



City Commission Meeting Highlights

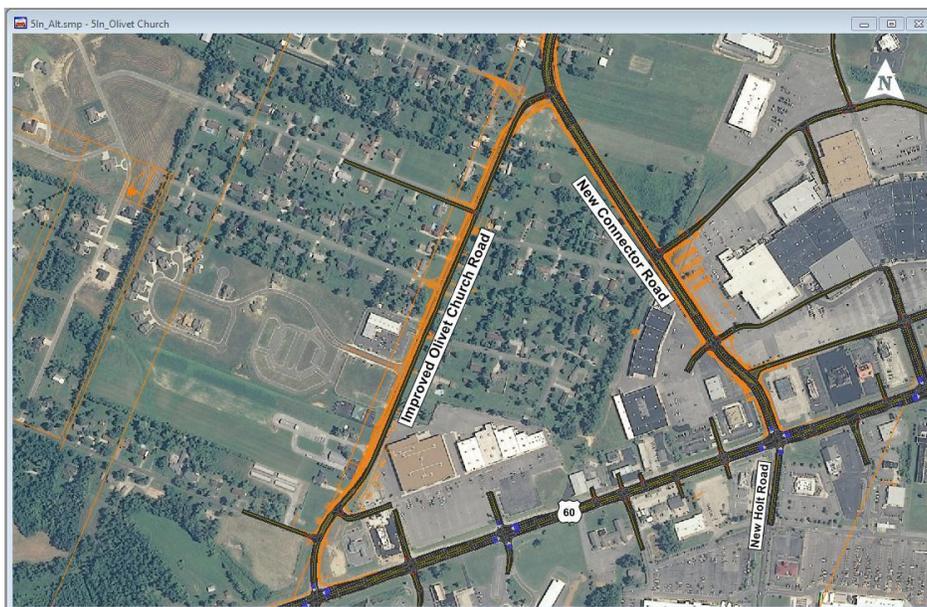
Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall

Riverfront Redevelopment Project Phase I-B Agreement with Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (vote later in May)

The Paducah Board of Commissioners introduced an ordinance to execute the contract between the City and the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet for the Riverfront Redevelopment Project Phase I-B. This contract authorizes the City to be reimbursed up to \$3,920,000 in Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) funds for the project. The funds will be administered by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet with the City being reimbursed after the work has been completed. Currently, the project is advertised for bids with a bid opening scheduled for May 27. This FHWA grant in addition to the Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG) and its local match provide more than \$5 million for Phase I-B of the project. This phase includes the addition of rock, fill, and topsoil to finish the expansion of Schultz Park along the riverfront. This park will provide more than a square block of additional park space. This project also includes the construction of a gangway and the 20-foot wide, 400-foot long transient dock with boater amenities including fuel, electricity, and sanitary sewer pump-out. In 2013, the first phase of the project was completed with the building of the base of the park and the placement of 12, 36-inch steel pilings to support the gangway.

Construction Contract for Olivet Church Road Improvement Project (vote later in May)

The Paducah Board of Commissioners introduced an ordinance to execute a contract with Jim Smith Contracting Company, LLC in the amount of \$6,380,137.40 for the construction of the Olivet Church Road Improvement Project. The expectation is for work to begin in June. This will be a 400 calendar-day contract. However, work will not occur between November 1 and February 29 due to the peak shopping time at Kentucky Oaks Mall and the typical winter weather shut down. The plan is for the project to be completed by November 2016. The bid opening for the project was on April 24; however, since the two bids greatly exceeded the \$6.2 million in State funds allocated for the project, the bids were rejected. The City of Paducah made some adjustments to the project by reviewing every line item and making changes including the removal of some sidewalks, the switch from concrete to asphalt in a few places, a reduction in the width of curb and gutter, etc. Then the bidders resubmitted their bids taking into account the changes and looking at their own price for each line item. The negotiated bids were opened May 7 with Jim Smith Contracting as the lowest, responsive bidder. The City will continue discussions with McCracken County and the State regarding the contract amount that exceeds the State funding. 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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Presentation by Paducah-McCracken County Growth, Inc. Regarding City Hall

