



City Commission Meeting Highlights

Tuesday, June 23, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall

Note: A called meeting of the Paducah Board of Commissioners will be held Thursday, June 25 at 5:30 p.m. to adopt ordinances introduced at this meeting including the hotel development agreement.

Hotel Development Agreement (vote June 25)

The Paducah Board of Commissioners introduced an ordinance for the development agreement between the City of Paducah and Paducah Riverfront Hotel, a development team more commonly known as LinGate Hospitality that has extensive experience building and managing hotels including the new Holiday Inn that opened this year on the riverfront in Owensboro, Kentucky. The development team will bring an upscale 123-room Holiday Inn to Paducah to be located adjacent to the Julian Carroll Convention Center on the 1.4-acre site at 600 North 4th Street that has housed the dome pavilion. The hotel also will include meeting spaces, a pool, and fitness center in addition to the restaurant, Another Broken Egg.



Additional parking for the hotel will be located on a portion of the city-owned property that once housed the Executive Inn. A news conference announcing the hotel was held prior to this Commission meeting with LinGate Hospitality CEO and Founder Glenn Higdon and Vice President of Administration and Marketing Claude Bacon in attendance. This is an \$18 million dollar project considering the development, construction, and equipping of the hotel. Regarding the City's commitment to the project, the City of Paducah will lease the hotel property to the developer for a term of 20-years with the property to revert to the developer at the end of the term. The City also will provide a one-time allowance of \$900,000 for site upgrades and construction. The developers are in the process of making an application to the Kentucky Tourism Development Commission for sales tax credits and plan to break ground on the hotel later this year.

Sale of 533 Madison (Smedley-Yeiser) (vote June 25)

The Paducah Board of Commissioners introduced an ordinance to declare the city-owned property at 533 Madison (Smedley-Yeiser) as surplus property and transfer the property to Paducah-based Bighorn Properties, LLC for \$1. The City acquired the property in 2008 for the Artist Relocation Project for the purpose of transferring the home to a qualified buyer who would commit to a total rehabilitation of the structure. The City solicited bids for the project with a bid opening held June 9. Bighorn Properties proposes investing up to \$500,000 in the property to turn it into commercial space with a vision of a southern-style restaurant to serve breakfast and lunch with event rentals in the evening. Bighorn Properties is a young company focused on the rehabilitation of old and historic homes. Lauren Jackson with Bighorn Properties says, "I feel strongly that buildings like that [Smedley-Yeiser] are what set our town apart and make it special."



Pocket Park Construction Contract (vote June 25)

The Paducah Board of Commissioners introduced an ordinance for a contract with Midstates Construction Co. in the amount of \$44,371.00 for the construction of various elements in the pocket park to be located at 118 South 2nd Street. Currently, the



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location is an empty lot between two buildings. The pocket park will be known as Market Square Pocket Park. Local artists will be creating ceramic tiles for the walls of a planter, metal privacy panels, and fabric panels. Sculptures will be on a rotating basis in the park. The Planning Department and Paducah Main Street received input for this project from downtown businesses and residents.

Purchase of Property located at 1408/1410 Broadway for the Paducah Police Department

The Paducah Board of Commissioners approved 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.

Recognition of Mayor's Anti-Bullying Youth Council

Mayor Gayle Kaler recognized the students serving on the Mayor's Anti-Bullying Youth Council. The students are assisting the Mayor's Anti-Bullying Task Force in designing prevention and intervention recommendations and strategies to address bullying of school-age children in our community. Each student was presented a t-shirt and a certificate of recognition from the Kentucky Senate for his or her efforts to prevent bullying. Mayor Kaler created the Anti-Bullying Task Force in 2013. A Kindness Walk will be held August 8 at 9 a.m. at Noble Park.



Quick Highlights

- David Jones appointed to the Paducah-McCracken County Convention Center Corporation.
- Municipal order approved to amend the Pay Grade Schedule by providing a 1% adjustment to the salaries outlined in the document. The Pay Grade Schedule is a tool used during the hiring and promotion process. It lists the title, pay grade, and salary range for each full-time position with the City of Paducah.
- Municipal order approved to amend the Position and Pay Schedule document to allow for a 1.5 percent wage adjustment for all current employees.
- Municipal order approved to apply for grant funds through the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security. If awarded, the grant request for \$100,000 would be used to employ professional services to aid in the development of specifications for procuring E911 equipment and infrastructure. This grant does not require a match.
- Ordinance approved for 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 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 approved 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.
- Ordinance approved 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.



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- Ordinance approved amending 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.
- Ordinance approved for an interlocal agreement between the City and McCracken County. The agreement is required 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.
- Ordinance introduced (vote June 25) to accept the proposed premiums from the Kentucky League of Cities for Workers' Compensation, Liability, and Property Insurance coverage. The total cost of all premiums is \$1,048,473.81. The Convention Center Corporation will reimburse the City \$35,449.42 for coverage of the Convention Centers.
- Ordinance introduced (vote June 25) to accept the \$250,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) on behalf of Four Rivers Behavioral Health to be used for salaries at CenterPoint Recovery Center. Local matching funds are not required. An administration fee of \$12,500 will be paid to the City of Paducah out of the grant funds.
- Ordinance introduced (vote June 25) for a contract for service with Greater Paducah Economic Development Council (GPEDC) with the City providing GPEDC \$300,000 for the current fiscal year.
- The City Hall Project Committee met today to review the Request for Qualifications submitted in May for architectural services for the construction of a new City Hall. The committee decided to begin interviewing the possible candidates. This work will be concurrent to the work to provide updated cost estimates by James Mason, a structural engineer. Mason has proposed a method to stabilize City Hall to allow for its rehabilitation.

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