



# City Commission Meeting Highlights

Tuesday, April 24, 2018, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall

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## **Strategic Plan Discussion**

At the April 10 meeting of the Paducah Board of Commissioners, Mayor Brandi Harless introduced to the Board a draft strategic plan for the City of Paducah that includes updated vision, mission, and values statements. Mayor Harless created the draft plan using information from the City Strategic Planning Session held in November 2017 and from the community meetings she held January through March. The discussion continued at this meeting with an in-depth look at each of the proposed objectives under the eight key performance areas.

The key performance areas are

- Maintain high level of safety for all
- Develop healthy and sustainable neighborhoods
- Maintain thoughtful and modern infrastructure
- Provide open, smart, and engaged government
- Enhance arts and culture
- Empower upward economic mobility for all
- Provide excellent recreation experiences for all ages and abilities
- Celebrate a diverse community.

The next step will be for all of the changes discussed at this meeting to be incorporated into a municipal order outlining the strategic plan elements. The municipal order may be ready in time for the May 8 meeting. Once adopted, the City Manager and staff will complete action plan worksheets that work through the specifics of each objective including definitions, timetables, data collection, resources, etc. If you would like to see the draft plan, visit this page on the City's website and scroll to the April meeting dates. Please note that this draft plan on the website does not include the changes and suggestions discussed at this meeting. <http://paducahky.gov/2018-city-commission>

## **Energy Efficiency & Savings Through Performance Contracting Presentation**

Greg Copley representing the University of Kentucky's Center for Applied Energy Research explained how the Center provides partnerships with local governments and industries by assisting them in developing energy projects that would provide efficiencies and utility cost savings. There is no charge for this public-private partnership. Copley says the average electric rate has been steadily increasing across Kentucky over the past 15 years or so. Copley suggests using Energy Savings Performance Contracting (ESPC) as a means to finance building improvements and the increasing cost of utilities. ESPC is defined as *the use of guaranteed savings from the maintenance and operations budget (utilities) as capital to make needed upgrades and modernizations to your building environmental systems, financed over a specified period of time.* Copley says KRS 45A.370 and several following KRS sections address the use of ERPC by local governments and the competitive bidding process. UK's Center for Applied Energy Research can assist cities in the process through the preparation, evaluation, and negotiation regarding the request for proposals and the selection of an energy contractor. Copley says the Center has assisted several other communities including McCracken County.

## **E911 System Upgrades**

The Paducah Board of Commissioners approved an ordinance amending the original consulting agreement with Federal Engineering. The original agreement was approved in August 2016 to provide professional consulting for the 911 upgrade project. This ordinance approves amendments to the contract since 2016 and approves additional funds to Federal Engineering for implementation support through the 12 to 18 month installation period for the new computer aided dispatch system, logging recorder, and records management system which were approved at the April 10 meeting. These projects will provide significant upgrades the capabilities and equipment used by the E911 Communications Services Department.

## **Opioid Crisis in Kentucky Presentation #4 and Legal Service Agreement for Pursuit of Damages**



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The Paducah Board of Commissioners heard the fourth presentation in a series of presentations regarding the opioid crisis. Paducah Lifeline Ministries Executive Director Terrye Peeler outlined the mission of Paducah Lifeline Ministries and its sister agency, Ladies Living Free. Paducah Lifeline Ministries is a Christ-centered solution for those battling drug and alcohol addiction. It is a residential and non-residential community-based recovery program for women and men. Peeler says Paducah Lifeline Ministries has a 62 percent success rate with folks completing the nine month program staying sober or drug free for a year or more. Ashley Miller also addressed the Board and told her personal story. She explained how Paducah Lifeline Ministries changed her life and assisted her in overcoming drug addiction.

Also at this meeting, the Paducah Board of Commissioners approved a legal service agreement between the City of Paducah and Bryant Law Center and Friedman, Dazzio, Zulanas & Bowling for legal representation in the pursuit of damages incurred as a result of the illegal sale, distribution, and marketing of opioids and opioid derivative drugs in Paducah. This agreement is on the basis that there is no cost to the City. If there are disbursements at the time of a judgment or settlement of a lawsuit, the City will provide a legal services payment equal to one-third the total amount recovered.

At the April 10 meeting, Dr. Sean McDonald with the IMAC Regeneration Center, explained that IMAC focuses on regenerative rehabilitation to repair damage and disease without the use of opioids. This process uses stem cells and platelets in combination with physical therapy and chiropractic techniques. At the March 27 meeting, President/Chief Executive Officer Terry Hudspeth of Four Rivers Behavioral Health and Elizabeth Fleming from the Center for Specialized Addiction Services discussed substance abuse services at Four Rivers including the COR-12 program which is an opiate-specific, medically assisted treatment program. At the March 13 meeting, Phillip Chang, M.D., chief medical officer at University of Kentucky HealthCare, talked about an opioid stewardship program aimed at reducing inappropriate prescriptions for opioids.

### **Quick Highlights**

- Boards and Commissions:
  - Eri Gjergji appointed to the Board of Ethics.
  - Eve Silverstein and Dann Patterson appointed to the Paducah Human Rights Commission.
- Municipal order approved for the Administrative Plan for the 2018 Housing Choice Voucher Program through Section 8 including the annual Administrative Plan and the adoption of revisions to the Section 8 Housing Utility Allowances.
- Municipal order approved authorizing the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security grant application requesting \$10,000. If awarded, the funds would be used to replace five sets of structural firefighting gear, boots, and gloves for the Paducah Fire Department. A local funding match is not required.
- Municipal order approved authorizing the application to the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security requesting \$105,000. If awarded, these funds would be used by the Paducah Police Department to replace three bomb suits. A local funding match is not required.
- Ordinance approved to terminate the easement between Four Rivers Behavioral Health and the City. The City entered into an easement agreement in December 2006 which allowed the City to use the property's parking lot located on Jefferson Street between 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Streets after business hours for public parking during City events. The easement is no longer necessary.
- Ordinance approved authorizing four change orders which result in a contract increase in the amount of \$560.93 with Wilkins Construction for the completion of the first phase of the Pat & Jim Brockenborough Rotary Health Park. This change order brings the total contract to \$619,730.29.

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