



City Commission Meeting Highlights

Tuesday, October 13, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall

Contract with MAC Construction & Excavating, Inc. for Riverfront Project Phase I-B (vote October 20)

The Paducah Board of Commissioners introduced an ordinance to authorize a contract with MAC Construction & Excavating, Inc. for the construction of Phase I-B of the Riverfront Redevelopment Project. The contract is in the amount of \$8,113,110.42. Two bids were received at the September 9 bid opening with MAC submitting the lowest responsive bid. The contract with MAC includes 240 consecutive calendar days for construction. This contract does include the utilization of the first deductive option which is the removal of 60 feet of the transient dock which would result in the construction of 340 feet of dock. Phase I-B involves the completion of the park and the installation of the gangway and transient dock in addition to boater amenities such as fuel, power, sewer pump outs, and water. The City has \$5.15 in grant funding/required city match for the project. Since the contract exceeds the available funding, the Commissioners approved a resolution 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 Riverfront project made prior to the issuance of a bond which is expected to be issued later this fiscal year.

Contract with RATIO Architects for City Hall Project (vote October 20)

The Paducah Board of Commissioners introduced an ordinance for a contract with RATIO Architects to provide design and architectural services in an amount not to exceed \$1.622 million for the City Hall project. Planning Director Steve Ervin, a member of the City Hall Advisory Committee, made a presentation to the Board providing a summary of the City Hall project to date including last year's six week period of soliciting public comments and an overview of the RATIO scope of work. A request for qualifications for architectural and design services was issued in May 2015 with four proposals received by the May 26 deadline. The City Hall Advisory Committee interviewed all firms in July with RATIO as the recommended company. RATIO will pursue a dual pathway by providing information for the rehabilitation of the existing facility and the construction of a new facility. RATIO will look at designing a facility that will include the departments currently in City Hall and the possible addition of the Information Technology Department. The scope does not include the addition of police or E911. RATIO will provide design schematics, 3D renderings, interior planning, landscape planning, cost estimates, code reviews, ADA accessibility reviews, and construction and bid documents. RATIO also will facilitate decision-making workshops, civic engagement, and site selection guidance for the new build option. RATIO is partnering with the following local companies: Peck, Flannery, Gream, Warren, Inc.; Bacon, Farmer, Workman Engineering & Testing; and Marcum Engineering. RATIO expects to utilize approximately 20 weeks to complete the design phase and the development of the final option. Then, RATIO would need another approximately 20 weeks to prepare the construction documents, bid out the project, and initiate construction with construction to be completed in 2018. Visit www.ratiodesign.com for information about the company.

Purchase of Land at 619 North 6th Street for Dome Pavilion

The Paducah Board of Commissioners approved an ordinance for the purchase of approximately 4.831 acres of vacant real estate located at 619 North 6th Street. The land, currently owned by P&L Railway, was appraised this year for \$315,000. P&L has agreed to sell the property for \$295,000. The property would be the new site for the dome pavilion since the pavilion's previous location is now the site for the planned Holiday Inn Paducah Riverfront. City Manager Jeff Pederson says the pavilion is being relocated "so that it can continue to provide convention capacity for the community for another ten years."

City of Paducah Health Insurance for 2016

Interim Human Resources Director Steve Doolittle provided an overview of the City of Paducah's 2016 health insurance plan through Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield as the City's third party administrator. The City of Paducah has a self-insured health insurance plan which means the premiums paid into the plan by the employees are used to pay the claims. The Board approved a municipal order for the health insurance premiums. Those who participate in the City's health and vision plans will have no change to their premiums as compared to this current year. There have been only two increases to the plan's premiums in the past seven years. The dental plan through Delta Dental will increase 7 percent.

Additional actions taken by the City Commission regarding health insurance are as follows:



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- Ordinance introduced (vote Oct. 20) to authorize an agreement between the City of Paducah and Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield to provide administrative services related to the City's health insurance plan.
- Ordinance introduced (vote Oct. 20) to authorize an agreement between the City of Paducah and Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield for stop loss insurance which is used when a plan participant's claims exceed a set value or when the City's total claims exceed a set maximum. The insurance protects the City from catastrophic health insurance claims. The maximum city liability per person will be set at \$175,000. Anthem will assume liability for individual claims that are higher than \$175,000 up to \$1 million. Anthem also will step in when the City's total health claims reach a little more than \$2.7 million.
- Ordinance introduced (vote Oct. 20) for the contract between the City and Peel & Holland for the administration of the City's health insurance. The contract amount is for \$76,900 per year with an additional fee of \$200 per hour subject to a minimum retainer of \$5000 for services requested by the City or the City's legal counsel for issues that arise in connection to employee bargaining, legal matters, disputes, etc.

Quick Highlights

- Mayor Kaler and the Commissioners expressed their condolences to the family of former Fire Chief Leon Dodge. Chief Dodge's funeral will be tomorrow at 2 p.m. at Milner & Orr Funeral Home.
- Municipal order approved to apply for the State Farm Community Grant in the amount of \$5000. If awarded, the funds would be used to develop educational materials for the *Heads Up, Don't be In-text-icated* program through the Paducah Police Department. No local match is required.
- Ordinance approved accepting the Port Security Grant Award in the amount of \$37,121 for the purchase of equipment to extend video surveillance coverage of the floodwall and downtown infrastructure. The grant requires a local match of \$12,374.
- Ordinance approved amending Chapter 30 - Civil Emergencies of the Paducah Code of Ordinances to comply with State law (KRS 65.870). The amendment removes the requirement for all businesses displaying or selling any firearms, explosives, or ammunition to remove and securely lock up all such items following a proclamation of a state of civil emergency by the local government.
- Ordinance approved amending Chapter 126-72 Homeless Shelters of the Paducah Code of Ordinances to comply with State law (KRS 65.870). The amendment replaces the sentence *Weapons are not permitted on the premises* with the sentence *Federal and State gun control laws shall be strictly enforced on the premises.*
- Ordinance introduced (vote Oct. 20) authorizing the substitution of capital and/or economic development projects using the proceeds from the 2013B General Obligation Bond. A portion of the bond was issued to fund construction improvements for Macco Organiques. The company decided not to locate in Paducah.

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