



City Commission Meeting Highlights

Tuesday, June 16, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall

Fiscal Year 2016 Budget

The Paducah Board of Commissioners approved an ordinance for the Fiscal Year 2016 City of Paducah Budget, a balanced budget. The City's fiscal year begins July 1. City Manager Jeff Pederson thanked the Board and the department heads and staff for their work in compiling the budget. Pederson says, "It's a major undertaking at all levels of the organization." At the June 2 Budget Workshop, 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. 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.

To find out more about the General Fund revenue history and trends, watch the latest episode of Paducah View (6:09 minutes https://youtu.be/pcmgbEt_ato). Paducah View is a short video segment hosted by Public Information Officer Pam Spencer that highlights a project or program in the City of Paducah.

Purchase of Property located at 1408/1410 Broadway for the Paducah Police Department (vote June 23)

The Paducah Board of Commissioners introduced an ordinance to purchase the property located at 1408/1410 Broadway from Sharee and Charles Roberts in the amount of \$175,000 to be used by the Paducah Police Department. This property is adjacent to the Department's headquarters and will provide the Department with an additional 3705 square feet of office space. At the June 2 meeting, the Board approved the purchase of the parking lot at 1414 Broadway for \$24,000. That property is adjacent to the property being introduced at this meeting. At the May 5 Budget Workshop, Police Chief Brandon Barnhill discussed the need for additional space with the proposal to purchase the building and parking lots adjacent to the existing headquarters.

Quick Highlights

- Police Chief Brandon Barnhill introduced Crime Analyst Michael Zidar to the Paducah Board of Commissioners. Zidar's hiring was approved at the June 6 meeting.
- Municipal order approved to apply for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Accountability Grant. The grant request is for \$10,912. If awarded, the funds would be used to purchase 19 body cameras for the Paducah Police Department. To apply for the grant, the City must remain in partnership with McCracken County through an interlocal agreement. An ordinance for the agreement was introduced.
- Municipal order approved to execute a Deed of Conveyance and all related documents for the acquisition of 0.0135 acres at 3325 Olivet Church Road as right-of-way and a permanent drainage and public utility easement for the Olivet Church Road Improvement Project.
- Ordinance approved 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.
- Ordinances approved 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 recommended 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 approved 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 will assist the City in preparing and evaluating a request



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for proposals (RFP) for a new contract for a solid waste transfer station and related solid waste services. 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.

City Manager Pederson says the resulting contract for solid waste services will be a long-term contract more than likely in the neighborhood of \$30 million. Pederson says, "It's that 30-million dollar contract that this consulting work will assist us in procuring. At last week's meeting, 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. After learning more about the complexity and size of the resulting contract, both Commissioner Allan Rhodes and Commissioner Richard Abraham voiced their support for this professional service. Commissioner Rhodes says, "It's [the contract with HDR] a small amount of money in proportion to the amount of money it protects."

- Ordinance introduced (vote June 23) to approve a six-month contract extension and amendment with Republic Services for the receiving, transport, and disposal of municipal solid waste. This extends the contract with Republic through December 31, 2015. The City entered into a ten year contract with Republic's predecessor in 1995 and approved two five-year contract extensions. Under Kentucky franchise law, further long-term extensions are not permitted. During this six month extension, the City will be preparing a request for proposals using the assistance of HDR Engineering (as approved above) to solicit bids for solid waste receiving, transport, and disposal services which also will include provisions for the operation of a transfer facility and the transport and disposal of recyclable materials.
- Ordinance introduced (vote June 23) for a contract with Bluegrass Uniforms for the purchase of self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBAs) at the unit price of \$7150 per set for the use by the Fire Department. Two bids were received for the SCBAs. The bid from Orr Safety was rejected due to the company's proposing the wrong equipment.
- Ordinance introduced (vote June 23) accepting the grant through the Kentucky Certified Local Government Program for historic preservation education funds. The grant award is for \$3795 which requires a local in-kind match of \$2530. The funds would be used to employ an intern to create a GIS database/inventory of commercial historic property and archaeological resources in the City.
- Ordinance introduced (vote June 23) to amend Chapter 78, Section 78-63 of the Paducah Code of Ordinances to increase the rate of longevity pay for AFSCME and non-bargaining employees from \$5.00 to \$6.00 per month for each complete year of continuous service up to and including 20 years of service. The rate will increase to \$7.00 per month beginning July 1, 2017.
- Commissioner Richard Abraham would like the City to research and get a legal opinion regarding the rights of an artist in maintaining his or her own artwork specifically as related to the floodwall murals.

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