



City Commission Meeting Highlights

Tuesday, December 9, 2014 at City Hall

Note: Commissioner Carol Gault was unable to attend this meeting.



Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Convention & Visitors Bureau for Hotel (vote Dec. 16)

The Mayor and Commissioners introduced an ordinance for an interlocal cooperation agreement between the City of Paducah and the Paducah-McCracken County Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) regarding the financing of the new Hilton Garden Inn to be built adjacent to the Julian Carroll Convention Center. In September, the City approved the sale of a \$4.325 million bond to be used to assist the hotel developers in the financing of the 121-room

hotel. The bonds have not been sold yet. The developers will repay the City for this financing over a 12-year period. This ordinance is for an agreement between the City and the CVB for the CVB to provide \$500,000 toward the payment of the bond. The Bureau will use a portion of the transient room tax to make the \$500,000 payment in installments over the length of the bond. Mayor Gayle Kaler says, "The CVB has been a god partner." Paducah Riverfront Development Authority Executive Director Steve Doolittle says the CVB also will begin marketing the Convention Center complex. Doolittle says, "The CVB is interested in marketing the Convention Center which will help the new hotel and the hotel community at large."

Noble Park Lake Bank Stabilization Project Change Order

The Mayor and Commissioners approved an ordinance for a change order with Youngblood Excavating & Contracting (YEC) regarding the Noble Park Lake Bank Stabilization Project. In June of this year, the City approved a contract with YEC for the project which consisted of using metal sheet piling to create a retaining wall to stabilize the erosion on 665 linear feet of the southern and eastern side of the Noble Park Lake. The project also included earthwork, drainage, seeding and the construction of new sidewalks. The contractor also poured additional concrete around the top of Duck Island to elevate the feature. The renovated Duck House and windmill were placed back on the island this summer. City Manager Jeff Pederson says, "We are anxious to see the public's reaction. It's a great project from a safety point of view and an aesthetic point of view." Commissioner Allan Rhodes says, "I'm sure we'll have many people say let's do more." The original contract with YEC was in the amount of \$192,414. This change order adds \$11,780.09 to the original contract bringing the contract amount to \$204,194.09. The work initiated this summer. This phase of the bank stabilization project is substantially complete. Currently, City crews are working to improve some of the sidewalks adjacent to the project area. Seeding and final dressing of the area will occur next spring. Additional phases of bank stabilization will be discussed during the budget process for the upcoming fiscal year.

Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with City of Murray, Kentucky

The Mayor and Commissioners approved an ordinance for an interlocal cooperation agreement between the City of Paducah and the City of Murray, Kentucky. The Murray Police Department requested the agreement to promote joint drug investigations. This agreement will provide Murray and Paducah officers all police powers while working in each other's jurisdiction. The agreement also is beneficial in that each agency will be to provide the other additional manpower if a need arises. The agreement is for one year and is renewable annually unless either city desires to terminate the agreement.

Contract with ESRI for Computer Mapping System

The Mayor and Commissioners approved an ordinance for a contract between the McCracken and Paducah Geographic Information System (MAP-GIS) consortium members and the GIS software vendor Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. (ESRI). The three-year contract with ESRI allows each agency access to ESRI's computer mapping system



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software. The contract cost is \$60,000 per year which will be divided among the consortium based on the number of software licenses each member holds. The contract is from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2017. MAP-GIS was created in 1999 and includes the following members: City of Paducah, McCracken County, Paducah Water, Paducah Power System, E-911, and the Joint Sewer Agency. The public can view the MAP-GIS system by visiting www.paducahky.gov and clicking the link on the left side of the homepage.

Creation of Oak Grove Cemetery Project Account

The Mayor and Commissioners approved an ordinance to create a project account to hold proceeds from the termination of the Oak Grove Cemetery Trust Fund. Since the mid-1980s funds have been captured by collecting 20 percent of the proceeds from the sale of a grave or crypt. The funds are to be used only for the general care, maintenance, and embellishment of Oak Grove Cemetery. Those funds have been held in a Perpetual Care and Maintenance Trust Fund which was originally created in an agreement with Peoples First National Bank & Trust Company of which the Community Foundation of West Kentucky was serving as the successor trustee. In October, the McCracken County Circuit Court granted an order to terminate the trust fund. This ordinance allows the funds to be transferred from the trust fund to a designated City account for the cemetery. The trust fund was required by KRS 367.952; however, in 2008, the State began exempting cities from requiring the trust fund and allowing cities to petition the Circuit Court for termination. The collection of 20 percent of the proceeds from the sale of a grave or crypt will continue and be placed in the City account for the care and maintenance of the cemetery.

