

**City OF NEWPORT, KY**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**Monday, August 21, 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 Capt. Randy Childress, Community Services Director Doug Roell, Community Liaison Bev Holiday, and City Clerk Amy Able.

**PERSONNEL ORDERS**

The city clerk read **R-2017-046**, an order appointing Alan Goodwin to the position of Laborer/Maintenance I in the Public Works Division of the Community Services Department effective August 29, 2017. Commissioner Fennell 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.

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

The city clerk read **R-2017-047**, an order appointing Austin Rosenbaum to the position of Firefighter/Paramedic Grade 0 in the Fire/EMS Department effective September 5, 2017. 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.

<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>	

Mr. Goodwin and Mr. Rosenbaum were introduced, welcomed and congratulated and in turn introduced their family members present at the meeting.

**PUBLIC FORUM** No one present responded to the mayor's invitation to address the board.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Guidugli made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on Monday, July 24, 2017 Commissioner Fennell offered a second to the motion. Upon hearing there were no comments or questions, the mayor called 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>	

**OLD BUSINESS**

The city clerk gave second reading to **O-2017-010**, an ordinance pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 153 of the Code of Ordinances, **amending the Official Zoning Map** of the City of Newport, Kentucky to incorporate a map amendment for certain parcels of real estate designation within the R-3 Zone to the CBD Zone. Commissioner Guidugli made a **motion to approve**, second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Rehtin. Upon hearing there were

no comments or questions, the mayor called for a roll call vote.

Commissioner Guidugli: Yes      Commissioner Peluso: Yes      Mayor Peluso: Yes  
Commissioner Rehtin: Yes      Commissioner Fennell: No      Motion carried 4-1.

The city clerk gave second reading to **O-2017-011**, an ordinance amending Section 32.024(f) of the Code of Ordinances concerning the Code Enforcement **Lienholder Notification System**. 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 Rehtin: Yes      Motion carried 5-0.

The city clerk gave second reading to **O-2017-012**, an ordinance amending Section 31.43 of the Code of Ordinances concerning **personnel and composition of the Department of Finance** within the City of Newport, Kentucky. Commissioner Fennell 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 Fennell: Yes      Commissioner Rehtin: Yes      Mayor Peluso: Yes  
Commissioner Guidugli: Yes      Commissioner Peluso: Yes      Motion carried 5-0.

The city clerk gave second reading to **O-2017-013**, an ordinance **amending Section 150.75** of the Code of Ordinances concerning **prohibitions on placement or installation of accessory devices**. 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 Rehtin: Yes      Motion carried 5-0.

The city clerk gave second reading to **O-2017-014**, an ordinance amending Chapter 111 of the Newport Code of Ordinances concerning **alcoholic beverage licenses** including amendment to sections 111.08, 111.26, 111.27, 111.30, 111.31, 111.51, 111.57 AND 111.58. 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 Rehtin: Yes      Mayor Peluso: Yes  
Commissioner Fennell: Yes      Commissioner Peluso: Yes      Motion carried 5-0.

### NEW BUSINESS

The city clerk read **R-2017-048**, an order authorizing the city manager to execute agreements with the Commonwealth of Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, Department of Highways concerning **maintenance responsibilities for State maintained roads and State owned property** located within the city. Commissioner Fennell made a **motion to approve**, second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Guidugli. Mr. Roell confirmed this is for regular mowing of grass. Upon hearing there were no further comments or questions, the mayor called for a roll call vote.

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

The city clerk read **R-2017-049**, an order authorizing and directing the city manager to execute a **contract with Len Riegler Blacktop, Inc. for 2017 "Bid Package 2"** road refurbishing and surfacing work. Commissioner Guidugli **made a motion to approve**, second to the motion was

offered by Commissioner Fennell. Mr. Roell responded to questions from the Board. Curb work has already begun by the Public Works Department in advance of road projects. The City typically is responsible for curbs but not sidewalks unless damaged by a "City" tree. The bid from Riegler was \$240 higher than the low bid but they will already be mobilized in the area for another project. Upon hearing there were no other comments or questions, the mayor called 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 city clerk read **R-2017-050**, an order granting **property assessment moratoria to Newport Millennium Housing Corp., III** relating to the restoration of properties at 1007 Isabella Street, 412 West Tenth Street, and 331 East Tenth Street, Newport, Kentucky. Commissioner Peluso made a **motion to approve**, second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Fennell. Mr. Fromme responded to questions from the Board confirming the moratorium is from City property tax only (not school or county taxes) and once complete and filed with the PVA the moratorium lasts five years. 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 Rehtin: Yes      Motion carried 5-0.

The city clerk read **R-2017-051**, an order granting **property assessment moratoria to Entryway, Inc.** relating to the restoration of properties at 217 Forrest St., 224 Forrest St., 226 Forrest St., and 1042 Washington Ave., Newport, Kentucky. Commissioner Fennell made a **motion to approve**, second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Guidugli. Mr. Fromme reviewed the history noting the City once tried to acquire the properties from Trauth/Dean but they had intentions to demolish the structures; they sat vacant for some ten years and were later donated to the City and subsequently sold to Newport Millennium Housing Corp. The cottages fit today's "tiny house" popularity. Mr. Tom Guidugli, Sr., explained Entryway is Campbell County's CHDO (Community Housing Development Organization.) This will allow home dollars through Community Housing Development. Upon hearing there were no comments or questions, the mayor called for a roll call vote.

