



# City Commission Meeting Highlights

Tuesday, July 19, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall

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## PeopleforBikes Community Grant Application

The Paducah Board of Commissioners approved a municipal order authorizing the submission of a grant application through the PeopleforBikes Community Grant Program. The grant request is for \$5800 which would be used to install four bike racks at the Fountain Avenue Health Park and two bike racks at Keiler Park. The project also would include the installation of bike repair stations at those two parks and along the Greenway Trail, disc golf course, and Robert Coleman Park. The estimated project cost is \$11,600. If the grant is funded, the City is required to spend an equal amount. For more information about PeopleforBikes, visit [www.peopleforbikes.org](http://www.peopleforbikes.org).

## Zoning Text Amendments

The Paducah Board of Commissioners approved 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.
- 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.

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

Grants Administrator Sheryl Chino updated the Paducah Board of Commissioners regarding the City's effort to gather information to submit a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application for Pump Station #2 located at 1416 North 6<sup>th</sup> Street. At last week's Commission meeting, the Board approved a municipal order to submit the grant with a request for \$1 million. However, 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. At this time, the City still is waiting for 68 surveys to be completed. The grant must be submitted next week; otherwise, the next time the City can submit the grant application is April 2017. Chino explained that the survey information received is good for two years. She also encouraged the 68 households that have not completed the survey to please submit the information. If you have a question, please contact Chino at 270-444-8690. The information is confidential and only will be used to complete the grant application.

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.

## Quick Highlights

- Municipal order approved for the City to apply for an EMA Special Project award through the Kentucky Division of Emergency Management. The City's 911 Communications Services Department is requesting a grant award of \$119,904.50 for the purchase and installation of a new 911 communication/phone system. The system is estimated to cost nearly \$240,000. If the grant is funded, the City is required to spend an equal amount. The City also has submitted a



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grant application to the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security for the same project. If that grant is awarded, the funds would be applied to the required funding match for the Emergency Management grant.

- Municipal order approved for the declaration and sale of city-owned surplus property located at 434 Ohio Street. One bid was received for this lot. Donald Pollender offered \$23 for the lot with plans to improve his existing home and construct a workshop.

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