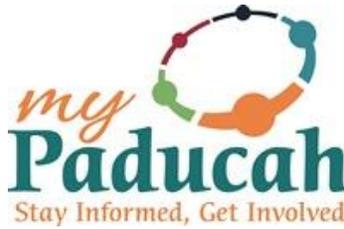


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**Requesting Public Input on *Sustainability* for City Hall Project**

PADUCAH – The City of Paducah is requesting public input on *Sustainability*, the next city hall project value. Sustainability in building practices refers to a structure that is “green,” environmentally responsible and resource-efficient throughout its life-cycle. When talking about sustainability, the standard that is mentioned is LEED, Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design. LEED is a certification program based on a building’s earning points by meeting a set of criteria. There are four levels of LEED certification depending upon the number of points a building achieves.

Public Information Officer Pam Spencer says, “This week, we want to know how important sustainable practices are to the public. We want to know if the City should work to achieve a LEED certification for the new or renovated city hall. I think everyone agrees that the facility should strive for the most efficient heating and cooling system; however, what other efficiency and green practices are important to this community?”

Over the next week, please email thoughts about *Sustainability* to [cityhallproject@paducahky.gov](mailto:cityhallproject@paducahky.gov) or post comments on the Paducah City Hall Project Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/PaducahCityHallProject>).

On Tuesday, August 5, the City Commission and department directors held a workshop to begin providing input on five project values. Each week through mid-September, the City will be requesting input on each of the values: *image, customer experience, functional buildings and work spaces, sustainability, and siting impacts*. The public input 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: The Board of Commissioners heard a presentation May 20, 2014 about City Hall’s conditions from Baccus Oliver, a professional engineer with Marcum Engineering. Marcum Engineering; Bacon, Farmer, Workman Engineering; and Peck, Flannery, Gream, Warren conducted an assessment of City Hall’s structure, layout, security, seismic upgrade requirements, and renovation possibilities. The study*

*shows the 61,000 square foot building which opened in 1964 is showing significant deterioration in its concrete roof canopy and electrical and mechanical systems. For public safety, access to the building is limited to the 5<sup>th</sup> 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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