

City OF NEWPORT, KY
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Monday, February 27, 2017
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 Beth Fennell, Commissioner Thomas Guidugli, Commissioner Frank Peluso, Commissioner Ken Rehtin, and Mayor Jerry Peluso. Also in attendance were: City Manager Thomas Fromme, Assistant to the City Manager Larissa Sims, City Attorney Dan Braun, Police Chief Thomas Collins, Fire Chief Bill Darin, Community Liaison Bev Holiday, and City Clerk Amy Able.

PRESENTATIONS, AWARDS & PROCLAMATIONS

The audit was presented by Tyler Fallin of Ray, Foley, Hensley and Company, PLLC. (See attached presentation slides.)

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. Lloyd Rogers of Senator Santoro's office stated that in July funds will be released to complete Route 9. His office is working to promote awareness of veteran suicide and the assistance available to veterans.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Rehtin made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on Monday, January 23, 2017 Commissioner Guidugli offered a second to the motion. Upon hearing there were no comments or questions, the mayor called for a roll call vote.

Commissioner Rehtin:	Yes	Commissioner Peluso:	Yes	Mayor Peluso:	Yes
Commissioner Guidugli:	Yes	Commissioner Fennell:	Abstain	<u>Motion carried 5-0.</u>	

Commissioner Peluso made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on Monday, February 13, 2017 Commissioner Rehtin offered a second to the motion. Upon hearing there were no comments or questions, the mayor called for a roll call vote.

Commissioner Peluso:	Yes	Commissioner Guidugli:	Yes	Mayor Peluso:	Yes
Commissioner Rehtin:	Yes	Commissioner Fennell:	Abstain	<u>Motion carried 5-0.</u>	

NEW BUSINESS

The city clerk read **R-2017-007**, an Order of the Board of Commissioners of the City of Newport, Kentucky authorizing the city manager to enter into and execute a reimbursement agreement for the City of Newport's local match portion of the **Riverfront Commons SNK Grant**. Commissioner Peluso made a **motion to approve**; second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Guidugli. Mr. Fromme stated this grant was awarded in 2013 as a Southbank Partners initiative for the river cities. The cost for a ramp at the floodwall near Washington was prohibitive but the funding will be dedicated to the cost of a sidewalk on Cowan's Drive (which was also part of the original plan.) Mrs. Sims stated the bids should be awarded in March with hopes of construction starting at the end of the summer. There is no expectation of a need for utilities to be relocated. Upon hearing there were no further comments or questions, the mayor called for a roll call vote.

Commissioner Peluso:	Yes	Commissioner Rehtin:	Yes	Mayor Peluso:	Yes
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Commissioner Guidugli: Yes Commissioner Fennell: Yes Motion carried 5-0.

COMMENTS FROM CITY DEPARTMENT HEADS

Mr. Kuntz stated the Finance Department has begun work on budget preparation.

CITY MANAGERS COMMENTS

Mr. Fromme said construction of the housing development on Thirteenth Street is underway.

We are looking forward to the project beginning in March for the Academy on Fourth. Funding is secured through the bond issue, no demolition permit has been issued yet.

A meeting is tentatively scheduled for next week with the developers of the Sky Wheel.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Mayor Peluso

- Newport Business Association annual awards were presented and included:
Community Leadership: City Manager Tom Fromme
Community Leadership: Kevin Kennedy – Mentoring Plus
Volunteer of the Year: Rachel Comte – Tree Revitalization Program
Volunteer of the Year: Steve Mathisen – LiveWell Projects
Business of the Year: New Riff Distilling – Ken Lewis
New Business of the Year: Industry Salon – Kate and Toby Moeves
New Business of the Year: Hedgehog Signs – Pam and Jim Claypool
- The Energy Environment Cabinet has confirmed the flood plain management program is in compliance.
- The Police Department will be receiving a grant from the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security in the amount of \$19,409 for the purchase of patrol rifles.
- Mercedes Benz of Fort Mitchell sent a letter of appreciation recognizing Officer Linville for his assistance recovering a stolen vehicle

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Commissioner Guidugli made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Fennell offered a second to the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote.

Commissioner Guidugli: Yes Commissioner Rehtin: Yes Mayor Peluso: Yes
Commissioner Fennell: Yes Commissioner Peluso: Yes Motion carried 5-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Date Approved/Signed

Jerry R. Peluso, Mayor

Attest:

Amy B. Able, City Clerk