



City Commission Meeting Highlights

Tuesday, March 11, 2014 at City Hall

Wallace Park Sewer Project Update

Paducah-McCracken County Joint Sewer Agency (JSA) Executive Director John Hodges updated the Mayor and Commissioners on a project that will be getting a lot of attention. JSA anticipates work to start in April to separate the combined sewer system in the Wallace Park subdivision near the intersection of Alben Barkley Drive and Jackson Street. The work will begin at the intersection of Lone Oak Road and Forest Circle. This \$3.8 million project has been designed and placed out to bid with API out of Calvert City receiving the contract. JSA has reached out to the neighborhood through letters and informational meetings starting back in 2012. Hodges is working to schedule another informational meeting for March 20. The project will affect approximately 80 homes. The work will occur in phases. Hodges says, "It's a 270-day contract but you may not see us on your street for days or weeks."

Macco Organiques Deed and Lease for Building and Interlocal Agreement (vote March 25)



The Mayor and Commissioners introduced two ordinances related to Macco Organiques, a company agreeing to bring 40 full-time jobs to the area. City Manager Jeff Pederson says, "We are pleased to be entering into the construction phase. We look forward to the company starting up operations." In 2013, the City, County, Greater Paducah Economic Development Council, Inc. (GPEDC), and the Paducah-McCracken County Industrial Development Authority (IDA) signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Macco Organiques to locate a manufacturing and distribution facility for food-grade pharmaceuticals in Paducah. Macco will expand and modify the existing 60,000 square foot spec building located at 5455 Commerce Drive in the I-24 Logistics Park (formerly known as Industrial Park West). At this meeting, the Mayor and Commissioners introduced an ordinance for the City and County to acquire the property from IDA and transfer the lease between IDA and Macco to

the City and County. The City of Paducah and McCracken County have each agreed to commit \$1.25 million toward the renovations and construction at the spec building while retaining ownership of the building with Macco responsible for any costs exceeding the \$2.5 million total. The Mayor and Commissioners introduced a second ordinance for an interlocal agreement between the City, County, and GPEDC for the construction and renovations to the spec building. GPEDC will be the project manager for the construction. An invitation to bid for the construction project was placed in the March 9, 2014 local newspaper with bids to be received until 2 p.m. on April 10, 2014 at the GPEDC office on South 3rd Street. For more information about Macco, visit <http://www.macco.ca/>.

Quick Highlights

- Municipal order approved to apply for the Law Enforcement Service Fee Grant through the Kentucky Justice Cabinet. The Police Department is requesting \$8400 to be used for a DUI enforcement program. No local match is required.
- Ordinance approved accepting the grant in the amount of \$7435.61 from the U.S. Department of Justice Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program. The grant requires the City to provide an equal match. The funds will be used to purchase and replace the vests currently used by the SWAT team.
- Ordinance approved (with a 4-1 vote, Commissioner Allan Rhodes voting against the ordinance) authorizing the change order with Jim Smith Contracting Co. in the amount of \$17,139.83 for the final reconciliation and tabulation of construction items for the Ohio River Boat Launch project located at 6th and Burnett Streets. The change order is



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a 0.66% increase to the contract bringing it to slightly more than \$2.6 million. The boat launch is open to the public. The City has lighting, three security cameras, and signage left to install at the facility.

- Ordinance tabled to close an unimproved portion of Ridgewood Street between Topeka Avenue and Olympia Avenue. Additional work by property owners to correct a deed needs to occur before the road can be closed.
- Ordinance approved to close a portion of an alley from Bethel Street toward Main Street. This closure is requested by adjacent property owners. The Paducah Planning Commission held a public hearing on February 17, 2014 and is making a positive recommendation for the alley closure.
- Ordinance introduced (vote March 25) for a contract with Central Paving Company of Paducah, Inc. for the grinding of tree debris and yard waste at the Compost Facility at the rate of \$524 per hour.
- Ordinance introduced (vote March 25) to purchase two in-car camera systems for the Police Department and upgrade the video server system from L3 Communications for a total of \$25,223.
- City Manager Pederson informed the Mayor and Commissioners that House Bill 399, which would give Kentucky cities and counties the ability to use a limited use, local option sales tax, was approved with a 6 to 3 vote today by the House Committee on Elections, Constitutional Amendments, and Intergovernmental Affairs. The bill is now being sent to the full House of Representative for consideration.
- Next Tuesday Barbecue on the River, Inc. will make a presentation to the City Commission regarding the Barbecue on the River Festival.
- Mayor Gayle Kaler urged everyone to contact their local legislator in support of House Bill 391 which would increase the current monthly statewide wireless fee from 70 cents to \$1. This bill would help 911 centers which have steadily been losing revenue due to the decline in landlines. Call 502-564-8100 or 800-372-7181 to voice your support.

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