



# City Commission Meeting Highlights

Tuesday, October 20, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall

*Note: Commissioner Sandra Wilson was unable to attend this meeting.*

## **Contract with MAC Construction & Excavating, Inc. for Riverfront Project Phase I-B**

The Paducah Board of Commissioners approved an ordinance authorizing a contract with MAC Construction & Excavating, Inc. for the construction of Phase I-B of the Riverfront Redevelopment Project. The ordinance was approved by a 2-1 vote with Commissioner Allan Rhodes voting no and Commissioner Carol Gault abstaining from the vote. Gault says her husband's law firm has a professional interest in representing a company associated with the Riverfront Project Phase I-B. Commissioner Richard Abraham says, "I am excited about this project and getting it done." Abraham adds that this project benefits downtown and the regional community as a whole since Paducah is a destination community. 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 includes 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. The amount in excess of the available funding will be satisfied through the issuance of a bond.

## **Contract with RATIO Architects for City Hall Project**

The Paducah Board of Commissioners approved 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. Mayor Gayle Kaler says a steering committee that includes several citizens will be put together to assist RATIO in this process. A member of Paducah-McCracken County Growth, Inc. will be included on the committee. Sharon Poat and Anne Gwinn representing Growth addressed the Board prior to the vote. 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 facilitate decision-making workshops and civic engagement and provide design schematics, 3D renderings, interior planning, landscape planning, cost estimates, code reviews, ADA accessibility reviews, and construction and bid documents. 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](http://www.ratiodesign.com) for information about the company.

## **Enterprise Resource Planning Professional Services (vote October 27)**

After a presentation by Information Technology Director Greg Mueller, the Paducah Board of Commissioners introduced an ordinance to approve an agreement with Plante & Moran, PLLC for additional consulting services in the amount of \$18,400 regarding Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) software. In September 2014, the City approved a contract with the company in an amount not to exceed \$70,840 for various services including the conducting of a needs assessment of the City's software and IT infrastructure; the preparation of a request for proposals, and the analysis of the received proposals. The City is ready to negotiate a contract with the preferred software vendor and develop a Statement of Work. This additional agreement will satisfy those additional steps. City Manager Jeff Pederson says this project to completely upgrade the City's software shows an "organizational commitment to technology." The City has had its current system since 1995 with the additional of various software components that are not necessarily integrated. Examples of business management that our software currently utilizes include purchasing, code enforcement, land management, accounts receivable, payroll, building permits, and business



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licenses. Pederson says, "This is essentially redefining every city department in its mode of operation by embracing technology. It's going to require teamwork and dedication."

### **City of Paducah Health Insurance for 2016**

The City of Paducah has a partially self-insured health insurance plan with Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield as the City's third party administrator. A partially self-insured plan means the premiums paid into the plan by the employees are used to pay the claims. The City Commission approved on October 13 a municipal order for the health insurance premiums. Those participating 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.

Actions at this meeting taken by the City Commission regarding health insurance are as follows:

- Ordinance approved authorizing an agreement between the City and Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield to provide administrative services related to the City's health insurance plan.
- Ordinance approved authorizing an agreement between the City 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 approved 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**

- Andrew Gates reappointed to the Paducah-McCracken County Riverport Authority.
- Motion approved to void the ordinance amending Chapter 126-72 Homeless Shelters of the Paducah Code of Ordinances to comply with State law (KRS 65.870). The amendment replaced 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*. The ordinance is void pursuant to KRS 100.211. The amendment will be referred to the Paducah Planning Commission before the proposed amendment is presented again to the City Commission.
- Municipal order approved to amend the development agreement for the Holiday Inn Paducah Riverfront to extend the deadline to December 15, 2015 for the execution of a management and/or operational agreement between the hotel developer and the Paducah-McCracken County Convention Center Corporation. Negotiations are underway between the two parties.
- Ordinance approved 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.
- Ordinance introduced (vote Oct. 27) for the purchase of three compact SUVs in the amount of \$79,660 from Linwood Motors.
- Ordinance introduced (vote Oct. 27) for the purchase of one trench trailer in the amount of \$43,900 from Midway Trailer, Inc. to be used by the Fire Department.
- Ordinance introduced (vote Oct. 27) for the purchase of a special service vehicle for the Fire Department in the amount of \$36,513 from Linwood Motors.
- Ordinance introduced (vote Oct. 27) for the purchase of two ½ ton pickups for the Engineering-Public Works Department in the amount of \$53,667.90 from Paducah Ford.

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