

CITY OF NEWPORT, KY
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Wednesday, May 25, 2016
MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL FOR SPECIAL MEETING

The special meeting was called to order by Mayor Peluso at 5:00 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 Thomas Fromme, Police Chief Thomas Collins, Community Services Director Doug Roell and City Clerk Amy Able.

OLD BUSINESS

The city clerk gave second reading to tentative **O-2016-005**, an ordinance of the City of Newport, Kentucky authorizing the issuance of City of Newport, Kentucky General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2016 in the approximate aggregate principal amount of \$3,315,000 (subject to a permitted adjustment increasing or decreasing the principal amount of Series 2016 Bonds by up to \$330,000) for the purpose of refunding in advance of maturity the outstanding City of Newport, Kentucky General Obligation Public Project Bonds, Series 2007A (the "Prior Bonds"), the proceeds of which were used to pay the costs of the construction of (a) Pavilion Parkway, (b) water mains and lines, (c) sewer mains and lines, (d) water detention facilities and (e) related appurtenances and improvements; approving the form of bonds; authorizing designated officers to execute and deliver the bonds; authorizing and directing the filing of notice with the state local debt officer; providing for the payment and security of the bonds; creating a bond payment fund; maintaining the heretofore established sinking fund; and authorizing acceptance of the bids of the bond purchaser for the purchase of the bonds. 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- 2016-037**, an order **authorizing the advertisement for bids** and distribution of preliminary official statement **for the purchase of City Of Newport, Kentucky General Obligation Refunding Bonds**, Series 2016 in the aggregate principal amount of approximately \$3,315,000. Commissioner Peluso 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 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-2016-038**, an order authorizing and directing City Manager Thomas J. Fromme to execute a **contract with Prus Construction** for the Newport **Riverwalk Lighting And Stairs Project**. Commissioner Peluso made a **motion to approve**; second to the motion

was offered by Commissioner Fennell. Mr. Fromme introduced Jack Moreland from Southbank Partners who has been administering the grant project. Mr. Moreland stated this is a continuation of the project that added the pedestrian bridge. The funds remaining after that project will be to add lighting exactly like what is on the west side of the Riverwalk. The other portion of the project meets something the Board has expressed interest in, adding a stairwell which gives better access to the Levee and creates a more safe condition where people are currently traveling on the floodwall behind the aquarium. The project needed to be expedited as there had been a one year extension on the use of the funds. Construction needs to start quickly. All three bidding companies were well qualified – Prus who is doing Route 9, Sunesis who did the pedestrian bridge, and TMS who did the Safe Routes to School project. Prus gave the lowest bid. Mr. Roell confirmed the bollard lighting will be exactly the same lighting and spacing as on the west side and this will take care of the erosion problems from heavy foot traffic on the floodwall. This is an item noted every year on the flood wall inspection. Mr. Moreland said part of the delay was getting the Army Corps of Engineers approval for each part of the project. Mr. Roell said there have been attempts to discourage the pedestrian traffic on the hillside, this eliminates that problem. Mr. Moreland added that guests at the new Hampton Inn traveling as pedestrians to the aquarium and Levee will be able to access the stairs and avoid navigating the coming roundabout. Mr. Roell confirmed lighting will be powered from City circuits. 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>	

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Mayor asked if there was a need for executive session per the item listed on the special meeting agenda. No motion to enter executive session was offered.

ADJOURNMENT OF SPECIAL MEETING

There being no further business on the special meeting agenda, Commissioner Guidugli made a **motion to adjourn the special meeting**. Commissioner Hayden offered a second to the motion. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote.

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

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Date Approved/Signed
Attest:

Jerry R. Peluso, Mayor

Amy B. Able, City Clerk