



City Commission Meeting Highlights

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Parks Master Plan Amendment for Dog Park

Commissioners approved a municipal order to amend the Parks Department Master Plan to include a dog park. The Master Plan was completed in 2002. Since that time, supporters have pushed for a dog park in Paducah. The City Commission has challenged supporters to raise funds up to \$20,000 with the City providing a match. The Parks Services Department has reviewed several sites around Paducah and recommends placing the dog park on a 1.61-acre section at the eastern end of Stuart Nelson Park. Commissioner Richard Abraham says, "I'm excited to see how this could pump some life back into Stuart Nelson Park." With the passage of the municipal order, Park Maintenance Superintendent Trace Stevens will begin the public fundraising campaign. Stevens says some of the proposed dog park rules include owners will be responsible for their dogs, damage, or injuries and must pick up waste; each dog must have a collar and tags at all times; owners must carry a leash; dogs must not be left unattended; dogs must not be in heat, sick, or aggressive; and no more than three dogs per person. A dog park would have water, fencing, a shelter, gravel parking, and pet waste receptacles. The park would be partitioned into two sections based upon the weight of a dog with 30 pounds as the dividing weight. Depending upon the amount of funds raised by supporters, the dog park could have amenities such as specialized water fountains and dog agility obstacles. The closest public dog parks are in Murray and Owensboro. For more information, contact Trace Stevens at 444-8508 or tstevens@ci.paducah.ky.us or visit the Facebook page *Paducah Needs a Dogpark*.

National Fire Prevention Week, October 3-9

Mayor Pro Tem Gayle Kaler presented a proclamation to Fire Chief Steve Kyle proclaiming October 3-9 as Fire Prevention Week. The theme for the week from the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) is "Smoke Alarms: A Sound You Can Live With". Chief Kyle says, "It's still hard to believe that in this day and time with all this technology that homes don't have smoke detectors." The Paducah Fire Department will provide and install smoke alarms for Paducah residents at no charge. Call 444-8521 to make an appointment. According to the NFPA, working smoke alarms cut the chance of dying in a reported fire in half. The NFPA recommends at least one smoke alarm on every level of the home (including the basement), outside all sleeping areas, and in all bedrooms. In the United States nearly 3,000 people die each year as a result of home fires, and roughly two-thirds of the deaths resulted from fires in which no smoke alarms or no *working* smoke alarms were present.

Fire Department Supports Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Fire Chief Steve Kyle and IAFF Local 168 President Barry Carter announced the Paducah Fire Department will wear pink shirts during October in support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The public can participate in the Proud to Wear Pink campaign by purchasing pink Paducah Fire and Rescue shirts for \$12 per shirt. The proceeds from the shirt sales will be donated to the local American Cancer Society chapter. The deadline to order the shirts is October 22. The shirts can be ordered at any of the City's five fire stations. Visit www.paducahky.gov for an order form.

Agreement with Concord Fire Protection District

The Commission approved 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.



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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."

Fountain Avenue Project: Homeowner Rehabilitation Forgivable Loans (vote Oct. 12)

Commissioners introduced an ordinance for the Fountain Avenue Homeowner Rehabilitation Forgivable Loan Program. This program is for existing residents who meet certain qualifications in the Fountain Avenue Neighborhood. The forgivable loan will help homeowners rehabilitate their homes in accordance to the Fountain Avenue Neighborhood Revitalization Plan adopted by the City Commission. To qualify, the Fountain Avenue resident must have owned the residence in April 2007, the time of the adoption of the Revitalization Plan, and meet all income and application guidelines. The Planning Department will work to get the information regarding the program to homeowners through newsletters, mailings, public hearings, and with the help of the Midtown Alliance. The City Commission will review the program each year to determine whether to continue it. For 2010-2011, forgivable loan expenditures are not to exceed \$150,000.

Contract Renewal for Seasonal Ice Rink (vote Oct. 12)

Commissioners introduced an ordinance to renew the one-year contract with Magic Ice USA, Inc. for the seasonal ice rink to be located in downtown Paducah. The rental of the rink costs \$92,500. This will be the third year for the ice skating rink. The rink is the same size as last year's rink and will be open November 12 through January 2. It will cost \$5 per person to skate, which includes the skates. Applications currently are being accepted online for skate guards and an ice rink manager. Visit www.paducahky.gov to apply.

Agreement for New Traffic Signal at Intersection of U.S. 62 and Pecan Drive (Oct. 12)

Commissioners introduced an ordinance for an agreement between the City of Paducah and the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, Department of Highways for the installation of a new traffic signal at the intersection of U.S. Highway 62 and Pecan Drive. This is the intersection in front of WKCTC's Emerging Technology Center. The traffic signal and installation is estimated to cost \$100,000. The City will pay half the cost with the State paying the other half and any amount if greater than \$100,000. Commissioner Gerald Watkins says, "It is a real safety hazard there. It's a busy, busy intersection that's getting busier every day."

Quick Highlights:

- Civic Beautification Board Chairman Henry Barbour presented the annual business awards to eight local businesses that renovated or improved their landscaping. 2010 award recipients are Riverview Condos, attorney Rick Johnson's office at Kentucky and 3rd, Broadway General Store, Paducah Bank and Trust (Strawberry Hill location), KFC/Taco Bell on Irvin Cobb Drive, Western Baptist Hospital, Shoppe of Norma Kellum, and CSI. Check the CBB section of the City's website at www.paducahky.gov later this week for photos of each award recipient.
- Boards and Commissions: Kathryn Robinson appointed to Civil Service Commission; R.L. "Dick" Rushing reappointed to Paducah McCracken County Riverport Authority.
- Commissioners did not approve a municipal order to waive the penalties and interest for Mora Mi Apartments and Riviera Apartments in the amount of \$5792.94. The penalties and interest are regarding the late payments of the quarterly payroll tax for the years 2006-2010.
- Ordinance introduced (vote Oct. 12) to amend the City's contract with the Fraternal Order of Police to allow officers to bid on shift assignments every six months rather than annually.
- Ordinance introduced (vote Oct. 12) for an encroachment agreement with Signature Homes of Paducah for a subdivision sign and water irrigation system in the Westwood Hills



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Subdivision. The brick sign will be located on Westwood Boulevard. The irrigation system will be in the boulevard from Pines Road to South Central Avenue.

- Ordinance introduced (vote Oct. 12) for a contract with North American Salt Company for the purchase of rock salt to be used to de-ice the City's roadways. The unit cost for the delivery of the rock salt is \$62.38 per ton. North American was the low bidder.
- Ordinance introduced (vote Oct. 12) for a five-year contract with Republic Services (CWI) for the disposal of solid waste.
- Ordinance introduced (vote Oct. 12) for the purchase of body armor for the Police Department. Each body armor unit costs \$600, which will be funded through a Homeland Security grant.

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