



City Commission Meeting Highlights

Tuesday, April 12, 2011

Jackson House Elevator Project (approval April 26)

The City of Paducah has been notified that it will receive the Community Development Block Grant administered by the Kentucky Department for Local Government for the Jackson House Elevator Project. The Mayor and Commission introduced an ordinance to accept the grant award in the amount of \$1 million. The grant does not require a match from the City; however, the Western Kentucky Senior Citizens Union Labor Housing Corporation, the legal non-for-profit entity that owns the apartment building, has pledged \$114,100 toward the project. The Jackson House is an apartment building located at 301 South 9th Street. The project involves renovating the building's two existing elevators and constructing a new elevator and entrance on the southwest corner of the building. Commissioner Gerald Watkins, who initiated the City's involvement in helping the Jackson House receive the grant, says, "We are all just thrilled to death to accept this grant." Mayor Bill Paxton says, "Structurally the Jackson House is sound. Getting those elevators repaired and replaced is the right thing to do."

Acquisition of Property and Building from Margaret Hank Church (vote April 26)

The Mayor and Commission introduced an ordinance for a deed of conveyance on behalf of the City with Margaret Hank Memorial Cumberland Presbyterian Church for the Church's Life Center Building located at 1527 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive. The Church contacted the City in November 2010 about the purchase of the Life Center Building which includes a gymnasium, meeting rooms, kitchen, stage, and restrooms. The City will purchase the 19 year old building for \$250,000. The Church will hold a zero-interest note with the City paying for the building over an eight-year period. With the acquisition of the Life Center Building and after some upgrades including a new gym floor, the City will opt out of its lease on the Jetton Gym. Parks Services Director, Mark Thompsons, says, "It helps with our investment in the Fountain Avenue area, but I think it's going to be used city-wide." The various Parks Department activities currently held at Jetton Gym will then take place at the Life Center Building. Since the Life Center Building has air-conditioning, Thompson hopes to expand the programs offered by the Parks Department.

Engineering and Ecological Consulting Contracts for Riverfront Redevelopment Project

The Mayor and Commission approved two ordinances for additional engineering and consulting services on a time and materials basis in order to obtain permits and meet environmental compliance obligations for the Riverfront Redevelopment Project. The first ordinance is for a contract with Florence & Hutcheson, Inc. for engineering consulting services. The second ordinance is for a contract with Redwing Ecological Services for ecological consulting services. The purpose of the additional engineering and ecological consulting services is to address environmental concerns related to the mussels in the Ohio River. In a previous meeting, Mayor Bill Paxton said, "We are trying to build a riverfront for citizens of Paducah-McCracken County and surrounding areas. We have federal money for this project, but we are being held back by a concern for mussels on our riverfront. It's keeping us from building a beautiful facility for our citizens." The planning for the Riverfront Redevelopment Project began in 2005. Since that time, the City has spent \$1.25 million for engineering design, environmental compliance, and permits fees.

Zone Change and Final Annexation for Property at 2540 Lone Oak Road (vote April 26)



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On March 8, 2011, the Mayor and Commission approved the intent to annex for property located at 2540 Lone Oak Road. Gasada, Inc., the owner of the property, requested that the property which contains 1.51 acres and a 14,476 square foot commercial strip center be annexed into the City. At this meeting the Mayor and Commission introduced two additional ordinances related to the property: the zone change and the final annexation. The property owner requests that the zoning for the property be changed from R-1 (low density residential) to HBD (highway business district). This request is approved by the Paducah Planning Commission. The property is adjacent to the existing city limits for the City of Paducah and across the street from Mount Kenton Cemetery.

Quick Highlights:

- Mayor Bill Paxton presented a Duchess of Paducah to May Louise Zumwalt, Executive Director of the National Quilt Museum. Mayor Paxton says, "I appreciate what you added to Paducah and the quality of life here." Zumwalt is leaving this spring to move to Manassas Park, Virginia where her husband, former City Manager Jim Zumwalt, is employed. Mayor Paxton adds, "It's Paducah's loss but Virginia's gain."
- Proclamation presented to three members of the Business and Professional Women's club proclaiming April 12 as Equal Pay Day. April 12 symbolizes the time in the year in which wages paid to American women catch up to the wages paid to men from the previous year. The proclamation encourages businesses to conduct an internal pay evaluation to ensure women are being paid fairly.
- Spotlight: Public Information Officer Pam Spencer spotlighted the upcoming Kings of the Court Basketball Tournament. The tournament will be Saturday at 2:00p.m. at Haws Gymnasium at WKCTC. The first game will be between Electric 96.9 and WPSD Local 6. The second game will be between the Paducah Police Department and the Paducah Parks Services Department. The final game will be between the winners of the previous two games with the winner being named the Kings of the Court. A trophy will be presented. The proceeds from the admission (\$5 for adults; \$3 for children 10 years and younger), concessions, bake sale, and t-shirt sales will benefit Relay for Life.
- Municipal order approved to adopt new contractual off-duty employment rates for police officers. The rates will increase from \$26.00 per hour to \$32.21 per hour for the officer. The rate charged to parties that contract off-duty security services will increase from \$40.00 to \$50.00 per hour.
- Municipal order approved to apply for the 100 Best Communities for Young People award through the America's Promise Alliance.
- Ordinance approved to authorize the contract with Delta Dental for the City's dental insurance plan.
- Ordinance approved for a contract with Duckett Truck Center for the purchase of a refuse truck in the amount of \$138,110.
- Ordinance approved for a change order with Paducah Ford for the purchase of vehicles for the 2011 Fleet Plan. The change order increases the contract by \$3239 for a total contract of \$387,764. The change order adds a police vehicle to the contract but removes a pick-up truck resulting in the net increase of \$3239.

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