



# City Commission Meeting Highlights

Tuesday, May 17, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall

## Officially Accept Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant for Fountain Avenue Health Park

The Paducah Board of Commissioners approved an ordinance officially accepting 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 13<sup>th</sup> Street which is also known as the Fountain Avenue Health Park. This is city-owned property bordered by Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Madison Street, and 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

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 with the end of the park facing Martin Luther King Drive to 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 youth, about proper diet and exercise.

The Rotary Club and donors are proving 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](http://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

- Bill Paxton appointed to the Paducah-McCracken County Riverport Authority.
- Municipal order approved to terminate the lease between the City of Paducah and Western Kentucky Union Labor Senior Citizens Housing Corporation, the owner of the Jackson House Apartments and W.B. Sanders Retirement Center. Since 1973, the City of Paducah has held a lease with the property owner for the purpose of placing an antenna system on the exterior of the building. However, the lease is no longer necessary.



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- Ordinance approved amending 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 approved 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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.
- City Manager Jeff Pederson says the fiscal year 2017 budget book should be ready to present to the City Commission later this week with a budget presentation scheduled for the May 24 City Commission meeting.

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