



Called City Commission Meeting Highlights

Tuesday, August 31, 2010

Memorandum of Understanding for Greyhound Bus Lines (vote September 21)

The Mayor and Commission introduced an ordinance for a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the City and Greyhound Lines, Inc. In the MOU, the City will provide a \$12,000 economic incentive to help Greyhound move its customer service operation and bus station from 301 North 4th Street to 2719 Irvin Cobb Drive across from Jackson Purchase Energy. As part of the MOU, Greyhound will operate a bus station in Paducah for a minimum of five years. Greyhound plans to move its operation as soon as the renovations to the new location are complete. Before introducing the ordinance, the Mayor provided a brief history of the events leading to Greyhound's move.

CWI Contract with City of Paducah

City Engineer-Public Works Director Rick Murphy updated the Commission on the status of the City's contract with CWI for trash disposal. The City entered into a ten-year contract with CWI in 1995 with the option to renew for five years in 2005. The City has the option this year to renew for another five years. Before renewing this time, Murphy and his staff wanted to review the contract. Murphy recommends that the City renew the contract with CWI saying, "CWI had opportunities in the contract to ask for additional money, but they didn't." The ordinance to institute the final five-year option with CWI will be introduced by the Commission on September 21.

Executive Inn Liquidation/Demolition Change Order

The Mayor and Commission approved 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.

Amendment to Memorandum of Understanding for G&L Investments (vote September 21)

The Mayor and Commission introduced an ordinance to amend the MOU between the City and G&L Investments. The City entered into the MOU in 2007. The original agreement called for the renovation of the arcade and theater on Broadway. G&L has completed the renovation of the arcade and turned it into office space currently occupied by the U.S. Coast Guard Towing Vessel National Center of Expertise. The theater has had minor renovations. The amendment to the MOU would allow G&L to subdivide the property and transfer the theater portion to Market House Theatre. Market House plans to use the facility as storage and working space. It does not have plans to move its theater operation.

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- Commissioner Gayle Kaler announced that the City has received the Kentucky Health Hero award through the Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky and the Kentucky League of Cities. This award is due to the variety of activities going on in the city to promote wellness and to curb obesity. Commissioner Kaler says, “We have a lot of people who are instrumental in helping people, especially children.” Kaler presented Duke and Duchess awards to Mark and Judy Vance and to Martha Emmons and Hutch Smith. Kaler says, “Even though the City is going to get this award and a \$1000 check, it’s due to your hard work.”
- Ordinance approved 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 approved 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.
- Ordinance introduced (vote Sept. 21) to accept the Edward Bryne Memorial Justice Award through the U.S. Department of Justice in the amount of \$32,586. The funds will be used to purchase in-car cameras and tasers for the Police Department. No local match is required. Police Chief James Berry says, “This completed one of the goals and objectives that I had when I came here.” Berry says this grant will allow each patrol officer and detective to have a taser.
- The next Commission meeting will be September 21. Due to prior engagements by several Commissioners, the September 7 and 14 meetings will be cancelled.

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