



**CITY COMMISSION MEETING
AGENDA FOR JULY 28, 2026
5:00 PM
CITY HALL COMMISSION CHAMBERS
300 SOUTH FIFTH STREET**

*Any member of the public who wishes to make comments to the Board of Commissioners is asked to fill out a Public Comment Sheet and place it in the box located at the end of the Commissioner's desk on the left side of the Commission Chambers. The Mayor will call on you to speak during the **Public Comments** section of the Agenda.*

ROLL CALL

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

MAYOR'S REMARKS

Items on the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the Board of Commissioners and will be enacted by one motion and one vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Board member so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately. The City Clerk will read the items recommended for approval.

	I.	<u>CONSENT AGENDA</u>
	A.	Approve Minutes for July 14, 2026 Board of Commissioners Meeting
	B.	Receive & File Documents
	C.	Reappointment of Jana Dawson and LaToya Richardson to the Paducah Human Rights Commission.
	D.	Reappointment of Bonnie Koblitz to the Tree Advisory Board
	E.	Appointment of Debra Calhoun to the Paducah Riverfront Development Advisory Board.
	F.	Personnel Actions
	G.	Approve FY2027 Contract with Sprocket, Inc. in the Amount of \$100,000 - M. SMOLEN
	H.	Authorize the Engineering Department to Submit a Grant Application to the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet for the County City Bridge Improvement (CCBIP) funds - G. GUEBERT
	I.	Authorize the Application and Acceptance of a Kentucky State Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$56,500 - B. LAIRD

		J.	Authorize the Application and Acceptance of a Kentucky State Homeland Security Grant in the Amount of \$286,332 - B. LAIRD
		K.	Authorize City Manager to release RFQ for design of new police facility - B. LAIRD
	II.	<u>MUNICIPAL ORDER(S)</u>	
		A.	Approve Lease Agreement with the W.C. Young Community Center - M. SMOLEN & C. YARBER
	III.	<u>RESOLUTION(S)</u>	
		A.	Emancipation Day Resolution
	IV.	<u>ORDINANCE(S) - ADOPTION</u>	
		A.	Consensual annexation of 435 & 485 Berger Road - J. FOWLER-SOMMER
		B.	Approve a Telecommunications Franchise Agreement with Uniti - L. PARISH
	V.	<u>ORDINANCE(S) - INTRODUCTION</u>	
		A.	Authorize interlocal agreement between the City and Paducah-McCracken Industrial Development Authority for the construction of an Industrial Park West speculative building - A. KYLE
		B.	Authorize the issuance of general obligation notes in an amount not to exceed \$6,000,000 to finance the costs for a speculative industrial building to be constructed at 5700 Commerce Drive in Industrial Park West - A. KYLE
	VI.	<u>DISCUSSION</u>	
		A.	Noble Park 100 Celebration - T. MORSCHING
	VII.	<u>COMMENTS</u>	
		A.	Comments from the City Manager
		B.	Comments from the Board of Commissioners
	VIII.	<u>EXECUTIVE SESSION</u>	

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Short Title: Approve FY2027 Contract with Sprocket, Inc. in the Amount of \$100,000 - **M. SMOLEN**

Category: Municipal Order

Staff Work
By: Michelle
Smolen
Presentation
By: Michelle
Smolen

Background Information: The Board of Commissioners included \$100,000 in funding for Sprocket in the adopted FY2027 budget. The contract states that Sprocket will receive \$100,000 in quarterly payments for providing small business development and entrepreneurial programs. Additionally, Sprocket will complete a financial review.

