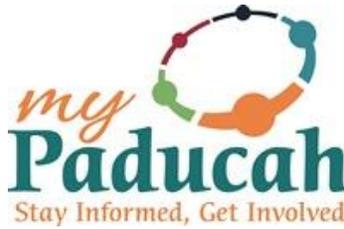


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Requesting Public Input on Image of City Hall

PADUCAH – Over the next few weeks, the City of Paducah is requesting public input regarding the City Hall project. On Tuesday, August 5, the City Commission and department directors held a workshop to begin providing input on five project values. One of the values is *image*. Over the next week, the City would like the public to either email their thoughts about *image* to cityhallproject@paducahky.gov or post comments on the Paducah City Hall Project Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/PaducahCityHallProject>).

Public Information Officer Pam Spencer says, “Regarding image, we want the public to think about answering the question ‘What kind of message should a city hall building in Paducah communicate?’ Some city halls portray a message of efficiency, others are architecturally grand and showcase the city, while other city halls are simple and functional, no frills. We want to know what Paducah’s citizens feel is the appropriate image for a City Hall in Paducah.” Some factors to consider regarding image include architectural design and outdoor spaces.

Each week through mid-September, the City will be requesting input on each of the other four values: customer experience, functional buildings and work spaces, siting impacts, and sustainability. The input from the public will be combined with input from the City Commission and directors to develop guiding principles for the project which will help steer the work of the City Hall Working Group once it is organized. One of the first decisions to be made is whether to renovate the existing City Hall building or design a new facility.



Background: At their May 20, 2014 meeting, the Board heard a presentation about City Hall’s conditions from Baccus Oliver, a professional engineer with Marcum Engineering. Over the past few months, Marcum Engineering; Bacon, Farmer, Workman Engineering; and Peck, Flannery, Gream, Warren worked together to conduct an assessment of City Hall’s structure, layout, security, seismic upgrade requirements, and renovation possibilities. The study shows that the 61,000 square foot

building which opened in 1964 is showing significant deterioration in its concrete roof canopy and with many of its electrical and mechanical systems. To protect the safety of the employees and citizens, access to the building is limited to the 5th Street entrance. Also, barricades have been placed around the building limiting access under the concrete roof canopy which is deflecting or sagging nearly 9 inches at its corners.

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