Sharon Poat representing Paducah-McCracken County Growth Inc., an organization that has been in existence since 1980 focusing on economic development and historic preservation, invited James Mason, Ph.D. P.E. to provide an analysis of the existing City Hall structure. Dr. Mason provided alternatives for retrofitting the canopy of City Hall and increasing the building's seismic strength. Dr. Mason says, "There is a definite issue in the original design of this building." He proposes adding reinforcing steel into all of the canopy's beams and recommends using the company, The Structural Group, to perform the work. He says The Structural Group is the premier company for concrete reconstruction and has completed work on the White House. Regarding seismic strengthening, Dr. Mason recommends using a technology called base isolation which separates the base of the structure from the ground and places it on a flexible structure known as a base isolator. Buildings utilizing base isolators move little or not at all during an earthquake. Dr. Mason says the cost to strengthen the canopy would be \$1.1 million with the cost to seismically strengthen the building at \$2.21 million for a total cost of \$3.31 million. Dr. Mason says these options would not change the exterior of the building and would not require the building to be vacated during work. Sharon Poat says, "This current proposal keeps so much of the building's fabric intact." Commissioner Richard Abraham says, "There's a lot of history in this building. If we can make it more functional without tearing it down, now's the time to look at that." Mayor Gayle Kaler says, "This, I think, is something that we can consider." The Paducah Board of Commissioners are interested in seeing a cost estimate utilizing these structural options in addition to the costs of system (electrical, plumbing, HVAC, etc.) and interior renovations. Also, at this time the City has issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for architectural services for the construction of a new City Hall. The deadline to submit the RFQ is May 26.

Quick Highlights

- Mayor Gayle Kaler presented a proclamation to Fire Chief Steve Kyle proclaiming May 2015 as Building Safety Month. Building Safety Month is sponsored by the International Code Council. The goal is to remind the public about the critical role local code officials play in helping to make sure that buildings are safe, efficient, and livable.
- Mayor Kaler presented a proclamation to Fowler Black with the Paducah Convention & Visitors Bureau proclaiming May 2-10, 2015 as Travel & Tourism Week. Tourism in Kentucky supports nearly 180,000 jobs and adds more than \$13 billion per year to our state's economy.
- Rosemarie Steele with the Paducah Arts Alliance introduced to the Paducah Board of Commissioners the current artist-in-residence, Maria Saphranova. Saphranova arrived a couple of days ago from Stockholm, Sweden and will be in Paducah for a month.
- Boards and Commissions: Jill Jones and Monica Feiler appointed to the Paducah Civic Beautification Board. Calvin Shanks appointed to the Paducah-McCracken County Urban Renewal and Community Development Agency.
- Municipal order approved to apply for the FY2015 Port Security Grant Program. The Police Department is requesting \$36,675 in funding for a surveillance/camera system for the floodwall and downtown areas. The local match is \$12,225.
- Ordinance approved for an intent to annex the property located at 2675, 2665, 2655, and 2645 Holt Road. The tracts total 2.35 acres. The property owner requested the annexation. The next step will be for the Planning Commission to hold a public hearing to assign zoning. An annexation ordinance and a zone change ordinance will be introduced by the City Commission later in May. This property is contiguous to Paducah's city limits. It is across Holt Road from Strawberry Hill Car Wash, which is within the Paducah city limits.
- Ordinance introduced (vote later in May) for a contract with McBride Mack, Inc. for the purchase of one front loading refuse truck in the amount of \$228,830.
- Ordinance introduced (vote later in May) for a contract with McBride Mack, Inc. for the purchase of one side arm loading refuse truck in the amount of \$249,555.
- Ordinance introduced (vote later in May) to authorize the payment in the amount of \$22,824.50 to AES Environmental, LLC for the collection of household hazardous waste during the April 4, 2015 Spring Clean Up Day.
- City Manager Jeff Pederson says negotiations with AFSCME have concluded. The union has ratified the proposed agreement which will be before the Paducah Board of Commissioners soon.
- Pederson also recognized the City of Paducah workforce in honor of Public Service Recognition Week (May 3-9) through the Partnership for Public Service.

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