Does this Agenda Action Item align with a Commission Priority? No

If yes, please list the Commission Priority: [Commission Priorities List](#)

Communications Plan:

Funds Available: Account Name: Investment Fund - Sprocket

Account Number: 24000401- 580810

Staff Recommendation: Approve FY2027 Contract with Sprocket, Inc. in the Amount of \$100,000

Attachments:

1. MO - contract-Sprocket FY27
2. Sprocket Contract for Services FY2027

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Short Title: Authorize the Engineering Department to Submit a Grant Application to the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet for the County City Bridge Improvement (CCBIP) funds - **G. GUEBERT**

Category: Municipal Order

Staff Work
By: Melanie
Townsend
Presentation
By: Greg
Guebert

Background Information: The Kentucky State Legislature appropriated \$25M in the 2026-2027 biennial state budget for projects under the County City Bridge Improvement Program (CCBIP). The Engineering Department is partnering with the KYTC District 1 Office to apply for funding to replace the County Park Road Bridge. The bridge is listed as deficient in the city's annual bridge report. The District 1 Office staff will prepare the grant application, including design and engineering, using KYTC standard drawings at no charge to the city. The bridge replacement project will be fully funded by CCBIP, with no match by the city. District 1 will administer the funds, oversee and inspect the project, and prepare final closeout documentation for submission to KYTC.

Does this Agenda Action Item align with a Commission Priority? No

If yes, please list the Commission Priority: [Commission Priorities List](#)

Communications Plan:

Funds Available: Account Name:
Account Number:

Staff Recommendation: Authorize the Engineering Department to apply to the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet for the County City Bridge Improvement Program and authorize the Mayor to execute any and all grant documents related to the same if awarded.

Attachments:

1. MO - app & award - Kentucky Transportation Cabinet – CCBIP Funds – County Park Road Bridge
2. County Park Rd 073C00048N CCBIP Packet

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Short Title: Authorize the Application and Acceptance of a Kentucky State Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$56,500 - **B. LAIRD**

Category: Municipal Order

Staff Work By: William
Hodges, Hope Reasons
Presentation By: Brian Laird

Background Information: The Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) is an annual federal grant from the United States (U.S.) Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) intended to strengthen and enhance the nation's capacity and capability to prevent, prepare for, protect against, and respond to acts of terrorism and other catastrophic events. SHSGP supports the implementation of risk-driven, capabilities-based State Homeland Security Strategies to address capability targets. SHSP funding helps government agencies in addressing capability gaps identified through the Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA)/StatePreparedness Report (SPR) process, as well as prioritize resources towards high-impact security focus areas. SHSGP aims to build a cohesive and collaborative approach to homeland security by promoting national preparedness and resilience.

The Paducah Police Department is requesting \$56,500 for bomb squad equipment upgrades including a new remote firing system and new SCBA tanks, face pieces, regulators, and air packs. No matching funds are required for this grant.

Does this Agenda Action Item align with a Commission Priority? No

If yes, please list the Commission Priority: [Commission Priorities List](#)

Communications Plan:

Funds Available: Account Name:
Account Number:

Staff Recommendation: Authorize the application and acceptance of the State Homeland Security Grant and for the Mayor to sign all documentation related to same.

Attachments:

1. MO - app & award – Kentucky State Homeland Security Grant – PD – bomb squad equipment 2026

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Short Title: Authorize the Application and Acceptance of a Kentucky State Homeland Security Grant in the Amount of \$286,332 - **B. LAIRD**

Category: Municipal Order

Staff Work By: Jordan
Murphy, Hope Reasons
Presentation By: Brian Laird

Background Information: The Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) is an annual federal grant from the United States (U.S.) Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) intended to strengthen and enhance the nation's capacity and capability to prevent, prepare for, protect against, and respond to acts of terrorism and other catastrophic events. SHSGP supports the implementation of risk-driven, capabilities-based State Homeland Security Strategies to address capability targets. SHSP funding helps government agencies in addressing capability gaps identified through the Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA)/State Preparedness Report (SPR) process, as well as prioritize resources towards high-impact security focus areas. SHSGP aims to build a cohesive and collaborative approach to homeland security by promoting national preparedness and resilience.

The Paducah Police Department is requesting \$286,322 for a mobile command center. The command center would be rapidly deployed in the event of a critical incident. It would work for large-scale community events like BBQ on the River and the quilt show. It would also provide on-scene security and protection, allowing the police department to monitor cameras, develop and execute operation plans, etc., from an on-site location. No matching funds are required for this grant.

