



City Commission Meeting Highlights

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

Executive Inn Building, Demolition, and Liquidation Phase I Project (vote July 27)

Commissioners introduced an ordinance to accept the recommendation of the Paducah Riverfront Development Authority (PRDA) to accept the bid of Youngblood Excavating and Contracting, LLC of Mayfield and PRC Environmental of Pasadena, Texas for the first phase of the building, demolition, and liquidation of the Executive Inn project. PRC will be the subcontractor for Youngblood. The City's contract is with Youngblood. Mayor Bill Paxton says, "I think we got a great contract, below what we thought it would be. I think we have a great contractor. I couldn't be more pleased." Bids were opened June 24 with Youngblood and PRC Environmental providing the lowest net bid in the amount of \$217,000 (\$298,500 minus liquidation proceeds of \$81,500). 16 companies provided bids for the project. PRDA met on July 1 to review the bids. The criteria used in evaluating the bids include:

70% Total Net Bid

10% Similar Projects Completed

10% Point of Contact (references)

10% Authority Having Jurisdiction (what the local building inspector thought)

Building Inspector Joel Scarbrough says the contractor has 60 calendar days for the liquidation with 150 business days for the demolition. He expects the project to be completed by the end of March.

Refinancing of 2001 Bond Issue Will Save City, County, and CVB Money (vote July 27)

Commissioners introduced an ordinance to refinance a bond issued in 2001. At that time, the City issued a 25-year, \$9.29 million general obligation bond. The money was used to finance the construction of the Paducah-McCracken County Expo Center and to contribute \$3 million to the construction of the Carson Center. The debt payments are funded primarily using revenue from 2 cents of the 6-cent County bed tax. The City of Paducah, McCracken County, and the Convention and Visitors Bureau equally share any remaining balance. Interest rates are now lower than they were when the bonds were sold. Representatives with Hilliard-Lyons approached the City recommending the refinancing of the bonds, which would cut annual interest payments by about \$33,000 per year. Through the remaining life of the bond issue (through 2026), the savings by refinancing will be \$532,035. The bonds will be sold July 29. At this time, more than \$2 million of the debt has been paid off. Hal Sullivan with Hilliard Lyons complimented the City for its good management, which has led to an excellent bond rating allowing the City to take advantage of low interest rates.

Search for Permanent City Manager

Jim Mercer of the Mercer Group, the company conducting the executive search for the City Manager position, says 53 people have applied for the City Manager position. Applications were due July 9. Mercer has completed the initial screening of the applicants. He is presenting a list of less than a dozen candidates to the Commission. The Commission will narrow the list to 5-8 candidates. Then, Mercer will conduct background and reference checks. He plans to provide the Commission with a final summary of the candidates August 3. The Commission and City staff plan to interview candidates August 5-6.

Fee Waiver for Kentucky Publishing, Inc.

Commissioners approved a municipal order to either waive or refund the building permit fee up to \$1700 for Kentucky Publishing, Inc. Kentucky Publishing is constructing a new headquarters facility



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in Information Age Park. Publisher Greg LeNeave estimates a capital investment of at least \$500,000 with the addition of approximately 10 new jobs.

Grant Application for Steam Locomotive 1518 Restoration and Visitors Pavilion Project

Commissioners approved a municipal order to apply for a 2010 Kentucky Transportation Enhancement grant in the amount of \$480,000 with \$100,000 of the amount being a local cash match to be provided by the City. The funds would be used to for the first phase of a project that would restore the exterior of the steam locomotive located next to the floodwall and the Carson Center. The first phase also includes the restoration of the baggage car, mail car, and caboose and the construction of an all-weather overhead cover that protects a walkway that complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act. The second phase of the project would include interpretive elements within the baggage car, caboose, mail car, and locomotive. Steam Locomotive 1518 was built in 1923 and was the last “Iron Horse” owned by the Illinois Central Railroad. It was placed in Paducah in 1964.

