



# City Commission Meeting Highlights

Tuesday, March 24, 2015 at City Hall

*Note: Commissioner Carol Gault was unable to attend this meeting.*

## **Employee Recognition for 20 Years of Service**

To recognize years of service with the City, City Manager Jeff Pederson has initiated a program to provide service pins and an appreciation certificate to employees. At this meeting, employees with 20 years of service were recognized. Employees with 25 years of service were recognized at the March 10 Commission meeting. Those with 5, 10, and 15 years of service will be recognized at the department level in staff meetings or other gatherings. Employees receiving 20-year service pins and certificates are as follows:

- General Government: Tammy Sanderson
- Finance Department: Jonathan Perkins
- Planning Department: Steve Ervin and Nancy Upchurch
- Police Department: Stacey Grimes
- Fire Department: Barry Carter, Jeff Montgomery, Brian Waid, and Philip Weeks
- Engineering-Public Works: Brenda Johnson, Richard Krosop, and Michael Orenduff
- Parks Department: Luther Hayes

Employees who were able to attend the recognition ceremony are pictured below. Employees (pictured from left to right) are Sanderson, Ervin, Upchurch, Grimes, Carter, Montgomery, Johnson, Krosop, and Hayes.



## **Recycling Drop-Off Location**

Public Information Officer Pam Spencer briefed the Mayor and Commissioners on the progress of negotiating a recycling drop-off facility with Republic Services. Once the City was notified by Greater Paducah Sustainability Project (GPSP) that it would cease to accept recyclables at its recycling facility on North 8<sup>th</sup> Street on March 27, the City began a negotiation process with Republic Services. The written agreement still is being drafted; however, beginning **April 1**, Republic will begin accepting recyclables during regular business hours at its Transfer Station located at 829 Burnett Street. The facility is open Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. until 4 p.m. and Saturday from 7 a.m. until noon. There is no charge for the general public to drop off recyclables.

Recycling at the new drop-off location will involve entering the gates of Republic's Transfer Station on Burnett Street (look for the CWI sign) and making a sharp right into a gravel area where large recycling bins will be located. Recycling customers will then exit through a gate that will take them onto North 8<sup>th</sup> Street. Customers will need to unload their recyclables and



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place them into the appropriate container. There is a separate container for cardboard; however, all other accepted recyclables can be placed together in the bins. No sorting is necessary. Items that will be accepted are as follows: cardboard, pasteboard, newspapers, magazines, junk mail, phone books, office paper, tin, steel, and aluminum cans, and plastic containers. Republic will not accept electronics or batteries, household hazardous waste, items tainted by food, food waste, Styrofoam™, or glass.

### **2015 Recreation Trails Program Grant Application**

The Mayor and Commissions approved a municipal order to apply for the Recreation Trails Program grant in the amount of \$100,000. The federal funds are provided through the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Act (MAP-21). If awarded, the funds would be used to construct a 1/3 mile walking trail in the city-owned open park space bordered by 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Madison Street, 14<sup>th</sup> Street, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard.

### **Purchase of Property Located at 501 North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street (vote in April)**

The Mayor and Commissioners introduced an ordinance for the purchase of property located at 501 North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. The property will be purchased from Kentucky Holdings I, LLC in the amount of \$257,227.97. The 1.86-acre property is located adjacent to the City's floodwall. On the property is a building that once housed a nursing home. Paducah Riverfront Development Authority Executive Director Steve Doolittle says, "We are going to land bank this property and see if we can inspire some development there that's good for downtown."

### **Amendment of Agreement with the USACE for the Design of the Floodwall Project (vote in April)**

The Mayor and Commissioners introduced an ordinance to amend the design agreement approved in February 2013 with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) for projects to rehabilitate the floodwall. The 2013 agreement consisted of the Preconstruction Engineering and Design activities for the top priority project which is the rehabilitation of the floodwall pump stations. The development of the rehabilitation plans and specifications for the pump stations are underway. In this ordinance, the agreement is amended to include the remaining priority projects for Paducah's floodwall system. The next priorities are flap gates; seal closures; gate wells; T-wall, toe drain, water stops, and other miscellaneous items; a new pump station; and I-wall investigation, analysis, and remediation. This amended agreement estimates the total design costs associated with these projects at \$2.28 million. The City's obligation is 35% or \$798,674 which can be funded through in-kind services and funding from budget cycles. City Engineer-Public Works Director Rick Murphy says construction to rehabilitate the City's floodwall pump stations is expected to start in August 2017.

Background: In a 2010 feasibility report, USACE outlined projects to improve the reliability and restore the system performance of the City's floodwall. In 2012, the USACE Chief's report recommended to the U.S. Congress the implementation of the projects outlined in the feasibility report. Rehabilitating the floodwall is an approximately \$20 million endeavor which will involve several project phases. The 12.2-mile long floodwall was constructed between 1939 and 1949. For more information about the floodwall including a slide presentation from USACE, visit <http://paducahky.gov/paducah/floodwall>.

### **Quick Highlights**

- Assistant Fire Chief Gary LeNeave recognized the West Kentucky Hawks basketball team for winning the State Special Olympics Championship.



- Mayor Gayle Kaler presented a proclamation NeuroRestorative proclaiming March as Brain Injury Awareness Month.



- Boards and Commissions: Nick Warren reappointed to Nuisance Code Enforcement Board; extension of the terms of Paducah-McCracken County Convention Center Corporation board members Kyle Henderson, Darryl Pea, Brian Katz, Carla Berry, Alexandra Sherwood, and Drew Hulette from January 1, 2018 to January 1, 2019; and the appointment of Mark Whitlow to the Paducah-McCracken County Convention Center Corporation.
- Municipal order approved to apply for the 2015-2016 Household Hazardous Waste Grant through the Kentucky Division of Waste Management. The grant request of \$32,000 would be used for the annual Spring Clean Up Day for City/County residents. The grant requires a local match of \$8000 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 Saturday, April 4 from 7 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Visit <http://paducahky.gov/paducah/news/2015-spring-clean-day> for additional details.
- Ordinance introduced (vote in April) for a loan guaranty instrument with Regions Bank for the benefit of the Greater Paducah Economic Development Council (GPEDC). This loan guaranty for the outstanding balance of \$321,437.97 is related to the loan originally made by GPEDC in 2003 for a payment to the Kentucky Economic Development Finance Authority (KEDFA) for Information Age Park. If GPEDC made an immediate payment in 2003 to KEDFA, then the interest rate of the KEDFA loan would be reduced from eight to three percent. This loan with Regions Bank funded that immediate payment.
- Ordinance introduced (vote in April) for an amendment to the City's contract with Pepsi for beverage service for all Paducah Parks Services facilities. The amendment allows Pepsi to purchase scoreboards directly with the City installing them.
- Ordinance introduced (vote in April) accepting the bid of \$34,782 from Alert Alarm Systems of Paducah for the installation of security cameras throughout the Police Department property at 1400 Broadway.
- There will not be a Commission meeting next week due to March having five Tuesdays. The meeting scheduled for April 7 may be cancelled due to Spring Break activities.

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