



City Commission Meeting Highlights

Tuesday, November 9, 2010

Veteran's Day Parade This Thursday

Recreation Superintendent Amie Clark reminded the public that the Veteran's Day Parade will be Thursday, November 11 at 11:00 a.m. The parade starts at 2nd and Broadway and disbands at Broadway and 17th Street. A ceremony, which includes the reading of the first place Veteran's Day essays, will be held at 10:30 a.m. at the downtown gazebo. Buddy Smith representing the Veteran's Day Committee thanked the City of Paducah for its support of the parade and veterans. Smith says, "If it weren't for veterans, none of us would be sitting here today." The parade grand marshal will be Vietnam veteran, Robert E. Burgess.

Section of Greenway Trail Temporarily Closed

The quarter mile section of the Greenway Trail between Stuart Nelson Park and County Park Road will be closed until further notice due to the Joint Sewer Association (JSA) Massac Interceptor and Force Main Project. The City of Paducah apologizes for any inconvenience as JSA strives to improve sewer service across the county.

Funds for Renaissance Area Master Plan and Hotel Property Site Construction Analysis

The Mayor and Commission approved a municipal order to transfer \$39,000 from the Commission Contingency Fund to the Paducah Riverfront Development Authority (PRDA). The funds are to be used for the Renaissance Area Master Plan (RAMP) and a site construction analysis for the former Executive Inn site. CityVisions, the consultant currently working on the RAMP, will complete the work. In the site analysis, CityVisions will develop an initial site plan for the Executive Inn site. The site plan will include a convention related hotel, residential development, a bike and pedestrian walkway, and parking. The information will be used in the request for proposals process.

Assign Zoning and Annex Property Owned by Paducah Power, P&L Railroad and TVA (vote Nov. 16)

The Mayor and Commission introduced an ordinance to accept the recommendation by the Planning Commission and assign M-2 zoning (heavy industrial) to 173.7 acres of land at the southern extent of Paducah's city limits. The property extends from Bechtoldt Road south to Interstate-24, west of Poole Road, and east of Schneidman Road. The area includes property owned by Paducah Power, Paducah & Louisville Railroad, and Tennessee Valley Authority. All three property owners have signed the zone change plat and the annexation plat. Mayor Paxton says, "There are no residential properties being annexed."

A separate ordinance was introduced to annex the 173.7 acres of land. An intent to annex was approved at the October 26 Commission meeting. The Planning Commission held a public hearing regarding the matter on November 1. The annexation would bring the Paducah Power peaking plant into the City limits.

The Planning Commission at its November 1 public hearing made several findings of fact including

1. All properties are industrial in nature as a Marshalling yard (P&L Railroad), Paducah Power peaking plant, and various Paducah Power and TVA power related activities are currently present on the properties proposed for M-2 zoning.



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2. Paducah Power is owned by the citizens of Paducah. Paducah's peaking plant should be located in the City of Paducah.
3. Existing City of Paducah properties to the north of the subject properties have a future industrial land use designation.
4. The vacant lands remaining owned by Paducah Power are suitable for future industrial use as they are located adjacent to the Paducah Power peaking plant and I-24.
5. The City of Paducah is committed to protecting adjacent residential areas as the M-2 zoning does not allow uses that are determined to be detrimental to the properties immediately surrounding the use.

Amend PRDA Ordinance

The Mayor and Commission approved an ordinance amending the PRDA (Paducah Riverfront Development Authority) ordinance that was passed by the City Commission in October 2008. Board Chairman Joe Framptom sent Mayor Bill Paxton a letter saying that the PRDA Board unanimously approved the ordinance amendments at its October 20 meeting. The amendments clarify the appointment of the seven board members and the board's role. Also, the board will annually request and receive budget appropriations. As stated in the amended ordinance the mission of PRDA *shall be to assist and advise the City Commission in the development of civic projects and development plans which are intended to generate, revitalize, improve and generally enhance community areas, including but not limited to Downtown, Lowertown, the Renaissance Area Master Plan as currently being prepared by City Visions Associates, and the Paducah Riverfront. Projects more specifically contemplated to be a charge of the agency are (1) the development of a tax increment financing district; (2) the preparation of a Request for Proposals for the property formerly known as the Executive Inn, including assisting in the selection of the best proposal and oversight of the project until completion; (3) assisting in the on-going planning and implementation of the Renaissance Area Master Plan and the Paducah Riverfront Project; (4) developing and/or implementing strategic plans which will impact, compliment or enhance projects and areas falling within its Mission and (5) undertaking roles in such other municipal projects or planning as the agency may agree to undertake.*

Amend PRA Ordinance

With a 3-1 vote (Commissioner Kaler voting no), the Mayor and Commission approved an ordinance amending the PRA (Paducah Renaissance Alliance) ordinance that was passed by the Commission in December 2009. One of amendments clarifies the terms of the 15-member board. Another amendment clarifies the section of the ordinance that lists the board's duties. In that section, 14 items are listed including the artist relocation program, business recruitment program, festival management, and the Farmer's Market. The amendment allows the board to prioritize and justify the list of duties in its annual budget request. An additional amendment addresses staffing and budget. The PRA Board will have a staff of City of Paducah employees and will submit an annual budget request to the City. The PRA Board shall be entitled to recommend staffing assignments to the City Manager.

