



## City Commission Meeting Highlights

Tuesday, January 5, 2010

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### **Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR)**

Finance Director, Jon Perkins, and Robert Robertson, CPA with Williams, Williams & Lentz presented the Commission with the City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) which includes the City Audit. The report is for the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2009. The audit found that the City is compliant in its financial reporting. Robertson says, "I would like to compliment your staff. They've done a very good job." After hearing the positive audit, Commissioner Gayle Kaler says, "It's good to know from a Commission standpoint and from a citizen's standpoint. The entire report can be found on the City's website [www.paducahky.gov](http://www.paducahky.gov)

### **Plan for External Improvements to Fountain Avenue Houses**

Planning Director, Steve Ervin, presented a plan to the Commission to improve the exteriors of some of the homes owned by the City of Paducah in the Fountain Avenue Neighborhood. Ervin suggests using the proceeds from recently sold properties once owned by the City in the neighborhood. The funds would be used to partially rehab City-owned homes by painting and by repairing the roofs, windows, and foundations. Ervin would like to use the funds to first renovate the homes at 331 and 333 North 16 Street. Ervin says renovating the exterior of the homes would show the City's commitment to the neighborhood.

Ervin also provided the Commission with an update on the progress on improvements and crime reduction within the Fountain Avenue Neighborhood. Due to increased patrolling by the police department and the neighborhood revitalization, crime has reduced nearly 55%. Ervin says \$3.8 million has been invested publicly and privately in the neighborhood. The Urban Renewal and Community Development Agency has transferred 13 properties for development and/or redevelopment. Four homes, located at 500 Harahan Boulevard, 602 Fountain Avenue, 622 Fountain Avenue, and 1616 Monroe Street, are under construction under the Kentucky Housing Corporation Program. The City has two recently renovated homes available. Bids are due January 14 in the Planning Department for the homes located at 1640 Harrison and 1620 Monroe. Two privately owned homes are available for purchase at 1617 Monroe and 406 Fountain Avenue. A complete listing of available city-owned homes and properties, including a map showing the progress in the neighborhood, can be found at [www.fountainave.com](http://www.fountainave.com).

### **Sports Park Property Purchase**

Parks Services Director, Mark Thompson, presented the Commission with a plan to provide naming rights and sponsorships for the Paducah sports park. Using Evansville's Goebel Soccer Complex as an example, Thompson explained to the Commission that there are numerous opportunities for sponsorships and naming rights such as the park as a whole, athletic fields, shelters, concession buildings, playgrounds, trails, and fishing piers. The paid sponsorships and naming rights would be used to offset the park development costs, create a maintenance fund, honor private citizens or corporations, and provide an identity to the park. Thompson recommends the development of a panel of five members to oversee the naming rights and sponsorship guidelines. The panel also would provide recommendations to the Commission. A suggested format for the panel would be two Commission members, the chief fundraiser/volunteer, and two private citizens. The Parks Services Director would serve as a staff liaison. The Commission will vote on a municipal order to create the sports park panel at an upcoming meeting. In December 2009 the City Commission



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approved the purchase of 165 acres on Sheehan Bridge Road to be developed as a multi-use sports park. Soccer advocate David Hutcheson is leading the private fundraising effort.

If anyone would like to donate money to be used for the Paducah sports park, please send your donation to

Paducah Sports Park Fund  
Parks Services Department  
P.O. Box 7265  
Paducah, Kentucky 42002-7265

**Quick Highlights:**

- Boards and Commissions: Bob Wade appointed to Civil Service Commission

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