



City Commission Meeting Highlights

Tuesday, February 22, 2011

Super Sunday Proclamation

The Mayor presented a proclamation to WKCTC Director of Cultural Diversity Jipaum Askew-Robinson proclaiming February 27 as KCTCS Super Sunday. The Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) is sponsoring its first Super Sunday event as part of its new diversity plan. Super Sunday is a statewide initiative by KCTCS intended to increase the college-going rate of students of color. On February 27, colleges across the State will partner with African-American churches to reach out to parents and students to promote higher education. In Paducah, the Super Sunday event will be at Greater Lincoln Heights Missionary Baptist Church (1324 Bloomfield Avenue) and Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church (1201 South 8th Street).

Contract Between City of Paducah and IAFF Local 168

The Mayor and Commission approved an ordinance for a three year contract between the City of Paducah and IAFF (International Association of Fire Fighters) Local 168. The contract was signed after the vote by Mayor Bill Paxton and IAFF Local 168 President Barry Carter. Carter says this is the fourth contract that he has negotiated. According to Carter, this contract negotiation, “was the most honest and open negotiation with true give and take.” Mayor Paxton says, “It [the contract] is good for the Fire Department. It’s good for the City. I commend both sides.” City Manager Jeff Pederson says, “It [the negotiation] was professional, cordial, and constructive. That’s the climate that we will enter into with this contract.” The current contract expires June 30, 2011. The contract provides for a 1%, 1.75%, and 2.5% increase in wages for the next three years respectively. The contract also provides for a one-time clothing allowance payment of \$450 to purchase dress uniforms and revises the language to provide for greater flexibility and standardization of health insurance benefits.

Intent to Annex Property Located at 2540 Lone Oak Road (vote March 8)

The City of Paducah received a letter from Gasada, Inc., the owner of the property at 2540 Lone Oak Road, requesting that the property be annexed into the City of Paducah. The property is 1.5 acres and contains a 14,476 square foot commercial strip center. The property is adjacent to the existing city limits for the City of Paducah and across the street from Mount Kenton Cemetery. The Mayor and Commission introduced an ordinance for the intent to annex the property. Upon approval of the ordinance, the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on a proposed zone change from R-1 (low density residential) to HBD (highway business district). After the public hearing and at a future Commission meeting, the City Commission will introduce the zone change and final annexation ordinances.

Memorandum of Understanding with Higdon Development

The Mayor and Commission approved an ordinance for a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the City of Paducah and Higdon Development, Inc. Higdon is proposing to build a multi-family residential development of 200 apartment units adjacent to Stuart Nelson Park and the Greenway Trail on vacant land owned by Higdon. Each unit will be approximately 1200 square feet with two or three bedrooms. The apartment complex will have a pool, clubhouse, and workout facility. The approximately \$12 million project will start as soon as the weather permits. The project may be completed in two phases. Since this infill development helps maintain growth within the City



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limits, the City of Paducah agrees to reimburse Higdon Development for the costs to construct and install the public improvements including streets, sidewalks, curbs, gutters, storm sewers etc. up to an amount not to exceed the total amount of ad valorem real property taxes assessed over a ten year period. The development may be completed in two phases, and the City agrees to enter into an agreement for each of the phases. However, the agreement outlines that if the agreement for Phase II is not executed within five years of the adoption of this MOU, the City is not obligated to enter into the second agreement. The MOU also outlines the City's commitment in improving the intersection of County Park Road and the proposed Greenway Drive by the end of this calendar year. The City also commits to improving the intersection of Stuart Nelson Park Road and the proposed Greenway Drive in the future. Both roadway improvements will be located in existing City of Paducah rights-of-way.

New Store to Open Downtown, "BBQ & More"

The Mayor and Commission approved an ordinance for a one-year contract between the City of Paducah and Barbeque on the River, Inc. in the amount of \$20,000. The funds will be used as the organization constructs a retail store called "BBQ & More" in downtown Paducah. BBQ & More will have a kitchen to conduct taste-testing, cooking classes, and cooking competitions. The store will sell sauces and rubs of local BBQ vendors in addition to BBQ merchandise. It is not a restaurant. The store will be open Monday through Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Commissioner Carol Gault abstained from the vote since she serves on the BBQ on the River board and didn't want the vote to appear to be a conflict of interest.

Quick Highlights:

- Mayor Bill Paxton appointed Basil Drossos and Gayle Kaler to the Airport Board.
- Municipal order approved amending the City's position and pay schedule to reflect recent job position changes.
- Municipal order approved amending the municipal order that was approved at the February 15 Commission meeting to apply for the Kentucky Office of Highway Safety grant. The grant application will be for \$135,479 rather than \$114,996. There is no match. The funds would be used by the Police Department for equipment, overtime, and training for traffic enforcement activities.
- Municipal order approved for a memorandum of agreement (MOA) with the Commonwealth of Kentucky in order to obtain surplus property from the U.S. Department of Defense. A MOA is required in order for the Paducah Police Department to receive surplus military property.
- Ordinance approved amending Police Chief James Berry's employment contract. The amendment adjust Chief Berry's rate of vacation leave accrual.
- Ordinance introduced (vote March 8) for a change order on the contract with Sungard Public Sector for the property tax software used by the Finance Department. This change order increases the contract amount by \$1892.43 to a total of \$100,567.68. The change order is for travel expenses associated with the software training.
- Ordinance introduced (vote March 8) for a contract with Kinsey's Lawn & Landscape for the mowing and trimming of city-owned lots. Paducah Parks Services is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of parks and city-owned property; however, during the spring and summer, contracted help is needed to assist in the maintenance of the properties. Kinsey will maintain property at a cost of \$20 per lot. The contract is for two years with up to three renewals of one year. Five companies provided sealed bids for the mowing contract.
- Ordinance introduced (vote March 8) for a contract with Kotter Ready Mix for concrete ready-mix to be used for various construction projects and street repair in the City. The contract is for the delivery of concrete and flowable fill per cubic yard.

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