



City Commission Meeting Highlights

Tuesday, September 21, 2010

Agreement with Concord Fire Protection District (vote Sept. 28)

The Mayor and Commission introduced an ordinance for an agreement between the City of Paducah and the Concord Fire Protection District. The interlocal agreement establishes an automatic aid policy in the event of a fire or rescue emergency on Interstate-24 between exit 3 and the Illinois state line and U.S. 45 at the Brookport Bridge from the city limits to the Illinois state line. Concord has requested that the Paducah Fire Department automatically respond with them for incidents in those two areas. These are two areas that Concord has to respond to by going through Paducah's district. Fire Chief Steve Kyle says most of the responses involve high impact motor vehicle crashes. Kyle says, "Fortunately the frequency of responses is low, but when those incidents happen, unfortunately they are of the nature that needs a lot of hands on deck."

Health Insurance Open Enrollment/Renewal Presentation

Greg Carlton, consultant with Peel & Holland, provided a preview of the City of Paducah's 2011 health insurance plan. Carlton will bring his full recommendations to the Commission in October and compare the City's plan to the State's health insurance plan. He says that a tool is being created for impact analysis of how national health reform will affect the City of Paducah. A long-term strategic plan also is being drafted.

The proposed City of Paducah's open enrollment/renewal schedule is as follows:

- ❖ The Commission will set the health insurance rates and any proposed changes in mid-October. Also in mid-October, once the City receives the September CPI (Consumer Price Index) the Commission will set the city's health insurance allocation amount.
- ❖ Employees will receive their health insurance packets on October 21 with educational meetings the following week.
- ❖ The deadline for employees to complete their annual physical and submit their biometric information is October 31.
- ❖ Open enrollment for employees is November 16-22.

Memorandum of Understanding for Greyhound Bus Lines

The Mayor and Commission approved an ordinance for a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the City and Greyhound Lines, Inc. In the MOU, the City will provide a \$12,000 economic incentive to help Greyhound move its customer service operation and bus station from 301 North 4th Street to 2719 Irvin Cobb Drive across from Jackson Purchase Energy. As part of the MOU, Greyhound will operate a bus station in Paducah for a minimum of five years. Greyhound plans to move its operation as soon as the renovations to the new location are complete.

Amendment to Memorandum of Understanding for G&L Investments

The Mayor and Commission approved an ordinance amending the MOU between the City and G&L Investments. The City entered into the MOU in 2007. The original agreement called for the renovation of the arcade and theater on Broadway. G&L has completed the renovation of the arcade and turned it into office space currently occupied by the U.S. Coast Guard Towing Vessel National Center of Expertise. The theater has had minor renovations. The amendment to the MOU would allow G&L to subdivide the property and transfer the theater portion to Market House Theatre.



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Market House plans to use the facility as storage and working space. It does not have plans to move its theater operation.

Regarding the National Center of Expertise, Mayor Paxton says that approximately 25 Coast Guard personnel are coming to Paducah each month for training. He says that the Center's Commander is pleased with the Center's location since it is close to Seamen's Church and several river industries.

Paducah Sets the Standard for Other Cities

City Manager Jon Perkins provided an overview of the four awards Paducah received last week during the Kentucky League of Cities Conference. Commissioner Gayle Kaler says, "I think Paducah sets the standard for other cities in Kentucky." Commissioners Kaler and Watkins say that during the conference Lexington and Bowling Green representatives were quite impressed with Paducah's seasonal ice rink and want to open similar facilities in their respective cities. Regarding the Healthy Heroes award from the Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky, Commissioner Kaler accepted the \$1000 award on behalf of the City. Kaler asked the Commission to think about ways to use the money to promote health for children in Paducah. Paducah won the Healthy Heroes Award, awards from KLC Insurance Services for perfect loss control scores in law enforcement and risk management, and the Enterprise City award for the tree voucher program.

Quick Highlights:

- Ordinance approved accepting the Edward Bryne Memorial Justice Award through the U.S. Department of Justice in the amount of \$32,586. The funds will be used to purchase in-car cameras and tasers for the Police Department. No local match is required. Police Chief James Berry says this grant will allow each patrol officer and detective to have a taser.

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