

CITY OF NEWPORT, KY
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Monday, June 15, 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 Beth Fennell, Commissioner Thomas Guidugli, Commissioner John Hayden, Commissioner Frank Peluso, and Mayor Jerry Peluso. Also in attendance were: City Manager Tom Fromme, Asst. City Attorney Robert List, Police Chief Thomas Collins, Fire Chief Gary Auffart, Community Services Director Doug Roell, Historic Preservation Officer Scott Clark, Director of Code Enforcement Brian Steffen, Community Liaison Bev Holiday, and City Clerk Amy Able.

PERSONNEL ORDERS

The city clerk read **R-2015-032**, an order **appointing Matthew Julian to the position of Engineer/EMT in the Newport Fire/EMS Department** retroactive June 1, 2015. Commissioner Guidugli made a **motion to approve**; second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Fennell. Upon hearing there were no comments or questions, the mayor called for a roll call vote.

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

Mayor Peluso administered a ceremonial oath. Chief Auffart stated that Eng. Julian has done an excellent job filling in and, with a recent retirement in the department, this promotion is well deserved.

The city clerk read **R-2015-033**, an order **recognizing Father Matt Young as Chaplain for the Newport Fire/EMS Department**. Commissioner Fennell made a **motion to approve**; second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Peluso. Chief Auffart stated Fr. Young has been a tremendous asset to the department serving in this role since April 2014 and is involved in the community in many other ways including serving as an official for local sports leagues. Upon hearing there were no comments or questions, the mayor called for a roll call vote.

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

PRESENTATIONS, AWARDS & PROCLAMATIONS

Lt. Chuck Dietz presented **Local 45 scholarships** in the amount of \$1,000 each to Kristen Schrieber, NCC Class of 2015, and Emily Adkins, NHS Class of 2015.

Ms. Pam Casebolt announced details of the upcoming **Campbell County Historical and Genealogical Society 25th Anniversary Celebration** on June 27, 2015. The event is free and open to the public and features a series of displays in a 5,000 square foot hall at the Alexandria Fair Grounds. The County seats of Newport and Alexandria will be showcased. Scott Clark added Newport's three-dimensional display will include artifacts and a "then and now" theme.

At 7:17, Mayor Peluso called for a brief recess. The meeting reconvened at 7:27. Roll call was repeated with all Board members present.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mrs. Becky Bush of Wiedemann Hill addressed the Board with a complaint about “cathedral style” wind chimes a neighbor has placed only ten feet from her house and 110 feet from his own.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Guidugli made a **motion to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2015 regular meeting**; second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Peluso. Upon hearing there were no comments or questions, the mayor called for a roll call vote.

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

Commissioner Fennell made a **motion to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2015 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 Fennell:	Yes	Commissioner Hayden:	Yes	Mayor Peluso:	Yes
Commissioner Guidugli:	Yes	Commissioner Peluso:	Yes	<u>Motion carried 5-0.</u>	

OLD BUSINESS

The city clerk gave second reading to **O-2015-005** an ordinance enacting and **adopting a supplement to the Code of Ordinances**. Commissioner Peluso made a **motion to approve**; second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Fennell. 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 Fennell:	Yes	Commissioner Hayden:	Yes	<u>Motion carried 5-0.</u>	

The city clerk gave second reading to **O-2015-006** an ordinance amending Section §37.001 and §37.002 of the Code of Ordinances concerning **use of County property assessment and the billing and collection of ad valorem taxes**. Commissioner Guidugli made a **motion to approve**; second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Fennell. Upon hearing there were no comments or questions, the mayor called for a roll call vote.

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

NEW BUSINESS

The city clerk read **R-2015-034**, an order an order approving and authorizing the City Manager to execute a **Memorandum of Agreement with the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Transportation Cabinet, Department of Highways**, for spot improvements in the amount of **\$1,200,000 for item no. 6-8803**. Commissioner Peluso made a **motion to approve**; second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Guidugli. Mr. Fromme noted that a \$200,000 portion of the grant funds was dedicated to repairs in the City of Woodlawn. Upon hearing there were no comments or questions, the mayor called for a roll call vote.

