



Called City Commission Meeting Highlights

Tuesday, December 18, 2012 at 4:30 p.m.

*Merry Christmas from the Paducah Board of Commissioners,
City Manager Jeff Pederson (an elf stole his hat), and City Clerk Tammy Sanderson*



Mayor Bill Paxton's Final Commission Meeting

After serving three terms as Paducah's mayor, Bill Paxton presided over his final Commission meeting. Mayor Paxton says, "I want to thank the people of Paducah for giving me the honor of serving as mayor. Paducah is a great city, and I wouldn't trade a single day as mayor." Paxton adds, "From the city manager, to the department heads, to the employees, there's not a better group of people in the country." Paxton told the current City Commission that he enjoyed working with them. To the incoming Commission, he urged them to continue leading Paducah in the right direction and be willing to make the tough decisions to make Paducah an even better city. Mayor-elect Gayle Kaler presented Paxton with a gavel engraved with his name and years of service.



Presentation to Commissioner Gerald Watkins from the Paducah Ambassadors

Paducah Ambassador Marty and Bendick presented Commissioner Gerald Watkins with an honorary Paducah Ambassador certificate thanking him for his service to the community as City Commissioner. At the end of the meeting, Commissioner Watkins thanked voters for their support in electing him State Representative saying, "I will continue working for Paducah and McCracken County in Frankfort."

Recognition of Officer Steve Thompson

Police Chief James Berry recognized Officer Steve Thompson for his recent 2012 Governor's Impaired Driving Enforcement Awards. On December 5 in Louisville, the Kentucky Office of



Highway Safety (KOHS) honored law enforcement officers from 164 agencies across the Commonwealth for their efforts to target impaired drivers. The awards were presented to officers with the most impaired driving arrests in each agency and division. Officer Thompson's dedication led to 82 DUI arrests in one year. Chief Berry says, "It's a major accomplishment. We try to get unsafe drivers off the road." Last year, Kentucky recorded more than 5,600 crashes related to drugs and alcohol, resulting in 150 deaths and more than 3,000 injuries. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1 in 3 Americans will be impacted by a drunken driving crash in his or her lifetime.

Presentation of Comprehensive Annual Financial Report

Finance Director Jonathan Perkins along with Robert Robertson and Ben Teer with Williams, Williams & Lentz provided an overview of the City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) which includes the City Audit. The report is for the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2012. The audit found that the City is compliant in its financial reporting and found no deficiencies in internal controls. The entire CAFR report and previous audits dating back to 2002 can be found on the City's website, www.paducahky.gov.

2013 National Endowment for the Arts "Our Town" Grant Application

The Mayor and Commissioners approved a municipal order to apply for the Our Town grant through the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA). The City would act as the lead agency for a Market House Theatre project. The grant request is for \$100,000 which requires an equal match with the City providing \$35,000 and Market House Theatre providing \$65,000. Market House Theatre Executive Director Michael Cochran says the theatre has been planning for a facility and program expansion. So far, an organizational assessment, a facilities use and demand analysis, and a five-year business plan have been completed. He says the next step would hopefully be funded by the grant and by the partnership with the City of Paducah. If approved by NEA, this grant would be used for site analysis, site selection, property acquisition, and architectural and design fees. Market House Theatre serves more than 40,000 people each year with children making up more than half of that number. Cochran thanked the City for its long-time support of Market House Theatre. He says a grant and a partnership with the City 15 years ago were responsible for the current theatre space.

Extension of Time for 2006 Kentucky Transportation Enhancement Program for Greenway Trail (vote January 8)

The Mayor and Commissioners introduced an ordinance to extend the termination date for the agreement between the City of Paducah and the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet. The ordinance extends the termination date to June 30, 2013 for the greenway trails project. In 2006, the City of Paducah received a \$500,000 Transportation Enhancement grant for the construction of a greenway trail between downtown Paducah and the Brookport Bridge. In July the City authorized a contract with Wilkins Construction Company to complete 1.67 miles of a concrete pedestrian and bicycle trail on the city's floodwall levee. The trail begins next to the Expo Center parking lot downtown and stops behind the Smoke Shop on North 8th Street. Two shelters, four benches, and signs also are included in the project. Work to complete that section is in its final stages.

Paducah currently has a 1.75-mile greenway trail which starts at County Park Road next to Stuart Nelson Park and terminates at Noble Park next to the skatepark. In 2013, the City will work to link the two trails. A future phase will take the trail through the Perkins Creek Nature Preserve adjacent to County Park Road.

Columbia Theatre Vision

Paducah Renaissance Alliance (PRA) Executive Director Lisa Thompson and Maiden Alley Cinema Executive Director Landee Bryant briefed the Mayor and Commissioners regarding the vision for the city-owned Columbia Theatre. Thompson says the ultimate goal is to restore the landmark on Broadway to its original grandeur but allow it to be a multi-use facility for performances and films. Thompson says, "Historic preservation is the key to keeping historic Paducah alive and vibrant."



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Also, Maiden Alley Cinema would like to have a larger space to expand its offerings. To begin the restoration process for the Columbia, PRA has created the Columbia Club, a non-profit organization. Columbia Club is raising funds for the façade restoration including the repair of the windows and the replacement of the 50 foot Columbia blade. The City is working to restore the marquee lighting and the front entrance doors. Thompson says an additional step will be to develop a master plan for the project which would include designs, cost evaluations, engineering, and financing options. Thompson is meeting in January with an organization that specializes in historic theater renovations. After getting a handle on what it will take to restore the Columbia, Thompson will report back to the Commission. The Columbia Theatre was built in 1927. The City of Paducah has owned the Columbia Theatre for nearly 10 years. Across the nation, there used to be approximately 20,000 historic theaters similar to the Columbia. That number has dropped to about 5000.

Noble Park Swimming Pool Rehabilitation Project-Phase II Contract

The Mayor and Commissioners approved 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 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

The Mayor and Commissioners approved 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."

Quick Highlights:

- Josh White of the Yeiser Art Center thanked the Mayor and Commissioners for the City's \$9000 support. White says the funds have been used to update Yeiser's website and renovate Yeiser's kitchen area so that the facility can be rented for parties and other functions.
- Michael Terra thanked the Mayor and Commissioners for their support and vision for Paducah.
- Boards and Commissions: Sharon Poat reappointed to the Paducah Renaissance Alliance board.
- Municipal order approved for the renewal of a two-year lease between the City of Paducah and Josh Goodwin. Goodwin is leasing approximately 120 tillable acres of the sports park property off Sheehan Bridge Road for agricultural purposes. The City will receive as rent an amount each to 25% of the yearly soybean and corn production and \$60 per acre for winter wheat.



- Ordinance approved authorizing Paducah Water to sell for \$66,000 its surplus real estate located at 5514 Reidland Road. This property is no longer needed due to the completion of the Paducah-Reidland Interconnect Project. On a separate note, 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 approved 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 approved accepting the \$2500 grant from the Kentucky Fire Sprinkler Association Foundation for the Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Program. No local match is required.
- Ordinance approved accepting the \$1000 grant from the Walmart Foundation for the Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Program. No local match is required.
- Ordinance approved 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 approved 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 approved for 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 approved 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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