



City Commission Meeting Highlights

Tuesday, September 22, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall

Note: Commissioner Carol Gault was unable to attend this meeting.

Property Tax Levy Public Hearing and Ordinance Introduction (vote October 6)

The Paducah Board of Commissioners introduced an ordinance setting the real estate and personal property taxes for fiscal year 2016. A property tax levy public hearing was held at the beginning of the Commission meeting. The City's real estate tax levy is proposed to remain at 25.5 cents per \$100 assessed value. The City's Compensating Rate, the rate that would keep the revenue at the same amount as this year, is 24.7 cents per \$100 assessed value. Kentucky Revised (KRS) Statutes permits a city to adjust the rate upward by not more than 4 percent of the compensating rate. With the proposed 25.5 cents, the City would be taking an amount less than the 4 percent allowed by KRS. The proposed rate of 25.5 cents is only slightly more than half of what the rate was more than twenty years ago in fiscal year 1995. At that time the real estate rate was 43.8 cents per \$100 assessed value. The revenue generated by the property tax is the City's second highest revenue source behind the payroll tax. Also on the property tax bill, residents may notice a change in the amount going to the school district in which they reside. Both districts voted to increase their tax rates. Recently, the Paducah Independent School District voted to increase its tax rate 2.9 cents to 80 cents per \$100 of assessed value.

Resolution in Support of Shoreline Steel South

The Paducah Board of Commissioners approved a resolution in support of Shoreline Steel South. This resolution is in support of a 2011 letter from the City to the Kentucky Economic Development Cabinet pledging a 1% payroll tax rebate to the company for a period not to exceed five years. Since the project announcement in 2011, Shoreline Steel has invested more than \$1.1 million in its Paducah operation and constructed a 20,000 square foot facility. Shoreline Steel currently employs 17.

Memorandum of Understanding with Corps of Engineers for Floodwall

The Paducah Board of Commissioners approved a municipal order for a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the City of Paducah and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) regarding the Ohio River Shoreline Reconstruction Project (floodwall reconstruction project). This MOU allows the City to pursue specific rehabilitation projects on the floodwall and receive in-kind credit from the USACE. The City has requested authorization to rebuild two pumps at Pump Station #9, rehabilitate/replace/remove flap gates, and seal eight obsolete floodwall openings.

Quick Highlights

- Resolution approved for a declaration of official intent to reimburse temporary advances made for capital expenditures. This resolution is in support of any financial advances for the City Hall project made prior to the issuance of a bond which is expected to be issued later this fiscal year.
- Ordinance approved for the sale of city-owned surplus property located at 421 North 5th Street to Adam Moyers and Brandi Harless for \$1. This is the final city-owned structure in LowerTown.
- Ordinance approved accepting the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Accountability Grant award in the amount of \$10,912. The funds will be used to purchase 19 body worn cameras for the Paducah Police Department. No local match is required.
- Ordinance approved accepting the U.S. Department of Justice Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant award in the amount of \$12,644.54. The funds will be used to purchase bulletproof vests for the Paducah Police Department. A 2015 LEPP grant will provide the matching funds.
- Ordinance approved for the payment in the amount of \$22,500 to the Paducah-McCracken County Convention & Visitors Bureau in support of the 2015 Rayovac FLW Series tournament which is to be held October 29-31 at the Ohio River Boat Launch.
- Ordinance introduced (vote October 6) for a payment to Commercial Marine & Industrial Heating & Air Conditioning Inc. in the amount of \$26,800 for the emergency replacement of the cooling tower at the Parks Services building located at 1400 H.C. Mathis Drive.



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- Ordinance introduced (vote October 6) for a memorandum of agreement (MOA) between the City of Paducah and Paducah & Louisville Railway, Inc. for improvements at the existing railway crossing on Olivet Church Road as part of the Olivet Church Road Improvement Project. P&L is responsible for the work. The City will reimburse P&L \$196,381.81 with any overages the responsibility of P&L. The City will be responsible for all temporary railway flagging expenses.
- Ordinance introduced (vote October 6) for the purchase of one street sweeper from Stringfellow, Inc. in the amount of \$182,437.
- Ordinance introduced (vote October 6) for the purchase of one side loading refuse truck from McBride Mack, Inc. in the amount of \$258,732.
- Ordinance introduced (vote October 6) to amend Sec. 42-104-Prohibited Noises of the Paducah Code of Ordinances to include sound pressure limit levels using the weighted-C filter on a sound meter. This filter puts more weight on the lower frequency sounds as compared to the weighted-A filter.

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