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**Government Channel 11: *City Profile, 2011 State of the City Address***

**PADUCAH, KY**— “Economically sound” is how Mayor Bill Paxton characterizes the City of Paducah. Paxton adds, “I couldn’t be more pleased with the state of the City.”

In the latest episode of *City Profile*, Mayor Paxton presents his State of the City address to viewers with Tom Butler, West Kentucky Community & Technical College Television Production Coordinator, asking questions. For the past several years, the Mayor and McCracken County Judge Executive Van Newberry have presented their State of the City and County addresses at the Paducah Area Chamber of Commerce Power in Partnership Breakfast. This year the breakfast was held on January 6. This episode recaps and expands on the State of the City presentation given at the breakfast. *City Profile* can be seen on Government 11, the governmental access channel of the City of Paducah, and online at [www.paducahky.gov](http://www.paducahky.gov).

This episode of *City Profile* starts with the financial health of the City of Paducah. Mayor Paxton says, “We are reducing taxes. We are being efficient. We are spending tax dollars wisely.” The City’s bond rating and the trend since 1995 to reduce property taxes are given as examples.

Paxton and Butler continue the discussion by focusing on economic development projects including the Paducah Power System peaking plant, upcoming renovations at Kentucky Oaks Mall, the construction of Paducah and Louisville Railway’s new headquarters, and the demolition of the Executive Inn. Paxton expects that once the Executive Inn is demolished and the site prepared hotel developers will be interested in coming to downtown Paducah. Paxton says, “We have a convention center with 150,000 square feet of space, counting the pavilion. We are in the position of attracting conventions from across the region.”

Butler also asks Paxton about retail development, educational opportunities in the area, and the future of the gaseous diffusion plant. Paxton ends the episode by listing his goals for his final two years in office. In response to the progress in Paducah, Paxton says,



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“It’s been a wonderful ride. I love this community, and I’ve been honored that I could play a role in making it happen.”

*City Profile, 2011 State of the City Address* can be viewed on Government 11 starting Wednesday, January 19 at 9:30 p.m. It also airs Friday, January 21 at 9:00 p.m.; Saturday, January 22 at 9:00 a.m.; and Monday, January 24 at 9:30 a.m.

Government 11 program information, videos, news releases, and schedules are available at [www.paducahky.gov](http://www.paducahky.gov). For more information about *City Profile* and other Government 11 programming, call Tom Butler, WKCTC Television Production Coordinator, at 534-3208 or Pam Spencer, City of Paducah Public Information Officer, at 444-8669.

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