



City Commission Meeting Highlights

Tuesday, August 22, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall

Note: Commissioner Sarah Holland was unable to attend this meeting.

Change Order #1 for Noble Park Lake Bank Stabilization Project – Phase II (vote September 12)

The Paducah Board of Commissioners introduced an ordinance for Change Order No. 1 between the City of Paducah and Youngblood Excavating & Contracting, LLC for the Noble Park Lake Bank Stabilization Project Phase II. This project uses sheet piling to create a retaining wall that will stabilize the erosion of the bank at Noble Park Lake. The change order increases the contract amount by \$20,500 bringing the total contract amount to \$263,480. The reasons for the change order include the need to remove a tree which interfered with construction, the removal of organic materials from the lake, and the construction of a new pedestrian bridge. The change order also extends the contract deadline to September 30.

Over the past few months, Youngblood has been installing approximately 650 linear feet of steel sheet piling and concrete cap along the south and west bank of the Noble Park Lake to match the first phase of the project. Additionally, while the water was lowered, the steel sheet piling surfaces from both phases were sandblasted and painted with a black vinyl finish to protect and add life expectancy. Phase I of the project occurred in 2014 with the installation of 665 linear feet metal sheet piling to stabilize the southeastern side of Noble Park Lake.

Over the next couple of weeks, City crews will be working to remove the high grass around the construction area and on Duck Island. The lake levels will be brought back up to normal and a new fountain motor will be installed. Kentucky Fish & Wildlife will be adding 1100 catfish to the lake next week.

Curbside Recycling Update

City Manager Jeff Pederson says a presentation is being prepared for next month regarding curbside recycling. Pederson says an option using existing resources is being explored. For example, efficiencies can be found by reducing the weekly brush pickup to every other week and by limiting the collection of recyclables to curbside only (not in alleys) for collection by the more efficient side arm trucks. Other aspects of curbside recycling that will need to be discussed include participation levels and charges.

City of Paducah Health Insurance for 2018

Greg Carlton with Peel & Holland and Human Resources Director Martin Russell provided an overview of the City of Paducah's 2018 health insurance plan through Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield as the City's third party administrator. The City of Paducah has a self-insured health insurance plan which means the premiums paid into the plan by the employees are used to pay the claims. The Paducah Board of Commissioners approved a municipal order for the health insurance and dental premiums. Those who participate in the City's health plan will have no change to their premiums as compared to this current year. Carlton praised the City and said, "There are very few city governments or corporate accounts that can say they have rate stabilization like this."

Additional actions taken by the Paducah Board of Commissioners regarding health insurance are as follows:

- Municipal order approved authorizing an agreement between the City of Paducah and Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield to provide administrative services related to the City's health insurance plan.
- Municipal order approved authorizing an agreement between the City of Paducah and Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield for stop loss insurance which is used when a plan participant's claims exceed a set value or when the City's total claims exceed a set maximum. The insurance protects the City from catastrophic health insurance claims. The maximum city liability per person will be set at \$175,000. Anthem will assume liability for individual claims that are higher than \$175,000 up to \$1 million. Anthem also will step in when the City's total health claims reach a little more than \$2.95 million.
- Municipal order approved for the vision premiums through Anthem BlueView Vision.



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- Municipal order approved for the contract between the City and Peel & Holland for the administration of the City's health insurance during 2018. The contract amount is for \$78,900 with an additional fee of \$200 per hour subject to a minimum retainer of \$5000 for services requested by the City or the City's legal counsel for issues that arise in connection to employee bargaining, legal matters, disputes, etc.

Quick Highlights

- Boards and Commissions:
 - Jim Smolen, Jennifer Frazier, Jill Poimboeuf, Jeff Canter, and Josh Linville appointed to the Paducah Main Street Board of Directors
 - Sam Bussey appointed to the Human Rights Commission
 - Carol Gault and Edwin Jones appointed to the Code Enforcement Board
- Municipal order approved authorizing the Edward Byrne Justice Accountability Grant application. The Paducah Police Department is requesting an \$11,284 grant to purchase a license plate reader system. There is no local match for the grant; however, the total project cost is more than \$20,000 which will come from the Department's budget.
- Municipal order approved for the purchase of rollout refuse containers in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 from Toter, LLC.
- Municipal order approved for the purchase of dumpsters to be used by commercial businesses in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 from Municipal Equipment, Inc.
- Ordinance approved amending Section 70 of the Paducah Code of Ordinances to reflect the changing of the name of the Health Park to the Pat & Jim Brockenborough Rotary Health Park. The park is located at 421 North 13th Street.
- Ordinance introduced (vote September 12) to amend parking requirements for several uses in the zoning ordinance (Section 126-71 Off-street parking and loading areas). The amendments bring Paducah more in line with the average requirements of other Kentucky cities.
- Commissioner Richard Abraham said he recently met with a group of African-Americans to discuss monuments and other issues. Abraham then read a prepared statement. A portion of the statement is as follows: "As humans, we tend to gravitate towards the easy fix. Tearing down a statue, that should serve as an encouragement and motivation as to how far we have come as a nation, will not fix any of these issues. Fixing the woes of our country will be only accomplished by the same solution for all of its citizens, personal responsibility."

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