

CITY OF NEWPORT, KY
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Monday, July 21, 2014
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, Jr., Commissioner John Hayden, Commissioner Frank Peluso, and Mayor Jerry Peluso. Also in attendance were: City Manager Thomas Fromme, City Attorney Daniel Braun, Chief Tom Collins, Fire Chief Gary Auffart, Historic Preservation Officer Scott Clark, Community Liaison Bev Holiday, and City Clerk Amy Able.

PRESENTATIONS, AWARDS & PROCLAMATIONS

Historic Preservation Officer Scott Clark introduced Justin Schwebler, an intern and graduate student from Clemson University. They offered a presentation highlighting the Newport properties featured as winners at the River Cities **Excellence in Historic Preservation Awards** held in May. Neighborhood Foundations' Italianate Cottage at 215 West Tenth received an Affordable Housing Rehabilitation Award. The Kovacs Family's porch restoration of the Queen Anne at 556 East Fourth Street was recognized. Mansion Hill Properties' Historic Restoration at 408 Overton was awarded. And Mike and Pam Staun's Tax Credit Rehabilitation of their Four Square Bungalow at 655 Nelson Place was recognized.

Cincinnati Junior Rowing Club Board Chair Scott Carroll and Coach Greg Hull introduced team members and recent local high school graduates Erin Nurre (from Notre Dame Academy, entering Princeton) and Cole Tilden (from St. Xavier, entering Yale) along with six other rowers who were in attendance. The group thanked the City for the opportunity to lease property along Riverboat Row for their boat house. Since it was constructed in 1995, the team has grown from 40 to 120-150 members a year. The team has produced National Champions and Olympians. The boys and girls clubs have won every Midwest Rowing Championship for the last twenty years which qualifies them for the US Rowing National Championship competition where over the last twenty years they have won fourteen National Championships, had fourteen second place finishes, and six third place finishes making them the most successful high school rowing team in the country. Newport students are welcome to participate and financial assistance may be available.

Business Recognition – Charlie and Lori Fry were recognized for **Master Fry Defense System** which has been located for twenty five years in the Newport Shopping Center.

At 7:30 Mayor Peluso called for a brief recess. The meeting reconvened at 7:40 with all Board members responding to roll call.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

The city clerk read the public notice which was advertised according to statute in the Campbell County Recorder and posted at the City Building as well as on the city website.

Municipal Road Aid Funds

The proposed use of these funds is for road improvements such as resurfacing, rehabilitation, or

reconstruction and signalization for City streets. Funds will be used for reconstruction and maintenance of roads including expenses such as filling potholes as well as snow removal and treatment, street cleaning, line painting, and repair or replacement of sidewalks, curbs, gutters, lighting and signage when done in conjunction with a street reconstruction project.

Municipal Road Aid Program

Cash balance carried forward (estimate)	\$ 0
Anticipated receipts (including interest)	<u>\$ 395,000</u>
Total available for appropriation	\$ 395,000

City Manager Fromme explained the road funds have been incorporated in the operating budget of the Public Works Department due to ongoing expenses such as pothole repair, snow removal, and other projects that come up each year such as curb repair and sidewalks damaged by trees. The mayor called for any questions or comments from those in attendance. Upon hearing there were no comments the mayor closed the public hearing.

PUBLIC FORUM There was no one present responding to the mayor's invitation to address the Board.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Fennell made a **motion to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2014 regular meeting**; second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Hayden. Upon hearing there were no comments or questions, the mayor called for a roll call vote.

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

Commissioner Guidugli made a **motion to approve the minutes of the June 27, 2014 special 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 Hayden: Yes	Mayor Peluso: Yes
Commissioner Peluso: Yes	Commissioner Fennell: Present	<u>Motion carried 5-0.</u>

OLD BUSINESS

The city clerk gave second reading to tentative **O-2014-011** an ordinance amending Section 32.248 of the Code of Ordinances concerning the **composition of the Recreation Commission** to come into compliance with recent changes to KRS 97.120. Commissioner Peluso made a **motion to approve**; second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Fennell. City Manager Fromme added we will continue to encourage and welcome all who want to volunteer. Upon hearing there were no further 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>

NEW BUSINESS

The city clerk read **R-2014-047** an order authorizing and directing City Manager Thomas J. Fromme to execute a **contract with Paul Michels And Sons, Inc.** concerning road resurfacing (Bid Package 1). Commissioner Fennell made a **motion to approve**; second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Guidugli. City Manager Fromme stated this includes portions of West Eighth, Isabella, Patterson and Prospect. Finalizing contracts will follow and work could begin in early September. Upon hearing there were no further 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>

The city clerk read **R-2014-048** an order authorizing and directing City Manager Thomas J.

