



City Commission Meeting Highlights

Tuesday, June 21, 2011

Changes to City of Paducah's Fireworks Laws

The Mayor and Commission approved an ordinance to change Paducah's fireworks regulations to align with the State of Kentucky. The State changed its laws in March legalizing the sale and use of all fireworks within specific guidelines. Previously the only fireworks allowed in the State did not have the ability to explode or have a report. With this ordinance, Paducah will allow the sale, within a specific set of requirements, of fireworks that leave the ground, explode, or have a report. However, the fireworks will not be allowed to be discharged within the City limits due to the density of homes and other structures. The State law states that fireworks are not to be used within 200 feet of any structure, motor vehicle, or other person. In researching the 200-foot regulation, the Paducah Fire Department worked with Geographic Information System (G.I.S.) staff to plot a 200-foot radius around every structure in Paducah. The map demonstrated Paducah's density of homes and structures greatly limit the available locations to shoot fireworks. Paducah will continue to allow ground and handheld sparkling devices.

Establish Recycling Pilot Program

The Mayor and Commissioners approved a municipal order to support the initiative of a private company to offer curbside recycling in the City of Paducah. This is a pilot program to generate data regarding the public's interest in curbside recycling and the feasibility of the process. City Manager Jeff Pederson says, "This would be a voluntary subscription program. It would not be mandated." The details of the program still need to be finalized. The pilot program will be operated by Dream Green. The two women who founded Dream Green won the business plan competition through EntrePaducah. Currently a separate organization, the Greater Paducah Sustainability Project-Recycle Now, offers a drop off point for recyclables at its facility located at 1830 North 8th Street. April Freeman with Dream Green says, "We want to thank GPS because if they didn't have the drop point, we couldn't offer the curbside service." Once the pilot program commences, it will last two to three years to get a sufficient sampling of data.

2011-2012 Kentucky Division of Waste Management Recycling Grant Award

The Mayor and Commissioners approved an emergency ordinance to accept a grant in the amount of \$41,605 from the Kentucky Division of Waste Management. The grant requires local cash match contributions of \$7725 each from McCracken County and the City of Paducah and an in-kind donation of facility use of \$7790 from Paducah Water. The funds will be used to purchase equipment to be used at the facility located at 1830 North 8th Street operated by Greater Paducah Sustainability-Recycle Now. Equipment that will be purchased using the grant funds includes three-compartment recycling drop boxes and a 40-foot steel storage container. Mark Mayfield, Greater Paducah Sustainability Project President, says, "In all of 2010, Recycle Now collected almost 800 tons of recyclables at the facility on North 8th Street." Mayfield says this year 640 tons already have been collected.

Wall to Wall Mural Maintenance Contract (vote June 28)

The Mayor and Commissioners introduced an ordinance to pay Herb Roe \$22,050 for the maintenance of the downtown floodwall murals. The Wall to Wall mural project began in 1996. To maintain the color and quality of the murals, paint refurbishing and fresh clear coatings are needed



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periodically. For this fiscal year, Herb Roe will provide the maintenance on five murals. The funding for the mural maintenance comes from the Investment Fund.

Position and Pay Schedule and Pay Grade Schedule

The Mayor and Commission approved two municipal orders amending the City of Paducah Position and Pay Schedule and the Pay Grade Schedule to include a 1.0 percent cost of living increase effective July 1 for all City employees. The three unions, FOP, IAFF, and AFSCME, have 1 percent raises built into their contracts for fiscal year 2012.

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