



City Commission Meeting Highlights

Tuesday, December 13, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall

Final Commission Meeting for 2016, Farewell to Mayor Gayle Kaler and Commissioner Carol Gault

Tonight's meeting is the final City Commission meeting for 2016. Board members spent a few moments thanking Mayor Gayle Kaler and Commissioner Carol Gault for their service to the community. Mayor Kaler served six years as City Commissioner before her four-year term as Mayor which ends December 31. Commissioner Gault has served as Commissioner for eight years and decided this year not to run for re-election. Commissioner Allan Rhodes told them that they have made a difference in the community. Commissioner Sandra Wilson says, "Thank you for all that you have done. You are leaving us in a better place." Commissioner Richard Abraham says, "You served the City well, and it's been a pleasure." Commissioner Gault says, "We've learned a lot and grown a lot. I've learned from all the department heads. This is really a team; it's a family. I think a lot of people don't always understand that. But that's exactly what it's like here. It's been a privilege." Mayor Kaler thanked everyone for their service to the City of Paducah.

2016 Christmas Parade Winners

Special Events Coordinator Molly Tomasallo with the Parks Services Department handed out the awards for the 2016 Christmas Parade held December 3. Mayor Gayle Kaler thanked the parade participants. "You make Paducah look great at Christmas." To view the Christmas Parade set to music (50 minutes in length), visit <https://youtu.be/CLgSYablNPQ>. The parade award winners are as follows:

Themed Float:

- First Place – Cub Scout Pack #2018
- Second Place – Girl Scout Troop #1778 (with members from Troop #1773)
- Third Place – BFW/Marcum Engineering
- Fourth Place – Girl Scouts of Kentuckiana, Paducah-Reidland
- Fifth Place – Cub Scout Pack #20

Non-Float:

- First Place – Goodwin Farms
- Second Place – Blackburn Farms
- Third Place – Black Sheep Off-Roading

School Float:

- First Place - St. Mary School System
- Second Place – Murray State University –Paducah Campus
- Third Place – McCracken County High School Pep Club

Drill Team:

- First Place – Paducah Quickstep Cloggers
- Second Place – Silver Lining Homeschool Colorguard

Band:

- First Place – Paducah Tilghman High School
- Second Place – McCracken County High School

Religious Float:

- First Place – Milburn Chapel Cumberland Presbyterian Church
- Second Place – Highland Cumberland Presbyterian Church
- Third Place –Trinity United Methodist Church

Financing Lease for Dome Relocation and Convention Center Capital Needs

The Paducah Board of Commissioners approved an ordinance for an interlocal agreement with McCracken County authorizing the issuance of a \$3 million financing lease. These funds will be used to repay the City of Paducah approximately \$1.4 for the costs associated with the relocation of the dome facility and a related storage building. The remaining



approximately \$1.6 million will fund capital needs for the Julian Carroll Convention Center outlined by the Paducah-McCracken County Convention Center Corporation. The City will borrow the funds from Community Financial Services Bank (CFSB) over a 15-year term with the County dedicating a portion of the transient room tax to pay the loan obligation. Finance Director Jonathan Perkins says, "The really good news is that neither the County nor the City will be paying for this loan. It will be paid by the people who are staying in our hotels." Financial Analyst Mark Rawlings with Hilliard Lyons says the City was able to receive a very good interest rate for this loan rather than going through the bond process which is how the City would typically fund debt. Rawlings says, "Since the election, interest rates in the bond market have basically skyrocketed. They have gone in just two to three weeks up about a whole percent. Whereas a month ago you could have borrowed for 2 percent, now they are 3 percent. That's a big deal." The City was able to lock in a 1.98 percent rate through CFSB for this loan. The anticipated loan closing date is January 24, 2017.

Accept Delta Regional Authority Community Infrastructure Fund Grant for Pump Station #2

The Paducah Board of Commissioners approved an ordinance accepting the \$400,000 grant from the Delta Regional Authority (DRA) Community Infrastructure Fund to be used on the Floodwall Pump Station #2 rehabilitation project. This is the first year for DRA to offer this competitive grant. City staff spent several months developing a thorough project for the grant application. City Manager Jeff Pederson says, "It's a real shining moment for the City to get an award like this in an extremely competitive environment." Rehabilitating Floodwall Pump Station #2 includes the replacement of discharge pipes and the sluice gate and the rehabilitation of various mechanical/electrical components of all seven pumps and motors not previously repaired. This pump station is the first one to be activated when the local river stage reaches 27.5 feet. Plus, it has the greatest pumping capacity of 313,000 gallons per minute.

Assign Name for Newly Constructed Roadway Associated with Olivet Church Road Project

The Paducah Board of Commissioners approved an ordinance designating the official street name of the newly constructed five-lane roadway associated with the Olivet Church Road Improvement Project. The five-lane roadway will be called New Holt Road from Hinkleville Road to the intersection of Olivet Church Road. This change will affect the addresses of the businesses directly adjacent to the new roadway including Pier One, Sears, and the Kentucky Oaks Mall Pavilion which includes David's Bridal, Old Navy, Shoe Carnival, and Ulta. The ribbon cutting for this project was held November 3. The project has involved the widening of Olivet Church Road (KY 998) to three lanes with improved drainage, curbs, gutters, and sidewalks in addition to the construction of a new stretch of five-lane roadway (to be known as New Holt Road) that links the Kentucky Oaks Mall area at U.S. 60 to an existing section of Olivet Church Road.

Amending Chapter 2-591(B) to Specific Which Positions Have Authority of Citation Officer

The Paducah Board of Commissioners approved an ordinance amending Code of Ordinances Chapter 2-591 to specify which positions have the authority of citation officer. This amendment replaces the position Fire Safety Inspector with Deputy Fire Marshal, removes the position of Safety Officer, and adds the Storm Water & Drainage Engineer.

Repealing and Replacing Chapter 42 Sections 1 through 100 of the Nuisance Code

Earlier this year the Kentucky General Assembly passed HB 422 leading to the need for many Kentucky cities to update their code of ordinances relating to code enforcement, lien priority for governments, and a notification system to lienholders and others. The Paducah Board of Commissioners approved an ordinance to repeal and replace Chapter 42 (Environment) Sections 1 through 100 of the Paducah Code of Ordinances

Quick Highlights

- Municipal order approved declaring the city-owned property at 151 Clements Street as surplus and approving the sale of the property to adjacent property owner Kenneth Knight for \$100 plus deed preparation and recording fees.
- Ordinance approved for the final subdivision plat for Phase II of the Greenway Village development adjacent to Stuart Nelson Park.
- Ordinance approved accepting the bid from Galls in an amount not to exceed \$73,000 for uniform items for sworn Paducah Police officers.
- Ordinance approved for the final, revised fiscal year 2016 budget ordinance. It reflects the adjustments made during that fiscal year and any adjustments required by the independent financial auditors.
- A reminder that there is a public informational meeting on Thursday, December 15 from 5 until 7 p.m. in the lobby of the Julian Carroll Convention Center. The meeting will have an open house format for citizens to ask questions and learn



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more about the proposed Broadway/Jefferson Street Conversion and Buffered Bike Lane Project. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend at any time during those hours.

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