Fromme to execute a **contract with Barrett Paving** concerning road resurfacing (Bid Package 2). Commissioner Peluso made a **motion to approve**; second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Fennell. This concerns portions of Saratoga and Park. Contact was made with utility companies. Upon hearing there were no further 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** **Motion carried 5-0.**

The city clerk read **R-2014-049** an order authorizing and directing City Manager Thomas J. Fromme to execute a **contract with Eaton Asphalt** concerning road resurfacing (Bid Package 3). Commissioner Peluso made a **motion to approve**; second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Fennell. This concerns portions of John and Dayton Streets. There was discussion of preserving brick streets. The bricks from this street will be saved to use for repairs on other streets. Responding to questions Mr. Fromme stated using these bricks to help preserve Southgate Street is a possibility but is not certain at this time. There are many cuts in both of these streets from utility work where brick was removed and the repair area was filled with concrete or asphalt. Commissioner Fennell explained her opposition to removing brick streets and replacing them with asphalt and stated that an asphalt street lasts maybe five years (it also cracks and the best efforts to coordinate with utilities can fail) while the brick has lasted over one hundred years. Mr. Fromme said with the full-depth repairs planned it is hoped the road may last up to forty years. Upon hearing there were no further comments or questions, the mayor called for a roll call vote.

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

The city clerk read **R-2014-050** an order authorizing Mayor Jerry Peluso to execute an Amendment to the Agreement between the Commonwealth Of Kentucky Transportation Cabinet and the City of Newport concerning the Riverfront Commons Bicycle/Pedestrian Corridor (PO2-628-1100002956). Commissioner Guidugli made a **motion to approve**; second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Fennell. Grant funds originally allocated for the Raymond Motors relocation project are being reassigned. The costs of that project had doubled by the time funding became available. The State agreed to transfer the funds to the Riverfront Commons project for an additional \$260,000. Upon hearing there were no further 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** **Motion carried 5-0.**

The city clerk gave **first reading** by title and summary of tentative number **O-2014-012** an ordinance amending the **Parking Meter Zones Schedule** of Chapter 73 as relates to Section 72.30 of the Code of Ordinances concerning the charge and maximum time set for various zones. Commissioner Peluso made a **motion to approve**; second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Guidugli. City Manager Fromme stated it has been many years since the maximum rates were set. With plans to install "smart meters", rates of less than a dollar are not cost effective. Compared to neighboring communities are rates are current considerably lower. Upon hearing there were no further comments or questions, the mayor called for a roll call vote.

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

The city clerk gave **first reading** by title and summary of tentative number **O-2014-013** an ordinance amending Sections 111.02, 111.27, 111.51, 111.57 and 111.58 of the code of ordinances concerning **alcoholic beverages**. Commissioner Guidugli made a motion to approve;

second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Fennell. Mr. Braun explained these are minor updates due to recent changes by the State. Upon hearing there were no further **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 Motion carried 5-0.

The city clerk gave **first reading** by title and summary of tentative number **O-2014-014** an ordinance amending Section 37.094 of the Code of Ordinances concerning **occupational licenses** to include Subsection (g) to provide for a credit of the occupational license fee for new employees as part of an economic development project by Divisions, Inc. under the Kentucky Business Investment Program pursuant to KRS 154.32-010 through 154.32-100. Commissioner Guidugli made a motion to approve; second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Fennell. Mr. Fromme stated this matter initially came before the Board in 2012 and the entity has just applied for the program through the State. Upon hearing there were no further **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 Motion carried 5-0.

COMMENTS FROM DEPARTMENTS

Mr. Braun thanked the representatives from the Cincinnati Rowing Club for attending and sharing their success. There have been recent positive communications with the group concerning maintenance of the property.

COMMENTS FROM CITY MANAGER

City Manager Fromme stated there is a lot of potential development that could be occurring in the future. He met recently with Ovation representatives. They have hired a new project manager who is experienced in development and commercial lending. Some activity may be seen here within the next year.

Meetings continue with another developer about locations that cannot be disclosed at this time. In a recent meeting with Tom Guidugli, Sr. they discussed improvements to city and visioning. The Commission, City Staff and community stake holders will be invited to participate soon. Regarding finances the fiscal year ended well but fourth quarter revenues are not due until the end of July.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Fennell

- Thanked Mr. Braun for his efforts working with the Rowing Club.

Commissioner Guidugli

- Historic Preservation is just one example of how to realize a return on investment, others include new homes, neighborhood improvements, businesses coming in, and a new road coming in. Developers need to be aware of all the investment being made and that Newport is a good place to come and there are real opportunities throughout the City.

Mayor Peluso

- The Kentucky Art Outpost will be July 25 through 27.
- Read a letter of appreciation concerning Chief Auffart's recent assistance to Erlanger FD
- Thanks to Chief Auffart for attending an event for Sister City Gifu, Japan at the Peace Bell
- Traffic signals at Pavilion Parkway have been checked and are monitored regularly.
- In the future at caucus meeting the Board should discuss parking meters on Monmouth.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Commissioner Guidugli made a **motion to adjourn**; second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Fennell . The mayor called for a roll call vote.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Date Approved/Signed

Jerry R. Peluso, Mayor

Attest:

Amy B. Able, City Clerk

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