



City Commission Meeting Highlights Tuesday, December 11, 2012

Note: Commissioner Gerald Watkins was unable to attend this meeting.

Presentation to Mayor Bill Paxton from the Paducah Ambassadors



Paducah Ambassadors Marty and Cheryl Bendick in addition to nearly a dozen ambassadors in attendance presented Mayor Bill Paxton with an honorary Paducah Ambassador certificate and the framed proceedings from December 4, 2012 in which Senator Mitch McConnell recognized Mayor Paxton on the Senate floor. Mayor Paxton thanked the Ambassadors for all that they do. "Anytime we have a special event in the City, our Ambassadors are there smiling with their red coats. They make Paducah a better place." The Ambassadors volunteered 4600 hours during the past fiscal year.

Resolution Declaring Official Intent Regarding Upcoming Bond

The Mayor and Commissioners approved a resolution declaring official intent to reimburse advances for capital outlays with respect to an upcoming bond that will be issued by the City of Paducah. The resolution is to comply with U.S. Treasury regulations. The City of Paducah plans to issue a \$2.45 million bond in 2013 for the Noble Park Pool renovation project (\$1.1 million) and the City's portion of the cost to renovate and construct buildings for TeleTech Services Corporation (\$1.35 million). TeleTech plans to bring to Paducah a call-center and employ 450 full-time employees with benefits. As part of the project, the Commerce Center located at 401 Kentucky Avenue would be renovated to house 150 employees. The majority of the 300 employees would be housed in a new building to be constructed on McCracken Boulevard in the Paducah Commerce Park (formerly known as Information Age Park). GPEDC and McCracken County also are sharing in providing funds for the renovation and construction projects by providing \$1.5 million and \$1.35 million, respectively.

Noble Park Swimming Pool Rehabilitation Project-Phase II Contract (vote Dec. 18)

The Mayor and Commissioners introduced an ordinance for the second phase of the Noble Park Swimming Pool renovation project. The first phase was approved in November with a \$795,930 contract with Aquatic Renovation Systems, Inc. (RenoSys Corporation). The contract has a scope of work including the pool liner, replacement of the gutter, drain, filtration, disinfection, pumping, and piping systems in addition to a new treatment and storage building, concrete improvements, and the installation of new diving boards and platforms, a water slide, and a pool lift. The contract introduced at this meeting is for the renovation of the concession area and the inclusion of hot water to each of the restrooms. Four local bids were received with the lowest evaluated bid from Midstates



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Construction of Paducah for \$139,607. The final construction phase, Phase III, will be the bid for the sprayground area which will go out early in 2013. The entire swimming pool renovation project will be completed and ready for the public's use by the Memorial Day weekend. Separating the project into three bid packages and utilizing City staff for a portion of the demolition has resulted in a reduction in costs. The Noble Park Pool has not received a significant renovation since 1992. The pool averages 300-400 visitors per day during the summer.

Preservation and Renovation of the Market House and River Discover Center (vote Dec. 18)

The Mayor and Commissioners introduced an ordinance for a contract with Ray Black & Son, Inc. for the preservation and renovation of the Market House and River Discovery Center buildings. The City owns both of those facilities. The contract is for \$215,927 with the work to include the repairing and cleaning of masonry, sealing joints, gutter repairs, repair of wood trim, and the replacement of existing bird control devices. Two bids were opened November 20, 2012 for the project with Ray Black & Son submitting the lowest responsive bid. City Engineer-Public Works Director Rick Murphy says, "This contract will take care of both historic buildings, and the work will be sensitive to the historic nature of the facilities."

City Manager Report:

City Manager Jeff Pederson addressed the following topics in his report.