Economic Incentives for Whitehall Industries

The Mayor and Commissioners approved a municipal order for economic incentives for Whitehall Industries in the amount of \$125,000. The funds are Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development funds that were previously allocated to a 2008 project involving a different company that never came to fruition in Paducah. The City is serving as a pass-through agency for the economic development funds. Whitehall Industries has located an aluminum extrusion manufacturing plant in Industrial Park West. Whitehall creates products for numerous automotive makers in addition to other industries. The company has committed to the creation of 150 jobs.

Quick Highlights

- The Paducah Civic Beautification Board presented a \$6550 check to Carolyn Roof and Dortha Page to be used for the Children's Memorial Garden at Noble Park. The funds are the proceeds from the sale of the 2014 Dogwood Trail pins designed by Carol Vanderboegh.
- Mary Hammond with the Paducah Civic Beautification Board presented the 2014 Annual Business Awards to the following businesses: Jimmy John's Gourmet Sandwiches, 414 Lone Oak Road; Paducah Bank Southside, 3445 Paducah Bank Drive; Paducah Middle School, 342 Lone Oak Road; Perkins Motor Plex, 3020 Park Avenue; Murray State University - Paducah Regional Campus, 4430 Sunset Avenue; Hank Bros. Building, 212-214 Broadway; and simply B Gift Boutique, 207 Broadway. To see photos of the winning businesses, visit <http://paducahky.gov/paducah/annual-business-award>. Hammond also was honored for her 30 years of service on the Civic Beautification Board.
- Mayor Gayle Kaler presented awards for the Mayor's Student Christmas Ornament Contest. Additional information about the contest winners is posted at <http://paducahky.gov/paducah/christmas-ornament-contest>.
- Downtown Development Specialist Melinda Winchester provided a recap of the November 29 Dickens of a Christmas Small Business Saturday in downtown Paducah. Winchester also announced the winners of the Paducah Main Street Christmas Storefront Display awards. The Chocolate Factory at 109 Market House Square is receiving the Kid's Pick Award while Cassitys' at 115 Market House Square is receiving the Old Fashion Holiday Spirit Award. Ashlea McMillan provided an overview of the Yeiser Art Center's Downtown Holiday Tour of Homes also held November 29.
- The Parks Department handed out the awards for the 2014 Christmas Parade held December 6, 2014. To view the Christmas Parade set to music (51minutes in length), visit <http://youtu.be/sOukli3oGTY>.
- Mayor Kaler presented a Duke of Paducah to Wayne Armbruster, a member of the Civic Beautification Board. He donated 42 trees and coordinated their planting at Paducah Middle School.
- Mayor Kaler presented a Duke and Duchess of Paducah to Bill and Patience Renzulli.
- Barkley Regional Airport Manager Richard Roof provided the Mayor and Commissioners a copy of the fiscal year 2014 airport audit and summarized a few of the latest airport statistics.
- Robert Wade reappointed to the Civil Service Commission.



- The municipal order that provides subsidies for the City's health and wellness plan was amended to increase the maximum amount a non-nicotine-using employee could receive for wellness credits. The maximum is increasing from \$2,000 to \$2,250.
- Municipal order approved for the City to submit the 2015 National Endowment for the Arts Our Town grant request in the amount of \$147,000. If awarded, the funds would be used by Columbia Club, Inc. for the development of architectural design plans for the restoration of the Columbia Theatre. The grant would require a match of \$147,000 which would be provided by the Columbia Club, Inc.
- Municipal order approved to apply for the Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky Investing in a Kentucky's Future Program. This grant application is a partnership among the United Way of Paducah-McCracken County, Western Baptist Hospital, Lourdes Hospital, the Purchase Area District Health Department, and the City of Paducah. The grant request is for \$400,000 which would require a match of \$200,000. If awarded, the funds would be used to start improvements at the 14th Street Park in the Fountain Avenue Neighborhood. Improvements would include outdoor fitness equipment, a walking path, playgrounds, office space, and upper story living space. The match would be funded using the \$75,000 grant recently received from the Land and Water Conservation Fund and its match in addition to funds provided by the local hospitals.
- Municipal order approved updating the fee schedule for Oak Grove Cemetery and the mausoleum. The fee schedule has not been updated since 1994.
- Municipal order approved declaring the city-owned property at 1020 Lincoln Avenue as surplus and transferring it to the neighboring property owner, Thomas Humphrey, for \$1000.
- Municipal order approved declaring the city-owned properties at 1010 and 1016 South 5th Street as surplus and transferring them to Jason Seiner, Seiner Properties, LLC (Beltline Electric) for \$100 each.
- Ordinance approved accepting the bid from Gall's Inc. for the purchase of police uniforms and accessories for an amount not to exceed \$80,000 per calendar year. This is a two-year contract effective January 1, 2015. Three companies submitted bids.
- A presentation regarding a solid waste plan to incorporate curbside recycling in Paducah will be given by the Engineering-Public Works Department at the December 16 City Commission meeting.

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