



City Commission Meeting Highlights

Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall

Pre-Budget Workshop

City Manager Jeff Pederson and Finance Director Jonathan Perkins provided the Paducah Board of Commissioners with a preview of the Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Book. In the past, the document has been more than 300 pages in length. This year, each department is streamlining its information so that the book is easier to read and digest. Plus, photos and graphics will be incorporated throughout the document. Perkins says, "There is consistency throughout the entire book. Each department has an opportunity to talk about what they did last year and what they hope to do next year."

Perkins also informed the Board that the city departments are working through their individual budgets with the instruction to keep budgets flat. However, Perkins explained that the departments are challenged with wage increases and increases in liability insurance. Perkins says that General Fund revenue growth from 2010 to 2014 has averaged less than one percent per year as compared to the 1980s with revenue growth of more than 6 percent each year. A workshop will be held in May to further discuss the budget.

Train Restoration

City Manager Pederson recommended to the Paducah Board of Commissioners that the restoration of Locomotive 1518, tender car, baggage, and camp car located near the intersection of Water Street and Kentucky Avenue be handled through the Parks Services Department. In February the City accepted proposals for the restoration of the locomotive and tender car with the removal of the camp and baggage cars. Two proposals were received, but both proposals exceeded the budgeted amount of \$50,000 by more than double. After reviewing the proposals and the budget, Pederson recommends keeping the train intact. The Parks Department in addition to Class D inmates, volunteers, and part-time employees will power wash and sand the locomotive and the three cars before painting. Window restoration and welding will be contracted. Pederson says, "This is not a 20 year solution. It's less extensive than what we specified (in the request for proposals), but it's less expensive." The Board voiced their support of the recommendation.

Fountain Avenue Park Development

The Paducah Board of Commissioners approved an ordinance accepting the Investing in Kentucky's Future grant in the amount of \$400,000 from the Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky for the creation of a new park. At the April 14 Commission meeting, Parks Services Director Mark Thompson along with United Way of Paducah-McCracken County Executive Director Monique Zuber and Mike Muscarella, director of rehabilitation services at Baptist Health Paducah, explained the partnership that is leading to the creation of a new park in the Fountain Avenue Neighborhood. The park is to be developed on the city-owned property bordered by Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, 13th Street, Madison Street, and 14th Street. The partnership, called the Purchase Area Connections for Health, includes the core agencies of the City of Paducah, United Way of Paducah-McCracken County, Baptist Health Paducah, Lourdes Hospital, and the Purchase District Health Department.

The Foundation for a Health Kentucky grant requires a cash match of \$200,000 which will be satisfied through a 2014 Land & Water Conservation Fund grant in the amount of \$75,000, its cash match in the amount of \$75,000, and donations of \$25,000 each from the two hospitals. A fundraising campaign for this park will be initiated by members of the partnership to fully fund the construction of the park. At this time more than \$600,000 is available to start the first phase of the park.

Currently this park consists of a large open area and the City's community garden. The vision for the park is to create an outdoor health park with an open field, a 1/3 mile walking trail, inclusive playground, an expansion of the community garden, a spray pad and outdoor performance area, outdoor fitness equipment, and picnic areas. In the future, there would be public restrooms and the end of the park facing MLK Drive would include retail and professional office space for medical clinics and related agencies with upper story living. The theme of the park is to provide a venue for local schools, the Parks Department, and other agencies to educate the public, especially the youth, about proper diet and exercise. The program called CATCH, Coordinated Approach to Child Health, will be implemented this fall in the local schools to educate children on the benefits of



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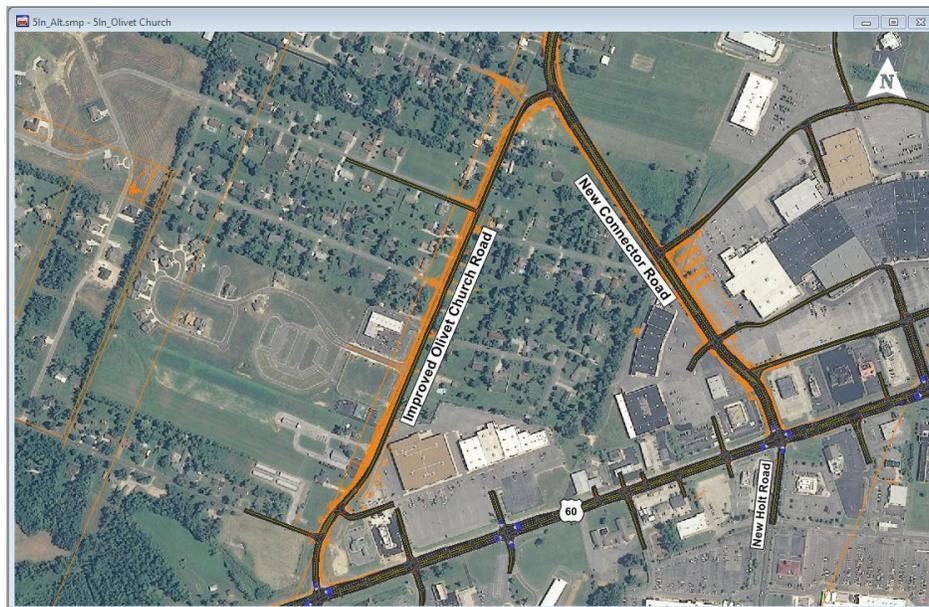
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healthy decisions and healthy lifestyles. Regarding the park construction, the engineering design should be complete next spring with the first phase of construction expected to begin in the summer of 2016.



Olivet Church Road Improvement Project

The Paducah Board of Commissioners approved an ordinance to execute Supplemental Agreement #1 between the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet and the City of Paducah for the construction phase of the Olivet Church Road Improvement Project. The City of Paducah, McCracken County, and the State of Kentucky are working together to make major improvements along Olivet Church Road (KY 998). The 2007 agreement with the Cabinet allowed for the City to be reimbursed by the Cabinet up to \$2 million for expenses incurred for right-of-way acquisition and utility relocation. That work has been completed. This Supplemental Agreement will provide the City with \$6.2 million of state funding for the construction of the Olivet Church Road Improvement Project. The construction phase currently is advertised for bids with a bid opening set for April 24. This project includes the construction of a new five-lane roadway section from U.S. 60 to Olivet Church through the western end of the parking area at Kentucky Oaks Mall. Olivet Church Road will be improved to a three-lane roadway from where the new-five lane intersects it to U.S. 60.



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Quick Highlights

- Mayor Gayle Kaler issued a proclamation proclaiming April 22 as Earth Day.
- Ordinance approved for a five-year extension of the lease between the City and AT&T. AT&T leases space on the 800 MHz tower located at 510 Clark Street. This agreement also includes the monthly payment of \$1633.50 by AT&T. That amount will increase ten percent every five years as part of the agreement.
- Ordinance approved amending the City's procurement code to match revisions to KRS 45A.345 through 45A.460 for competitive bidding. These amendments will remove from the City's code a maximum advertisement time of 21 days and will add the internet as an advertisement alternate.
- Ordinance approved for a contract for an agreement with the Paducah Convention & Visitors Bureau in the amount of \$25,000 on behalf of the American Quilter's Society for marketing of events and venues related to the 2015 AQS QuiltWeek.

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