



City Commission Meeting Highlights

Tuesday, May 10, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall

Paducah Symphony Orchestra PaBREWcah Beer Festival

Paducah Symphony Orchestra Executive Director Daniel Sene invited the community to take part in a new festival and fundraiser to be held Saturday, June 18 from noon until 5 p.m. in the parking lot near the corner of Broadway and North 2nd Street. The PaBREWcah Beer Fest includes food and live music and celebrates the resurgence of craft beer. Sene says, "We want it to be an event to help Paducah build its tourism." Sene says at this time there are 19 confirmed breweries and a half dozen food vendors. There will be three bands. Advance tickets are \$25. Tickets purchased on the day of the event are \$30. Proceeds will benefit the Symphony's educational programs. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.pabrewcah.com.

Paducah Chiefs Baseball

Paducah Chiefs General Manager Greg McKeel provided the City Commission a preview of the baseball season which begins Saturday, June 4 with a home game at Brooks Stadium against Madisonville. The Paducah Chiefs is a new team and a member of the Ohio Valley League. McKeel says, "We are going to have a team for the city of Paducah. This is something that is ours, and everyone can get excited about it." McKeel says approximately 200 season tickets already have been sold. To find out more about the Paducah Chiefs, visit www.paducahchiefs.com. Mayor Gayle Kaler named McKeel and Doc Hideg Dukes of Paducah at the meeting.

City Hall Project Update

City Manager Jeff Pederson says last week he along with Mayor Kaler and Steve Ervin talked with RATIO Architects to get a preliminary number for Phase I of the City Hall project. RATIO estimates a cost of \$3.4 million to address the critical issues of stabilizing the canopy and replacing the roof. Over the next several weeks, Pederson will work with the Finance Department to review funding options for the Fiscal Year 2018 budget that could accomplish the Phase I work. At this time, RATIO Architects is on hold and waiting for further instruction. After working with Finance, Pederson plans to bring additional information forward to the City Commission in approximately a month.

Officially Accept Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant for Fountain Avenue Health Park (vote later in May)

The Paducah Board of Commissioners introduced an ordinance to officially accept the 2014 Land and Water Conservation Fund grant in the amount of \$75,000 which requires an equal match from the City. This grant will be used for Phase I of the construction of the property located at 421 North 13th Street which is also known as the Fountain Avenue Health Park. This is city-owned property bordered by Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, 13th Street, Madison Street, and 14th Street. It's currently an open lot with the Community Garden at one end. Planning Director Steve Ervin says he expects the Phase I project to be placed out to bid in June. Phase I involves grading, drainage, irrigation, walkways, a workout area, and the expansion of the Community Garden.



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With the assistance of the Purchase Area Connections for Health partnership and the Paducah Rotary Club, the vision of the park is to create an outdoor health park with an open field, a 1/3 mile walking trail, inclusive playground, an expansion of the community garden, a spray pad and outdoor performance area, outdoor fitness equipment, and picnic areas. In the future, there would be public restrooms and the end of the park facing MLK Drive would include retail and professional office space for medical clinics and related agencies with upper story living. The theme of the park is to provide a venue for local schools, the Parks Department, and other agencies to educate the public, especially the youth, about proper diet and exercise.

The Rotary Club and donors are providing the funding for the \$200,000 playground. The Club and volunteers will be constructing the playground June 20-26. For more information about the playground and to sign up to volunteer for a shift, visit www.paducahrotaryplayground.com.

In addition to the Land and Water Conservation Fund grant, the City has been awarded the Investing in Kentucky's Future grant in the amount of \$400,000 from the Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky. Plus Lourdes and Baptist Health hospitals each have donated \$25,000.

Quick Highlights

- Mayor Gayle Kaler presented a Duchess of Paducah to BiLan Liao.
- Municipal order approved to apply for the Kentucky League of Cities Insurance Services Safety Grant in the amount of \$1950 which requires an equal match from the City. If awarded, the funds would be used by the Human Resources Department.
- Municipal order approved to apply for the U.S. Department of Justice Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program. The grant request is \$7,030 which requires an equal match from the City. If awarded, the funds would be used to purchase body armor vests for the Paducah Police Department.
- Ordinance approved for a contract for services between the City and the Paducah Convention & Visitors Bureau on behalf of the American Quilter's Society for the City to provide \$25,000 for the marketing of the 2016 AQS QuiltWeek. This annual funding has been provided since 2008.
- Ordinance introduced (vote later in May) to amend the development agreement between the City of Paducah and Paducah Riverfront Hotel LP to eliminate the commitment of the developer to manage and operate the convention center facilities. The Paducah-McCracken County Convention Center Corporation has hired an in-house manager.
- Ordinance introduced (vote later in May) to execute a special warranty deed and bill of sale with the Paducah-McCracken County Convention Center Corporation for the transfer of land located at 619 North 6th Street for \$1. The City of Paducah purchased the 4.831 acres of land last October from P&L Railroad to relocate the pavilion. This transfer to the Convention Center Corporation is part of the plan to use the transient room tax proceeds to finance the land acquisition, improvements, and the dome itself.

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