



City Commission Meeting Highlights Tuesday, December 10, 2013 at City Hall

Note: Commissioner Richard Abraham was unable to attend the City Commission meeting and hotel news conference due to his participation in the Kentucky Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials (KBC-LEO) conference in Lexington, Kentucky.

Main Street Department Reorganization

City Manager Jeff Pederson made a presentation to the Mayor and Commissioners about the reorganization of the City's Main Street Department which also is referred to as Paducah Renaissance Alliance (PRA). Pederson has been reviewing the structure of the department since the resignation of its Executive Director, Lisa Thompson, in May. Pederson says, "We need structure to mirror the strategy. This reorganization is about spending limited resources more effectively." Pederson recommends disbanding the department and the use of the PRA logo and identity. He also recommends creating new positions to handle the department's responsibilities under the Parks Services and Planning Departments. Pederson recommends creating a Downtown Development Specialist under the Planning Department who would promote and administer financial assistance programs such as the roof stabilization program, recruit businesses, and be a liaison between associations, stakeholders, and the Main Street Advisory Board. Another position, a Special Events Coordinator, would be created under the Parks Services Department with the responsibility of planning and coordinating all major events and activities sponsored or conducted by the City. The Mayor and Commissioners approved personnel actions to create the two positions. The new positions will be posted before Christmas. Pederson also recommends that the downtown merchants create a Downtown Association. The new association in addition to the existing LowerTown Association would conduct promotional activities and would be eligible to submit an annual request for funding support from the City. The City would continue its Kentucky Main Street certification.

Hotel Development Agreement (vote December 17)

A news conference was held prior to the City Commission meeting to review with the public and media the details of the hotel development agreement. At this meeting, the Mayor and Commissioners introduced an ordinance for the hotel development agreement for a hotel adjacent to the Julian Carroll Convention Center. (See news conference news release, agreement fact sheet, and news conference video for more information.)

Loan to Paxton Park Municipal Golf Course (vote December 17)

The Mayor and Commissioners introduced an ordinance for a \$225,000 loan from the City's Fleet Enterprise Fund to the Paxton Park Municipal Golf Course Board. In return, Paxton Park will repay the loan plus interest over a period of ten years. Paxton Park will use the funds for various facility improvements and equipment purchases including the purchase of mowers and a sod cutter. The funds also would be used for new roofing on the clubhouse and paving projects. Paxton Park also plans to improve the golf course by adding lakes at holes #5 and 8. Mayor Gayle Kaler says, "Paducah Park is one of the finest municipal golf courses I've ever seen. It has excellent management. This loan will help the board to do the improvements to help the park even more."

Repair of Floodwall Pump Station #2 Electric Motor

The Commissioners approved an ordinance to pay Industrial Maintenance & Engineering Corporation \$38,000 for the emergency repair of the of the 500 hp (horsepower) electric motor serving one of the pumps at Floodwall Station #2 located at 1416 North 6th Street. The emergency repair occurred this past summer after the pump became disabled. City Engineering-Public Works Director Rick Murphy says the 65-year old motor is repaired and back on line. He added that a new motor costs approximately \$300,000.



Amend Noble Park Pool Concession Area Change Order #1

The Commissioners approved an ordinance to amend Change Order #1 with Midstates Construction, Inc. which was adopted by the City Commission in July. The change order amount will increase by \$7231.11 from \$15,727.61 to \$22,958.72 for the Noble Park Pool concession stand project bringing the contract amount with Midstates to \$162,565.72. This change order includes additional work by Midstates to open and rebuild a wall after the removal of an old asbestos water tank, the removal of an extra concrete slab on site, and additional plumbing work. The Noble Park Pool received significant renovations earlier this year including a new pool liner, filtration, and disinfection systems, an updated concession stand, and a spray pad. The Noble Park Pool had not received a significant renovation since 1992. The City invested more than \$1.2 million in the pool renovation and rehabilitation.

