



# City Commission Meeting Highlights

Tuesday, December 8, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall

*Note: Commissioner Richard Abraham was unable to attend this meeting.*

## **Resolution of Support for Second AQS Quilt Show**

The Paducah Board of Commissioners approved a resolution in support of providing funding support for a second quilt show in Paducah. For several years, the American Quilter's Society (AQS) has discussed with the City the feasibility of creating a second quilt show. AQS has expressed its intent to conduct a second show beginning in September 2017 and has requested support funding from the City. Beginning with the 2008 quilt show, the City has provided an annual incentive of \$25,000 to assist with the show's marketing. That money has been provided to AQS through a contract with the Paducah-McCracken County Convention & Visitors Bureau. This resolution is in support of providing an additional \$25,000 per year beginning with the September 2017 show. City Manager Jeff Pederson says, "This additional show would lead to a greater return on the investment the city has and will continue to have on convention space."

## **432 Broadway Demolition Project Updates**

In July 2015, the City of Paducah purchased the condemned building at 432 Broadway for \$1 from a limited liability company. The building's owner indicated that he did not have the financial means to stabilize the building or bring it up to code. The City had been working with the building's owner since 2010 on correction measures. Also in July, the City approved a contract with Environmental Abatement, Inc. (EAI) in an amount of \$458,685 for the building's demolition. After EAI began the project, it was discovered that the existing steel column that supports 432 Broadway (O'Leary Building) also supports the adjacent building at 430 Broadway (Varney Building). Demolition was halted until an engineer could design the temporary and permanent shoring of the Varney Building. At this meeting, the Paducah Board of Commissioners approved an ordinance for a change order with EAI. The change order takes into account an increase in the contract time by providing a 103 calendar day extension bringing the contract end date to February 26, 2016, additional fees for the rental of barricades and other equipment, the remobilization of personnel and equipment, a property survey, and the cost for the study to determine the permanent shoring method. The change order increases the contract with EAI by \$20,933 for a total cost of \$479,618.

The Paducah Board of Commissioners also approved an ordinance for a contract with Darnell Steel and Construction, LLC in the amount of \$19,750 for a portion of the permanent stabilization work associated with 430 Broadway (Varney Building). The work by Darnell will be to reinforce the steel columns underneath the steel beam that supports the Varney Building. An additional contract will be before the Paducah Board of Commissioners at a future meeting for the construction of a masonry wall adjacent to the Varney Building. That contract is out to bid with a bid opening set for December 18.

At this time, the temporary shoring measures have been completed. The next step would be for Darnell to reinforce the steel columns. Once that work is completed, EAI will be able to continue the demolition work.

The Department for Local Government (DLG) notified Mayor Gayle Kaler that the City will receive Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds in the amount of \$500,000 for the 432 Broadway Demolition Project. A match of \$125,000 is required from the City. The City had to own the building in order to submit the grant application. Before the decision to demolish the building was made, the City worked with Sullivan Cozart out of Louisville, Kentucky to get demolition and stabilization cost estimates. Preliminary estimates to only stabilize (not rehabilitate) the building were between \$1.9 and \$2.0 million.

## **Riverfront Redevelopment Project Phase I-B Funding (vote Dec. 15)**

The Paducah Board of Commissioners introduced an ordinance for a supplemental agreement with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet for the Riverfront Redevelopment Project Phase I-B. This agreement will provide the City with the state funding of \$1.525 million announced by former Governor Steve Beshear at a check presentation ceremony on November 23. This agreement is supplement #1 to the contract with the Cabinet approved by the City in May 2015. The contract approved in May authorizes the City to be reimbursed up to \$3,920,000 in Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)



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funds for the project. This supplemental agreement adds the \$1.525 million to the \$3.92 million. The funds will be administered by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet with the City being reimbursed after the work has been completed.

In October of this year, the Paducah Board of Commissioners approved a contract in the amount of \$8,113,110.42 with MAC Construction & Excavating, Inc. for the construction of Phase I-B. The City has given MAC the notice to proceed on this 240 consecutive calendar day contract. Phase I-B involves the completion of the expansion of Schultz Park. This park will provide more than a square block of additional park space. This project also includes the construction of a gangway and the 20-foot wide, 340-foot long transient dock with boater amenities including fuel, electricity, water, and sanitary sewer pump-out. In 2013, the first phase of the project was completed with the building of the base of the park and the placement of 12, 36-inch steel pilings to support the gangway.

