



City Commission Meeting Highlights

Tuesday, October 25, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall

Note: Commissioner Allan Rhodes was unable to attend the meeting.

Agreement Regarding Freedom Waste Service

The Paducah Board of Commissioners approved a municipal order for the conditional approval of the Freedom Waste Service, LLC transfer station. Freedom has been constructing a transfer station which will incorporate a drop-off area for recyclables at 400 State Street in Paducah. Since the site is almost finished, the City plans to begin hauling solid waste to the transfer station beginning tomorrow. It will be a few weeks, however, before the public will be able to drop off recyclables at that location. In January, the City entered into a ten year contract with Freedom for the transfer, transport, and disposal of municipal solid waste and recyclables for the City. The contract also has two five-year renewal clauses.

Prior to the agreement with Freedom, the City had an agreement with Republic Services which expired December 31, 2015. In October 2015, the City accepted proposals from companies interested in providing solid waste services for Paducah. The City received proposals from Freedom and Republic. After reviewing the proposals, the City decided to award the contract to Freedom at a comparative annual cost savings of \$200,000. The City will pay Freedom a base fee of \$34.95 per ton for solid waste and \$40 per ton for recyclable materials.

Greenway Trail Phase IV, Contract for Professional Services with HDR Engineering (vote Nov. 1)

The Paducah Board of Commissioners introduced an ordinance for a contract with HDR Engineering, Inc. for engineering design services for the extension of the Greenway Trail. This project (called Phase IV) will extend the trail from its current terminus at Campbell Street near the Schroeder Expo Center through the Riverfront Redevelopment Project to Madison Street. The project involves adding nearly 3000 feet of pathways and trail in addition to lighting, benches, and trash receptacles. After the design and construction procurement process, the City expects construction to begin in the spring of 2018. The \$53,700 contract with HDR Engineering involves engineering design services and assistance through the construction bidding process. The City also has the option to use HDR for construction administration and inspection in an amount not to exceed \$32,000. The City has received a Kentucky Transportation Enhancement (TE) grant in the amount of \$520,000 for this project. Currently, the City has approximately 4.5 miles of Greenway Trail that stretch from County Park Road to Campbell Road.

Looking ahead to the future, after the Phase IV Greenway Trail project is completed, Phase V will take the trail from Monroe to Jefferson Streets along the riverfront. This project will greatly improve the existing Schultz Park. Additional features of the Phase V project include additional parking, erosion control, piping, lighting, and earthwork. The grant agreement for that phase will be signed after the completion of Phase IV.

Quick Highlights

- Mayor Gayle Kaler proclaimed October 30 as Nuclear Defense Workers Remembrance Day.
- Municipal order approved authorizing the one-year agreement with John Tolliver to be employed as a police officer in the Paducah Police Department. Tolliver retired this summer from the department after serving for 21 years. A new section of KRS Chapter 95 allows departments to hire previously retired officers. Employees of this classification will not be able to participate in the retirement system or health insurance plan. This is advantageous to cities in that experienced officers will be able to re-hired but at a lower cost to the city.
- Ordinance approved to purchase a side loading refuse truck in the amount of \$250,620 from McBride Mack, Inc.
- Ordinance introduced (vote Nov. 1) to accept the bid from Bluegrass Uniforms for the purchase of uniforms for the Paducah Fire Department. This is a two year agreement.
- Ordinance introduced (vote Nov. 1) to accept the U.S. Department of Justice Bulletproof Vest Partnership grant in the amount of \$7030. This grant requires an equal match. The funds will be used to purchase 19 body armor vests.



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- Ordinance introduced (vote Nov. 1) to accept the bid from Aramark Uniform Services for the purchase of uniforms to be used by the Engineering-Public Works and Parks Departments. This is a two year agreement.
- Ordinances introduced for the purchase of the following equipment and vehicles (vote Nov. 1):
 - Two stainless steel salt spreaders in the amount of \$21,660 from KyFab, LLC,
 - Three snow plows, mounts, and controls in the amount of \$24,291 from KyFab, LLC, and
 - Two utility vehicles to be used by the Parks Services Department in the amount of \$28,269.82.
- City Manager Jeff Pederson provided information about the City's Solid Waste Division. Currently, the division is operating with at least four fewer employees than it has in the past. What has been discovered is that the solid waste routes can be collected without a problem even though the division has fewer employees. However, the Monday brush collection program has not been able to keep up with the demand. Pederson says that the operations need to be reviewed to achieve greater efficiency for brush collection. He adds that across the U.S. it is highly usual for a city to collect brush on a weekly level throughout the year.
- The ribbon cutting celebration for the Olivet Church Road Improvement Project will be Thursday, November 3 at 11 a.m. The celebration will be on a section of the new five-lane roadway.
- City Engineer and Public Works Director Rick Murphy says topsoil is being placed on the new riverfront park area. He adds that lighting is being installed, and the utilities now are in place for the transient dock. The dock and gangway are expected to be delivered in December with a functional dock to be ready by January 31.

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