Pavilion Project Change Orders

Commissioners approved two ordinances for change orders for pavilion project. The first change order reduces the contract price with Arizon Corporation by \$2776 for a cable that was not used and for mechanical work completed by another contractor. The new contract price with Arizon is \$825,250. The second ordinance reduces the contract price with M.P. Lawson Construction for the second phase of the pavilion project to prepare the site. The new contract price is \$529,539.57, which is a reduction of \$164,694.96. The reduction is due to the City’s purchasing electrical and concrete materials directly from the contractor’s suppliers. Purchasing the materials directly instead of by M.P. Lawson saved the City money by reducing mark-up costs and applied taxes.

Agreement for Emergency Generators for Public Works and E-911 Buildings (vote July 27)

Commissioners introduced an ordinance to accept the bid in the amount of \$142,675 from Swift & Staley Electrical Contractors, Inc. for the purchase of two new emergency generators to be installed at the Public Works building on North 10th Street and the E-911 Building on Clark Street. The bid opening was held June 24 with five companies submitting bids. City Engineer-Public Works Director Rick Murphy says, “Following the ice storm we realized many buildings needed emergency generators to be put in them.” Nine buildings were identified as needing generators and prioritized. The Public Works and E-911 buildings were ranked as the top two buildings. A 24-year-old generator is located in the Executive Inn. Murphy plans to have the generator mounted on a trailer. Mayor Paxton says he has talked to Judge Executive Van Newberry about the County paying half of the cost of the generator for the E-911 building.

Accept Contract for Services with Agencies (vote July 27)

Commissioners introduced ordinances for contracts with the following agencies for fiscal year 2010-2011:

- Midtown Alliance of Neighbors \$20,000 (assists with Fountain Avenue Neighborhood Redevelopment Program)
- Paducah Chamber of Commerce \$14,000
- GPEDC \$300,000
- EntrePaducah \$100,000
- Paducah Junior College, Inc. \$125,000 (for Community Scholarship Program)
- Yeiser Art Center \$10,000
- Paducah Symphony \$25,000
- Market House Theater \$25,000
- Carson Center \$50,000
- Convention Center Corporation \$175,000
- Barkley Regional Airport \$146,430



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Quick Highlights:

- Public is invited to take part in a blood drive on Sunday, July 25, 1-5 p.m. at the W.C. Young Community Center. The Community Clergy Fellowship is hosting the event.
- Boards and Commissions: Flora Smith, Lisa Kupper, and Teresa White reappointed to Civic Beautification Board; Jipaum Askew-Robinson appointed to Municipal Housing Commission; and Durwin Ursery and Thomas Whittemore reappointed to Paducah Area Transit System Board of Directors.
- Ordinance approved amending Section 126-76 of the Zoning Ordinance to permit island spanner signs and spandrel signs. An island spanner sign is a sign attached to the supports of gasoline canopies for advertising purposes. A spandrel sign is attached to the supports that cover the gasoline dispensers.
- Ordinance approved to purchase from Chambers Roofing Company, Inc. nearly 9.4 acres located at 2605 Old Cairo Road in the amount of \$60,000. The property is for Phase II of the Greenway Trail Project.
- Ordinance introduced (vote July 27) to accept the Kentucky Household Hazardous Waste grant award of \$27,000 from the KY Division of Waste Management. The award requires a local match of \$9000 split between the City and County. The funds will be used for the Spring Clean Up Day (also known as Dump Day) to be held in April 2011.
- Ordinance introduced (vote July 27) accepting the Kentucky Justice Cabinet's Law Enforcement Service Fee Grant award in the amount of \$8780. No local match is required. Funds will be for officer overtime hours and mileage costs during DUI enforcement.
- Ordinance introduced (vote July 27) to amend the ending date for the River Discovery Center's Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Transportation Enhancement grant award. The new ending date will be August 31, 2010. With a little more than \$20,000 in grant funds available, extending the grant's end date will allow the River Discovery Center to use the remaining funds for a Steamboat Pilot House Exhibit Project.
- Ordinance introduced (vote July 27) to release the restrictive covenant for the property located at the corner of Park Avenue and H.C. Mathis Drive (current location of Shell Gas and Car Wash). The property is zoned commercial; however, in a title search, a restrictive covenant was found that limits the property to residential use only.
- Ordinance introduced (vote July 27) to accept the grant award in the amount of \$14,300 from the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security Law Enforcement Protection Program. The funds will reimburse the Police Department for the purchase of 20 body armor vests.

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