



# City Commission Meeting Highlights

Tuesday, July 12, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall

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## **Public Hearing for Cable Television Franchise Renewal with Comcast**

A public hearing was held regarding the City's franchise agreement with Comcast. The current agreement has been in effect for 10 years and expires November 1, 2016. It is non-exclusive. A cable company is required by both federal and state law to secure a franchise from the local government in order to provide cable television service using public rights-of-way. The City is beginning its negotiations with Comcast at this time. Federal law limits the City's regulatory authority regarding rates and the type of programming.

The public hearing was an opportunity for citizens to provide comments regarding items such as customer service, quality and reliability of cable signals, use of the right-of-way by Comcast to install its cable system facilities, related issues regarding the delivery of cable services, and local community programming on the public, education, and government access channels. Several people made comments about the benefits of the access channels.

If anyone has a comment regarding the City's agreement with Comcast, please send the comments to Public Information Officer Pam Spencer at [pspencer@paducahky.gov](mailto:pspencer@paducahky.gov).

## **Community Development Block Grant Application for Pump Station #2**

The Paducah Board of Commissioners approved a municipal order to submit a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application for Pump Station #2 located at 1416 North 6<sup>th</sup> Street. The city is applying for the maximum grant amount of \$1 million. The total project is estimated to be more than \$5.1 million which includes construction and engineering costs. The rehabilitation would include replacement of discharge pipes, the rehabilitation of various mechanical components of all seven pumps and motors, and the replacement of the sluice gate. City Engineer and Public Works Director Rick Murphy says that in order to complete the application and show that the area qualifies for this grant based on the percentage of low-to-moderate income residents, the City has had to generate a random sampling of 350 addresses of homes in the area served by pump station #2. City employees have been going door-to-door to survey those residents asking information about household income which is required for the grant application. Murphy says, "You can't use census data. You have to go door-to-door." The City still needs about 75 of those contacted residents to complete the information so that the grant application can be submitted. If you have been contacted by the City regarding this survey and have not completed it, please contact Grants Administrator Sheryl Chino at 270-444-8690. The information is confidential and only will be used to complete the grant application.

## **Agreement for 911 Dispatching Services Between City and Reidland-Farley Fire Protection District**

The Paducah Board of Commissioners approved an ordinance for a contract for dispatching services between the City of Paducah 911 Communications Services Department and Reidland-Farley Fire Protection District. The dispatching services began July 1. The contract has a term of four years with an additional four year renewal clause. Agreements with Concord and West McCracken were approved at the July 5 meeting, and contracts are being discussed with the other two County fire departments. Also, on July 5, the Board approved a temporary contract with McCracken County which extends the current interlocal cooperation agreement through July 31, 2016.

## **Zoning Text Amendments (vote July 19)**

The Paducah Board of Commissioners introduced four ordinances for zoning text amendments. All of these proposed amendments were discussed in a public hearing at the June 6 meeting of the Paducah Planning Commission. Furthermore, the Planning Commission made positive recommendations for each amendment.

- Amend Section 126-64 Lots to remove the requirement that accessory structures be located on the same lot as the principal structure.
- Amend Section 126-76 Signs to address ghost signs which are signs painted on the exterior wall of a building or structure prior to 1966 that have been weathered and faded to the extent they have lost their original brightness of color and visibility.



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- Amend Section 126-86 Accessory Structures to mirror the changes in Section 126-64 regarding accessory structures. An accessory structure may be placed on an adjacent lot of the same ownership and the same street frontage as the principal structure.
- Amend Section 126-108 Downtown Business Townlift Zone to remove redundancy in parking requirements for residential units.

### **Quick Highlights**

- Municipal order approved for the City to accept the donation of vacant lots at 626 Boyd, 800, 818, 820, and 832 North 7<sup>th</sup> Street. The properties will be turned over to the Planning Department for redevelopment opportunities.
- Ordinance approved amending 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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