



# Called City Commission Meeting Highlights

Tuesday, June 9, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall

*Note: Commissioner Sandra Wilson was unable to attend this meeting.*

## **Young Professionals Committee Report**

Brandi Harless, representing the Young Professionals Committee, provided the Paducah Board of Commissioners an update on the Committee's progress. Mayor Gayle Kaler began organizing the Young Professionals Committee in August 2014 with the goal to get input from citizens in their 20s and 30s about how to recruit young people to Paducah and how to make Paducah an even better place to live and work. The Committee is comprised of 18 young professionals representing 12 industries including real estate, health care, education, marketing, and law. The Committee has drafted a vision statement, *to see a vibrant, thriving social and professional life for young people in Paducah*, and a mission statement, *to be a catalyst for community progress that fosters a thriving Paducah and attracts young people to our city*. The Committee also has determined goals and value statements. Harless explained that over the past few months the committee members talked with their peers to determine focus areas for Paducah: 1) Affordable and modern housing; 2) Arts and entertainment offerings; 3) New resident recruitment and retention; 4) New business startups and existing small business support; 5) Mentorship program; and 6) Community think tanks. The next steps for the Committee are to determine a leadership structure and recruit at least 100 young people to join the email list by December. The group plans to host monthly meetings. The Committee is asking the City government to assist by helping to build partnerships, being involved in ideas and planning, and linking people who may be interested to the Young Professionals Committee. Commissioner Richard Abraham commended the group saying, "I encourage folks to get involved and have a say in where you live. I applaud your ideas." If you would like to be involved with the Young Professionals, contact Brandi Harless at [brandi.harless@gmail.com](mailto:brandi.harless@gmail.com).

## **Fiscal Year 2016 Budget (vote June 16)**

The Paducah Board of Commissioners introduced an ordinance for the Fiscal Year 2016 City of Paducah Budget, a balanced budget. The City's fiscal year begins July 1. Mayor Kaler says, "We do a very transparent budget." At the June 2 Budget Workshop, City Manager Jeff Pederson explained that each department was instructed to prepare budgets that did not exceed the appropriations for the current year. Pederson said, "Of the major revenue sources in the General Fund, payroll tax and businesses license fees are projected to experience negligible increases for the upcoming fiscal year while the insurance premium tax is projected to decline slightly. This is a flat budget year." As compared to the current year budget, revenue is projected to increase by only \$90,000. Appropriations for this upcoming fiscal year from the General Fund are projected at \$32.46 million. Finance Director Jonathan Perkins says, "The General Fund has not changed much from last year." The majority of the City's budget is in the General Fund, the City's main operating fund. The four main sources of revenue for the General Fund are payroll tax, insurance premium tax, business license tax, and property tax. The City operates its finances through several funds including the general fund, investment fund, police and fire pension fund, solid waste fund, fleet lease trust fund, and health insurance trust fund.

## **Quick Highlights**

- Mayor Gayle Kaler recognized Red's Donuts for being named the number one donut establishment in the State by the website [www.herkentucky.com](http://www.herkentucky.com).
- Municipal order approved for the Mayor to execute the deed consideration certificate for the purchase of property located at 960 Krebs Station Road for use by Paducah Water. This property is adjacent to Paducah Water's tank property.
- Ordinance introduced (vote June 16) for the annual service agreement in the amount of \$51,994.56 between Motorola and the City of Paducah for service and maintenance on the 800 MHz radio system including the dispatch consoles and radio controllers at the E911 facility.
- Ordinance introduced (vote June 16) to approve the contract with Orr Safety for the purchase of self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBAs) at the unit price of \$7000 per set for the use by the Fire Department. Two bids were received for the SCBAs.



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- Ordinances introduced (vote June 16) for the annexation and for the zone change of the property contiguous to Paducah's city limits located at 2855 Lone Oak Road and 81 and 91 Plantation Drive. The Planning Commission recommends zoning the property as Highway Business District. An intent to annex the property was approved in May with the property owner requesting the annexation. Banks Market and a strip center currently exist on the nearly six-acre property.
- Ordinance introduced (vote June 16) for an agreement in an amount not to exceed \$51,327 between the City of Paducah and HDR Engineering, Inc. for professional engineering services. HDR would assist the City in preparing and evaluating a request for proposals (RFP) for a new contract for a solid waste transfer station and related solid waste services. The City's has had a contract with Republic Services of Kentucky and its predecessor since 1995. That agreement expires June 30. The RFP would include the following solid waste services:
  - Receipt of the collected municipal solid waste at an existing or proposed transfer station facility;
  - Provide a safe and acceptable drop-off area for recyclables generated within and accessible to all Paducah-McCracken County citizens; and
  - Transportation of all waste and recyclables received and managed at the solid waste transfer station to the respective disposal facility or market.

The Board voiced their concerns about the cost for the professional services and asked about the need for the RFP and about the possibility of drafting the RFP internally.

- Commissioner Richard Abraham would like for the City to draft an ordinance which would give local artists the right of first refusal for any art that would be installed on city-owned property.

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