



City Commission Meeting Highlights

Tuesday, April 20, 2010

Renaissance Area Master Plan Discussion

Paducah Riverfront Development Authority Chairman Joe Framptom introduced to the Commission Barry Alberts of Louisville-based CityVisions Associates. CityVisions is the lead consulting firm preparing the Renaissance Area Master Plan (RAMP). The Renaissance area is comprised of Paducah's downtown, LowerTown arts district, and the Ohio River riverfront. CityVisions is currently collecting data for the RAMP. Alberts says, "We really believe that Paducah is a unique community and has the potential to be one of the best small towns in America." Alberts says he plans to provide the Commission with an initial draft of recommendations by the end of this year. Commissioner Richard Abraham compares Paducah with an all-star team. Abraham says, "We have players; we just need those players to work cohesively." The RAMP is to address items such as a plan to link downtown, LowerTown, and the riverfront with a unified streetscape plan, a strategy for recruiting and retaining businesses and artists, a parking study of the Renaissance area, a marketing strategy and branding for the area, and an evaluation of the area around the future Paducah School of Art. Alberts says, "The image of Paducah needs to be enforced from the moment you get off the highway." Paducah Renaissance Alliance was awarded a Preserve America grant to help fund the RAMP.

Approved Sunday Alcohol Sales for Temporary Event Licensees (vote April 27)

Commissioners introduced an ordinance to amend Chapter 6, Article 1 of Paducah's Code of Ordinances to allow organization that have a temporary event license to sell distilled spirits, wine, and malt beverages by the drink on Sundays from 1:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. The change is the ordinance was requested by several organizations that hold special events, festivals, and fundraisers on Sundays.

The City's ordinance already allows licensed hotels, motels, and restaurants to sell distilled spirits, wine, and malt beverages by the drink on Sundays from 1:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. provided that they have a minimum seating capacity of 100 people and at least 50 percent of the gross annual income from the dining facilities are received from the sale of food.

Amendment to Rebanding of City Radio System Agreement (vote April 27)

Commissioners introduced an ordinance to amend the City's contract with Sprint/Nextel and Motorola for a change in the number of radio templates for the rebanding of the City's 800 MHz radio system. Each radio model and type requires a specific template in order to achieve the rebanding process. The original number of templates was thought to be approximately 53; however, after learning that each radio model and type needs its own template, the number has grown to 212 templates.

Presentation by Agencies and Organizations for FY2011 Funding Consideration

Each year, the Finance Department sends out letters and Contract Service Forms to a list of agencies. If the agency would like to be considered to receive city funds in the upcoming fiscal year, the agency returns the Contract Service Form in addition to the agency's budget and audit information. In anticipation of possible funding for Fiscal Year 2011, in January the City started receiving requests from agencies to attend a Commission meeting and present their case regarding a funding request. Instead of spreading the presentations among several Commission meetings, at the January 19



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Commission meeting, former City Manager Jim Zumwalt suggested setting aside one meeting to hear presentations from any agency that wants to explain its mission and funding request. Since we received more than two-dozen presentation requests, the presentations have been divided between two Commission meetings, April 6 and April 20. Each presentation is limited to five minutes. The funding requests will be considered at the Budget Advance in May. Mayor Bill Paxton says that allowing the organizations to make presentations at the televised City Commission meeting allows for the community to learn about the various agencies in the city and how the public can help them.

At this meeting 10 presentations were given by the following agencies:

- Barkley Regional Airport
- Luther F. Carson Four Rivers Center, Inc.
- Yeiser Art Center
- Maiden Alley Cinema
- Market House Theatre
- Paducah Symphony Orchestra, Inc.
- Paducah Transit Authority
- Paducah Chapter, NRHS (Railroad Museum)
- Paducah Red Cross
- Heart U.S.A.

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