



# City Commission Meeting Highlights

Tuesday, October 24, 2017, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall

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## **Resolution in Support of the Continuation of the Federal Historic Tax Credit Program**

The Paducah Board of Commissioners approved a resolution urging the President of the United States and the U.S. Congress to continue the federal historic tax credit program. The historic tax credit program was put in place by Congress in the 1970s to stimulate local economies through capital investments. The program provides a 20 percent credit for the rehabilitation of historical buildings and a 10 percent credit for non-historic buildings placed in service before 1936. More than 42,000 historic buildings have been rehabilitated using the program. This resolution is due to the fear that the historic tax credit program may be eliminated as part of the President's plan to overhaul the federal tax program. Chris Black of Ray Black & Son spoke before the Board voted about the importance of the program to Paducah. Black said, "It speaks to the benefits of a program that supports Paducah's architecture." Black said between 2002 and 2016, more than \$11 million in private investment occurred in Paducah associated with the historic tax credit program. He added that currently \$3 million in projects are pending or proposed in Paducah. Black encouraged everyone to contact their senators and representatives to encourage the continuing of the tax credit program.

## **Frustration over North 32 Street Closure Due to Deteriorated Bridge**

Denny Roof who co-owns a business at 3145 Park Avenue voiced his frustration regarding the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's indefinite closure of State Route 731 (North 32<sup>nd</sup> Street) due to a deteriorated bridge. The bridge was closed in mid-September. Roof said, "I use that road a lot, and our customers use it a lot. People are complaining and concerned about it." City Engineer & Public Works Director Rick Murphy said he has met with the District Engineer about the bridge. Murphy said, "It's in their (the State's) jurisdiction. We are offering to help." Murphy said the State has promised to provide better signage to help prevent some traffic from detouring through the residential areas. However, he has not been provided additional information regarding a timeline to replace the bridge and reopen the road. Commissioner Sandra Wilson said, "It (the bridge) is in our city, and it's important to us."

## **Winterizing the Transient Dock**

City Engineer & Public Works Director Rick Murphy said Paducah's Transient Boat Dock will be winterized this Thursday. The dock will remain open with fuel and power available for boaters. However, due to the forecast of freezing temperatures, water and sewer pump-out amenities will be drained and winterized to prevent damage to the pipes. Murphy said this is a typical procedure for local marinas and docks with many of them winterized and ceasing water and sewer services from November 1 to March 1.

## **Rezoning and Final Annexation Ordinances for 2909 Lone Oak Road and 2835 Maryland Street (votes in November)**

At its October 10 meeting, the Paducah Board of Commissioners approved an ordinance for the intent to annex property located at 2909 Lone Oak Road (0.408 acres) and 2835 Maryland Street (0.494 acres). At this meeting, the Board introduced ordinances for the final annexation and the rezoning of the properties to Highway Business District which is the zoning of the adjacent properties. The Paducah Planning Commission met October 16 and provided a positive recommendation to change the zoning. S&R Investments, LLC asked the City to annex the properties. When property is annexed into the city, it receives an automatic R-1 Low Density Residential designation. These properties, which are owned by Tri-State Construction Company, are south of Banks Market. The owner plans to construct a 20,000 square foot retail strip center. Earlier this year, the neighboring properties at 2901 and 2905 Lone Oak Road and 2825 Maryland Street were annexed.

## **Amend Cable Television Franchise Agreement with Comcast (vote in November)**

The Paducah Board of Commissioners introduced an ordinance amending the termination date for the non-exclusive franchise agreement between the City of Paducah and Comcast Cable. This ordinance amends the franchise to provide a month-to-month agreement as both parties are negotiating a new franchise agreement.

## **Quick Highlights**



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- Mayor Brandi Harless proclaimed November as Diabetes Awareness Month. Kathy West and Celeste Emerson with the Purchase Area Diabetes Connection invited folks to attend the Diabetes Expo this Saturday at the McCracken County Cooperative Extension Office. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.
- Boards and Commissions:
  - Shirley Trail Lanier appointed to the Board of Adjustment
  - Joseph Benberry and David Morrison reappointed to the Paducah Planning Commission.
  - Robert Shy appointed to the Human Rights Commission.
  - Jeanne Stroup appointed to the Paducah Golf Commission.
- Municipal order approved to renew a one year employment contract with Officer John Tolliver as a traffic collision specialist. Tolliver retired in 2016 from the Paducah Police Department after 21 years of service. KRS Chapter 95 allows departments to hire previously retired officers. Employees of this classification are not able to participate in the retirement system or health insurance plan. This is advantageous since experienced officers can be re-hired at a lower cost to the city.
- Municipal order approved to apply for a \$5390 Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives grant. If awarded, the funds would be used to digitize Sanborn maps of Paducah from 1952. No local match is required.
- Municipal order approved accepting U.S. Housing and Urban Development's Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$200,000 on behalf of Four Rivers Behavioral Health for personnel expenses for the Center Point Recovery Center. Local matching funds will not be required from the City of Paducah. An administration fee of \$10,500 will be paid out of the grant to the City to maintain and monitor the funding.
- Municipal order approved to apply for the Kentucky League of Cities Insurance Services Grant. The grant request is for \$3000 which if awarded would be used to purchase a new piece of playground equipment for the Noble Park Boundless Playground. The equipment costs a total of \$9000. The amount not covered by the grant would be paid for through the Parks & Recreation Department's budget.
- Municipal order approved accepting the bid from Alert Alarm Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$46,423.75 for the purchase of three floodwall security cameras along with related equipment and software. A \$14,678 Port Security Grant will help fund the project.

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