



City Commission Meeting Highlights

Tuesday, March 25, 2014 at City Hall

E-911 Operational Study Presentation

Stuart McElhaney with Almont Associates, an independent consulting firm, presented to the Mayor and Commissioners an overview of the operational review Almont conducted regarding the Paducah-McCracken Emergency Communication Center (E-911). The Center receives non-emergency calls and calls via 911 often totaling nearly 160,000 calls per year. Across the nation, 911 services are funded primarily through landline and to a lesser extent wireless user fees. However, the decline in the popularity of landline telephones has left many E-911 centers with extremely tight budgets. The Paducah-McCracken County E-911 Center engaged Almont Associates to search for operational efficiencies. Paducah Fire Chief Steve Kyle who also serves on the E-911 Board says, "This is a good time to do an overall assessment of our operations." Almont was asked to look at operational design and staffing models, governance structure, and technology and information exchange. After reviewing the current operations and meeting with board members, center staff, and various officials, Almont provided numerous recommendations including a reduction in the size of the board and the placement of the Center under City governance as a City department for effective management control. Almont also recommends a change in the organization's staffing structure and shift schedules to streamline the staff with the recommendation to eliminate the Assistant Director position. Almont also proposes a consolidation with Mercy Regional Ambulance's EMS dispatch center. Regarding the E-911 center Chief Kyle says, "We've got good folks over there. They have a tremendous workload. They are doing the best they can with what they have." Commissioner Richard Abraham says, "We need to make sure the dispatchers have the tools to do what they need to do." To reduce call volume, Almont recommends discontinuing the dispatch of animal control calls from the E-911 center. Almont also made capital and infrastructure recommendations including an upgrade of the computer assisted dispatch system and building improvements. City Manager Jeff Pederson says, "There's a lot to digest, and we need to take these recommendations seriously." Chief Kyle says the E-911 Board will review Almont's report and develop recommendations to present to the City and County. The City Commission plans to further discuss the E-911 Center once they receive the recommendations from the E-911 Board.

Transfer of Columbia Theatre (vote April 8)

The Mayor and Commissioners introduced an ordinance to transfer the Columbia Theatre building located at 510-514 Broadway to Columbia Club, Inc. for \$1.00. Earlier this year, the City of Paducah requested proposals for the purchase and transfer of the city-owned building with a deadline of February 27. Columbia Club, Inc. was the sole bidder. The transfer of the property is contingent on Columbia Club's receiving a Kentucky Department of Environmental Protection Brownfield grant. If the grant is not approved, then the theatre will be transferred back to the City of Paducah. Columbia Club, Inc. in partnership with the City of Paducah wishes to apply for a Brownfield grant in the amount of \$50,000 with funds to be used to mitigate lead-based paint and asbestos in the Columbia Theatre. The grant would require a match of \$10,000 which would be paid by the City. The theatre is eligible for the grant program if owned by a private entity such as the Columbia Club. The application deadline is April 18. The Columbia Theatre was built in 1927. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.



Macco Organiques Deed and Lease for Building and Interlocal Agreement

The Mayor and Commissioners approved two ordinances related to Macco Organiques, a company agreeing to bring 40 full-time jobs to the area. In 2013, the City, County, Greater Paducah Economic Development Council, Inc. (GPEDC), and the Paducah-McCracken County Industrial Development Authority (IDA) signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Macco Organiques to locate a manufacturing and distribution facility for food-grade pharmaceuticals in Paducah. Macco will expand and modify the existing 60,000 square foot spec building located at 5455 Commerce Drive in the I-24 Logistics Park (formerly



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known as Industrial Park West). At this meeting, the Mayor and Commissioners approved an ordinance for the City and County to acquire the property from IDA and transfer the lease between IDA and Macco to the City and County. The City of Paducah and McCracken County have each agreed to commit \$1.25 million toward the renovations and construction at the spec building while retaining ownership of the building with Macco responsible for any costs exceeding the \$2.5 million total. The Mayor and Commissioners approved a second ordinance for an interlocal agreement between the City, County, and GPEDC for the construction and renovations to the spec building. GPEDC will be the project manager for the construction. City Manager Jeff Pederson says the site plan is under review and the construction project will start soon. Bids on the construction project will be received until 2 p.m. on April 10, 2014 at the

GPEDC office on South 3rd Street. For more information about Macco, visit <http://www.macco.ca/>.

Quick Highlights

- Bill Griggs and Martin Mundy reappointed to the Paducah Golf Commission.
- Municipal order approved to apply for the 2014-2015 Kentucky Household Hazardous Waste Grant through the Kentucky Division of Waste Management. The grant request of \$43,912.50 would be used for the annual Spring Clean Up Day for City/County residents. The grant requires a local match of \$14,637.50 to be split between the City and County. This year's Spring Clean Up Day, a free event for Paducah and McCracken County residents, is April 12 from 7 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Visit <http://paducahky.gov/paducah/events/2014-spring-clean-day> for additional details.
- Municipal order approved to apply for the Mutual of America Community Partnership Award which honors non-profit organizations and their partnerships. The award would provide \$25,000 and a documentary video of the partnership. The Merryman House Domestic Crisis Center is partnering with the Paducah Police Department to submit the award application. They have partnered since 1978 in assisting victims of domestic violence and helping to end domestic violence in the community.
- Municipal orders approved for the Section 8 Housing Program including the annual Administrative Plan and the Annual Plan for the Housing Choice Voucher Program. A municipal order also was approved adopting the revisions to the Section 8 Housing Utility Allowances.
- Ordinance approved for a contract with Central Paving Company of Paducah, Inc. for the grinding of tree debris and yard waste at the Compost Facility at the rate of \$524 per hour.
- Ordinance approved to purchase two in-car camera systems for the Police Department and upgrade the video server system from L3 Communications for a total of \$25,223.
- Ordinance introduced (vote April 8) for change order #2 with ICA (formerly Florence & Hutchison) to close out the engineering and inspection services for the Noble Park Pool Renovation project. The final change order increases the contract by \$13,230 to a total of \$197,425. The City invested more than \$1.2 million to renovate and rehabilitate the Noble Park Pool including a new pool liner, filtration, and disinfection systems.
- Ordinance introduced (vote April 8) for the purchase of a rear packer refuse collection truck in the amount of \$157,677 from TAG Truck Center.
- Ordinance introduced (vote April 8) for the renewal of City Manager Pederson's three-year employment agreement. The agreement also calls for an increase in allotted vacation days and salary. Mayor Kaler said to Pederson, "Your continuance in the City of Paducah is important to us as well as to the community."
- Pederson recently visited Cape Girardeau to review its recycling program. He says Cape has an attractive model.
- Regarding the Barbecue on the River Festival, Pederson says the City is reviewing to determine what, if any, responsibilities or rights the City has over the festival. Mayor Kaler would like for the City to start preparing memorandums of understanding between the City and any entity that receives significant in-kind services from the City for an event.
- Pederson expects the April 1 City Commission meeting to be cancelled.

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