Noble Park Parking Lot Reconstruction Project Change Order

Commissioners approved an ordinance for a change order with Central Paving Company of Paducah for the Noble Park Parking Lot Reconstruction Project currently underway. The change order adds \$69,386.23 to the cost of the project and extends the contract time by 17 days. The change order increases the total project cost to \$532,386.23. The additional expense is due to additional work associated with poor soil conditions and an unmarked water line. The project time has been extended with a completion date of November 5, 2010. The project is to improve drainage and the parking and driving areas near the amphitheater and poolhouse at Noble Park. City Engineer and Public Works Director Rick Murphy says an additional change order will be before the Commission to close out the project.

Request to Close a Portion of Adams Street and an Alley

Commissioners approved an ordinance to close Adams Street from 6th Street to 7th Street and a 16.5-foot wide alley from Adams Street to Oscar Cross Avenue. This is requested by the McCracken



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County Fiscal Court to accommodate the construction and the operation of the McCracken County Low-Risk Restricted Custody Facility and the McCracken County Public Safety Complex. The Adams Street closure is for parking and the transport of prisoners with the alley closure necessary for the construction process. City Engineer and Public Works Director Rick Murphy recommends closing the entire alley for safety reasons explaining the difficulty a garbage truck would have maneuvering a dead-end alley. The Planning Commission held public hearings on September 20 and October 4. Of the six property owners who own land adjacent to the proposed closures, three have not given their consent to the closings and have not signed the application and plat. If the City Commission approves the closures, action will be taken in Circuit Court to determine whether to close the street and alley.

Purchase of Portable Restrooms for the Pavilion (vote Nov. 16)

The Mayor and Commission introduced an ordinance for the purchase in the amount of \$171,821.45 for portable restroom facilities for the pavilion. After researching various vendors, Parks Services Director Mark Thompson determined only one vendor, Wells Cargo Industries of Elkhart, Indiana, provides a facility that lowers to the ground thus eliminating the need for stairs or additional construction. This type of portable restroom facility is the easiest and safest for citizens and tourists. The Kentucky Division of Plumbing approves the use of this type of portable restroom facility as well. The portable restrooms will be used at the pavilion site and can be moved to other locations to support festivals and parks activities. The purchase includes three trailers that lower to the ground providing sinks and 25 partitioned restroom stalls. One of the units is designed to be ADA accessible. The restrooms should be delivered in eight to ten weeks.

Quick Highlights:

- Boards and Commissions: Joe Framptom and Meredith Schroeder reappointed to the Paducah Riverfront Development Authority.
- Municipal order approved to certify that all City of Paducah maintained bridges with weight limits of 18 tons or less are posted in accordance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards. There are 13 bridges maintained by the City. However, the only bridge with the capacity requirement is the bridge located on South 24th Street, which has a posted weight limit of 14 tons.
- Ordinance approved to pay Herb Roe, who was subcontracted out to Robert Dafford Murals, for maintenance work completed in September on three floodwall murals. The cost for the mural maintenance including materials, travel, and lodging total \$21,400.
- Ordinance approved to accept the award in the amount of \$12,000 from the U.S. Department of Justice Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program.
- Ordinance approved to accept the award in the amount of \$170,000 from the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security for the purchase of a robot, x-ray unit, and night vision goggles for the Police Department's Bomb Squad. No local match is required.
- Ordinance approved to accept right-of-way on Chief Paducah Drive from the Chief Paduke Development Corporation. Chief Paduke Drive currently is a private drive near the southside Wal-Mart that runs between Advance Auto and the new Murphy Oil Company gas station. The private drive intersects Irvin Cobb Drive. Chief Paducah Development Corporation is improving the private drive to City of Paducah standards and has provided a \$90,000 letter of credit. The Development Corporation is asking for the drive to be dedicated to the City of Paducah and for the approval of the subdivision of the corporation's property so that a tract can be sold to Paducah Bank for a new branch office. The Planning Commission recommends the ordinance.
- Ordinance approved to change the zoning for 1424 and 1442 Bloom Avenue from R-4 (high density residential) to M-2 (heavy industrial). The properties, owned by KY OFC Delivery, currently are gravel lots. KY OFC Delivery plans to install a new parking lot, modular office, and fencing. The Planning Commission recommends the ordinance.



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- Ordinance introduced (vote Nov. 16) for an agreement with Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield as the City's third party administrator for the health insurance plan effective January 1, 2011. The City currently has an agreement with Humana.
- Ordinance introduced (vote Nov. 16) to pay \$30,118.27 to Crown Electric, Inc. for emergency electrical work at Fire Station #2 on Wayne Sullivan Drive. A lightning strike on August 15 terminated all electrical service at the fire station. Part of the emergency repairs included connecting the station to the Paducah Water emergency generator next to the site. The City will be reimbursed \$6,947.25 from the insurance company after a \$1000 deductible.
- Ordinance introduced (vote Nov. 16) to accept the bid from Bluegrass Uniforms, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 per year for the next two years for Police Department uniforms.

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