- *Greenway Trail:* The latest section of the greenway trail that runs from next to the Expo Center toward U.S. 45 along the floodwall levee is almost complete. The next phase is to connect the section at Noble Park with this section which will include boring under U.S. 45. Pederson says the City is reviewing the expected cost of that phase and funding options.
- *Executive Inn Showroom Lounge:* The Showroom Lounge at the former Executive Inn was not part of the hotel demolition project. The lounge is connected to the back of the Convention Center. Pederson and other City staff toured the lounge today to discuss a strategy for its conversion into usable space.
- *Performance Appraisal Software:* The Human Resources department is working on launching software for employee performance appraisals.
- *City Hall Analysis:* City Engineer-Public Works Director Rick Murphy is preparing a scope of work for an analysis of City Hall. The facility has structural concerns. The corners of the building are drooping significantly. Other topics that need to be studied include décor, lighting, HVAC system, and security. This project could cost more than \$2 million.

Quick Highlights:

- Recreation Superintendent Amie Clark presented the winners of the Christmas Parade Contest with their trophies and prizes. The annual Christmas Parade was held December 1 with 94 entries and a huge crowd of onlookers. "Christmas Time in the City" was the parade's theme. View the list of winners at <http://paducahky.gov/paducah/event-winners>.
- Municipal order approved to apply for a safety grant through the Kentucky League of Cities Insurance Services. The \$6000 request would require a \$3000 match from the City. If funded, the grant would be used to purchase playground surface material for Kolb and Stuart Nelson Parks, a new swing set at Noble Park, traffic cones, work signs, and safety garments for employees.
- Municipal order approved to certify that all City of Paducah maintained bridges with weight limits of 18 tons or less are posted in accordance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards. There are 13 bridges maintained by the City. However, the only bridge with the capacity requirement is located on South 24th Street with a posted weight limit of 14 tons.
- Ordinance approved for a contract in an amount not to exceed \$63,000 per year for calendar years 2013 and 2014 with Bluegrass Uniforms for Paducah Police Department uniforms.
- Ordinance introduced (vote Dec. 18) authorizing Paducah Water to sell its surplus real estate located at 5514 Reidland Road in the amount of \$66,000. This property is no longer needed due to the completion of the Paducah-Reidland Interconnect Project. On a separate note,



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Paducah Water General Manager Glen Anderson says the new office building, located at 1800 North 8th Street, will be ready for customers on February 4. At this time, the facility needs its final touches including furniture, flooring, and lighting. The office on Washington Street is for sale.

- Ordinance introduced (vote Dec. 18) to amend the sewer use ordinance to clearly define the term “significant industrial user”, update maximum daily concentrations for certain parameters, and update the wording of the significant non-compliance section to comply with federal regulations. The Joint Sewer Agency is required to update its permit every five years.
- Ordinance introduced (vote Dec. 18) to accept the \$2500 grant from the Kentucky Fire Sprinkler Association Foundation for the Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Program. No local match is required.
- Ordinance introduced (vote Dec. 18) to accept the \$1000 grant from the Walmart Foundation for the Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Program. No local match is required.
- Ordinance introduced (vote Dec. 18) to amend the ordinance approval in November regarding the purchase of a refuse truck. The amendment is to purchase a 2013 model instead of the 2014 model. The purchase price will not change.
- Ordinance introduced (vote Dec. 18) for the final revised budget ordinance for fiscal year 2011-2012. This budget reflects the budget adjustments made throughout that fiscal year in addition to any adjustments required by the independent financial auditors. The City’s Comprehensive Annual Final Report, which is set to be presented at the December 18 meeting, discloses the City’s original adopted budget and the revised final budget.
- Ordinance introduced (vote Dec. 18) to approve a contract with Credit Bureau Systems, Inc. (CBS) for the collection of delinquent property taxes. CBS has collected delinquent taxes for the City of Paducah for more than two decades. This agreement clearly defines the relationship. CBS receives 25% of all amounts collected and 35% of amounts collected by attorneys from litigation filed on behalf of the City.
- Ordinance introduced (vote Dec. 18) to purchase 14 portable radios for the Paducah Police Department from Motorola Solutions for a total of \$37,466.80. A \$37,000 homeland security grant will fund the bulk of the purchase.

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