



City Commission Meeting Highlights

Tuesday, August 16, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall

Neighborhood Redevelopment Objectives Workshop

Due to the successful revitalization of the Lower Town and Fountain Avenue Neighborhoods, City Manager Jeff Pederson and Planning Director Steve Ervin led the Paducah Board of Commissioners in a workshop regarding neighborhood revitalization, neighborhood changes, and healthy neighborhoods. Pederson said, "The purpose tonight is to engage the Commission in a review and discussion of what we want to accomplish with neighborhood revitalization. We have had some wonderful outcomes and look forward to doing that again." Mayor Gayle Kaler said, "Our main goal is to have more investment in the City, bring families back to the City, and have save and healthy neighborhoods." Ervin says a healthy neighborhood is a place where it makes economic and emotional sense for people to invest time, energy, and money. The ultimate goals for neighborhood revitalization include are to increase a neighborhood's safety, create a strong 'sense of place,' and become a place where people want to live and invest.

Ervin said that in selecting a neighborhood to revitalize, the following question needs to be asked: What will make or makes the next neighborhood attractive enough for people to be willing to reinvest their money and live in the neighborhood when they have the means to live elsewhere in other currently desirable neighborhoods? Ervin also explained that in order to create positive change in a neighborhood, we need to first determine factors such as what is working or not working in terms of people's decisions to invest and what issues have led to the neighborhood's decline. Also, to revitalize a neighborhood it should incorporate a team approach, as has been done in Fountain Avenue and Lower Town, involving the neighborhood residents, community, and city departments. Ervin said, "It's creating that vision and selling that vision within a well-defined area."

Ervin also provided a list of selection criteria for consideration as Paducah goes through the process to select the next neighborhood revitalization project. The criteria include

- Condition of existing housing stock
- Available land for future infill
- Number of vacant/abandoned structures
- Number of existing neighborhood anchors and assets
- Infrastructure to support development and future growth
- Access to public transportation
- Private investment and commercial opportunities
- Proximity to schools, shopping, pharmacies, social services, walkability, etc.
- Neighborhood job opportunities
- Recreational facilities
- Home ownership versus rental ratio
- Crime rate statistics

Ervin suggested to the Commission that the Urban Renewal & Community Development Agency (URCDA) be asked to assist with the neighborhood selection plan by selecting several neighborhoods and coming up with strategies for each neighborhood. Ervin said, "We will look at pros and cons of all neighborhoods." URCDA is a board authorized under Kentucky Revised Statutes to oversee neighborhood redevelopment.

Contract with HDR Engineering, Inc. for Services for Floodwall Pump Stations #2 and #9 (vote August 23)

The Paducah Board of Commissioners introduced an ordinance for a contract with HDR Engineering, Inc. for engineering design and inspection services for floodwall pump stations #2 and #9. The total fee is an amount not to exceed \$132,500. Currently the U.S. Corps of Engineers has been working on the preconstruction engineering and design services for the rehabilitation of Paducah's floodwall pump stations. Due to the need to rehabilitate and reconstruction pump stations #2 and #9, HDR will finalize those project plans and assist the City with the bidding process. HDR also will provide construction



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administration and inspection services. Last week, the Board approved Memorandums of Understanding so that Paducah will receive credit from the Corps for the expenses incurred for the work related to those pump stations.

Contract for 911 Wireless Communications Consultant

Last December, the Paducah Board of Commissioners approved an ordinance to provide funding in the amount of \$126,086 for consulting services for the local E-911 center. That amount was half the fee. At this meeting, the Board approved an ordinance for the remaining half of the fee and authorized the contract with Virginia-based Federal Engineering, Inc. Federal will provide services including the planning, design, and implementation assistance for the replacement of the radio, telephony, and computer-aided dispatch system. The current equipment used at the 911 center has reached the end of its life and is in critical need of replacement.

Contracts for Services

The Paducah Board of Commissioners approved several ordinances for annual contracts for services between the City and the following agencies:

- GPEDC/EntrePaducah -- The City will provide GPEDC \$250,000 and \$50,000 for EntrePaducah.
- Paducah Junior College – The City will provide \$125,000 for the Community Scholarship Program.
- Paducah Junior College – The City will provide \$75,000 for the operation of the Paducah School of Art.
- Paducah Transit Authority –The City will provide \$215,000 for the public transportation services.
- Luther F. Carson Four Rivers Performing Arts Center --The City will provide \$63,325 to the Carson Center to support the youth programming.
- Barkley Regional Airport –The City will provide \$110,000 to support the airport.

Quick Highlights

- Boards and Commissions: Terrance Adams and Patrick White appointed to the Paducah Transit Authority board.
- Municipal order approved for the sale of surplus property at 1908 Clay Street for \$1 to Latria Hensley, the adjacent property owner. The property was advertised with one bid received.
- Ordinance approved accepting the grant award in the amount of \$7396 from the Law Enforcement Service Fee program. The funds will be used by the Paducah Police Department to operate a DUI enforcement program. There is no required match for this grant.
- Ordinance approved to amend Chapter 6, Article II of the Paducah Code of Ordinances to allow distilleries and bed and breakfast businesses to obtain a Non-quota 3 Retail Drink License. The Kentucky General Assembly passed Senate Bill 11 during the 2016 legislative session allowing the change. For distilleries, this license will allow on-premise consumption of distilled spirits, wine, and malt beverages by the drink from 6 a.m. to 3 a.m. the following day. For bed and breakfast businesses, it allows the same privilege as long as the business has an innkeeper who resides on or adjacent to the premises during the period of visitor occupancy.
- Ordinance introduced (vote August 23) to approve the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Accountability Grant award in the amount of \$11,963. The funds will be used to in the purchase four mobile radios for the Paducah Police Department. No local match is required.
- Ordinance introduced (vote August 23) to extend the employment contract between the City and City Manager Jeff Pederson through July 26, 2019 with an automatic renewal option for three additional years.

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