



City Commission Meeting Highlights

Tuesday, April 9, 2013 at 5:30 p.m.

Support of Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's Lone Oak Road Project

The Mayor and Commissioners approved a municipal order in support of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's project to revise a section of Lone Oak Road. The Department of Highway's District 1 Office plans to revise Lone Oak Road from the intersection of Buckner Lane, Broadway, and LaBelle Avenue to the intersection of Alben Barkley Drive and Jackson Street. The project consists of repaving the roadway and changing the pavement markings. In order to improve the safety and traffic flow in the area, this section of Lone Oak Road would change from a two-lane street with parking next to the curb to a three-lane street without parking. The center lane would be a dedicated turn lane. The total width of the road will not change. City Engineer-Public Works Director Rick Murphy says, "The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet would like to get it complete before the opening of the new Paducah Middle School later this year."

Declaration of Restrictive Covenants for the Ohio River Boat Launch Project

The Mayor and Commissioners approved a municipal order authorizing the execution of the Declaration of Restrictive Covenants for Conservation Deed as required by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Kentucky Department of Water for the Ohio River Boat Launch Project. To obtain the permits from those agencies, the City submitted a mitigation plan which requires the City to complete stream and wetland mitigation, monitoring, maintenance, and wetland preservation in addition to establishing a permanent conservation easement in the vicinity of the project. The total area that will have its current and future use restricted and remain an undeveloped conservation area is 45.44 acres. The Ohio River Boat Launch Project consists of the construction of a new five lane concrete boat launch facility on the Ohio River at the end of Burnett Street; the construction of a gangway/courtesy dock; the construction of a large parking/trailering lot; and the construction of a paved boat launch access road consisting of improvements to Burnett Street from North 8th Street to North 6th Street over the floodwall. Bids have been received for the project. Currently the notice of award is contingent upon approval by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, Office of Local Programs.

Memorandum of Understanding for Macco Organiques, Inc.



The Mayor and Commissioners approved an ordinance for a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between Macco Organiques, Inc., the Greater Paducah Economic Development Council, Inc. (GPEDC), the Paducah-McCracken County Industrial Development Authority (IDA), the City of Paducah, and McCracken County. Macco proposes to locate a manufacturing and distribution facility for food-grade pharmaceuticals in Paducah utilizing



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the 60,000 square foot spec building located at 5455 Commerce Drive in the I-24 Logistics Park (formerly Industrial Park West). The spec building has been empty for nine years. Mayor Gayle Kaler says, “We are happy to have these new jobs and to have the company making its home in the industrial park.”

The MOU outlines that the City and County will each invest \$1.25 million to improve the spec building while retaining ownership of the building. In return, Macco would lease the facility for five years with a renewal option. The agreement also outlines the commitment by Macco to hire 40 full-time employees. Macco also plans to invest a minimum of \$9 million in the project.

Macco was founded in 1986 and in 1988 created a process to turn ingredients into a dust-free powder. Macco has a facility in Canada and one in the Czech Republic. The location in Paducah would be the company’s third location. Construction is expected to begin this summer on the spec building with operations to launch in mid-2014. For more information about Macco, visit <http://www.macco.ca/>.

Interior Renovations of 533-535 Fountain Avenue (vote April 23)

The Mayor and Commissioners introduced an ordinance for a contract with Petraitis Construction for the interior rehabilitation of the structure located at 533-535 Fountain Avenue. The house is on the corner of Fountain Avenue and Martin Luther King Junior Boulevard, a prominent location for the Fountain Avenue Neighborhood. The home is owned by the Urban Renewal Community Development Agency (URCDA). It has seen exterior improvements including a new roof in 2011 and exterior rehabilitations in 2012. The Midtown Alliance of Neighbors has completed much of the interior demolition. The contract with Petraitis Construction, in the amount of \$81,144, will turn the duplex into a single family home which will then be offered to the public for sale. Five construction bids were received for this project with bids evaluated using a scoring system.

Planning Director Steve Ervin also provided an update on the Fountain Avenue Neighborhood Project. The ten year plan was approved in 2007. Recently work has been done to clear damaged trees from the boulevard on Fountain Avenue with the Parks Department set to plant 54 new trees in the next few weeks. Also, a neighborhood sign has been installed at Fountain Avenue and Martin Luther King Junior Drive. The back of the sign contains information about the history of the neighborhood. The sign will be lighted with landscaping soon. Ervin and Parks Director Mark Thompson also showed a general plan of turning the vacant six acres at 14th and Madison into a park that would contain a sprayground that could be a performance area, an open play area, and an expansion of the Community Garden. Ervin hopes to apply for a grant next year to fund the improvements. Since 2007, the Fountain Avenue Neighborhood has seen a 76% reduction in crime with \$7.23 million in private investment. Ervin adds that 53 structures have seen a minimum investment of \$50,000. Commissioner Richard Abraham says, “I think one of the reasons this project has been so successful is because it was well planned, well thought out. And now people want to move into the neighborhood.” For more information, visit www.fountainave.com.

Quick Highlights:

- Assistant Police Chief Stacey Grimes introduced Eric Taylor, the Paducah Police Department’s newest officer.
- Dr. Joseph Bassi made a brief presentation to the Mayor and Commissioners regarding an initiative that his office has started regarding collecting items that can be put in a shoebox to mail to soldiers in Afghanistan. His office will be collecting items until April 30.
- Mayor Gayle Kaler presented a Duchess of Paducah to Rita Bailey of Lourdes Hospital who is instrumental in coordinating the extremely successful Dancing with Our Stars Relay for Life event that raises money for the American Cancer Society. This year the event raised \$238,000.



- Boards and Commissions: Robert Johnson reappointed to the Paducah-McCracken County Industrial Development Authority; Rick Loyd reappointed to the Paducah Golf Commission; Jackie Smith appointed to the Paducah Riverfront Development Agency; and Erna Boykin appointed as the Mayor's designee to the Municipal Housing Commission.
- City Manager Jeff Pederson says there will be a pre-budget workshop on April 23 with a budget work session on May 28.
- Pederson stated that contract negotiations are underway with A&K Construction which has been selected as the design/contractor for the TeleTech project in Paducah Commerce Park.

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