



City Commission Meeting Highlights

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Search for Permanent City Manager

Jim Mercer of the Mercer Group will return next week for the interview sessions with the City Manager candidates. The Mercer Group is conducting the executive search for the City Manager position. 53 people applied for the City Manager position with applications due July 9. At this time, Mercer is conducting background and reference checks. The Commission and City Directors will interview the finalists August 5-6. The public will have an opportunity to meet the candidates on Thursday, August 5, at 5:00 p.m at City Hall.

Acquisition of Property for Phase II of Greenway Trail (vote August 10)

Commissioners introduced two ordinances to purchase the final two pieces of property for the section of the greenway trail that will extend from the Brookport Bridge toward Noble Park. An ordinance was introduced to purchase property and easements in the amount of \$6000 from Gene and Ann Edwards for property located at 2400 North 8th Street. A second ordinance was introduced for the purchase of easements in the amount of \$10,750 from Michael and Iva Boatwright for property located at 2601 North 10th Street. Parks Services Director Mark Thompson says the City will have nearly six miles of greenway trail when the trail is completed from the Expo Center to the Perkins Creek Nature Preserve. At this time, 1.75 miles of trail is open from Noble Park to County Park Road.

Executive Inn Building, Demolition, and Liquidation Phase I Project

Commissioners approved an ordinance accepting 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. 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)

The contractor has 60 calendar days for the liquidation with 150 business days for the demolition. The project should be completed by the end of March.

Refinancing of 2001 Bond Issue Will Save City, County, and CVB Money

Commissioners approved 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.



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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. At the July 13 Commission meeting, 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.

Agreement for Emergency Generators for Public Works and E-911 Buildings

Commissioners approved an ordinance accepting 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. After the January 2009 ice storm, nine buildings were identified as needing generators. The Public Works and E-911 buildings were ranked as the top two buildings. A 24-year-old generator that was located in the Executive Inn has been removed. It will be mounted on a trailer to power a building or special event.

Accept Contract for Services with Agencies

Commissioners approved 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

Quick Highlights:

- Boards and Commissions: William “Tom” Clayton appointed to Commissioners of Water Works Board; Andrew Coiner, Art Davis, and Lanny King reappointed to Paducah Human Rights Commission.
- Municipal order approved to transfer property at 431 Park Avenue to the Convention Center Corporation. In June the Commission approved the purchase of the property for \$25,000. The property and small unoccupied home next to the Convention Center parking lot is inside the floodwall and surrounded by the City of Paducah and Convention Center Corporation property. Paducah Renaissance Alliance Executive Director Steve Doolittle says, “In the future, the Convention Center Corporation will decide to either extend the convention center parking lot or leave the area as greenspace.” The City will demolish the house.
- Ordinance approved to begin utilizing the property tax module of the Sungard Public Sector software package. At this time, the City is using a 1989 software package for property taxes. The City currently uses other modules of the Sungard software package. Sungard proposes the cost for licensing, training, and upgrades at no more than \$98,675.25. Using this software module will eliminate the duplication of accounting work in the Finance Department. It also paves the way for on-line property tax payment in the future.
- Ordinance approved accepting the Kentucky Household Hazardous Waste grant award of \$27,000 from the KY Division of Waste Management. The award requires a local match of



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\$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 approved 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 approved amending 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 approved 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 approved 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.
- Ordinance introduced (vote Aug. 10) for an agreement with AT&T for the relocation of a telephone cabinet and related equipment located at 3566 Olivet Church Road. The relocation will cost \$193,025.78. The relocation is necessary for the Olivet Church Road Improvement Project. All expenses associated with utility relocation and right-of-way acquisition will be reimbursed up to \$2 million by the KY Transportation Cabinet.
- Ordinance introduced (vote Aug. 10) to accept the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant from the U.S. Department of Energy on behalf of the Jackson Purchase Resource Conservation and Development Foundation. The grant award of \$50,000 will be used to purchase equipment including five 20-yard recycle bins for the recycling facility at 1851 North 8th Street. The grant does not require a local match.
- Ordinance introduced (vote Aug. 10) for a contract for the Alpha Project through the Department for Local Government.
- The regularly scheduled Commission meeting for August 3 will be cancelled.

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