



## City Commission Meeting Highlights

Tuesday, March 12, 2013 at 5:30 p.m.

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### **Mourning the Loss of Administrative Assistant Teresa White**

The City of Paducah is mourning the loss of Teresa White who worked as the mayor's administrative assistant. Teresa died March 4. Teresa's funeral was held today at Christ Temple Apostolic Church. Teresa worked for the City of Paducah in the mayor's office for more than 11 years. In lieu of flowers, her family asks donations be sent to the American Cancer Society.

### **Joint Public Safety Facility Concept Design**

Over the past several months, the Police and Fire Departments have been researching the possibility of constructing a joint police-fire headquarters. Fire Chief Steve Kyle briefed the Mayor and Commissioners about the plan to issue a request for qualifications (RFQ) for a proposed design concept for the facility. Currently, the fire headquarters is in a facility on Washington Street that was constructed in 1967 while the police headquarters is on Broadway in a 1955-era building. Chief Kyle says the RFQ would help in the decision process by presenting comparable images of similar projects, provide cost estimates and artist renderings, provide site selection criteria, and analyze the police and fire department requirements that would be applicable to a joint facility.

### **Riverfront Project Update**

City Engineer-Public Works Director Rick Murphy updated the Mayor and Commissioners on the status of the Riverfront Redevelopment Project. Currently, bids are being requested for the Ohio River Boat Launch project with a bid opening scheduled for March 25. That portion of the project consists of the construction of a five-lane boat ramp and parking area for more than 100 vehicles and trailers on the river side of the floodwall at North 6<sup>th</sup> and Burnett Streets. The project also will involve road improvements along Burnett Street and the redesign of the intersection at North 6<sup>th</sup> and Burnett. One of the next steps in the Riverfront Redevelopment Project will be to advertise this year for bids for the construction of 12 large guide poles for a gangway and an approximate 3-acre land mass into the Ohio River just downstream of the existing Schultz Park. The land mass will need to settle for about a year before walkways and other amenities can be built. A future project includes the construction of a marina services building and 400 feet of transient dock. Regarding funding, the City has available more than \$10 million in State and Federal grants. However, the funds are for specific portions of the Riverfront Project. Murphy says, "The City of Paducah has received several pools of money from several agencies which makes this project very complicated." More details of the Riverfront Project can be found at <http://paducahky.gov/paducah/riverfront-master-plan>.

### **Authorization to Proceed with Process to Sell Property Located on Sheehan Bridge Road**

After meeting in closed session, the Mayor and Commissioners returned to open session with Commissioner Sandra Wilson making the following motion: I move to authorize the City Manager to begin the process of selling the Sheehan Bridge Road property as surplus property. Commissioner Allan Rhodes seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Wilson says, "This action to me does not mean we are abandoning our desire to provide a sports complex of some kind in the future; it just means we do not have interest in building it on this property at this time." In December 2009, the City Commission approved the purchase of 165 acres on Sheehan Bridge Road with the plan to construct a sports park. Prior to the purchase, a study of possible sports park sites in McCracken County was conducted by a local engineering firm. Of six possible sites, the Sheehan



Bridge Road site was the one recommended due to its property size with development potential, elevation, limited impact to adjacent properties, minimal permitting impacts, and visibility from Interstate-24. At the time of the purchase, a private fundraising effort with a goal of \$1 million was underway to assist the City in the property purchase and park development. Due to the tight economy, the fundraising goal was not achieved.

**Noble Park Pool Spray Pad Contract (vote March 19)**

The Mayor and Commissioners introduced an ordinance for a \$188,466 contract with Murtko of Paducah for the construction of a spray pad at Noble Park Pool to replace the leaking baby pool. This is the final phase in the renovation of the pool area. Three bids were received for this phase with Murtko submitting the lowest evaluated bid. The total cost for the Noble Park Pool renovation project is \$1,172,000. The swimming pool renovation will be completed and ready for the public's use by the Memorial Day weekend. Parks Services Director Mark Thompson says, "It looks like we are right on time with the project to be complete by mid-May." Separating the project into three bid packages and utilizing City staff for a portion of the demolition has resulted in a reduction in costs. The Noble Park Pool has not received a significant renovation since 1992. The first phase was approved last November with a \$795,930 contract with Aquatic Renovation Systems, Inc. (RenoSys Corporation) with the work including the pool liner, replacement of the gutter, drain, filtration, disinfection, pumping, and piping systems in addition to a new treatment and storage building, concrete improvements, and the installation of new diving boards and platforms, a water slide, and a pool lift. The second phase of the project was approved last December for the renovation of the concession area and the inclusion of hot water to each of the restrooms. Midstates Construction of Paducah received that contract for \$139,607.

