



City Commission Meeting Highlights

Tuesday, August 8, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall

Note: Commissioner Allan Rhodes was unable to attend the meeting.

Swearing In of Police Officers

District Judge Tony Kitchen conducted the swearing-in ceremony for five new Paducah Police officers (pictured from left to right): Luke Fraley, Blake Cleary, William Hendrickson, Alex Liebenrood, and Joe Gaia.

Authorize Donation Agreement for Pat & Jim Brockenborough Rotary Health Park

The Paducah Board of Commissioners approved a municipal order accepting the \$500,000 donation from Mrs. Pat Brockenborough to be used for the construction of a splash pad and restroom facility at the city-owned park located at 421 North 13th Street. The donation announcement was made August 1 at a ribbon cutting celebration for the park's first phase of construction. At the celebration it was also announced that the park known as the Health Park will be renamed as the Pat & Jim Brockenborough Rotary Health Park. The Board also introduced an ordinance to amend Section 70 of the Paducah Code of Ordinances to reflect the name change. The \$500,000 donation kicks off the park's second phase. At this time, phase I is completed which includes the Paducah Rotary Playground and its safety surface, a 1/3 mile walking path, an outdoor fitness area, the enhancement of the Community Garden, and drainage and grading improvements to the center lawn area. In addition to the restroom facility and splash pad that are planned for the second phase, planning is underway also to add an obstacle course and outdoor plaza that could be used for performances and other events. Visit <https://youtu.be/zWW0UEFMM-0> to view the August 1 ribbon cutting celebration (17 minutes in length).



Presentation Regarding a Request to Expand Paducah's Smoking Ban

Dr. Shawn Jones made a presentation to the Paducah Board of Commissioners regarding a request for the City to amend its smoking ban ordinance to include the banning of e-cigarettes and all electronic smoking devices from public places, work places, and parks and recreation facilities. The proposed amendment also would expand the current ban on the use of tobacco products. The expansion would ban the use of tobacco products in locations such as indoor work places, city parks, and golf courses. Paducah adopted a smoking ban ordinance in 2006. Paducah's existing ordinance prohibits the smoking of tobacco products in buildings open to the public.

Resolution in Support of the Separation of the County Employees Retirement System (CERS) from the Kentucky Employees Retirement Systems

The Paducah Board of Commissioners approved a resolution in support of separating the County Employees Retirement System (CERS) from the Kentucky Employees Retirement Systems (KERS). Paducah participates in CERS. CERS is one of several KERS pension plans. CERS currently is funded at approximately 62% as compared to other pension plans that are only funded at approximately 24% or less. This resolution is supported by several other Kentucky cities and the Kentucky League of Cities. The KERS is dealing with a large unfunded liability and is considered to be the worst funded system in the country. Removing CERS from KERS with the creation of a new CERS Board of Trustees will aid in the future stability of the CERS pension plan.

E911 Equipment Upgrade Update

911 Communications Services Director Ed McManus provided an update to the Paducah Board of Commissioners regarding the updating of 911 equipment. The request for proposals (RFP) for the computer-aided dispatch (CAD) system should be



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released on August 21 with the expectation that the new equipment could be installed in March 2018. McManus says a RFP also is being prepared for the logging recorder. Later this month, he expects the grant funds that the City received for the telephony equipment to be released.

Quick Highlights

- Mayor Harless presented a proclamation to West Kentucky Community & Technical College representatives regarding the August 21 solar eclipse. The Challenger Learning Center located on the campus will have a Night at Noon celebration on that date.
- Municipal order approved authorizing the National Endowment for the Arts Our Town grant application. The grant application requests \$50,000 to be used for concept and design plans for the West Kentucky Community & Technical College's Art Park. This park, which would include rotating art exhibits, would be on the vacant lots at Martin Luther King Jr. Drive and 10th Street adjacent to the Paducah School of Art & Design. If awarded, this grant would require a \$50,000 match which would be provided by the Paducah Junior College Foundation.
- Municipal order approved for the transfer of several properties owned by Julieann Rose to the City of Paducah. The properties are located at 623 and 629 Husbands Street, 833 South 5th Street, 1119 South 7th Street, and 700 Caldwell Street. The properties will be turned over to the Planning Department for future redevelopment.
- Ordinance approved to close Flournoy Street between 1250 and 1408 North 8th Street. This area is adjacent to the Joint Sewer Agency (JSA) and will be used by JSA.
- Ordinance approved to expand the Paducah Main Street Board of Director to a board consisting of seven to nine members. Currently, the board consists of a maximum of five members.

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