



City Commission Meeting Highlights

Tuesday, April 27, 2010

Approved Sunday Alcohol Sales for Temporary Event Licensees

With a 3-2 vote (Mayor Paxton, Commissioner Kaler, and Commissioner Gault voting yes), Commissioners approved an ordinance amending Chapter 6, Article 1 of Paducah's Code of Ordinances to allow an organization that has 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

Commissioners approved an ordinance amending 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.

Fleet Maintenance Plan for FY2011

Commissioners approved a municipal order for the fiscal year 2011 fleet maintenance plan. This municipal order does not purchase any specific piece of equipment; however, it outlines the expected purchases/retirements/reassignments of vehicles and equipment for the upcoming fiscal year. City Engineer-Public Works Director Rick Murphy says, "This is merely to set the budget for the next fiscal year that we are to work with." Three vehicles/pieces of equipment are being transferred between departments. Twenty older model pieces of equipment/vehicles will be auctioned. The expected purchases included in the fleet maintenance plan for FY2011 total \$924,000. The equipment and vehicles that will be purchased are as follows:

- Police Department: Purchase seven pursuit vehicles and three compact sport utility vehicles for a total cost of \$249,500.
- Fire Department: Purchase a sport utility vehicles and a 1 ½ ton rescue truck for a total cost of \$133,000.
- Engineering-Public Works Street Division: Purchase a street sweeper and a skidsteer with tracks for a total cost of \$241,000.
- Engineering-Public Works Floodwall Division: Purchase a tractor for a total cost of \$36,000.
- Parks Services Department: Purchase a pickup, dump truck, and sport utility vehicle for a total cost of \$79,500.
- Engineering-Public Works Solid Waste Division: Purchase a rear packer for a total cost of \$185,000.



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Agreement for Site Plan Design for New Fire Headquarters (vote May 11)

Commissioners introduced an ordinance for a contract with Peck, Flannery, Gream & Warren in an amount not to exceed \$25,700 for the site plan, architectural drawings, and construction documents for the proposed construction of a new fire headquarters. Fire Chief Steve Kyle says, "We want to be shovel-ready so that when and if funds become available, we are ready to go." The proposed new location for the fire headquarters will be at the site of the existing Fire Station 4 on Jackson Street. That station is 60 years old. Kyle says, "That area is the right site that gives us access to anywhere in the City in eight minutes." Kyle adds that the station on Jackson Street receives the highest call volume. The current headquarters is located at 301 Washington Street.

Quilt Show and Downtown After Dinner Updates

- Downtown Development Director Steve Doolittle thanked all the city departments and agencies that helped make this year's AQS Quilt Show a success. Doolittle says the Quilt Show was a safe and well-managed event. Mayor Paxton added, "I would like to thank the Commission for being brave enough to see that we needed the pavilion for the Quilt Show."
- Regarding Downtown After Dinner, Doolittle says the event will start Memorial Day weekend. At its last board meeting, Paducah Renaissance Alliance Chairman Bruce Brockenborough appointed a committee to study the event and make a recommendation on how to improve it. PRA's next board meeting is this Thursday.

Quick Highlights:

- Mayor Paxton presented a proclamation to Sandy Hart and the veterans in attendance that proclaims May 2010 as "Thank A Veteran Month".
- Public Information Officer, Pam Spencer, spotlighted the Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP). Al Knudsen presented the City with a ceremonial check in the amount of \$1,286,849 which represents the 75,697 volunteer hours donated by local citizens to the RSVP program during 2009.
- Board and Appointments: Joseph Benberry appointed to Board of Adjustment. Jipaum Askew-Robinson reappointed to Paducah-McCracken County Urban Renewal and Community Development Agency.
- Municipal order approved outlining PRDA's payment and procurement procedures to conform with all City and State procurement laws.
- Municipal order approved for the sale of surplus property located at 2315 Center Street. The adjacent property owner has offered the City \$2000 for the property and will pay all closing costs.
- Municipal order approved for the transfer of \$91,070 from the Commission Contingency Fund. \$81,070 is to fund the severance package for former City Manager Jim Zumwalt. \$10,000 is to provide funding for the LowerTown Arts and Music Festival. In the past, the City ran the festival. This year, the LowerTown Neighborhood Association is organizing the festival.
- Municipal orders approved to apply for the 2010 Kentucky Household Hazardous Waste Grant (\$27,000 award with match of \$4500 each from City and County) and 2010 Kentucky Recycling Grant (\$60,000 award with \$7500 match each from City and County).
- Ordinance introduced (vote May 11) to accept Project Safe Neighborhoods grant funds in the amount of \$15,000 from the Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Government. The funding will be used to purchase equipment for the Paducah Police Department. No local match is required.
- Ordinance introduced (vote May 11) to accept the Kentucky League of Cities Safety and Liability Grant award in the amount of \$3000 for the purchase of safety equipment.
- Ordinance introduced (vote May 11) to approve changing the text in the City's Zoning code of ordinances. The word "church" has been changed to "place of worship".



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- Ordinance introduced (vote May 11) to purchase 11 mobile data computers in the amount of \$45,078 for the Fire Department. A Homeland Security grant will fund a portion of the purchase.
- Ordinance introduced (vote May 11) to purchase three thermal imaging cameras in the amount of \$25,521 for the Fire Department. Funds from the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program will be used to purchase the cameras.
- Ordinance introduced (vote May 11) for a change order in the amount of \$1850 for the contract with Martin, Colson, Hale & Henderson for its study on the business license tax rate range if the City converted to a net profits system. The change order brings the total cost of the study to \$9350. The change order was for additional study information.
- City Engineer-Public Works Director Rick Murphy says that the sidewalk along 2nd Street between Broadway and Jefferson will receive repairs over the next couple of weeks in addition to the area around the downtown gazebo.

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