**Inter-local Agreement Between City of Paducah and McCracken County to Finance, Construct, and Lease a Customer Care Center in Paducah Commerce Park (vote March 19)**

The Mayor and Commissioners introduced an ordinance for an inter-local agreement between the City of Paducah and McCracken County to establish a financing plan for the project which includes the construction of a facility in Paducah Commerce Park (formerly Information Age Park). The facility will be leased by TeleTech Services Corporation as a customer care call center. The City of Paducah and the County are each providing \$1.35 million toward the project with Paducah Economic Development providing \$250,000. All of the funds will be placed in a construction fund with City Manager, Jeff Pederson, as the project manager. TeleTech plans to bring to Paducah a customer care call center and employ 450 full-time employees with benefits. Following building renovations, approximately 150 employees would be at the Commerce Center on Kentucky Avenue while 300 employees would be stationed in the facility to be constructed in the Paducah Commerce Park. The jobs would have a minimum salary of \$9.50 per hour.

**Change Order #1 for Greenway Trail Project, Expo Center to U.S. 45**

The Mayor and Commissioners approved 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.

**Quick Highlights:**



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- Resolution approved for the City of Paducah and McCracken County to submit a Community Development Block Grant Economic Development application for approximately \$2 million. The funding would assist Paducah Economic Development and support the purchase of equipment for a potential industrial business locating a new operation in Paducah/McCracken County.
- Municipal order approved to apply for the 2013-2014 Kentucky Household Hazardous Waste Grant in the amount of \$27,000 to help with the funding of Spring Clean Up Day. The grant requires a \$9000 match which would be split between the City and County.
- Municipal order approved to apply for the 2013-2014 Kentucky Pride Recycling Grant in the amount of \$75,000. This is a joint application with McCracken County with funds used for equipment and outreach for the GPS-Recycle Now facility on North 8<sup>th</sup> Street. The grant requires a match of \$7400 each from the City and County.
- Municipal order approved to apply for the 2013-2014 Law Enforcement Service Fee Grant in the amount of \$20,000 to be used for a DUI Enforcement Program. The grant requires a \$5000 match.
- Municipal order approved to execute a deed of correction to Schroeder Publishing Company to clean up the chain of title for the transfer of surplus property from Paducah Water.
- Ordinance approved accepting 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 approved 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.
- Ordinance introduced (vote March 19) to approve the final plat and accept the right-of-way and public utility easements for the Greenway Village Subdivision Phase I. This complex of rental units is being built by Higdon Development off County Park Drive next to the Greenway Trail and Stuart Nelson Park. The final subdivision plat was approved by the Planning Commission on March 4, 2013.
- Ordinance introduced (vote March 19) to amend Chapter 122 of the Code of Ordinances pertaining to Vehicles Drawn by Animals. The main amendment is to allow up to five separate permitted vendors to operate animal-drawn carriage businesses on routes approved by the Traffic Commission.
- Ordinance introduced (vote March 19) to accept the bid from Bluegrass Fire Equipment Company, Inc. as the vendor and Pierce Manufacturing, Inc. as the manufacturer for the purchase of two triple combination pumper trucks for use by the Fire Department. The total bid is \$863,588 for both trucks; however, the City will receive a \$31,234 discount if the City prepays for the cost of the trucks upon acceptance of the contract. It will be 6-7 months before the new trucks are delivered.
- Ordinance introduced (vote March 19) to purchase a new TYMCO, Inc. street sweeper from Stringfellow, Inc. for \$180,576 utilizing the State contract.
- Ordinance introduced to close a portion the alley from Caldwell Street to Norton Street located between South 9<sup>th</sup> and Walter Jetton Boulevard.

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