

**CITY OF NEWPORT, KY**  
**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**Monday, June 12, 2017**  
**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL FOR SPECIAL MEETING**

The special meeting was called to order by Mayor Peluso at 5:00 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, City Attorney Daniel Braun, Assistant to the City Manager Larisa Sims, Senior Finance Officer Lenny Kuntz, Fire Chief Bill Darin, Community Liaison Bev Holiday, and City Clerk Amy Able.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The city clerk gave first reading to Ordinance **O-2017-007**, an ordinance of the Board of Commissioners of the City of Newport, Kentucky **amending the budget** for the City for the fiscal year July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017, including an estimate of revenues and resources and making the annual appropriation in accordance therewith. Commissioner Peluso made a **motion to approve**; second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Guidugli. Mr. Fromme reviewed his budget message to the Board and gave a presentation on the amended budget for fiscal year 2016-2017 and the proposed budget for fiscal year 2017-2018. (Presentation slides are attached hereto.) The bonds impacted the amended Highlights in the Adopted Budget include a focus on outstanding tax delinquencies and Code Enforcement liens, traffic citations, funding for deferred building renovations, and further reduction of the city's Tax Anticipation Note. Numerous capital improvements are planned, including street resurfacing, flood wall repairs, LED lighting improvements, and streetscape improvements to Monmouth Street. Payroll tax revenue accounts for approximately 35% of the General Fund budget. Property tax accounts for approximately 12%. The adopted budget includes taking the compensating rate, plus four percent, as costs continue to rise despite best efforts. From a fiscal perspective, the City will continue working on growing revenues, keeping expenses reasonable, reducing and eliminating the TAN, and reducing the debt service. Upon hearing there were no further comments or questions, the mayor called for a roll call vote.

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

The city clerk gave first reading to Ordinance **O-2017-008**, an ordinance of the Board of Commissioners of the City of Newport, Kentucky **adopting the budget** for the City for the fiscal year July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018, including an estimate of revenues and resources and making the annual appropriation in accordance therewith. Commissioner Fennell made a **motion to approve**; second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Guidugli. Upon hearing there were no further comments or questions, the mayor called for a roll call vote.

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

The city clerk read Order **R-2017-021**, an order authorizing Mayor Jerry Peluso to execute an **agreement with the Commonwealth of Kentucky Transportation Cabinet concerning the**

**Riverfront Commons Project** (item no. (06-00434.00) Federal Project Number 3002(295)/PO2-625-1700004459). Commissioner Guidugli made a **motion to approve**; second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Fennell. Mr. Fromme noted a signed copy was advanced from the State in April. This is for pedestrian walkway connector between the Taylor-Southgate Bridge and the floodwall. Upon hearing there were no further comments or questions, the mayor called for a roll call vote.

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

**ADJOURNMENT OF SPECIAL MEETING**

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

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

The special meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

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Date Approved/Signed

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Jerry R. Peluso, Mayor

Attest:

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Amy B. Able, City Clerk

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