



## City Commission Meeting Highlights

Tuesday, November 27, 2012

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### **Paducah Fire Department/Mercy Regional Partnership**

Paducah Fire Chief Steve Kyle briefed the Mayor and Commissioners on what he calls “a feel good story”. Currently Paducah Fire Station 3 on Friedman Lane is undergoing renovations that will require firefighters to be displaced for approximately a month. During that time, the crews were going to respond from the station on Broadway which would have increased response times to the western side of Paducah by two to three minutes. However, Mercy Regional EMS contacted Chief Kyle and volunteered the use of its station on Coleman Road which has ample space for the firefighters and the fire truck. Chief Kyle says, “It’s an example of colleagues working together to find a solution to benefit the citizens.”

### **Paducah Police Department Traffic Enforcement**

Police Chief James Berry says the department’s traffic unit is continuing to see success with an approximate 20% reduction in collisions. Mayor-elect Gayle Kaler says, “I think we all need to watch how we drive.” Chief Berry says, “What we are trying to do is save lives. I see more residents wearing seatbelts, and I see more residents watching their speed.” Chief Berry emphasized that the revenue from a citation goes to the State not to the City of Paducah or the Paducah Police Department. The traffic unit, which is only a few weeks old, includes a sergeant and four officers.

### **Paducah Renaissance Alliance’s 12 Days of Merriment Presentation**

Paducah Renaissance Alliance Executive Director Lisa Thompson made a presentation regarding PRA’s first ever 12 Days of Merriment which kicks off this Saturday, December 1, with the annual Christmas Parade. Merriment will include special shopping nights, carolers, holiday food and drink specials, shopper relief activities, special events, and visits with Santa Claus at the downtown gazebo. Thompson says, “This will jumpstart the naturally occurring boost small businesses normally see mid-December during the retail season.” The Pepsi MidAmerica “Be Merry Truck” will be at the gazebo each of the 12 days in the afternoon and early evening providing hot chocolate and coffee with donations benefiting local non-profit organizations. The truck will be available during Saturday’s Christmas Parade. Santa will be visiting downtown on December 4, 6, 7, 8, and 12. He’ll listen to Christmas wishes and pose for pictures. If you don’t get a chance to visit Santa, a special North Pole mailbox is at the gazebo to drop off letters. From December 1 to December 12, all 2-hour parking restrictions downtown will be lifted to accommodate shoppers. Also in the Renaissance District during the 12 Days of Merriment enjoy Market House Theatre’s production of *A Christmas Story*, Paducah Art Alliance’s Affordable Art Show, Paducah Symphony Orchestra’s Christmas Celebration, and Maiden Alley Cinema’s Family Holiday Movie Night. For details about these events in addition to more 12 Days of Merriment events, visit [www.paducahalliance.org](http://www.paducahalliance.org).

### **Noble Park Swimming Pool Rehabilitation Project**

The Mayor and Commissioners approved an ordinance for a contract with Aquatic Renovation Systems, Inc. (RenoSys Corporation) for the rehabilitation of the Noble Park swimming pool. The contract is in the amount of \$795,930 with a scope of work to include 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 project will be completed by May 10, 2013 and ready for



the public's use by the Memorial Day weekend. The initial bid opening for the project was held in July with the lowest bid at \$1.28 million which was higher than the City's project budget. The project was modified and re-bid with a bid opening earlier this month. Aquatic Renovation Systems placed the only bid in the amount of \$1,049,269. To get the project closer to the City's budgeted amount, the City modified the contract with Aquatic Renovation Systems by removing some of the demolition work from the scope of work and by separating the project into separate bid packages for the concession stand renovations and for the installation of the new sprayground to replace the wading pool. The bid opening for the concession area will be December 5. The bid package for the sprayground is not complete at this time. The Noble Park Pool has not received a significant renovation since 1992. The pool averages 300-400 visitors per day during the summer.

### **Contract to Construction Single Family Homes in Fountain Avenue Neighborhood**

The Mayor and Commissioners approved ordinances awarding construction contracts for three homes in the Fountain Avenue Neighborhood. The contract to build the home at 302 Harahan Boulevard will be awarded to Crawford Contracting in the amount of \$127,800 with the contract to build the home at 1527 Monroe Street awarded to Brandon Owen Construction in the amount of \$137,887. The contract to build the home at 1621 Harrison Street will be awarded to Jim Steele Construction in the amount of \$118,138. Bids for the homes were opened on November 6 with the Urban Renewal and Community Development Agency (URCDA) making the contract recommendations to the City Commission. Each of these homes has a pre-qualified homeowner which is a requirement under the 2012 HOME grant. In July 2012, the City accepted the funding agreement in the amount of \$309,500 for the Kentucky Housing Corporation's 2012 HOME grant. This homeowner assistance grant will be used to help build seven new single-family homes in the Fountain Avenue Neighborhood. The grant requires a local match from the City and each new homeowner will be responsible for a majority of the home's construction cost. If you are interested in a home and would like to be pre-qualified, contact the City of Paducah Planning Department at 444-8690 or visit [www.fountainave.com](http://www.fountainave.com).

### **Quick Highlights:**

- Ordinance introduced (vote Dec. 11) 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.
- City Manager Jeff Pederson is working on an orientation program for the new Commissioners and the Commissioners who are remaining on the board. The orientation will include city facility tours and meetings with directors, a workshop, and a seminar to assess decision-making approaches and personalities.

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