



City Commission Meeting Highlights Tuesday, October 22, 2013 at City Hall

City of Paducah Health Insurance for 2014

Greg Carlton, Senior Vice President Employee Benefits & Wellness with Peel & Holland, provided a preview of the City of Paducah's 2014 health insurance plan through Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield as the City's third party administrator. After Carlton's presentation the Mayor and Commissioners approved a municipal order for the health insurance premiums. Those who participate in the City's plan will have no change to their premiums as compared to this current year. Dental and vision plan premiums will be unchanged as well.

The City of Paducah has a self-insured health insurance plan which means that the premiums paid into the plan are used to pay the claims. Commissioner Richard Abraham says, "It's the employees' program. The healthier you get, the healthier the program is." Human Resources Director Cindy Medford says, "Our commitment to wellness is firm, and it's strong." One of the recommendations for 2014 is to contract with a company called Edumedics to provide concierge-type medical service to the employees especially the employees who have chronic illnesses such as high blood pressure and/or diabetes.

- Ordinance introduced (vote Nov. 5) to authorize an agreement between the City of Paducah and Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield to provide administrative services related to the City's health insurance plan.
- Ordinance introduced (vote Nov. 5) to authorize an agreement between the City of Paducah and Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield for stop loss insurance which is used when a plan participant's claims exceed a set value or when the City's total claims exceed a set maximum. The insurance protects the City from catastrophic health insurance claims. The maximum city liability per person will be set at \$175,000 which is \$25,000 higher than the current year. Anthem will assume liability for individual claims that are higher than \$175,000 up to \$1 million. Anthem also will step in when the City's total health claims reach a little more than \$3.39 million.

Abolish and Recreate Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance to Reflect State Updates (vote Nov. 5)

The Mayor and Commissioners introduced an ordinance to abolish and then recreate Chapter 6 in the Paducah Code of Ordinances regarding Alcoholic Beverages. After a six month study by the Governor's Task Force on the Study of Alcoholic Beverage Control Laws, the Kentucky General Assembly passed Senate Bill 13. The bill became effective June 25, 2013 which has resulted in cities needing to update their ABC ordinances to reflect the State changes. City Clerk Tammy Sanderson explained that the changes simplify and clarify many of the prior laws including the consolidation of several licenses and the simplification of state forms.

2nd Annual Dragon Boat Festival Update

The River Discovery Center hosted the 2nd annual Dragon Boat Festival in downtown Paducah on Saturday, September 21. River Discovery Center Executive Director Julie Harris updated the Mayor and Commissioners on the success of this second festival which involved 32 teams racing in heats by paddling 40-foot long boats. Harris says, "We needed an event that would bring people to the river and connect them to the river." Harris says 7500 people attended the event. Commissioner Richard Abraham says, "It's another example of when you have quality events downtown, people will come." Proceeds from the team entry fees and sponsorships will go towards the educational programs at the River Discovery Center. Harris says more than \$90,000 was raised. Visit www.riverdiscoverycenter.org to learn more about the museum. Mayor Gayle Kaler, a breast cancer survivor, organized the City's team called "Team Paducah Hits a Home Run for Breast Cancer" with team members dressed as baseball and softball players. Mayor Kaler and her co-worker, Kelly De Rezza, a breast cancer survivor as well, raised the entire \$2000 entry fee and donations above the entry fee



which totaled approximately \$700 were donated to the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. Next year's Dragon Boat Festival will be held September 20.

Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month Proclamation

Mayor Kaler read a proclamation proclaiming November as Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month. In 2013, an estimated 45,220 people will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in the United States, and 38,460 will die from the disease. Pancreatic cancer, one of the deadliest cancers, has a five-year relative survival rate in the single digits at just six percent. The Pancreatic Cancer Action Network is the national organization serving the pancreatic cancer community in Paducah and nationwide through a comprehensive approach that includes public policy, research funding, patient services, and public awareness and education. On October 27, the Network will host a vigil at sunset at Whitehaven Welcome Center. For more information, visit www.purplelight.org.

National Business Women's Week Proclamation

Mayor Kaler presented a proclamation to Merryman Kemp of the Business and Professional's Women Organization proclaiming October 21-25 as National Business Women's Week. Women who are employed outside the home constitute 71 million of the nation's workforce, and women-owned businesses account for 30 percent of all U.S. businesses. The Paducah Business and Professional Women's is the oldest chapter in the State. It was formed in 1919.

Quick Highlights

- Carla Berry appointed to the Paducah Riverfront Development Authority (PRDA) board.
- Ordinance approved 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.
- PRDA meets tomorrow to begin its review of the Riverfront Redevelopment Project. At this time, the contractor, MAC, is in the final stages to conclude its contract with the City which included the 12 steel pilings and the placement of rock for the base of the park.
- The three committees that were created as a result of the Citizen Survey have had initial meetings with two of the committees meeting tomorrow.
- The Ohio River Boat Launch project located at 6th and Burnett is nearing completion.
- After a public comment regarding the intersection of Pecan Drive and Buckner Lane, City Manager Jeff Pederson says he will call the Traffic Commission together to study the intersection.

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