### **Paducah Swim Team Presentation**

Dr. Shiraz Patel and Jackie Smith representing the Paducah Swim Team made a presentation to the Paducah Board of Commissioners requesting the City's involvement in the development of a natatorium (a building containing a swimming pool). The proposal is for the natatorium to be located in Noble Park in Anna Baumer field behind the amphitheater with the City to take over the operation and maintenance of the facility once constructed. The Paducah Swim Team would fundraise for the construction cost and look into funding from local foundations and the state. The proposed facility would consist of a 30,000 square foot building with two swimming pools, a 250-car parking lot in addition to locker rooms and bleacher seating. One pool would be 50-meters in length and six feet deep for competitive swim, exercise, and training. The other would be a 25-meter four-foot deep pool that would be set at a warmer temperature to be used for activities such as water therapy. Dr. Patel says, "We are already known for the arts, but I want us to be known as the health and fitness center of Kentucky. When it comes to recruiting young families, this is what Paducah needs." In the presentation, Smith presented numbers from a similar facility in Texas. That facility has an annual operation cost of more than \$216,000 not including staff costs. The City Manager and the Parks Services Director will work with the Paducah Swim Team to refine the proposed operations costs. Those updated values would be presented to the City Commission at a future meeting.

### **Solid Waste Request for Proposals Review**

City Manager Jeff Pederson updated the Board of Commissioners regarding the review of proposals for solid waste receiving, transport, and disposal services. The City has been reviewing the proposals from Republic Services and Freedom Waste. In the request for proposals, the City specified an award date of December 8. Pederson says the award date will be moved to January 12. He adds that the City has determined that Freedom Waste appears to be the best qualified company to provide the services. The City is working on an agreement with Freedom that would come before the City Commission in January.

### **2015 Christmas Parade Winners**

The Parks Department handed out the awards for the 2015 Christmas Parade held December 5. To view the Christmas Parade set to music (46 minutes in length), visit <https://youtu.be/Rhg07TTjssI>. The parade award winners are as follows:

Themed Float:

- First Place – Cub Scout Pack #2020
- Second Place – Goodwin Farms
- Third Place – Highland Cumberland Presbyterian Church
- Fourth Place – Easter Seals
- Fifth Place – Cub Scout Pack #2018

Non-Float:

- First Place - Blackburn Farms
- Second Place – Paducah Jeep Owners Club
- Third Place – Oakview Nursing and Rehab

School Float:

- First Place - St. Mary School System
- Second Place – MSU-Paducah
- Third Place – Clark Elementary School

Drill Team:

- First Place – Center Stage Dance Company
- Second Place – Paducah Quick Step Cloggers



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- Third Place – Silver Lining Homeschool Colorguard

Band:

- First Place – McCracken County High School Band
- Second Place – Paducah Tilghman High School Band of Blue

Religious Float:

- First Place – Trinity United Methodist
- Second Place – Ninth Street Tabernacle Ministries
- Third Place – Church of Jesus Christ Youth

**Quick Highlights**

- Mayor Gayle Kaler presented awards for the Mayor’s Student Christmas Ornament Contest. Additional information about the contest and a list of the winners are posted at <http://paducahky.gov/christmas-ornament-contest>.
- Boards and Commissions: Maurie McGarvey appointed to and Stefanie Horton reappointed to the Board of Civil Service Commission. Jay Page, Wayne Miller, and Basil Drossos reappointed to the Barkley Regional Airport Authority.
- Municipal order approved for the declaration of the lot at 228 South 17<sup>th</sup> Street as surplus property and to authorize the sale of the lot to Brad Arterburn for \$5.
- Ordinance approved for the purchase of one Ford F250 4x4 in the amount of \$28,948 from Paducah Ford to be used by the Parks Services Department. Three bids were received for this purchase.
- Ordinance approved for the purchase of two Dodge Charger SSV vehicles in the total amount of \$53,146 to be used by the Fire Prevention Division. Two bids were received for this purchase.
- Ordinance introduced (vote Dec. 15) to accept the proposal from Williams, Williams, and Lentz, LLP Certified Public Accountants in the amount not to exceed \$61,000 for Paducah Power System audits. This amount is the total for fiscal years 2016-2019. PPS will provide the funding for the audit contract. A request for proposals for the audit was advertised with proposals accepted through October 30, 2015.
- Ordinance introduced (vote Dec. 15) to accept the contract with Paducah Ford in the amount of \$331,844 for the purchase of ten police pursuit rated SUV’s for the Paducah Police Department. Two bids were received for this purchase.
- Ordinance introduced (vote Dec. 15) to accept the two year contract with two one-year renewal options with JSC Terminal (doing business as Midwest Terminal) for the City’s fuel supply. One bid was received.
- Ordinance introduced (vote Dec. 15) to accept the contract with Netvision 360 Group in the amount of \$45,643.50 for the purchase of a mobile surveillance camera system which will provide security surveillance of the floodwall and portions of downtown. A Port Security Grant will provide \$37,121 toward the program’s cost.

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