



City Commission Meeting Highlights

Tuesday, July 15, 2014 at City Hall



TeleTech Ribbon Cutting Today

Several members of the community attended today's ribbon cutting ceremony for the newly constructed TeleTech facility located on McCracken Boulevard in Paducah Commerce Park (formerly Information Age Park). Mayor Gayle Kaler says, "It was a great ribbon cutting and very well attended. TeleTech still needs more people to work out there." At the ceremony TeleTech Senior Vice President Todd Baxter announced that the company will be needing 550 full-time employees for its Paducah offices instead of the 450 employees previously announced. TeleTech is opening a call center in Paducah with a majority of the employees to be housed in the new facility in Paducah Commerce Park with the remaining employees at 401 Kentucky Avenue. The City and County each contributed \$1.35 million toward the construction of the building in Paducah Commerce Park. Paducah Economic Development provided \$300,000. The

building is owned by the City and County. In June, TeleTech held a job fair to accept applications with another job fair to be held this Wednesday through Friday from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the West Kentucky Community & Technical College's Emerging Technology Center. Visit www.telettechjobs.com or call 866-796-5485 for more information about job opportunities. TeleTech employs nearly 41,000 people worldwide.

Project Updates

City Engineer-Public Works Director Rick Murphy and Paducah Riverfront Development Authority (PRDA) Executive Director Steve Doolittle provided updates on several City projects.

- Noble Park Lake Bank Stabilization – The project began July 7. Noble Park Lake has been lowered to gain access to the shoreline and the remnants of Duck Island. With the lowering of the lake, it has been revealed that Duck Island has a concrete shoreline protection area around it. The lake elevation was raised in 1994 to support more aquatic life. The City is now reviewing alternate options for Duck Island due to the concrete structure.
- Greenway Trail Underpass – Work is on schedule for the construction of the Greenway Trail underpass at U.S. 45.
- Ohio River Boat Launch – Signs have been installed at the Ohio River Boat Launch facility located at North 6th and Burnett Streets to deter people from parking on the entry road and on the boat launch itself. Fishing is allowed at the Boat Launch but anglers are asked to fish from the river bank and not from the boat launch ramp or dock since those areas are provided for the loading and unloading of boats. Power poles have been installed at the facility with lighting and security cameras to be installed soon.
- Riverfront Project – An engineering contract will be introduced at the next Commission meeting to provide engineering services to prepare specifications and bid documents for the next construction phase of the Riverfront Project incorporating recommendations from PRDA. At the April 15, 2014 City Commission Meeting, PRDA Chairman Bruce Brockenborough provided the Commission with PRDA's project recommendations. In September 2013, PRDA was given the assignment to review the project elements. After holding 10 meetings the PRDA Board decided that the project should be completed to the desired elevation but some items should be eliminated from the project with other items either reduced in scope or delayed in their implementation. Currently, much of the rock base and 12 steel pilings have been installed for the project.
- Former Executive Inn Site – PRDA will be receiving a proposal from an urban planning company called RATIO regarding a master plan for the remaining six acres of the former Executive Inn site. A portion of the former



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Executive Inn site will be parking for the new Hilton Garden Inn. However, approximately six acres is undeveloped between the hotel parking and the Riverfront Project.

Terminate Lease, Contract, and Option with Infiniti

The Mayor and Commissioners approved a municipal order to execute the termination of contract, lease, and option between the City, McCracken County, the Paducah-McCracken County Industrial Development Authority, and Infiniti for the property located at 5400 Commerce Drive in Industrial Park West (also known as the I-24 Park). Infiniti has vacated the property. The City, County, and the Greater Paducah Economic Development Council have an agreement for Michigan-based Genova Products to locate a plastics manufacturing facility in the 100,000 square-foot building which will bring 125 jobs to the area.

Reimbursement Agreement with Paducah Water for the Olivet Church Road Project

The Mayor and Commissioners approved an ordinance for an agreement with Paducah Water for the utility construction and relocation for the Olivet Church Road Improvement Project. The estimated project cost is \$460,000. The City will reimburse Paducah Water for the labor and materials installed utilizing the \$2 million allocation from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet for right-of-way acquisition and utility relocation. Paducah Power System has completed its utility relocation work on the project, and the Paducah-McCracken County Joint Sewer Agency is working on its portion of the project. City Engineer-Public Works Director Rick Murphy says the road construction will begin this fall. However, construction will halt around the mall area from November 1 through January 15 to accommodate the holiday traffic increase.

Quick Highlights

- Boards and Commissions: Carol Vanderboegh, Dabney Haugh, Dianne Bedwell, and Alberta Davis reappointed to the Paducah Civic Beautification Board. Leslie Page, Matthew Schultz, and Craig Newbern reappointed to the Human Rights Commission.
- Ordinance introduced (vote July 22) to accept the grant award in the amount of \$8271 from the Law Enforcement Service Fee Grant for the Paducah Police Department to operate a DUI enforcement program.
- Police Chief Brandon Barnhill says the department is investigating recent thefts from vehicles and a few vehicle thefts. However, theft this year is down 19%. Chief Barnhill says, "Don't assume what you leave in your car has no value. It may have some value to someone." He adds that if someone sees something of value to them, they may break a car window. Safety information from the Police Department includes putting all valuables in the trunk and not in view, not leaving keys in the car, and rolling up windows and locking the doors. Please call the Paducah Police Department if you see suspicious activity or if you are interested in starting a neighborhood watch program.

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