

City OF NEWPORT, KY
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Monday, November 20, 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: Mayor Jerry Peluso, Commissioners Beth Fennell, Thomas Guidugli, Frank Peluso, and Ken Rehtin. Also in attendance were: City Manager Thomas Fromme, Assistant to the City Manager Larissa Sims, City Attorney Dan Braun, Police Chief Tom Collins, Fire Chief Bill Darin, Human Resources Director Terry Fornash, Community Liaison Bev Holiday, and City Clerk Amy Able.

PRESENTATIONS, AWARDS & PROCLAMATIONS

Presentation by Lt. Fangman of Outstanding Service Medals to Police Officers Pfefferman, Armstrong, Eads, Boshears, White, Selby, and Wiggins. Officer Pfefferman and Chief Collins were recognized for their response to an accident in 2014 on the Taylor-Southgate Bridge saving the driver of a horse-drawn carriage who was thrown to the ledge of the bridge as well as calming the horse preventing further incident or injury. Officers Armstrong, Eads, Boshears, White, and Selby were praised for an August 2017 response to a person in crisis on the Taylor-Southgate Bridge working together to save a life. Officer Wiggins was recognized for his September 2017 pursuit and apprehension of two suspects following an armed robbery. Following the presentation of service medals the mayor called for a brief recess at 7:12 and the meeting reconvened at 7:20 with all Board members present and responding to roll call.

PUBLIC FORUM

Ms. Maureen Tierney of David Court expressed appreciation for the **curbside recycling program**. She had previously had the service when it was available by subscription but since most neighbors weren't participating her pick-up was often missed so she cancelled. She is happy to have the service again and asked the City to encourage Rumpke to expand the types of plastic they accept.

Ms. Elizabeth Robson announced the dates of the **East Row Christmas Tour** will be December 2 and 3 with ticket sales available at the Movement Church (formerly St. Mark's). She thanked the City for hanging the promotional banners for the event.

Mr. Robbie Hall of MacArthur Lane stated it was nice to see the officers given service medals. He stated he was also pleased to observe several officers participating in the **promotional event for support of the Northern Kentucky Children's Advocacy Center** – "No Shave November".

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Peluso made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on Monday, October 16, 2017, and the caucus meeting on Monday, November 6, 2017. Commissioner Fennell offered a second to the motion. Upon hearing there were no changes, corrections, comments or questions, the mayor called for a roll call vote.

Commissioner Peluso: Yes Commissioner Guidugli: Yes Mayor Peluso: Yes

Commissioner Fennell: Yes Commissioner Rectin: Yes Motion carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

The city clerk gave first reading by title and summary of tentative **O-2017-016**, an ordinance amending Section 111.05 of the Code of Ordinances concerning **alcoholic beverage licenses, registration**; photographing and fingerprinting of employees. Commissioner Guidugli made a motion for approval, Commissioner Fennell offered a second to the motion. The city manager explained review of the ordinance revealed some weakness in the provisions set up with the purposes of identifying who was authorized to work in an establishment. Renewal every three years will be a new requirement. Upon hearing there were no comments or questions, the mayor called for a roll call vote.

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

The city clerk read **R-2017-063**, an order authorizing the City Manager, Thomas J. Fromme, to enter into **agreements with Custom Design Benefits to act as the city's third party administrator with various insurance companies and Beam Dental** to provide for the City of Newport's employees' health and dental insurance needs. Commissioner Guidugli made a motion for approval, Commissioner Fennell offered a second to the motion. Ms. Lisa Stamm of Sherrill D. Morgan Agency and COO Alex Curry of Beam Dental addressed the Board and responded to questions. Following review of bids the committee has recommended staying with CDB as third party administrator, Optum as stop loss carrier, that the health insurance stay self-funded, and dental switch to fully-funded. Raising the specific deductible from \$65,000 to \$70,000 will be a savings of \$30,000 taking the renewal down to a 7.7% increase. The wellness component with Beam Dental and provisions of the plan were reviewed. Upon hearing there were no further comments or questions, the mayor called for a roll call vote.

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

The city clerk read **R-2017-064**, an order granting a **property assessment moratorium** to Mansion Hill Properties relating to the restoration of property at 404 Overton Street, Newport, Kentucky. Commissioner Fennell made a motion for approval, 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 Guidugli: Yes Commissioner Rectin: Yes Mayor Peluso: Yes
Commissioner Fennell: Yes Commissioner Peluso: Yes Motion carried 5-0.

The city clerk read **R-2017-065**, an order granting a **property assessment moratorium** to Mansion Hill Properties relating to the restoration of property at 406 Overton Street, Newport, Kentucky. Commissioner Guidugli made a motion for approval, Commissioner Fennell offered a second to the motion. Upon hearing there were no comments or questions, the mayor called for a roll call vote.

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

The city clerk read **R-2017-066**, an order authorizing and directing City Manager, Thomas J. Fromme to execute a **contract with Regal Maid for cleaning services**. Commissioner Peluso made a motion for approval, Commissioner Fennell offered a second to the motion. The city manager stated putting the contract out to bid was recommended by the auditor. This is the

company currently under contract, we have been pleased with their service and they have been very responsive. 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 Rectin: Yes Motion carried 5-0.

The city clerk read **R-2017-067** an order reappointing Commissioner Elisabeth **Fennell as representative** and J. Gregory Tulley as alternate from the City of Newport, Kentucky to the **Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments**. Commissioner Guidugli made a motion for approval, 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 Guidugli: Yes Commissioner Rectin: Yes Mayor Peluso: Yes
Commissioner Peluso: Yes Commissioner Fennell: Abstain Motion carried 5-0.

The city clerk read **R-2017-068** an order accepting the Board of Commissioners **meeting schedule** for the year 2018. Commissioner Guidugli made a motion for approval, Commissioner Fennell offered a second to the motion. The city manager noted that in addition to these scheduled meetings there are typically several special meetings each year, the dates and times for which are published according to Statute and added to the website. Upon hearing there were no comments or questions, the mayor called for a roll call vote.

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

The city clerk read **R-2017-069** an order authorizing and directing the city manager to execute a **union contract with Fraternal Order of Police**, Lodge #2, Newport, Kentucky setting forth rates of pay, hours of work and conditions of employment. Commissioner Fennell made a motion for approval, Commissioner Guidugli offered a second to the motion. Mr. Fromme stated the agreement is to move forward with a one-year contract. In the past there was a change from a three-grade system to a nine-grade system with eleven steps. That has become cumbersome and improvements have been included. Language on promotional exams has been clarified. Upon hearing there were no comments or questions, the mayor called for a roll call vote.

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

The contract was signed by Cpl. Long and City Manager Fromme.

COMMENTS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

Mr. Fromme stated there has been lots of activity on various developments. Representatives from Koch recently visited the City again and have indicated plans for the **Skywheel** project continue to move forward. The **Fourth Street School** project also continues to move forward.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioners Fennell and Guidugli wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving. Commissioner Rectin added an expression of appreciation for the Police and Fire Departments and all public service workers in the City.

Mayor Peluso commented on the **call for a needle exchange program**. He stated there has been lots of information over the past couple of years and it is time to take a position. This will be discussed at the next caucus meeting on February 12, 2018. The Board has received information and he encouraged those passionate about the issue to contact their elected representatives. He

hopes there will be a majority ready to pass a resolution.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Date Approved/Signed

Jerry R. Peluso, Mayor

Attest:

Amy B. Able, City Clerk

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