



City Commission Meeting Highlights

Tuesday, August 24, 2010

19th Certificate of Achievement Award to Finance Department

Mayor Pro Tem Gayle Kaler presented Controller Audra Herndon with a plaque for the City's recent award for the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. This is the 19th consecutive award the City has received from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). This most recent Certificate is for Paducah's CAFR for the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2009.

According to the GFOA, the Certificate of Achievement represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management and is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting. The most recent CAFR, in addition to the previous seven editions, can be found at www.paducahky.gov.

Pecan Drive Bridge Project—Environmental and Wetland Mitigation Site

Commissioners approved a municipal order accepting the donation of 4.081 acres located at 4550 Pecan Drive from Strawberry Hill, LLC. This property will be the Environmental and Wetland Mitigation Site for the Pecan Drive Bridge Project as outlined in the approved Environmental, Mitigation, and Monitoring Plan. In accordance with federal and state laws and to obtain permits, if a project affects a stream or results in the relocation of a stream channel, a full environmental impact study along with a proposed mitigation and monitoring plan must be submitted. During the Pecan Drive Project, the two bridges over Perkins Creek and Crooked Creek required the relocation of the streams. City Engineer-Public Works Director Rick Murphy says, "When you disturb the ground where it hasn't been disturbed before, you enter into these lengthy environmental permitting processes." The donated property will be maintained as a wetland site. The property is on the south side of Pecan Drive and on the west side of Perkins Creek across from Paducah Bank.

Executive Inn Liquidation/Demolition Change Order (vote August 31)

Commissioners introduced an ordinance for a change order for the Executive Inn Liquidation/Demolition Project. The change order adds the removal of the hotel signage and post located at 3rd Street and Executive Boulevard to the contract at no additional cost. It also adds commercial kitchen equipment to the liquidation. The kitchen equipment is the property of the Convention Center Corporation (CCC). The liquidation vendor will pay \$15,000 for the kitchen equipment, and the City will give the \$15,000 to the CCC. The liquidation of the kitchen equipment reduces the contract amount for the liquidation and demolition from \$217,000 to \$202,000. The liquidation of the Executive Inn began Thursday, August 19. Chief Building Inspector Joel Scarbrough says, "There is still a constant flow of folks." The public is invited to the liquidation Monday through Saturday, 10:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, noon until 5:00 p.m. The liquidation will be completed in time for demolition to start October. 4. Demolition is allowed 150 business days, which means the Executive Inn will be demolished by mid-March 2011.

Quick Highlights:

- Jeanie Embry made a presentation to the Commission about the 90th anniversary of the passage of the 19th amendment, giving women the right to vote. The Secretary of State signed the proclamation on August 26, 1920 enacting the 19th amendment. Mayor Pro Tem



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Kaler says, “A lot of women were beaten and jailed to achieve the right to vote. It’s good to make people remember how far we’ve come in 90 years.”

- Spotlight: Public Information Officer Pam Spencer and Assistant Chief Stacey Grimes spotlighted the Citizens’ Police Academy. The free 11-week course starts September 16 at the Paducah Police Department. It’s held on Thursdays, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Applications are available at <http://paducahky.gov/paducah/citizens-police-academy>.
- Boards and Commissions: William Baxter reappointed to Board of Adjustment. Cathy Crecelius and Robert Manchester reappointed to Paducah Planning Commission.
- Municipal order approved to apply for the 2010 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Paducah is requesting funding up to \$500,000, which would provide 100% of the salary and benefits for three firefighters for two years. If awarded, the City must retain the three firefighters for an additional year.
- Ordinance approved amending section 126-76(k)(6) of the Zoning Ordinance. The amendment will allow a Dick’s Sporting Goods sign to be placed on the front façade of the Kentucky Oak Mall. Prior to this change, Dick’s only would be able to place a sign on its leased section of the mall structure. The signs must advertise a business within the structure the sign is attached to. The Planning Commission held a public hearing on August 2 and made a positive recommendation to the City Commission.
- Ordinance approved for maintenance/service agreements with Motorola for fiscal year 2010-2011 for the 800 MHz radio infrastructure, the individual mobile, portable, and base station radio units, city-owned radios and the E-911 telephone equipment. The two maintenance/service contracts total nearly \$58,000.
- Ordinance approved to purchase for the Street Division a compact track loader with a 78” root grapple from McKeel Equipment Company utilizing the State contract for a total cost of \$52,888.70. This is in accordance with the approved Fleet Plan.
- Ordinance approved accepting the KY Office of Highway Safety grant award in the amount of \$44,627. This grant will pay the overtime salaries, fuel, and training for approximately 1200 hours of Police Department traffic enforcement. No local match is required.
- Ordinance introduced (vote Aug. 31) for the agreement, encroachment agreement, and deed of conveyance with the Kentucky Oaks Mall Company (KOM) for the Olivet Church Road Improvement Project. The ordinance authorizes a payment of \$216,380 to KOM for the acquisition of property located at 5101 Hinkleville Road as right-of-way, permanent drainage, and public utility easement. City Engineer-Public Works Director Rick Murphy says, “I’m happy to say this took place without any condemnation action.”
- Ordinance introduced (vote Aug. 31) for the renewal of the Forest Hills lease agreement. The five-year agreement begins January 1, 2011. The City leases the property to Forest Hills Village, Inc. Forest Hills will pay the City \$360,000 per year with a cost of living increase beginning in 2013.
- Marilyn Cassity, owner of Cassitys’ on 115 South 2nd Street, voiced her concern over the proposed event, Market Square Mornings. The event is scheduled to be on Saturdays from September 11 through October 30. Cassity is an advocate of the event; however, she would like to see the event evaluated at the end of September before committing to October. Mark Thompson will set up a meeting with Cassity and the Market House board.
- The next Commission meeting will be August 31. Due to prior engagements by several Commissioners, the September 7 and 14 meetings will be cancelled.

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