



## City Commission Meeting Highlights Tuesday, October 15, 2013 at City Hall

### **Change Order #2 for the Riverfront Redevelopment Project Phase I-A**

The Mayor and Commissioners approved an ordinance for Change Order #2 with MAC Construction & Excavating, Inc. for the Riverfront Redevelopment Project Phase I-A. Commissioner Richard Abraham voted against the change order after asking several questions about the need for the process that the contractor would be taking to stabilize the downstream slope of the project and if the slope stabilization would fall under the current scope of the contract with the contractor.

Before the vote, City Engineer-Public Works Director Rick Murphy sketched on a white board the current status of the project including the downstream slope that according to geotechnical engineers is too steep to remain without grading it to the 3 to 1 slope as in the design plans. Murphy explained that the contractor was placing rock within the limits of the project this summer when the contracted amount of rock was achieved. The next options were either to purchase additional rock to finish this phase of the project or commence an orderly shutdown of the project. Since the City decided to commence an orderly shutdown, the contractor will need to decrease the steepness of the downstream slope so that the project will be stable for the future. A portion of the change order amount is for the contractor to move rock that is already in place and stabilize the slope, basically handling rock twice which leads to an additional charge.

In addition to the slope stabilization, which costs \$80,000, the change order also covers two other items: the length extension for the 12 steel guide structures/pilings at a cost of \$192,428 and the retaining of barges at a cost of \$42,000 during a temporary project shutdown. This change order amends the City's original \$4.49 million contract with MAC by increasing it to a little more than \$4.8 million. The \$265,000 that the Commission allocated to the project in August in addition to an additional \$50,000 will be used to cover the change order amount. The City's original contract with MAC was for the installation of 316,550 tons of rock to create the base of a park adjacent to Schultz Park and the installation of 12 guide structures/pilings to support a future gangway.

After MAC finishes the items in the change order, the project will be in a review phase with the Paducah Riverfront Redevelopment Authority (PRDA) board taking a comprehensive look at the project. The board, led by Chairman Bruce Brockenborough, will review the project looking at the initial objectives outlined in the Riverfront Master Plan in addition to grant funding and existing engineering conditions. The board will then review permit requirements and the limitations and feasibility associated with the grants. The board's ultimate goal is to make a recommendation on the best way to move forward. The majority of this phase of the riverfront project is funded by a \$2.97 million Neighborhood Initiative Project Grant by the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference for Electrical, Building, and Fire Professionals Presentation**

Fire Prevention Division Permit Specialist April Tinsman briefed the Mayor and Commissioners about the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference for Electrical, Building, and Fire Suppression professionals. The Fire Prevention Division is organizing the **free** one-day workshop available to anyone in the electrical, building/construction or firefighting professions. The workshop will be Friday, October 25, from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., at the Julian Carroll Convention Center. Paducah Fire Department Deputy Chief of Fire Prevention Greg Cherry says, "This event is a way to reach out to the contractors to improve customer service and build better working relationships. We have contractors coming from all over the West Kentucky area and also inspectors from other cities, counties, and State inspectors because we all use the same life safety codes." Participation in the classes will provide attendees with continuing education credits for the State of Kentucky. Pre-registration is



required by Monday, October 21 as lunch and materials will be provided. To pre-register, complete the registration form located on the City of Paducah website at [www.paducahky.gov](http://www.paducahky.gov) or contact April Tinsman in the Fire Prevention Division at 270-444-8527.

The three classes offered at the conference are “The IAEI Analysis of Changes-2014 NEC” taught by Bill McGovern; “2009 IECC-Performing Residential Energy Inspections” instructed by Russell Thornburg; and Hybrid Car Technology taught by Michael Shoulders.

The Paducah Fire Department welcomes sponsors for the event. To date, the Fire Prevention Division has 23 sponsors for the workshop including A&K Construction Inc., Bell’s Auto World, BFW Inc., Bluegrass Uniforms Inc., CED Paducah Electrical Supply, Hannan Supply Company, I-5 Design Group, IBEW, Grimes & Associates Inc., Jackson Purchase Two-Way Radio, James Marine Inc., Jason’s Collision Center, Mayfield Plumbing & Electrical Supply Inc., McKeel Equipment Company, Mercy Regional EMS, Paducah Bank, Paducah Power System, Peck Flannery Gream & Warren Inc., Petter Supply Company, Premier Fire Protection Services, Randy’s Body Shop Inc., Ray Black & Son, and Vanguard Contractors.

### **Quick Highlights**

- Ordinance approved amending the \$1 million Community Development Block Grant agreement with the Department of Local Government for the Jackson House Elevator Project. The amendment asks for the grant to be extended one year to December 31, 2014. The project to renovate the building’s existing elevators and construct a new elevator and entrance is approximately 75% complete.
- Ordinance approved for an employment agreement with Brandon Barnhill as Paducah Police Chief. Chief Barnhill was appointed September 17, 2013 with an official pinning ceremony on October 4.
- Ordinance introduced (vote October 22) for a Contract for Services with the Convention Center Corporation. The City is providing the CCC an annual appropriation of \$100,000 to be used for the costs associated with the CCC’s administration of the Paducah Expo Center and the Julian Carroll Convention Center.

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