

**City OF NEWPORT, KY**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**Monday, September 18, 2017**  
**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order by Vice Mayor Guidugli 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: Vice Mayor Thomas Guidugli, Commissioner Frank Peluso, and Commissioner Ken Rehtin. **Absent:** Commissioner Beth Fennell and Mayor Jerry Peluso. Also in attendance were: City Manager Thomas Fromme, Assistant to the City Manager Larissa Sims, City Attorney Dan Braun, Police Lt. David Garnick, Fire Chief Bill Darin, Community Liaison Bev Holiday, and City Clerk Amy Able.

**PERSONNEL ORDERS**

The city clerk read **R-2017-059**, an order appointing promoting **Kent Hall to the position of Sergeant** in the Newport Police Department. Commissioner Peluso made a **motion to approve**, second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Rehtin. Upon hearing there were no comments or questions, the vice mayor called for a roll call vote.

**Commissioner Peluso: Yes Vice Mayor Guidugli: Yes**  
**Commissioner Rehtin: Yes Motion carried 3-0.**

Sgt. Hall took the oath of office, was congratulated and introduced family members present at the meeting. Vice Mayor Guidugli called for a brief recess at 7:05. At 7:10 the regular session reconvened with Commissioners Peluso and Rehtin and Vice Mayor Guidugli present and responding to roll call.

**PROCLAMATIONS**

The city clerk read **R-2017-060** an order authorizing Mayor Jerry Peluso to proclaim October 8<sup>th</sup> through the 14<sup>th</sup> as "**Fire Prevention Week**" in the City of Newport, Kentucky. Commissioner Peluso **made a motion to approve**, second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Rehtin. The city clerk read the full proclamation. Upon hearing there were no comments or questions, the vice mayor called for a roll call vote.

**Commissioner Peluso: Yes Vice Mayor Guidugli: Yes**  
**Commissioner Rehtin: Yes Motion carried 3-0.**

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Ms. Jill Morenz, Director of Community Initiatives and Communications for the Catalytic Fund, announced the date for Beyond the Curb, October 1, 2017 from 10 to 4. This year the tour, which markets the river cities to those interested in urban living, returns to Newport.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Rehtin made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on Monday, August 21, 2017 Commissioner Peluso 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 Vice Mayor Guidugli: Yes**  
**Commissioner Peluso: Yes Motion carried 3-0.**

### **COMMENTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS**

Lt. Col. Garnick stated Riverfest went well and traffic was relatively smooth.

Chief Darin thanked the Board for the proclamation on Fire Safety Week. The new engine (obtained with a FEMA grant) has arrived and will go into service on September 26.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE**

Mr. Fromme complimented Mr. Kuntz and Ms. Sims for their continued work on Open Gov and referenced a very thorough report that was just made available with month to month details.

Mr. Fromme praised all departments for their hard work and coordinated effort with Riverfest. Public Works had the floodwall cleaned by 11:30 Monday morning.

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

#### **Commissioner Rehtin**

- 80/20 had a grand opening of their new space on Monmouth Street.
- Jet Age records is another new business that just opened.
- The Trash Bash was a success with 160 participants.
- Extended sympathies to the family of Fred Osburg, former City Commissioner, who passed away in August. Asked that his comments in memorial (attached hereto) be entered into the record as part of the minutes.

#### **Vice Mayor Guidugli**

- The next meeting dates will be October 2 at 7 p.m. (caucus), October 4 at 5 p.m. for a special meeting and public hearing on the proposed tax rate, and October 5 at 5 p.m. for a special meeting.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Commissioner Peluso made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Rehtin offered a second to the motion. The vice mayor asked for a roll call vote.

**Commissioner Peluso: Yes Vice Mayor Guidugli: Yes**  
**Commissioner Rehtin: Yes Motion carried 3-0.**

**The meeting adjourned at 7:22 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

# City Commission Minutes

## *Farewell to Fred*

Last August 31<sup>st</sup>, at the age of 71, my friend Fred Osburg died.

I first met Fred Osburg in 1976 when he was managing the campaign of three young men who were running as a ticket for Newport City Commission.

In 1981 Fred ran for Newport City Commission himself and was successful. He served our City for two terms from 1983 to 1985. Fred along with the others on the Commission passed the law that would become known as Newport's "Anti Nudity Ordinance". Through this effort and with the support of law enforcement and our Liquor Administrator, most of those types of pornography businesses, which at that time lined our Monmouth Street, were forced to leave Newport or shut their doors.

Fred served as Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus.

Fred was a sponsor and counselor to many folks in Gamblers Anonymous.

When I think of Fred I am reminded of what Theodore Roosevelt said about the man in the arena:

**“It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat.”**