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**Resignation of Paducah City Manager Jim Zumwalt**

**PADUCAH, KY**— After meeting in closed session during the morning and early afternoon, the Paducah Board of Commissioners requested the attendance of all City employees for a meeting at City Hall at 3:00 p.m. today. In the meeting, Mayor Bill Paxton announced that the Commission has accepted the resignation of City Manager Jim Zumwalt. Paxton read to the employees Zumwalt's resignation letter as follows:

*Dear Mayor and Commissioners:*

*I am writing to submit my resignation as Paducah City Manager effective immediately.*

*I appreciate the generous promise the Commission has made to provide me pay and benefits for the next six months.*

*Thank you for the opportunity you have given me over the last 12 years to serve you and the Citizens of Paducah.*

*Sincerely,*

*James W. Zumwalt*

Mayor Paxton says Zumwalt "has been a wonderful friend, a wonderful confidant." Commissioners thanked Zumwalt for his leadership over the past 12 years and for his dedication and hard work. They also thanked the employees for their professionalism.

Zumwalt addressed the employees and listed more than two dozen recent accomplishments of each department and department director. Zumwalt says, "Citizens of Paducah are blessed." Some of the accomplishments include a reduction in the crime rate, reduction in operating budget with no cutting of services, national reputation for the LowerTown Artist Relocation Program, on-line health insurance enrollment, and a reduction in insurance costs.



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Zumwalt says, "Public service is a calling. It's exciting. My career has been fulfilling, and I hope your careers will be as fulfilling as mine."

Mayor Paxton says the Paducah Board of Commissioners hopes to appoint an Interim City Manager within the next few days. A national search will be conducted for a permanent City Manager.

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