



City Commission Meeting Highlights

Tuesday, August 12, 2014 at City Hall

Note: Commissioner Sandra Wilson was unable to attend this meeting.

Upper Story Residential Grant Program

The Mayor and Commissioners approved an ordinance establishing an Upper Story Residential Grant Program. Property owners within a defined area in historic downtown will be eligible to apply for financial assistance to create new upper story living spaces in new or existing buildings. The grant shall not exceed 20 percent of the construction costs or a maximum of \$15,000 per Upper Story Residential Rental Unit. This program will be through the City of Paducah Planning Department with the Urban Renewal & Community Development Agency (URCDA) to oversee the allocation of funds up to \$60,000. For projects that exceed an allocation of \$60,000, the project will be forwarded to the City Commission for approval. Planning Director Steve Ervin says he already has had a few property owners interested in the program. At a previous meeting, City Manager Jeff Pederson said, "Upper story living and populating a downtown are the keys to a downtown. This program fits hand in glove as one of the main components of downtown revitalization."

Oak Grove Cemetery Trust Fund

The Mayor and Commissioners approved a municipal order to file a petition with McCracken Circuit Court to terminate the Perpetual Care and Maintenance Trust Fund for Oak Grove Cemetery. KRS 367.952 required any seller of grave spaces and/or crypts to establish a perpetual care and maintenance fund for the graves spaces. The City of Paducah established the fund in 1985 with the Community Foundation of West Kentucky, Inc. as the most recent trustee. In 2008, the State began exempting cities from requiring the trust fund and allowing cities to petition the Circuit Court for termination. Once the termination is approved by McCracken Circuit Court, the funds in the City's trust will continue to be used for maintenance of Oak Grove Cemetery in addition to budgeted funds through the Parks Services Department.

Authorize Payment for USFW Biological Opinion Mitigation Fees (vote August 26)

The Mayor and Commissioners introduced an ordinance to pay \$135,706 to the Kentucky Waterways Alliance Kentucky Aquatic Resources Fund to comply with the terms and conditions associated with the Biological Opinion issued by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Kentucky Ecological Services Field Office for the Riverfront Development Project. The City received the Biological Opinion in 2012 requiring the City to comply with terms and conditions in order to receive permits from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Kentucky Division of Water for the Riverfront Project and the Ohio River Boat Launch project. City Engineer-Public Works Director Rick Murphy says, "The good news is that the original cost was going to be \$399,050. By moving the project downstream 500 feet, we reduced the cost to about \$136,000." Murphy adds, "These monies go back in to the Ohio River basin. They go back into the environment to improve areas that were lost." The terms for Paducah outlined in the Biological Opinion include developing a mussel relocation plan. The mussels were relocated in October 2012. The terms also include a payment in the amount of \$20,000 for the future monitoring of the relocated mussels and a payment in the amount of \$71,706 for environmental impacts related to 6.29 acres of mussel habitat. The payment to the Kentucky Waterways Alliance also includes a payment of \$44,000 specifically related to the four federally listed mussels associated with Paducah's project. In summary, the City's financial obligation related to the monitoring, habitat, and propagation of the four impacted mussels totals \$135,706. The four mussels are Fat Pocketbooks, Pink Muckets, Orangefoot Pimplebacks, and Sheepnose. To read the Biological Opinion, visit <http://paducahky.gov/paducah/riverfront-master-plan>.

Quick Highlights

- Boards and Commissions: Carla Berry appointed to the Paducah-McCracken County Convention Center Corporation and Mark Workman appointed to the Electric Plant Board.
- Mayor Gayle Kaler commented on the resignation of Human Resources Director Cindy Medford. After serving as Risk Manager and later as Human Resources Director over the span of the past nine years, Medford is leaving her position with the City to begin teaching at Murray State University and pursue her doctorate. Mayor Kaler said to Medford, "You've done an excellent job. You never shy away from a challenge." Parks Services Director Mark



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Thompson says, “She is a trailblazer and has saved the City money through her work with the Kentucky League of Cities.” Thompson adds, “She saves a smile for us every day. I’m pleased to call her my colleague and friend.”

- Municipal order approved for the Mayor to execute the Deed Consideration Certificate for the property located at 1852-1853 North 8th Street on behalf of Paducah Water. Paducah Water wants to purchase the former Yancy Asphalt property located adjacent to PPW’s main office.
- Ordinance approved accepting the proposed premiums from the Kentucky League of Cities for Workers’ Compensation, Liability, and Property Insurance coverage. The total cost of all premiums is \$951,770.62. The Convention Center Corporation will reimburse the City \$33,447 for coverage of the Convention Centers.
- Ordinance approved for the intent to annex the property located at 2711 New Holt Road. The property owner L&H Properties is requesting the annexation. Independence Bank plans to construct a new banking facility at this location just south of Lowe’s. After the intent to annex is approved, a public hearing will be held with the Planning Commission to assign zoning with an annexation and zone change ordinance to be introduced to the City Commission following the public hearing.
- Ordinance approved amending the ordinance approved in May accepting the Heads Up Don’t Be In’text’icated Grant from the Kentucky Office of Highway Safety. The grant amount has been increased from \$21,000 to \$24,000. No local match is required. The funds will be used to continue the program the Police Department offers with the help of Hillary Coltharp who was seriously injured in 2007 in a collision caused by her texting while driving. Assistant Chief Stacey Grimes says, “The In’text’icated program will save lives. I expect it to eventually get national attention.”
- Ordinance introduced (vote Aug. 26) for a service agreement with Motorola in the amount of \$52,583.52 for the yearly maintenance of the 800 MHz radio controllers, individual department radios, the E-911 dispatch consoles, telephones, and other related radio equipment. The agreement expires June 30, 2015.
- Ordinance introduced (vote Aug. 26) for the purchase of commercial solid waste dumpsters in an amount not to exceed \$70,000 utilizing the Kentucky state contract price from Municipal Equipment, Inc. The City has approximately 800 commercial customers.
- Ordinance introduced (vote Aug. 19) to accept the \$40,000 Office of Highway Safety grant to continue the Paducah Police Department’s Head’s Up Don’t Be In’text’icated program. No local match is required.
- Ordinance introduced (vote Aug. 19) to accept the \$39,770 Office of Highway Safety grant to reimburse the Paducah Police Department for overtime hours and fuel costs associated with saturation patrols. No local match is required.
- Ordinance introduced (vote Aug. 19) for the adoption of a Waiver and Consent form between the City, County, and Wells Fargo Bank regarding equipment to be purchased by Genova Products to use at the facility Genova is leasing from the City and County located at 5400 Commerce Drive. Genova is requesting a loan from Wells Fargo Bank to purchase equipment.

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