



## City Commission Meeting Highlights Tuesday, November 12, 2013 at City Hall

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### **Barkley Regional Airport Audit and Update**

Barkley Regional Airport Manager Richard Roof provided the Mayor and Commissioners with the airport's fiscal year 2013 audit. Roof says the audit indicates a strengthening of resources for the airport. Roof also says during the past year the airport has completed some major projects including the reroofing of the airport terminal and the installation of security fencing. This year the airport expects to have 40,000 passengers. Commissioner Allan Rhodes says, "One of the things that makes Paducah unique is our air service. We have jet service to Chicago. We are fortunate to have [Barkley Regional Airport] here, and we should support them."

### **Downtown and LowerTown Business Appreciation Day Proclamation**

Mayor Gayle Kaler read a proclamation proclaiming today as Downtown and LowerTown Business Appreciation Day. The Mayor and each Commissioner took turns reading the names of nearly 90 businesses that have been in business at least 20 years in either downtown or LowerTown. Mayor Kaler says, "It shows that Paducah's downtown is a vital, thriving business area, contrary to what some may think." A breakfast to honor the businesses was held this morning at the Paducah Area Chamber of Commerce. Paducah Bank sponsored the breakfast.

### **Zoning Amendments (vote November 26)**

The Mayor and Commissioners introduced three ordinances to amend and clarify sections of the Paducah Code of Ordinances regarding zoning. The sections to be amended are as follows:

- Section 126-71 Off-street parking and loading areas. The amendment clarifies the number of parking spaces required per gross floor area for hotels and certain types of restaurants. The amendment also clarifies the requirements for handicap parking.
- Section 126-76 Sign regulations. The amendment removes references to ordinances that either have been deleted or have been changed. The amendment also contains new regulations with guidelines allowing places of worship to have electronic message signs.
- Section 126-106 Convenience and Service Zone, B-1. The amendment changes the listed conditional uses to be approved by the Board of Adjustment. The conditional uses are automobile rental, sales, or service; drive-in establishments; and other similar but undefined uses.

### **Quick Highlights**

- Boards and Commissions: Cynthia Jones appointed to the Tree Advisory Board; David Morrison and Joseph Benberry reappointed to the Paducah Planning Commission; Johanna Rhodes reappointed to the Board of Adjustment; and Greg Menke appointed to the Paducah-McCracken County Riverport Authority.
- Municipal order approved to certify that all City of Paducah maintained bridges with weight limits of 18 tons or less are posted in accordance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards. There are 13 bridges maintained by the City. However, the only bridge with the capacity requirement is located on South 24<sup>th</sup> Street with a posted weight limit of 14 tons.
- Ordinance introduced (vote November 26) to accept the grant in the amount of \$32,000 from the Kentucky Department of Homeland Security. The funds will be used to purchase hand-held radios for the Paducah Police Department. No local match is required for this grant.
- City Manager Jeff Pederson asked that everyone keep Paducah Police Officer Austin Guill in your thoughts. He returned yesterday from Evansville where he had been flown after last Wednesday's



crash in which the driver of a stolen van ran a stop sign and broadsided his cruiser. Officer Guill has a lengthy recovery ahead of him. He currently is at Lourdes Hospital.

- The three committees working on action plans following the Citizen Survey are wrapping up their work. Pederson expects the Commission to be briefed on the committees' work in the next few weeks.
- The City is planning a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Ohio River Boat Launch project. The event is tentatively scheduled for Friday, November 22.
- Commissioner Richard Abraham commented on the recent death of Harold T. Alston. Commissioner Abraham says, "He was a pioneer in this community. He will be missed." Harold Alston, one of the famous Tuskegee Airmen during World War II, was trained to build and service the new technology of Radar. He served as an electronics technician alongside the Tuskegee-trained pilots of the 332<sup>nd</sup> Fighter Group.
- The Mayor's Anti-Bullying Task Force held its fourth meeting today and decided to create committees to start working on various initiatives.
- Commissioner Sandra Wilson says that 45 business people from Lexington are coming to Paducah Thursday and Friday to see what makes Paducah so unique.

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