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

The city clerk read **R-2017-052**, an order granting a **property assessment moratorium to Mark and Clare Krebs** relating to the restoration of property at 40 East 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Newport, Kentucky. Commissioner Guidugli **made a motion to approve**, second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Fennell. Mr. Fromme noted this property was formerly the offices of Dr. Braun and will be commercial after restoration. Upon hearing there were no comments or questions, the mayor called 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 city clerk read **R-2017-053**, an order granting a **property assessment moratorium to James Price** relating to the restoration of property at 301 Overton Street, Newport, Kentucky. Commissioner Guidugli **made a motion to approve**, second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Fennell. Mr. Fromme noted this is the property on the north east corner. Upon hearing there were no comments or questions, the mayor called 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 city clerk read **R-2017-054**, an order granting a **property assessment moratorium to Gosney Properties, LLC** relating to the restoration of property at 530 West Ninth Street, Newport. Commissioner Fennell made a **motion to approve**, second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Guidugli. Mr. Fromme noted the owners were recognized with an award for historic preservation and their business relocated to Newport where they have made a significant investment. Upon hearing there were no comments or questions, the mayor called for a roll call vote.

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

The city clerk read **R-2017-055**, an order granting a **property assessment moratorium to Terri and Gene Martin** relating to the restoration of property at 301 East Eighth Street, Newport. Commissioner Guidugli **made a motion to approve**, second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Fennell. Mr. Fromme stated this was the old school administration building, formerly a post office. Considerable preservation measures were taken including relocating an old safe to the basement. The applicant also participated in the preservation of Weingartner (a brick street). Upon hearing there were no comments or questions, the mayor called 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 city clerk read **R-2017-056**, an order granting a **property assessment moratorium to Thomas and Katlin Rose** relating to the restoration of property at 806 Monroe Street, Newport. 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 Rehtin: Yes    Mayor Peluso: Yes**  
**Commissioner Fennell: Yes    Commissioner Peluso: Yes    Motion carried 5-0.**

The city clerk read **R-2017-057**, an order granting a **property assessment moratorium to Bellevue Re, LLC** relating to the restoration of two parcels of property on Lowell Street in Newport. Commissioner Fennell made a **motion to approve**, second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Guidugli. Mr. Fromme stated the structures were built in the 1800's and one once held Greenline trolleys. This adaptive reuse is part of the New Riff Rickhouse project. Upon hearing there were no comments or questions, the mayor called for a roll call vote.

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

The city clerk read **R-2017-058**, a resolution **supporting the Separation of the County Employees Retirement System (CERS) FROM THE KENTUCKY RETIREMENT SYSTEMS (KRS)**. Commissioner Peluso made a **motion to approve**, second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Guidugli. Mr. Fromme summarized the concerns about underfunding of the state pensions under Kentucky Retirement Systems (KRS) and the interest in separating the County Employees Retirement System (CERS) – in which cities also participate - from the KRS umbrella. Discussion ensued. Sweeping changes could affect all under KRS and could result in drastically increased contribution rates even though CERS is already better funded and set to be fully funded at the end of the amortization period. KRS has an oversight board and each pension plan has a board. With separation CERS would have more control over who sits on their own board. Cities (and Counties) are required by law to make the required contributions on a monthly basis but the State is not required to do the same and has not fully funded the other pensions under KRS. Part of the intention is to protect CERS funds from being transferred to other underfunded plans.

Responding to questions, the city clerk noted twenty-three agencies and associations (including KLC, KACO, Ky County Judge Executives, KCCMA, Ky FOP, KPFA, and Kentucky Education Association) have formed a coalition in support of CERS separation and dozens of cities have already adopted or plan to adopt the resolution. Resident and retired Newport Police Chief Robbie Hall addressed the Board commenting that this effort to separate is because CERS will be more solvent if separated from KRS and as changes are made there will be less control over contribution rates. 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**  
**Commissioner Guidugli: Yes    Commissioner Fennell: Yes    Motion carried 5-0.**

### **COMMENTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS**

Chief Collins stated the Trash Bash and the Car Show will both be on August 27.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

#### **Commissioner Rehtin**

- Issued an invitation for volunteers to participate in the Trash Bash on August 27 starting at Providence Park. This year Clifton, the West end and the East end are involved. There will be a celebration afterward in the park.

#### **Commissioner Guidugli**

- Added there are 160 signed up for the Trash Bash, the goal is 200.
- There is a lot of investment in the city with a majority in the west side – investment there is growing and will continue to grow.

#### **Commissioner Fennell**

- Agreed projects large and small, commercial and residential on all sides of town are exciting and it's great to see attention and investment on the West side.

#### **Mayor Peluso**

- Crazy Fox is celebrating their 18<sup>th</sup> anniversary in business in the city.
- Jet Age Records will have a ribbon cutting on August 27.
- The skate park has a new feature – the bowl is already a popular attraction.

### **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 7:53 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