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

The city clerk read **R-2015-035**, an order an order **authorizing and approving the issuance of First Mortgage Revenue Bonds (Court Facilities Project), Series 2015 in the principal amount of \$1,960,000** (subject to a permitted adjustment increasing or decreasing the amount of said bonds by up to \$195,000 as may be necessary or desirable) for the financing of a project for the benefit of the Campbell County Court House Commission, authorizing the execution of a second supplemental lease and a third supplemental mortgage relative to said bonds; and to refund the City of Newport's First Mortgage Revenue Series 2015 Bond Anticipation Notes (Court Facilities Project); approving the form of bonds; authorizing designated officers to execute and deliver the bonds; providing for the payment and security of the bonds; creating a bond payment fund; maintaining a sinking fund; authorizing acceptance of the bid of the bond purchaser for the purchase of the bonds; and making certain designations regarding such bonds. Commissioner Peluso made a **motion to approve**; second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Guidugli. Mr. Bedarff explained the City has served "as a conduit" in the past in 2009 and 2010 and again will act on behalf of the Courthouse Commission. These funds will allow completion of the project. This includes renovation of non-public office spaces in the old portion of the building. The debt service is paid 100% by the administrative office of the Courts. There is no obligation on the part of the City. Upon hearing there were no comments or questions, the mayor called for a roll call vote.

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

The city clerk read **R-2015-036**, an order **authorizing and approving the advertisement for bids and the distribution of a preliminary official statement for the purchase of approximately one million nine hundred and sixty thousand dollars (\$1,960,000) City of Newport, Kentucky First Mortgage Revenue Bonds (Court Facilities Project), Series 2015.** Commissioner Guidugli made a **motion to approve**; second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Peluso. Upon hearing there were no comments or questions, the mayor called for a roll call vote.

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

The city clerk read **R-2015-037** an order authorizing the city manager to enter into **agreements with Kentucky League of Cities (KLCIS) for property and liability insurance, with Kentucky Employers Mutual (KEMI) for workers compensation insurance, with Hartford for crime coverage, and with Ohio Casualty and Travelers Insurance for public officials bonds.** Commissioner Peluso made a **motion to approve**; second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Fennell. Mr. Chuck Honkomp of Crawford Insurance addressed the Board. There is a significant increase in the cost of worker's compensation coverage. All options were explored to find the most competitive price without jeopardizing coverage. Claims drive the cost based on a three year history. Loss experience compared to other cities can result in a debit or credit and our current "experience modifier" of 1.37 is considerably higher than average. Mr. Steffen added that steps have been taken to ensure doing all we can including training and the ongoing work of the safety committee. There was a slight reduction in property and casualty. Mr. Honkomp noted that the overall cost is \$236,000 lower than in 2007 when Crawford began as broker for the City. 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 Fennell:	Yes	Commissioner Hayden:	Yes	<u>Motion carried 5-0.</u>	

The city clerk read **R-2015-038** a resolution of **requesting that Sanitation District #1 restore its program to address the maintenance of private sanitary sewer laterals** between the private property boundary and the connection to the public sewer. Commissioner Guidugli made a **motion to approve**; second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Fennell. The City of Covington and the Kenton County Mayor's Group have passed similar resolutions. The mayor called for a roll call vote.

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

COMMENTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS

Chief Auffart

- Announced the retirement of Engineer/EMT Joe Speier after an injury following fourteen years of dedicated service. The Chief thanked him for his service and wished him well.
- Newport Fire/EMS has partnered with CCHMC to offer a free car seat check of June 18. Collins expressed.

COMMENTS FROM THE CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

City Manager Fromme

- Thanked Joe Speier for his dedicated service to the City and residents.
- SD1 should be invited to a future meeting to review concerns.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Fennell

- Wish good luck to Joe Speier, thanking him for his hard work and adding he has always been a positive person.
- There is potential for \$121,000 in funding from OKI for future Red Bike locations in FY 2017 though she would like to see this moved up.
- There is also potential for over \$1 m for Riverfront development. Thanks to OKI for their continued support.
- Thanks to the Italianfest Committee, volunteers, and all the staff for their hard work making this a successful event.

Mayor Peluso

- Echoed the thanks to Joe Speier adding his is a great family it's been a pleasure to know.
- Regarding the \$1 m grant for road work, thanks to Rep. Dennis Keene for his assistance helping the City secure this essential funding.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Commissioner Peluso made a **motion to adjourn the meeting to executive session** per the allowance in KRS 61.810 (1)(f), to discuss personnel matters. It was noted that no further business would be conducted following the executive session. Commissioner Fennell offered a second to the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote.

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

**Board of Commissioners of Newport, KY
June 15, 2015 Meeting Minutes**

The meeting adjourned for at 8:00 and reconvened in executive session at approximately 8:10 with Commissioners Fennell, Hayden, Guidugli and Peluso, Mayor Peluso, and Mr. Fromme present. Following a motion and second to exit the executive session, carried by voice vote, there being no further business, **the meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.**

Date Approved/Signed

Jerry R. Peluso, Mayor

Attest:

Amy B. Able, City Clerk

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