner Hayden: Yes Mayor Peluso: Yes Motion carried 4-0.**

NEW BUSINESS

The city clerk gave **first reading by title and summary of tentative number O-2015-001, an ordinance designating 17 East Sixth Street as an historic landmark** in the City of Newport, Kentucky. Commissioner Peluso made a **motion to approve**; second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Guidugli. Historic Preservation Officer Scott Clark addressed the Board giving a brief history of the Greek Revival style; brick building and noting the Historic Preservation Commission recommended the designation on October 22, 2014. Also in attendance were Dr. Mark Allen Schroer, who currently practices at this address, and Mr. Jim Schroer, both sons of Dr. James Schroer who practiced at this address from 1948 until his retirement in 2005. An earlier medical practice at this location was operated by Dr. Edward Hermann (an uncle to Dr. James Schroer) from approximately 1913 to 1959. The Kentucky Heritage Commission has designated the building as part of Physician's Row. Mr. Fromme suggested that appropriate markers should be placed at the buildings which have been designated as historic landmarks. Upon hearing there were no comments or questions, the mayor called for a roll call vote.

**Commissioner Peluso: Yes Commissioner Hayden: Yes
Commissioner Guidugli: Yes Mayor Peluso: Yes Motion carried 4-0.**

The city clerk read **R-2015-008, an order accepting the Offer for Purchase and authorizing the City Manager to execute a Deed of Conveyance for the sale of four (4) square feet of property**

and to execute a temporary construction easement agreement with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet for encroachment upon nine-hundred and nine-five (995) square feet of City right-of-way both located along the proposed Ky Route 9 Extension from MP 21.643 to Ky Route 8 near the Fourth Street Bridge. Commissioner Guidugli made a **motion to approve**; second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Hayden. Mr. Fromme explained this is part of Phase 2 of the project. The parcel is in a grass strip on Third Street near the bridge and the bus stop in front of the aquarium. Upon hearing there were no further comments or questions, the mayor called for a roll call vote.

Commissioner Guidugli: Yes Commissioner Peluso: Yes
Commissioner Hayden: Yes Mayor Peluso: Yes Motion carried 4-0.

At 7:15 p.m. Commissioner Peluso made a motion for **recess from the regular session**, Commissioner Guidugli offered a second to the motion. The mayor called for a roll call vote.

Commissioner Peluso: Yes Commissioner Hayden: Yes
Commissioner Guidugli: Yes Mayor Peluso: Yes Motion carried 4-0.

See attached minutes of the Newport Public Properties Corporation.

Roll was called for the Board of Directors of the Newport Public Properties Corporation with the following members present: Commissioners Hayden, Peluso, Guidugli, and Mayor Peluso.

The city clerk read Resolution 2015-001 of the Newport Public Properties Corporation authorizing and permitting President Thomas J. Fromme to (1) execute a lease agreement between Newport on the Levee, LLC, Lessor and the City of Newport, Kentucky Public Properties Corporation, Lessee, whereby the Corporation leases automated parking equipment for use at the Riverside Ford lot. Commissioner Peluso offered a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-001; second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Hayden. Mr. Richard Spoor of Keating, Muething and Klekamp, PLL, counsel for Newport of the Levee (NOL), addressed the Board explaining the lease agreement. The area now under construction, "Levee Lot B", has previously been used for parking. This agreement allows parking equipment from Lot B to be utilized at the lot known as the Riverside Ford lot which will now see increased use. The equipment is going from private ownership of NOL to the public lot so the lease (with depreciated values) is required. This will benefit the city as parking revenue from the Riverside Ford lot will go toward payoff of the bond issue. Following a brief discussion a roll call vote was taken.

Commissioner Peluso: Yes Commissioner Guidugli: Yes
Commissioner Hayden: Yes Mayor Peluso: Yes Motion carried 4-0.

There being no further business for the Newport Public Properties Corporation to address, Commissioner Peluso made a motion to adjourn the meeting of the Public Properties Corporation and return to the regular session of the Board of Commissioners; second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Guidugli.

Commissioner Peluso: Yes Commissioner Hayden: Yes
Commissioner Guidugli: Yes Mayor Peluso: Yes Motion carried 4-0.

The regular meeting reconvened at 7:25 p.m.

COMMENTS FROM CITY DEPARTMENT HEADS There were no updates given.

COMMENTS FROM CITY MANAGER

Mr. Fromme offered the following updates.

- He is reviewing the goals for 2015 from all department heads.

- A new financial rating from Moody's is expected soon following a conference call last week.
- The accomplishments of 2014 are under review. Sixty-seven new businesses and 550 new jobs were added. This helps to offset the loss of Kmart. The City has learned there is interest in that property.
- Payroll is trending upwards and the first quarter reports were above projected amounts.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Mayor Peluso congratulated Commissioner Guidugli and his wife, Heather, on the birth of their son and wished a happy fortieth wedding anniversary to Commissioner Peluso and his wife, Susan.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Commissioner Peluso made a **motion to adjourn**; second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Guidugli. The mayor called for a roll call vote.

Commissioner Peluso: Yes Commissioner Hayden: Yes
Commissioner Guidugli: Yes Mayor Peluso: Yes Motion carried 4-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Date Approved/Signed

Jerry R. Peluso, Mayor

Attest:

Amy B. Able, City Clerk