

**City OF NEWPORT, KY**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**Monday, June 20, 2016**  
**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 John Hayden, Commissioner Frank Peluso, and Mayor Jerry Peluso. Also in attendance were: City Manager Thomas Fromme, City Attorney Daniel Braun, Police Chief Thomas Collins, Fire Chief Bill Darin, Community Liaison Bev Holiday, and City Clerk Amy Able.

**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 held March 23, 2016; the special meeting held on May 25, 2016; the special meeting of June 1, 2016; and the June 13, 2016 special meeting.** 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 Hayden:</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 tentative **O-2016-008**, an ordinance amending Section 99.02(A) and (B) of the Code of Ordinances concerning **rental dwelling licenses**. 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.

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

The city clerk gave second reading to tentative **O-2016-009**, an ordinance amending Section 31.42 of the Code of Ordinances concerning **the office of the City Manager**. 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.

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

The city clerk gave first reading to tentative **O-2016-010**, an ordinance of the City of Newport, Kentucky amending Ordinance O-2014-010 to amend the adopted budget for the City for the fiscal year July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 including an estimate of all revenues and resources and making the annual appropriation in accordance therewith. Commissioner Hayden made a **motion to approve**; second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Fennell. City Manager

Tom Fromme gave a presentation concerning the amended and proposed budgets and responded to questions from the Board. (Presentation slides attached.)

Upon hearing there were no further comments or questions, the mayor called for a roll call vote.

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

The city clerk gave first reading to tentative **O-2016-011**, an ordinance of the City of Newport, Kentucky adopting the budget for the City for the fiscal year July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2016 including an estimate of all revenues and resources and making the annual appropriation in accordance therewith. 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      Motion carried 5-0.

The city clerk read **R-2016-042**, an order authorizing City Manager Thomas Fromme to enter into agreements with Kentucky League of Cities Insurance Services (KLCIS) for property and liability insurance, with Kentucky Employers Mutual (KEMI) for workers compensation insurance, with Hartford for crime coverage, and with Ohio Casualty and Travelers Insurance for public officials bonds. Commissioner Fennell made a **motion to approve**; second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Guidugli. Mr. Chuck Honkomp of Crawford Insurance addressed the Board noting that over ten years the insurance costs have come down over \$200,000. For the renewal worker's compensation is down by 6% and the experience modification (developed over a three-year period is down (which should have a favorable impact.) Documentation of safety programs and training assisted in a slight reduction from KLCIS. Changing carriers for certain public officials bonds also resulted in savings. Upon hearing there were no 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      Motion carried 5-0.

The city clerk read **R-2016-043**, an order authorizing Mayor Jerry Peluso to execute an **interlocal agreement** with the City of Woodlawn, Kentucky to **provide property maintenance code enforcement to the City of Woodlawn**, Kentucky. Commissioner Guidugli made a **motion to approve**; second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Fennell. Mr. Fromme recommended adoption noting that Mr. Steffen was confident that it would not be overly burdensome and it makes sense to work cooperatively in this fashion with the neighboring community. 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      Motion carried 5-0.

The city clerk gave first reading to tentative **O-2016-012**, an ordinance amending Section 32.004 of the Newport Code of Ordinances concerning **composition of the Code Enforcement Board**. Commissioner Fennell made a **motion to approve**; second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Hayden. Mr. Fromme explained that representatives from both communities (Newport and Woodlawn) on the Board will be required. Upon hearing there were no comments or questions, the mayor called for a roll call vote.

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

The city clerk gave first reading to tentative **O-2016-013**, an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances Chapter 73 Schedule concerning **restricted residential zones**. Mr. Braun explained this makes the language more explicit regarding surrender of residential parking permits if the individual no longer lives in that zone. 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.

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

### **COMMENTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS**

Chief Collins said there have been several successful large events such as the Flying Pig which brings several thousand people through the city and the Police Department works hard to facilitate these with minimal impact on neighborhoods. The Police Department is moving forward with plans for National Night Out and the Rides on Monmouth car show on August 28. The Department will be awarded reaccreditation in August.

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

Commissioner Hayden

It is impressive the work the City has done especially when you look at the comparison to what other cities collect through tax rates and what we do with lower rates. People work here every day dedicated to results.

Commissioners Guidugli

Our budget is a balanced approach. We focus on strengths and don't budget on what might happen which puts us in a better financial position. At the same time we have ambitious plans for capital improvements and will continue to change for the better making a stronger, safer, cleaner community and all involved are to be commended.

Commissioner Fennell

To do as well as have done in a recession with so many developments is amazing and the staff deserves credit.

We've had several successful events – the Memorial Day Parade with Grand Marshal Dryer, Italianfest, the Garden Walk, the Taste of Newport. Many from outside remark and have noticed how much is happening here following all the hard work by staff and the Commissioners.

Welcome Chief Darin.

Commissioner Peluso

Our budget is transparent, we continue to open our books and are ready to answer questions. The reports the Board receives are phenomenal and make the Board and anyone interested aware.

Events would not take place without citizens. Thanks to all the volunteers of the Garden Walk, Bev Holiday and Mark Schultz who chaired the Taste of Newport, and all who worked on the twenty-fifth Italianfest which draws praise from visitors from across the country.

Mayor Peluso

The annual Bocce tournament kicking off Italianfest had participants from eight cities – Dayton, Bellevue, Covington, Villa Hills, Wilder, Cold Spring, and Alexandria. This year Newport won.

The German American Day Weekend was well attended.

Thanks to the Police Department for the work of the always very active patrol division. West Side Coalition had a trash pick-up Saturday – thanks to all the groups who helped. The Clifton neighborhood has an impressive community garden behind the fire house. During periods of extreme heat please check on the elderly. Today there was a welcome at the Purple People Bridge for the Twelfth Biennial Wheel Gymnastics, there will be six days of events in our area with twenty-seven countries represented. Saturday Jim and Jan Pifer hosted a reunion for descendants of Newport founder General James Taylor which was very well attended.

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

**The meeting adjourned at 8:30 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

