



# City Commission Meeting Highlights

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

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## Proclamation for Park and Recreation Month

Mayor Gayle Kaler presented a proclamation to Parks Services Department Director Mark Thompson proclaiming July as Park and Recreation Month in the City of Paducah. Parks and recreation programs are recognized nationally in July as designated by the U.S. House of Representatives. The Paducah Parks Services Department is responsible for maintaining 29 city parks and several facilities in addition to organizing the Farmers' Market, special events, parades, day camps, sports leagues, and classes. Thompson says, "I believe we have the best parks department in the region. I'm proud of our staff and everything we bring to the community. Our standards are high."

Thompson added that since his staff has such high standards for their events, they are all disappointed in last night's fireworks show. The last few minutes of the show, the finale, did not go off as planned due to wet connections on the barge. Also, after staff met yesterday morning and talked with the fireworks coordinator, the decision was to expect the fireworks show to begin closer to 10 p.m. rather than the scheduled 9:15 p.m. However, since the weather was quiet during the afternoon, the fireworks crew was able to get the fireworks prepared in time for a start closer to 9:15. The fireworks crew notified Parks staff in the evening with their concerns about rain west of Paducah and the safety of their crew if they waited until 10 p.m. Thompson says, "Decisions that were made were predicated on the safety of the public and the [fireworks] shooters." Unfortunately, folks travelling downtown expecting a start closer to 10 p.m. did not get to enjoy the event.

## Agreements for 911 Dispatching Services

The Paducah Board of Commissioners approved three ordinances for contracts for dispatching services between the City of Paducah 911 Communications Services Department and Concord Fire Protection District, West McCracken Fire Protection District, and McCracken County. The Board also introduced an ordinance (vote July 12) for a contract with Reidland-Farley Fire Protection District.

In each of the contracts, the dispatching services began July 1. The contracts with Concord, West McCracken, and Reidland-Farley have a term of four years with an additional four year renewal clause. Agreements are being discussed with the other two County fire departments. The contract with McCracken County is a temporary agreement that extends the current interlocal cooperation agreement through July 31, 2016. The City and County are discussing terms for the possibility of a longer-term agreement. Mayor Gayle Kaler said at the June 28 City Commission meeting, "I'm glad to have the County on board with us. We hope to provide such good service that they want to continue with us."

At the June 28 meeting, City Commissioner Carol Gault commended the City Manager, Police Chief, and Fire Chief for their work over the past couple of years regarding 911. Gault said, "This is fiscally responsible; it will save money; and it will provide better services." Commissioner Sandra Wilson says, "I want people to understand the important message. When people call 911, you are going to respond."

The contracts with Concord, West McCracken, and Reidland-Farley include a Communications Service Fee based on the projected calls for service (called a call rate) and an Infrastructure Fee. The Infrastructure Fee is a fee per call based on the contracting entity's proportionate use of the city's telecommunications infrastructure (software and equipment).

## Quick Highlights

- Municipal order approved adopting a set of policies and procedures as recommended by the Internal Revenue Service to ensure compliance with federal tax law applicable to outstanding tax-exempt debt obligations.
- Municipal order approved to submit the Renewal Application for Local Expanded Jurisdiction to the Department of Housing, Building, and Construction. After the Department receives Paducah's application, the Department will schedule a site visit to evaluate Paducah's building code enforcement program. If the application is approved, the City would renew its three-year agreement with the Department allowing the City to have additional plan review and inspection responsibilities within the City of Paducah.



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- Ordinance approved for a service agreement in the amount of \$32,166.48 with Motorola for the yearly maintenance of the 800 MHz radio controllers, individual department radios, dispatch consoles, 911 telephone equipment, and other related radio equipment.
- Ordinance approved accepting the proposed premiums from the Kentucky League of Cities for Workers' Compensation, Liability, and Property Insurance coverage. The total cost of all premiums is \$1,092,016.26. This reflects a less than a one percent increase over the current fiscal year costs. The Convention Center Corporation will reimburse the City \$37,879.66 for property coverage of the Convention Centers.
- Ordinance introduced (vote July 12) to amend Chapter 70, Parks & Recreation, in the Paducah Code of Ordinances to reflect the current list of City parks. The amendments include adding the Market Square ART Park and the Ohio River Boat Launch.

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