



City Commission Meeting Highlights

Tuesday, February 26, 2013 at 5:30 p.m.

Anti-Bullying Resolution

The Mayor and Commissioners adopted a resolution supporting anti-bullying foundations, initiatives, and programs within the City of Paducah and McCracken County. The joint resolution is signed by the City of Paducah, the McCracken County Fiscal Court, the Paducah Human Rights Commission, and the Guess Anti-Bullying Foundation. Mayor Gayle Kaler says, "What it does is increase awareness in the community, and as leaders it shows we won't accept this behavior." Commissioners Allan Rhodes and Richard Abraham shared stories about how they each were bullied as kids. Commissioner Abraham says, "Anything we can do to support this effort is worthwhile because I've been there." The resolution states having civil, peaceful, and safe schools, businesses, and other community environments are necessary for the well-being, health, happiness, and productivity of individuals. Also, the reasonable expectation is that people treat others the way they would want to be treated. The resolution asks that local educational organizations, businesses, and other organizations and agencies work to prevent bullying through education, training, and the implementation of policies and procedures. Mayor Kaler plans to appoint an anti-bullying task force in conjunction with Judge-Executive Van Newberry within the next few weeks. The task force will study ways to prevent and combat bullying in the area.

Change Order #1 for Greenway Trail Project, Expo Center to U.S. 45 (vote March 12)

The Mayor and Commissioners introduced an ordinance for change order #1 with Wilkins Construction Company for the section of Greenway Trail between the Expo Center and U.S. 45. In July 24, 2012, the City of Paducah contracted with Wilkins Construction to construct 1.67 miles of concrete trail on top of the floodwall levee. The contract amount was \$543,759. Minor adjustments in the contract have been made with additions and deletions. In total, the change order is to increase the contract amount by \$21,459.92. The increase is mainly due to the final quantities of concrete and DGA material (dense grade aggregate). City Engineer-Public Works Director Rick Murphy says, "The number of tons of stone delivered on site was greater than the estimated amount." This phase of the greenway trail, which is funded in part by a 2006 federal Transportation Enhancement grant, includes two shelters, four benches, and signs. The next phase of the Greenway Trail will run from Noble Park to the east side of U.S. 45. A future trail phase will extend the trail from County Park Road into the Perkins Creek Nature Preserve.

Agreement with the USACE for the Design of the Floodwall Project

The Mayor and Commissioners approved an ordinance for a design agreement with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) for projects to rehabilitate the floodwall. In a 2010 feasibility report, USACE outlined projects to improve the reliability and restore the system performance of the City's floodwall. The projects include the rehabilitation of the City's 12 pump stations. In 2012, the USACE Chief's report recommended to the U.S. Congress the implementation of the projects outlined in the feasibility report. At this time, the USACE is prepared to move forward with the design phase which is expected to cost \$600,000 with the City obligated to pay \$150,000. A portion of the City's share can be credited by in-kind services. Rehabilitating the floodwall is an approximately \$20 million endeavor which will involve several project phases. The 12.2-mile long floodwall was constructed between 1939 and 1949. For more information about the floodwall including a slide presentation from USACE, visit <http://paducahky.gov/paducah/floodwall>.



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Amendment of PRA Ordinance to Increase Advisory Board Membership

The Mayor and Commissioners approved an amendment to the Paducah Renaissance Alliance (PRA) ordinance which will increase the number of members on the advisory board from nine to 15. Commissioner Carol Gault discussed also amending the ordinance such that no more than five members of the PRA advisory board can serve on the Columbia Club board, a 501(c)(3). The motion was approved by the Mayor and Commissioners. At the February 5 Commission meeting, PRA Executive Director Lisa Thompson and Chairperson Darlene Mazzone explained that main street programs rely on a strong volunteer base to form the board and to form the committees for the four-point main street approach in addition to the many one-time volunteers for special events. Paducah's Renaissance District is composed of 70 blocks.



Duke of Paducah Presented to Baltimore Ravens Defensive Tackle Bryan Hall

Mayor Gayle Kaler presented a Duke of Paducah to Baltimore Ravens Defensive Tackle Bryan Hall. Hall is a graduate of Paducah Tilghman High School. Hall has been spending time this week talking to local students. Hall says his message to the students is to focus on working hard and keeping up with their school work. Commissioner Richard Abraham says, "Hall's work ethic is a great example to others. He's a fellow who worked hard and was rewarded." Hall signed with the Ravens in 2011.

Quick Highlights:

- Municipal order approved to declare the city-owned property located at 1209 Bell Avenue as surplus and transfer the property to the adjacent property owner, Glenda Sharp, who has offered to purchase the property for \$1000.
- Municipal order approved to apply for a \$50,000 Kentucky Governor's Highway Safety Program grant. If funded, the grant would be used for police department overtime traffic enforcement activities and related equipment. No local match is required.
- Ordinance introduced (vote March 12) to accept the Kentucky League of Cities Insurance Safety Award in the amount of \$6000 to be used for the purchase of playground and safety equipment. The grant requires a \$3000 match.
- Ordinance introduced (vote March 12) for a contract with Bluegrass Fire Equipment Company, Inc. for the purchase of structural firefighting turnout gear at the unit price of \$1110 per set for use by the Paducah Fire Department. A bid opening was held January 31 with two bids submitted.

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