



City Commission Meeting Highlights Tuesday, July 12, 2011

New Executive Director of Paducah Renaissance Alliance

The Mayor and Commissioners approved the hiring of Carrie LeNeave as the Executive Director of Paducah Renaissance Alliance. City Manager Jeff Pederson had appointed her as the interim director effective July 18. Pederson says, "She has a lot of good qualifications and attributes." Mayor Bill Paxton says, "We are very excited about the opportunities and expertise she brings." Paxton adds, "This Commission is supportive of downtown Paducah. We want it to grow. We want it to thrive." LeNeave is a Paducah native with vast experience in commercial development, most recently in Franklin, Tennessee. Paxton thanked the Paducah Renaissance Alliance board for their work in selecting LeNeave.

Grant Approved for Greenway Trail Extension

The Mayor and Commissioners approved an ordinance accepting a grant in the amount of \$500,000 through the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's Transportation Enhancement Program. The grant requires a local cash match of \$150,000. The City applied for the grant in 2009. The grant funds will be used to extend the greenway trail west through the 80-acre Perkins Creek Nature Preserve. The project includes the construction of 4000 feet (0.76 mile) of trail, a gravel parking lot, a wooden trailway, and bridge. Parks Services Director Mark Thompson says, "This is step one. We have a lot of hoops to jump through." It is too soon to provide a date that construction would begin.

Accept Contract for Services with Agencies

Commissioners approved ordinances for contracts with the following agencies for fiscal year 2012:

- Barkley Regional Airport \$146,430
- Carson Center \$68,875
- Convention Center Corporation \$175,000
- EntrePaducah \$100,000
- GPEDC \$300,000
- Paducah Area Transit System \$225,000
- Paducah Junior College, Inc. \$125,000 (for Community Scholarship Program)
- Paducah Junior College, Inc. \$75,000 (for Paducah School of Art operational expenses for school's two locations, 409 Broadway and 919 Madison Street)

Several other agencies including Maiden Alley Cinema and Market House Theatre received funding for fiscal year 2012. However, since each of their funding amounts is less than \$20,000, ordinances are not required.

Protection of Julian Carroll Convention and Expo Centers during the 2011 Ohio River Flood (vote August 9)

The Mayor and Commissioners introduced an ordinance for a payment in the amount of \$420,004.55 to Jim Smith Contracting, LLC for the emergency labor, materials, and equipment required to protect the Julian Carroll Convention and Expo Centers during the April-May 2011 Ohio River flooding. City Engineer-Public Works Director Rick Murphy anticipates the majority or all of these expenses will be reimbursed from the flood insurance carried on the buildings and from FEMA. The protection efforts were successful as both facilities remained unharmed from the major flooding.



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The protection efforts began on Easter Sunday, April 23 when the National Weather Service forecasted a crest of 55 feet on the Ohio River at Paducah. That crest would have led to at least two feet of water in the facilities. The contractor erected a steel barrier on the river side of the Julian Carroll and built levees to protect the facilities. Commissioner Gayle Kaler says, "Money that was spent to protect the facilities was better than having our convention centers flood." Murphy adds, "Once the flooding left, you had immediate use of the buildings." Mayor Paxton says, "It was a great effort, and it worked."

Quick Highlights:

- Boards and Commissions: Edward C. Narozniak and Alfred Anderson were reappointed to the Municipal Housing Commission.
- Municipal order approved to apply for the FEMA Hazardous Mitigation Grant Program through the Kentucky Division of Emergency Management. The grant requires a funding formula of 75% federal funds, 12% state funds, and a 13% local match. The project is for an emergency generator for Fire Station 1 at 301 Washington Street. The grant request is for a total of \$100,159 which includes \$75,120 in federal funds, \$12,019 from the State, and a local match of \$13,020.
- Ordinance approved accepting a Household Hazardous Waste grant from the Kentucky Division of Waste Management in the amount of \$25,700 to assist with the cost of the April 2012 Spring Clean Up Day. The grant requires a local cash match of \$4500 each from the City and McCracken County.
- Ordinance approved accepting the proposed premiums for fiscal year 2012 from the Kentucky League of Cities for workers' compensation, liability insurance, and property insurance. The total cost of all premiums is \$866,597.
- Ordinance introduced (vote August 9) to enter into an interlocal agreement with McCracken County to support the grant application for the 2011 Edward Byrne Memorial Grant through the Department of Justice. If awarded, the grant in the amount of \$23,121 would be used to purchase equipment for the Paducah Police Department.
- Ordinance introduced (vote August 9) for a change order in the amount of \$4379 with Bluegrass Fire Equipment Company as the vendor with Pierce Manufacturing as the manufacturer for the purchase of a 2011 pumper truck for the Paducah Fire Department. The change order increases the contract amount for the truck to \$407,509. The change order is for the addition and deletion of various items.
- City Manager Jeff Pederson says the efforts are moving forward as the City addresses the mussels that are slowing the progress on the Riverfront Redevelopment Project. The proposal to move the project approximately 100 yards downstream away from the dense population of mussels is gaining favor.
- Pederson congratulated the City on the recent refinancing of a bond issued in 2004. The refinancing of the 2004 bond in addition to a bond refinanced last year will save taxpayers \$1.58 million dollars over the life of the bond issues. Pederson says the refinancing shows the "level of capability and professionalism that resides in City government."

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