



City Commission Meeting Highlights

Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall

FY2016 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report Presentation

Finance Director Jonathan Perkins and David Hampton of Kemper CPA Group, LLP provided an overview of the City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) which includes the City audit. The audit is required by State law; however, the CAFR is a voluntary document that the City prepares to provide additional information and transparency to the public. Commissioner Richard Abraham says, "It's above and beyond. When you talk about transparency, it's exactly what you want: how's the money being spent, are we following the rules, and to what degree." The report is for the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2016. The audit found that the City is compliant in its financial reporting. Hampton says, "The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards." Perkins says, "We didn't get any written criticisms. That's the first time in my career." City Manager Jeff Pederson says, "We are one of the few cities in Kentucky that prepares a CAFR, and we have been awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for 25 years, consecutively. That's a real credit to the Finance office." The entire CAFR report and previous audits dating back to 2001 can be found on the City's website, www.paducahky.gov.

Abolish Paducah Riverfront Development Authority Board & Create the Paducah Riverfront Development Advisory Board (vote January 24)

The Paducah Board of Commissioners introduced an ordinance to abolish the Paducah Riverfront Development Authority (PRDA) and create the five-member Paducah Riverfront Advisory Board. This is a reorganization of Chapter 2, Article VI, Division 16 of the Paducah Code of Ordinances. The change places the functions and programming of the former PRDA within the Planning Department rather than as a stand-alone department. The Advisory Board will

- Assist with the development of a tax increment financing district;
- Assist with the implementation of strategies outline in the Renaissance Area Master Plan (RAMP);
- Assist with the review of development proposals for City-owned properties along the riverfront; and
- Select its chairperson and secretary and meet not less than quarterly. The Paducah Board of Commissioners may designate one of its members as ex-officio to the Advisory Board.

Paducah Citizens' Academy

Assistant to the City Manager Michelle Smolen announced the launch of the first-ever Paducah Citizens' Academy. The Academy will offer participants an in-depth look at how government works through an informative, fast-paced, and interactive program held on eight Thursday evenings beginning in late March. The program is free to participants. Smolen says, "It's really important to us that this program is interactive. We really want to promote opportunities for two-way conversations and have face-to-face discussions with the staff and participants." If you are interested in participating, please complete the registration form located at www.paducahky.gov/paducah-citizens-academy. The deadline to register is March 3. Additional information about each session is located on the website as well.

Authorize Fleet Maintenance Service Agreement with Concord Fire Protection

The Paducah Board of Commissioners approved an ordinance to execute a Fleet Maintenance Service Agreement with Concord Fire Protection District. This is a one year agreement that can be automatically renewed yearly if both parties agree. Under this agreement, the City of Paducah's Fleet Maintenance Division will provide maintenance and repair services under an outlined fee schedule to vehicles owned by Concord. City Engineer & Public Works Director Rick Murphy says the Fleet Division which has four certified mechanics often runs with a deficit. Murphy says, "This expands our customer base which will bring more revenue to this division." Murphy adds that the Division is capable of providing these services to other governmental agencies that provide emergency and/or utility services. City Manager Jeff Pederson says this agreement is a credit to the relationship and partnership between the Paducah Fire Department and the adjacent Concord Fire Protection District.



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Authorize Execution of Expanded Jurisdiction Agreement with Kentucky Department of Housing, Buildings and Construction

The Paducah Board of Commissioners approved an ordinance for the expanded jurisdiction agreement between the City of Paducah and the Kentucky Department of Housing, Buildings and Construction. This agreement, which specifies the enforcement responsibilities of the City government and those of the State, has a term of three years. One example of the division of duties is that the City of Paducah is responsible for the primary plan review, inspection, and enforcement for the construction of a single-family home or a multi-family residential structure; however, the State is responsible for the inspection of all the plumbing systems in those types of structures.

Quick Highlights:

- Municipal order approved to apply for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation (EEC) for Local Governments program through the Department for Local Government. The City of Paducah is seeking an EEC grant in the amount of \$100,000 to help pay for upgrades to Fire Station #5 (1714 Broadway). If awarded, the funds would be used to pay for lighting upgrades, new insulation, and radiant tube heaters in addition to other energy-saving upgrades.
- Ordinance introduced (vote Jan. 24) to approve the intent to annex properties located at 2901 and 2905 Lone Oak Road and 2825 Maryland Street. Last November, the City received a request for annexation from Tri-State Construction Company. This is the property just south of Banks Market.
- City Engineer & Public Works Director Rick Murphy says over the next few weeks, crews will be assembling the transient dock at the foot of Broadway. The pieces will be assembled and then floated downstream to their final location.

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