



Called City Commission Meeting Highlights Tuesday, January 8, 2013 at 6 p.m.

Extension of Time for 2006 KY Transportation Enhancement Program for Greenway Trail

The Mayor and Commissioners approved an ordinance extending the termination date for the agreement between the City of Paducah and the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet. The ordinance extends the termination date to June 30, 2013 for the greenway trails project. In 2006, the City of Paducah received a \$500,000 Transportation Enhancement grant for the construction of a greenway trail between downtown Paducah and the Brookport Bridge. In July the City authorized a contract with Wilkins Construction Company to complete 1.67 miles of a concrete pedestrian and bicycle trail on the city's floodwall levee. The trail begins next to the Expo Center parking lot downtown and stops behind the Smoke Shop on North 8th Street. Two shelters, four benches, and signs also are included in the project. Work to complete that section is in its final stages. Paducah currently has a 1.75-mile greenway trail which starts at County Park Road next to Stuart Nelson Park and terminates at Noble Park next to the skatepark.

MOA with State of Kentucky for Geographic Information System Data and Aerial Photography Updates (vote Jan. 22)

The Mayor and Commissioners introduced an ordinance for a memorandum of agreement with the State of Kentucky for aerial photography and Geographic Information System (GIS) data. The McCracken and Paducah Geographic Information System (MAP-GIS) consortium was created in 1999 to coordinate computer mapping efforts between the following members: McCracken County, City of Paducah, Joint Sewer Agency, Paducah Water, Paducah Power, and E-911. Each year the partners contribute \$6000 to the consortium to purchase products that will benefit the entire group. The State of Kentucky is flying across the state to provide updated high resolution color aerial photographs and base map information in addition to LIDAR. LIDAR provides a three dimensional view of the ground cover including buildings. GIS Planner Ben Peterson says the State received a \$9 million grant to gather the data. Peterson says, "We are allowed to 'buy up' to get data at a greater resolution." The project with the higher resolution data will cost the consortium \$178,494.36. The project will cover more than 300 square miles of McCracken County in addition to a small part of Graves and Marshall Counties as requested by Paducah Water. MAP-GIS has enough in its account to fund the project. Furthermore, Paducah Water will fund the portion outside of McCracken County.

Quick Highlights:

- Boards and Commissions:
 - Terms of Paducah Riverfront Development Authority members Meredith Schroeder and Joe Dempsey extended to October 28, 2104 and October 28, 2015, respectively. Commissioner Sandra Wilson will replace Gayle Kaler on the board.
 - Commissioner Allan Rhodes appointed to the Commissioners of Water Works board to replace Gayle Kaler.
 - Commissioner Carol Gault appointed to the Paducah-McCracken County Joint Sewer Agency board to replace Commissioner Gerald Watkins.
 - Commissioner Carol Gault reappointed to the Paducah-McCracken County Emergency Communication Service Board.



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- Commissioner Richard Abraham appointed to the Brook Stadium Commission to replace Commissioner Gerald Watkins.
- Motion approved to elect Commissioner Sandra Wilson as Mayor Pro Tem of the City of Paducah. Commissioner Wilson received the highest number of votes in last November's City Commission election.
- Ordinance introduced (vote Jan. 22) to accept the award in the amount of \$15,058.68 from the Kentucky Division of Waste Management for litter abatement. No local match is required.
- The Mayor and Commissioners in addition to City department heads will hold an orientation and collaboration workshop tomorrow at 2 p.m. at WKCTC's Emerging Technology Center.
- Next Tuesday's Commission meeting will be cancelled due to several members of the board attending a Kentucky League of Cities educational academy.
- The proposed phase of the greenway trail that would link Noble Park with the newly constructed section that ends near the Brookport Bridge is being reviewed. A tunnel under U.S. 45 has been proposed to link the sections. City Manager Jeff Pederson says other options are being reviewed and will be presented to the Commission at an upcoming meeting.

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