



City Commission Meeting Highlights

Tuesday, December 14, 2010

Swearing-In of Commissioners

Kentucky State law provides that all elected city officials begin their terms of office on the first day of January following election. Also, all city officers elected or reelected in the 2010 general election must take the oath of office provided in Section 228 of the Kentucky Constitution on or before January 1. Circuit Judge Tim Kaltenbach conducted the swearing in of Paducah's four City Commissioners. The oath provided in Section 228 is as follows:

I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of this Commonwealth, and be faithful and true to the Commonwealth of Kentucky so long as I continue a citizen thereof, and that I will faithfully execute, to the best of my ability, the office of according to law; and I do further solemnly swear that since the adoption of the present Constitution, I, being a citizen of this State, have not fought a duel with deadly weapons within this State nor out of it, nor have I sent or accepted a challenge to fight a duel with deadly weapons, nor have I acted as second in carrying a challenge, nor aided or assisted any person thus offending, so help me God.

Police/Firefighters Pension Fund

As part of the fiscal year 2011 budget, \$370,000 is appropriated for the Police/Firefighters Pension Fund. An actuarial study completed in November 2010 by the firm of Bryan, Pendleton, Swats & McAlister indicates that the City needs to have \$455,139 budgeted for the current fiscal year. The shortfall of \$85,139 plus an overfunding credit of \$4,278 from the previous year leaves an unfunded balance of \$80,861. The Mayor and Commission approved a municipal order to transfer the funds from the Commission Contingency Fund into the Police/Firefighters Pension Fund. The Police/Firefighters Pension Fund is a trust fund used to account for assets held by the City of Paducah as an agent for police and fire personnel who retired prior to the City joining the state retirement plan or for police and fire personnel who elected not to join the state plan. The fund covers 87 former employees and their spouses. The City joined the state plan in the 1980s.

Purchase of Vehicles for the 2011 Fiscal Year Fleet Plan

The Mayor and Commission approved an ordinance to enter into a contract with Paducah Ford for the purchase and delivery of vehicles for the 2011 Fleet Plan. A bid opening was held December 1 with Paducah Ford as the only bidder. The vehicles to be purchased are five 2010 Crown Victoria police vehicles, five 2011 Crown Victoria police vehicles, four 2011 Ford Escape SUVs (three for the Police Department and one for the Parks Department), one 2011 Ford Expedition for the Fire Department, one 2011 Ford F150 4-wheel drive pickup truck for the Parks Department, and one 2011 F350 dump truck for the Parks Department.

The adopted Fleet plan for the purchase of these vehicles was projected at \$440,000. The actual cost for the purchase of the vehicles will be \$384,525. This results in a savings of more than \$55,000 to the fleet lease trust fund which was started in fiscal year 1999. This fund is used to build up money to replace the City's trucks and cars. When a new vehicle is purchased, a lease amount is calculated by dividing the cost of the vehicle by its expected life. The payment is paid by the City department into the trust fund. When a vehicle is ready to be retired, the City hopefully has paid into the lease fund enough money through payments and interest to replace the vehicle.



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A separate ordinance was approved to purchase a John Deere tractor from James Sanders Implement, Inc. in the amount of \$39,211.06 to be used by the Floodwall Division of the Engineering-Public Works Department. The tractor purchase was approved as part of the fiscal year 2011 fleet plan.

Scholar House

The Mayor and Commission approved three ordinances related to the Scholar House project. The Housing Authority of Paducah initiated the Scholar House project, which will be a 48 unit housing complex with a child development center and community center that will be located on 5.82 acres of property on Old North Friendship Road near West Kentucky Community & Technical College. This program is designed to help unemployed or underemployed single parents with young children pursue an education. The families will receive childcare and educational workshops while attending school full-time. Once the parent graduates, the family will be given time to move into permanent housing. Mayor Paxton says, "It's truly a wonderful program." The program has received approval from the Kentucky Heritage Council and the Board of Adjustment.

The first ordinance approved is for a Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Paducah, Paducah Junior College, Inc. and the Scholar House of Paducah, LLC. The second ordinance approved is for the purchase of the 5.82-acre parcel of property from Paducah Junior College. The agreement is for the City to purchase the property for \$116,400. Upon purchase, the City will transfer the property to Scholar House of Paducah, LLC for \$1.00. The third ordinance approved is for the property transfer to Scholar House.

Transfer Property at 1100 North 12th Street (Martha's Vineyard) (vote Jan. 11)

The Mayor and Commission introduced an ordinance to transfer the City-owned property located at 1100 North 12th Street to Martha's Vineyard Mission, Inc., a not-for-profit corporation that currently leases the building at no cost. The property has an estimated fair cash value of \$55,000; however, the City is transferring the property at no charge to reduce the City's surplus property inventory. Finance Director Jonathan Perkins says, "This accomplishes two things by 1) giving it to a worthy organization, we know who they are and what they do and 2) removing it from our surplus property list.

Quick Highlights:

- Public Information Officer Pam Spencer spotlighted the Citizens' Police Academy (CPA) offered through the Paducah Police Department. Class 15 graduated from the 11-week course on December 9. City Commissioner Carol Gault and PIO Pam Spencer were two members of the graduating class. Program Coordinator Sergeant George Johnson says the next CPA will be held in March.
- Boards and Commissions: Richard Abraham reappointed to Paducah-McCracken County Telecommunication and Information Authority; Gerald Watkins reappointed to Brooks Stadium Commission; Gayle Kaler reappointed to Commissioners of Water Works; Gerald Watkins reappointed to Paducah-McCracken County Joint Sewer Agency; Carol Gault reappointed to Paducah-McCracken County Emergency Communication Service; and Lenora Goode appointed to the Brooks Stadium Commission.
- Ordinance approved authorizing an encroachment agreement with William and Mary Reagor to allow an encroachment of an outbuilding across a portion of the Paxton Park Golf Course property. The encroachment is four feet wide and 30 feet in length. The building was unintentionally built on the golf course property.
- Ordinance approved for a one year contract for services with Paducah Area Transit System (PATS) in the amount of \$225,000 for fiscal year 2011.
- This is the last Commission meeting for 2010. The next Commission meeting will be January 11, 2010.

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