



## City Commission Meeting Highlights

Tuesday, April 13, 2010

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### **Executive Inn Options**

Downtown Development Director Steve Doolittle, Chief Building Inspector Joel Scarbrough, and Architect Paul King updated the Commission on the options for severing the Executive Inn from the Julian Carroll Convention Center. One recommendation is to remove the Silver Saddle Saloon. The removal of the saloon will allow windows to be installed in several of the Julian Carroll's windowless meeting rooms. The removal also relieves a narrow point between the facility and the floodwall. Doolittle says keeping the saloon may be a deterrent to potential hotel developers. The other recommendation is to keep Kinkaid's Landing and JR's Pub. Doolittle says this part of the hotel may attract potential developers. He also says if that part is removed, it may be difficult to permit another facility that extends over the Ohio River. After demolition the exposed section of the Julian Carroll will receive a brick façade and windows. The timeline for liquidation and demolition is as follows:

- Bid documents complete May 15
- Bids received May 31
- Introduce ordinance to Commission June 7
- Ordinance approval June 21
- Liquidation completion mid-July
- Hotel demolition beginning in September and ending by December 31, 2010
- Phase II of the project which involves the restoration of the exterior wall of the Julian Carroll Convention Center will begin in mid-September.

### **LowerTown Arts and Music Festival**

Michael Terra and Stefanie Graves, co-directors of the LowerTown Arts and Music Festival, updated the Commission on the plans for the festival which will be held May 21 (3-10 p.m.), May 22 (11 a.m.-10 p.m.) and May 23 (noon-5 p.m.). Graves says the vision of the festival is to reach out to the community. Graves says, "It's a Paducah festival taking place in LowerTown." The festival will involve artists, food, and entertainment within a 200-mile radius of Paducah. Terra says the festival has more than 25 corporate sponsors. The Paducah Symphony is organizing the entertainment for the festival's three stages. Other features of the festival will be a sidewalk chalk contest, celebrity paint off, and balcony theater. For more festival information, visit <http://sites.google.com/site/artsmusicfestival2010/home>.

### **4<sup>th</sup> Annual An Evening of Performance**

Human Rights Commissioner Bernice Belt announced that the Human Rights Commission's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual An Evening of Performance is set for May 21, 2010, 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the Carson Center. The deadline for performers to register is April 16, and there are six slots available. The registration form is posted on the City's website at [www.paducahky.gov](http://www.paducahky.gov). This is a free event to celebrate the area's diversity and talent.

### **Downtown After Dinner Discussion**

Paducah Renaissance Alliance Chairman Bruce Brockenborough explained to the Commission a resolution passed by his board regarding the Downtown After Dinner event. Brockenborough says the event is now shortened by one block. Broadway will be closed up to 4<sup>th</sup> Street instead of up to



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5<sup>th</sup> Street. Fourth Street will remain open. The length of the event also has been shortened. It will start on May 29 (Memorial Day weekend) and end September 4 (Labor Day weekend). Brockenborough says, "The action that PRA took did not quell controversy. No matter what we do there is going to be controversy." Several downtown business owners have petitioned that the event be shortened to 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and Broadway. They say that the closure of Broadway limits their customers on Saturday night. Other business owners say the event is good for their businesses and they welcome the foot traffic. The Commission asked PRA to meet with the downtown investors and resolve the downtown after dinner issue.

### **Sports Complex Farm Lease**

Commissioners approved a municipal order for a contract with Josh Goodwin who will lease the tillable acres at the sports complex located on Sheehan Bridge Road. Goodwin will lease and farm approximately 120 acres. The contract states that he will pay the City \$7200 for the use of the property.

### **Winterizing the Executive Inn**

Commissioners approved an ordinance to pay Premier Fire Protection, Inc. of Paducah \$22,041.02 for work to winterize the sprinkler system in the Executive Inn. The work was done in late December through mid-February to winterize more than 5000 sprinkler heads and more than three miles of line in the hotel. The City purchased the hotel in December 2009 and plans to liquidate the furnishings. Winterizing the hotel was necessary to prevent pipes from freezing and flooding the hotel. Also, the International Fire Code requires that the building be equipped with a functional fire suppression system.

### **Quick Highlights:**

- Martin Mundy and Bill Evans reappointed to the Paducah Golf Commission.
- Municipal order approved to create the full-time position of Office Manager in the Paducah Renaissance Alliance department.
- Municipal order approved to amend the City's health insurance plan to cover a routine colonoscopy, regardless of diagnosis, at 100%. This is limited to one screening per year and subject to the American Cancer Association Guidelines age limit.
- Municipal order approved to purchase a permanent public utility in the amount of \$2800 at 3316 Olivet Church Road for the Olivet Church Road Improvement Project.
- Municipal order approved to apply for the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security Law Enforcement Protection Program grant in the amount of \$30,000 for the purchase of body armor for the Police Department.
- Municipal order approved to apply for a Law Enforcement Service Fee Grant through the Kentucky Justice Cabinet for the DUI enforcement program. The project budget is \$20,000.
- Ordinance approved closing a portion of Bough Street located south of Irvin Cobb Drive.
- Ordinance approved accepting the grant in the amount of \$76,783 for the Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant through the Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The City's match is \$8531. The funds will be used to purchase a cascade fill system and six deluge nozzles.
- Ordinance approved executing an agreement between the City and Humana for the 2010 Smarts Results Program. The program works to engage employees in their own healthcare.
- Pavilion ribboncutting will be on Wednesday at 3:00 p.m.
- Steve Doolittle informed the condition about the condition of long-time Paducah resident, Charles Bradford. Bradford, a window washer, fell out of a second story window of a building on Broadway. He is in the hospital with several broken bones. Tomorrow an account will be set up at Paducah Bank. Starting on Thursday, anyone who wants to donate to help Bradford can make a donation in his name at any Paducah Bank branch.

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