Amend ABC Ordinance to Allow Sales of Alcohol While Polls are Open

The Commissioners approved an ordinance to amend Chapter 6 in the Paducah Code of Ordinances regarding alcoholic beverages to allow the sale of alcohol during the hours polls are open for a primary, regular, school, or special election. With the passage of Senate Bill 13 that went into effect June 25, the State began allowing cities the authority to determine if they want to allow alcohol sales on election days. Earlier this month the Paducah Board of Commissioners approved amending the Paducah Code to reflect other changes in State alcoholic beverage control laws that simplify and clarify many of the prior laws including the consolidation of several licenses and the simplification of state forms.

Christmas Ornament Contest Winners

Mayor Gayle Kaler presented certificates to the winners of the Mayor's Christmas Ornament Contest. In September, Mayor Kaler asked students, kindergarten through 12th grade who reside in Paducah, to hand-craft Christmas ornaments for a tree in City Hall. Mayor Kaler received 130 ornaments, and all of them are on the tree in the lobby of City Hall. They were judged with consideration given to ornaments that used recycled or natural materials and featured Paducah's history, landmarks, or name. The winners are as follows:

- Kindergarten through 3rd grade: 1st Place – Katelyn Higdon; 2nd Place – Madison Patel; 3rd Place – Emma Waltmon; and Honorable Mention – Keaton Housman
- 4th through 8th grade: 1st Place – Sophia Browning; 2nd Place – Ryan Gillituk; 3rd Place – Erin Gillituk; and Honorable Mention – Jazz Hudson
- 9th through 12th grade: 1st Place – Talia Housman

Clark Elementary received an award for Most Christmas Spirit for submitting 94 ornaments for the contest. Morgan Elementary received an award for the Best Use of Materials. Morgan's Art Club submitted 11 ornaments created from recycled Christmas cards.

handiCAPABLE Guide Service, Inc. Presentation

Tom Bruzan with handiCAPABLE Guide Service, Inc. provided the Mayor and Commissioners with a flyer about the charity corporation dedicated to educating and rehabilitating people with physical challenges or developmental delays by providing outdoor recreational activities. The volunteer staff gives folks the opportunity to experience boating, fishing, hunting, and other forms of outdoor recreation. For more information, visit www.handicapable.net.

Quick Highlights

- Municipal order approved to apply for the Kentucky League of Cities Insurance Services Safety Grant in the amount of \$6000 for the purchase of two security cameras. This grant requires a match of \$6000.
- Ordinance approved for the final revised 2012-2013 Budget Ordinance. This ordinance represents year-end housekeeping and clean up following the close of the fiscal year.



- Ordinance approved for the purchase of four new 2014 Dodge Charger police vehicles from Linwood Chrysler Dodge Hyundai, LLC in the amount of \$112,721.60. A bid opening was held November 13 with three bids submitted.
- Ordinance introduced (vote December 17) for the contract between the City of Paducah and Peel & Holland pertaining to the administration of the City's health insurance. The contract amount is for \$71,900 with additional fee of \$200 per hour subject to a minimum retainer of \$5000 for services requested by the City or the City's legal counsel for issues that arise in connection to employee bargaining, legal matters, disputes, etc.
- Ordinance introduced (vote December 17) for a two-year contract between the City of Paducah and Edumedics, LLC for consulting and management services for chronic health conditions for employees covered by the City's health insurance plan.
- City Manager Jeff Pederson passed along his sentiments to Mrs. Betty Owens. Mrs. Owens was at home last night when her house located at 5065 Concord Avenue caught on fire. She was able to escape the home without injury, but the damage due to the fire is extensive. This is the same home and property that the City approved purchasing in October for the Olivet Church Road Improvement Project. The home is insured.
- The City of Paducah Christmas Parade is Saturday, December 14 at 5 p.m. The Candy Cane hunt starts at 10 a.m. on Saturday at Keiler Park.

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