



# City Commission Meeting Highlights

Tuesday, September 1, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall

*Note: Mayor Gayle Kaler was unable to attend this meeting.*

## **Approve Purchase of Body Worn Cameras (vote Sept. 15)**

The Paducah Board of Commissioners introduced an ordinance for the purchase of 65 body worn camera units in the amount of \$105,540 from Taser International. This is a sole source purchase since Taser International is the only company providing cloud storage for the data. Over the past several months, the Paducah Police Department has been testing and reviewing body worn cameras to answer questions about camera durability, capabilities, and lifespan and technology concerns such as file storage, retrieval, and retention. The department also has been looking at policies regarding when the cameras would be used. Police Chief Brandon Barnhill says, "It's a simple idea to put a body camera on an officer, but it has very complex ramifications." Recent incidents regarding the use of force by police officers continue to attract national and international attention and have increased the discussion regarding the cameras. Chief Barnhill says a body worn camera can provide an officer's point of view, provide defense against false claims, and protect the reputation of the professional officers. He acknowledges there are concerns including the possibility of a decrease in the willingness of citizens to talk to police if they are worried about being recorded. Chief Barnhill says, "Relationships are key to the success in any community and in policing." Chief Barnhill also provided some statistics about the Paducah Police Department. He says only 1 percent of arrests in Paducah involve force. In 2014, the Department had 2516 arrests with 26 resulting in a use of force beyond routine handcuffing.

## **Right of First Refusal Agreement with Paducah Riverfront Hotel**

The Paducah Board of Commissioners approved an ordinance for an agreement with Paducah Riverfront Hotel, LP providing a right of first refusal to purchase or lease the city-owned property located at 501 North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. Paducah Riverfront Hotel will have the right of first refusal for three years after the certificate of occupancy is issued on the Holiday Inn. In March of this year, the Paducah Board of Commissioners approved the purchase of the property from Kentucky Holdings I, LLC in the amount of \$257,227.97. The 1.86-acre property is located adjacent to the City's floodwall and the planned Holiday Inn. On the property is a building that once housed a nursing home. It will be demolished.

In July, the Paducah Board of Commissioners approved the development agreement between the City and Paducah Riverfront Hotel (LinGate Hospitality). 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 4<sup>th</sup> Street that has housed the dome pavilion. This is an \$18 million dollar project considering the development, construction, and equipping of the hotel. The five story hotel also will include meeting spaces, a pool, and fitness center in addition to the restaurant, Another Broken Egg.

## **Quick Highlights**

- Ordinance approved for the payment of \$27,346 to Advanced Fire and Rescue Equipment for the purchase of five pieces of equipment to be used by the Paducah Fire Department.
- Ordinance approved for change order #1 in the amount of \$1976 with Woodall Companies, LLC for the roof replacement at the Paducah Recreation Center located at 1527 Martin Luther King Drive. This change order brings the contract amount to \$31,514. During the project, some rotten joists and fascia were discovered that needed replacing.
- Ordinance approved for a reimbursement agreement with Atmos Energy in the amount of \$14,195.50 for the relocation of gas lines associated with the Olivet Church Roadway Project.
- Ordinance approved for a contract between the City of Paducah and Barkley Regional Airport with the City providing \$136,430 for this fiscal year.
- Ordinance introduced (vote Sept. 15) to approve the contract with Mitchell Construction LLC to construct a single family residence at 1606 Harrison Street for \$154,360 in the Fountain Avenue Neighborhood.



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- Ordinance introduced (vote Sept. 15) for a subordination agreement between the City of Paducah and Community Financial Services Bank for the property at 533 Madison (Smedley-Yeiser). The City will subordinate its re-conveyance rights in the property so that CFSB has the first mortgage interest. The property was originally conveyed to the new owner with the requirement that the project be substantially completed within one year or the property would revert to the City. This subordination agreement would have the property revert to CFSB.
- Amendments to Chapter 126 of the Code of Ordinances (vote Sept. 15):
  - Amendments to Chapter 126-76 of the sign ordinance to allow for electronic message signs in the B-2 zone (downtown business zone), to permit perforated signs in various zones, to permit signage in a residential zone for a cemetery, and to permit the expanded use of sandwich board signs.
  - Amendments to Chapter 126-83 of the landscape regulations regarding fences on corner lots. Existing fences will be grandfathered; however, new fences on a corner lot must be no taller than 4 feet in the front yard and the side yard that faces the street.
  - Amendments to Chapter 126-108 of the downtown business townlift zone to incorporate guidelines for residential uses of downtown buildings.

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