



Called City Commission Meeting Highlights

Tuesday, August 5, 2014 at 4 p.m. at City Hall

City Hall Project Values Workshop

The City Commission and the department directors held a workshop to begin providing input regarding the City Hall Project. City Manager Jeff Pederson says, "This is a huge undertaking, a huge decision, that should be done for and with the public." Pederson adds, "We are very determined to get this process right for this project." The group focused on providing thoughts on five project values: customer experience, functional building and work spaces, siting impacts, image, and sustainability. Today's input process involved each member of the group rotating between five tables dedicated to one of the values. A ten-minute discussion period was allowed at each table with a staff member recording the comments and ideas. The input from the City Commission and directors will be combined with input from the public to develop guiding principles for the project which will help steer the work of the City Hall Working Group once it is organized.

The City wants input from the public regarding the City Hall Project and the five values. Please visit the following webpage for information <http://paducahky.gov/paducah/city-hall-project>, email your comments to cityhallproject@paducahky.gov, or post comments on the new Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/PaducahCityHallProject>. The public has through September 14 to provide input regarding the five values.

Background: At their May 20, 2014 meeting, the Board heard a presentation about City Hall's conditions from Baccus Oliver, a professional engineer with Marcum Engineering. Over the past few months, Marcum Engineering; Bacon, Farmer, Workman Engineering; and Peck, Flannery, Gream, Warren worked together to conduct an assessment of City Hall's structure, layout, security, seismic upgrade requirements, and renovation possibilities. The study shows that the 61,000 square foot building which opened in 1964 is showing significant deterioration in its concrete roof canopy and with many of its electrical and mechanical systems. To protect the safety of the employees and citizens, access to the building is limited to the 5th Street entrance. Also, barricades have been placed around the building limiting access under the concrete roof canopy which is deflecting or sagging nearly 9 inches at its corners.

Engineering Services for the Riverfront Phase I-B Project

The Mayor and Commissioners approved an ordinance for a contract with Bacon, Farmer, Workman Engineering & Testing for engineering services for the Riverfront Phase I-B Project. The contract is to revise the project plans and specifications incorporating recommendations from the Paducah Riverfront Development Authority (PRDA) and agreed upon by the Commission. The contract is for an amount not to exceed \$90,340 which also includes professional assistance during the bidding process. Once the plans are finalized, they then must be approved by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet of Local Programs. Once approved by the State, then the project can be placed out to bid with the expectation that the project will be advertised this fall/winter with construction of the gangway and transient dock to start in late January. 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 the 12 steel pilings for the gangway have been installed for the project. (See the April 1 City Commission Highlights for PRDA's recommendations.)

Settlement of Estate for Property at 5065 Concord Avenue

The Mayor and Commissioners approved the ordinance for the documents to settle the claims and life estate associated with the property located at 5065 Concord Avenue. The property was purchased by the City from Betty Owens last year for the Olivet Church Road Improvement Project with the agreement that Mrs. Owens would have a life estate on the property. On December 9 a fire erupted at the property destroying the home and its contents. This agreement is the result of negotiations between the City, Betty Owens, and the insurance carrier, Allstate Insurance.

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