



City Commission Meeting Highlights

Tuesday, September 2, 2014 at City Hall

Note: Commissioner Allan Rhodes was unable to attend this meeting.

Bonds for Hotel and Showroom Projects

The Mayor and Commissioners approved an ordinance authorizing the sale of two bond issues. The bonds will be sold September 30. Each bond has a ten-year life. The 2014C bond in the amount of \$2.415 million, which includes the cost to issue the bond, will be used to renovate the former Showroom space attached to the Julian Carroll Convention Center. The 2014D bond in the amount of \$4.325 million, which includes the cost to issue the bond, will be used to assist in the financing of the downtown hotel that will be attached to the Julian Carroll Convention Center. The hotel developers will repay the City for this financing over a 12-year period.

Contract for Master Planning and Design Services for Section of City-Owned Riverfront Land (vote Sept. 16)

The Mayor and Commissioners introduced an ordinance for a contract in an amount not to exceed \$34,000 with RATIO Architects, Inc. and Bacon Farmer Workman Engineering & Testing, Inc. for planning and design services for the approximately six acres of land along the riverfront located between the parking area for the new hotel and Schultz Park. This city-owned section of land is the site of the former Executive Inn. Paducah Riverfront Development Authority Executive Director Steve Doolittle says, "It's a big, expansive site with a lot of opportunity to get it right." The open area is a critical link between the hotel and convention center, the new riverfront park, Schultz Park, and the downtown area. One of the critical components of the plan will be to determine the transportation component that will link vehicles and pedestrians through the former Executive Inn property. The plan also will identify land use opportunities and their locations for the property in addition to documenting the existing utilities and their capacities and proposing interim and transitional uses for the property. At the August 27 meeting of the Paducah Riverfront Development Authority, the PRDA Board approved moving forward with RATIO's proposal with a positive recommendation for the City Commission. Doolittle says the process to create the plan should take approximately six weeks. The consultants are able to start working on the plan later this month.

Discussion about TAP Funding for Greenway Trail Extension at Riverfront

Planning Director Steve Ervin discussed with the Board a funding possibility to enhance and upgrade the existing Schultz Park area specifically the area along the riverfront from Madison and Monroe toward Jefferson. Ervin says the deadline is September 30 for Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funding through the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet. These are Federal Highway Administration funds that can be used for bicycle and pedestrian facilities. Ervin proposes applying for the grant funding with funds to be used for the demolition of asphalt, erosion control, earthwork, drainage feature construction, curb and gutters, paving, sidewalks, landscaping, and lighting. Enhancing Schultz Park will provide for a cohesive design with the new riverfront park under construction. A municipal order giving the authority to apply for the grant will be before the City Commission at their September 16 meeting. The grant request would be for \$421,000 which requires a match from the City in the amount of \$105,000.

Roof Stabilization Program

Downtown Development Specialist Melinda Winchester updated the Board on today's actions by the Urban Renewal and Community Development Agency (URCDA) regarding roof stabilization applications. URCDA reviewed seven applications and approved providing financial assistance to four properties: 218, 313, 420, and 422 Broadway. Additional information is needed for the fifth application. Regarding the other two applications, one was ineligible and one was non-responsible with incomplete information. The City advertised for a request for applications earlier this month with an August 27 deadline.

Quick Highlights

- Mayor Gayle Kaler presented a proclamation to Paducah Tilghman High School students Meg Hancock and Palmer Stroup proclaiming September 8-14, 2014 as Paducah Storytelling Week. The Paducah Tilghman Speech Team will be visiting three local elementary schools during that week.



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- Mayor Kaler presented a proclamation to Convention and Visitors Bureau Executive Director Mary Hammond and Marketing Director Laura Schaumburg proclaiming September 2, 2014 as Smart City Day in reference to Paducah being named #5 on a list of the World's Smartest Cities by National Geographic Travel.
- Municipal order approved to apply for the Law Enforcement Protection Program grant through the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security in the amount of \$9310 for the purchase of 14 body armor vests for the Paducah Police Department. No local match is required.
- Municipal order approved to declare 2306 Eulah Street as city-owned surplus property and authorize the sale of the lot in the amount of \$300.
- Ordinance approved accepting the \$250,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) on behalf of Four Rivers Behavioral Health to be used for salaries at CenterPoint Recovery Center. Local matching funds are not required. An administration fee of \$12,500 will be paid to the City of Paducah.
- With a 2-2 vote (Mayor Gayle Kaler and Commissioner Sandra Wilson voting no), the ordinance to increase the Police and Firefighters' Pension Fund payment to pensioners by 2 percent does not move forward.
- Ordinance approved for a contract between the City of Paducah and the Luther F. Carson Four Rivers Center with the City providing the performing arts center \$80,240 for this fiscal year. The funds help support the Carson Center's Class Act Series.
- Ordinance approved for a contract between the City of Paducah and the Paducah Symphony Orchestra with the City providing the Symphony \$22,855 for this fiscal year to help support the Symphony's youth programming.
- Ordinance introduced (vote Sept. 16) for a contract with Plante & Moran, PLLC in an amount of \$70,840 for consulting services to assist with the creation and evaluation of a Request for Proposals for the upgrade or replacement of the City's current Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) software. Examples of business management that our software currently utilizes include purchasing, code enforcement, land management, accounts receivable, payroll, building permits, and business licenses. IT Director Greg Mueller says, "ERP software touches all of our departments. It's expensive and technologically complex."
- Ordinance introduced (vote Sept. 16) to accept the 2009 Boating Infrastructure Grant in the amount of \$910,000. The local match is \$320,000. The funds will be used on the next phase of the Riverfront Project specifically for the 400-foot transient dock and its amenities for boaters including fuel and power. This action officially accepts the 2009 grant.

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