



City Commission Meeting Highlights

Tuesday, November 10, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall

Appointments to City Hall Schematic Design Advisory Group

Mayor Gayle Kaler named the six members appointed to the City Hall Schematic Design Advisory Group. The members are Joe Benberry, Fowler Black, Steve Ervin, Bill Renzulli, Michael Sims, and Hall Sullivan. This group will work with RATIO Architects as they develop two schematic design options for City Hall. One option involves rehabilitating the existing facility while the other option pursues new construction. The Paducah Board of Commissioners approved in October 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. Representatives from RATIO will be in Paducah next week to meet with the Advisory Group. City Manager Jeff Pederson says, "We are grateful for the willingness of the people appointed tonight to provide valuable input."

Veterans Day

Cindy Byrd and Cheryl Bendick of the Daughters of the American Revolution announced the winners of the DAR's Veterans Day Essay/Picture Contest. This year there are 1211 entries in the essay/picture contest. Below are the first place winners from each of the grade categories. The first place winners were asked to show their poster or read their essay.

K-2	Marle Campbell	2 nd Grade	McNabb Elementary
Grade 3-5	Drew Morrow	3 rd Grade	Heath Elementary
Grade 6-8	Luke Wyatt	8 th Grade	North Marshall Middle
Grade 9-12	Palmer Stroup	12 th Grade	Paducah Tilghman High School

Robert Burgess with the Veterans Day Parade Committee introduced 2015 Distinguished Veteran, Command Sgt. Major Scott Garrett. Garrett will serve as the grand marshal for tomorrow's parade. Mayor Gayle Kaler also presented Garrett with a Duke of Paducah.

All of the events below to honor veterans will be held on Veterans Day, Wednesday, November 11.

- **Veterans Day Parade Opening Ceremony:** The Paducah Parks Services Department and the Veterans Day Planning Committee invite the public to attend the Veterans Day Parade Opening Ceremony at 10:30 a.m. at the Korean War Monument located on the 6th Street side of Dolly McNutt Memorial Plaza. Before the ceremony from 10:15 until 10:30 enjoy the playing of bagpipes by James Cruickshank. The opening ceremony includes the recognition of the 2015 Distinguished Veteran who will serve as the parade's grand marshal. The ceremony also includes the naming of the non-veteran who will receive the 2015 Patriot Award, an award honoring a citizen who dedicates his or her time to serving veterans and veteran causes in this community. The winners of the Veterans Day Essay contest organized by the Daughters of the American Revolution will be recognized. Students from Concord Elementary School will sing during the opening ceremony. Plus, everyone can enjoy coffee and donuts donated by Dan/Righteous Roast Coffee and Red's Donut Shop.
- **Veterans Day Parade:** The annual Paducah Veterans Day Parade will begin at 11 a.m. at 6th and Washington Streets. It will travel along 6th Street until it turns left on Broadway. It will disband at Broadway and 17th Street. The WKCTC Television Production Department will record the parade (weather-permitting), set it to music, and televise it at a later time on Government 11 and Paducah-2 (for Comcast subscribers).
- **Veterans Day Ceremony at McCracken County Courthouse:** The 2015 Veterans Day Ceremony at the McCracken County Courthouse will be held at the Veterans Monument at 2 p.m. The monument is on the Washington Street side of the Courthouse.
- **Veterans Day Concert:** The Veterans Day Concert will be held at the Robert Cherry Civic Center located at 2701 Park Avenue at 7 p.m. The Paducah Community Band under the direction of Douglas Van Fleet will provide a musical tribute to our local veterans and current service members. The concert is open to the public at no charge.

Mayor's Challenge to End Veteran Homelessness

U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Kentucky Field Office Director Christopher Taylor made a presentation to the Paducah Board of Commissioners about *The Challenge to End Veteran Homelessness*. This is a federal initiative in which local



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mayors are encouraged to join the challenge to end veteran homelessness in their communities by identifying the veterans and finding permanent housing for them within 90 days. Taylor says, "No man or woman who has served this country should come home and sleep on the street." Mayor Gayle Kaler has joined the initiative and read a proclamation proclaiming Wednesday as Homeless Veterans Support Day. Representatives from several partner agencies attended the Commission meeting. Agencies include Paducah Cooperative Ministries, Housing Authority of Paducah, Section 8 Housing Program, Merryman House, the Kentucky Department of Veteran Affairs, and the Centerstone Supportive Services for Veteran Families Program.

Quick Highlights

- McCracken County Circuit Judge Tim Kaltenbach conducted the swearing-in ceremony for the Paducah Police officer recruits Danny Slack, Conrad Gholson, and Nicholas Rolens.
- Mayor Kaler presented a Duke of Paducah to the parents of Master-of-Arms Tyler DeRezza. DeRezza is being recognized for helping a 13-year-old boy who had been injured in a dirt bike crash. Due to DeRezza's training in the Navy, he was able to keep the boy stable until EMS arrived.
- Albert Parker appointed to the Municipal Housing Commission
- Ordinance approved accepting the Renaissance on Main grant award in the amount of \$5000. The grant funds will be for the installation of four bike racks in the downtown historic district. The artistic racks will be installed at 2nd and Broadway, in two locations in Market Square, and by the downtown restrooms.
- Ordinance introduced (vote Nov. 17) to amend Section 126-72 of the zoning ordinance regarding homeless shelters. This amendment is to comply with KRS 65.870 which states that no city can infringe upon State and Federal laws regarding firearm possession. 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 Nov. 17) for an agreement with Bacon Farmer Workman Engineering & Testing, Inc. for professional engineering services consisting of construction administration and inspection services in an amount not to exceed \$126,380 for the Riverfront Phase I-B project. The City has approved a contract with MAC Construction & Excavating for the project.
- City Engineer Public Works Director Rick Murphy says Olivet Church Road will be closed to through traffic at the P&L at-grade railroad crossing next week as the contractor works to complete the construction at that crossing. The closure is anticipated to begin Monday, November 16 at 7 a.m. Weather-permitting, the road will reopen to through traffic at the end of the business day on Friday, November 20. Traffic on Olivet Church Road coming from U.S. 60 will be able to access the mall area from James Sanders Boulevard. Traffic on Olivet Church Road coming from Cairo Road will NOT be able to access the mall area.
- The Paducah-McCracken County Convention Center Corporation (CCC) will be meeting tomorrow at 3 p.m. at the Julian Carroll Convention Center. One of the items on the agenda is the City's request for the CCC to take over the ownership of the dome pavilion and to fund the relocation costs through the transient room tax. One-third of the collected transient room tax in McCracken County is dedicated to funding convention center space.
- Mayor Gayle Kaler encouraged everyone to learn more about the non-profit organization Kuentai-USA. The group works to bring home the remains of American servicemen who died in World War II. The organization operates through donations. Visit www.kuentai-usa.com for more information.

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