Does this Agenda Action Item align with a Commission Priority? No

If yes, please list the Commission Priority: [Commission Priorities List](#)

Communications Plan:

Funds Available: Account Name:
Account Number:

Staff Recommendation: Approve the application and acceptance of the KSHS Grant and authorize the Mayor to sign all documentation related to same.

Attachments:

1. MO app & award – Kentucky State Homeland Security Grant – PD – mobile command center 2026

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Short Title: Authorize City Manager to release RFQ for design of new police facility - **B. LAIRD**

Category: Municipal Order

Staff Work By: Brian

Laird

Presentation By: Brian

Laird

Background Information:

The City of Paducah purchased 7.99 acres in March 2026 and is seeking to build a new police facility at 3047 Jackson Street. The City is seeking a Project Architect to design this facility and be an owner representative during construction of the Project.

Does this Agenda Action Item align with a Commission Priority? No

If yes, please list the Commission Priority: [Commission Priorities List](#)

Communications Plan:

Funds Available: Account Name:
Account Number:

Staff Recommendation: Approve release of the RFQ

Attachments:

1. MO RFQ design of new policy facility
2. RFQ-2026 Police Facility -final

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Short Title: Approve Lease Agreement with the W.C. Young Community Center - **M. SMOLEN & C. YARBER**

Category: Municipal Order

Staff Work By: Michelle
Smolen, Chris Yarber
Presentation By:

Background Information: This agenda item is to approve the new lease with the W.C. Young Community Center. The term is for three years with a two year renewal. The lessee shall pay \$1 annually for the building. The lessee is also responsible for the exterior landscape and interior maintenance. The City is responsible for the roof, exterior walls, sidewalks, structural components and major repairs to critical building systems over \$1,500. The lease also includes a planned interior renovation to the Community Center that is estimated to be \$125,000 and completed by June 30, 2027.

Does this Agenda Action Item align with a Commission Priority? No
If yes, please list the Commission Priority: [Commission Priorities List](#)

Communications Plan:

Funds Available: Account Name:
Account Number:

Staff Recommendation: Approve Lease Agreement with the W.C. Young Community Center

Attachments:

1. MO Lease- W. C. Young
2. WC Young Lease Final

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Short Title: Consensual annexation of 435 & 485 Berger Road - **J. FOWLER-SOMMER**

Category: Ordinance

Staff Work By: Carol Gault, Josh
Fowler-Sommer
Presentation By: Josh Fowler-
Sommer

Background Information: Mrs. Mary Foley of the Merryman House and Mr. Ken Stein of Mountain Comprehensive have both requested annexation into the City of Paducah. Please find the annexation requests and plat in your packets. The annexed area also includes the right-of-way of Berger Road and the closed/undeveloped ROW of Emmett Street, Grundy Street and Oak Street.

Does this Agenda Action Item align with a Commission Priority? Yes

If yes, please list the Commission Priority: [Commission Priorities List](#) Growth

Communications Plan:

Funds Available: Account Name:
Account Number:

Staff Recommendation: Approval

Attachments:

1. Annex – Consensual - 435 and 485 Berger Road
2. Stein Annexation Request
3. Foley Annexation Request
4. 2026-026 Annex

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Short Title: Approve a Telecommunications Franchise Agreement with Uniti - **L. PARISH**

Category: Ordinance

Staff Work By: Lindsay Parish,
Michelle Smolen
Presentation By: Lindsay Parish

Background Information: This ordinance accepts the bid of Windstream KDL, LLC, a Uniti company, for a non-exclusive telecommunications franchise and authorizes the Mayor to execute the related Franchise Agreement.

Chapter 108 of the Paducah Code of Ordinances requires telecommunications providers using the City's rights-of-way to obtain a franchise and comply with the City's applicable franchise, insurance, bonding, permitting, construction, and fee requirements. The purpose of this ordinance is to bring Uniti into compliance with those requirements. The City offered a non-exclusive telecommunications franchise for bid. Uniti submitted a bid for a ten-year, non-exclusive telecommunications franchise for the use and occupancy of public rights-of-way and other public spaces to construct, use, operate, maintain, repair, and remove conduits, cables, lines, fibers, wires, and related equipment.

Uniti already has telecommunications facilities located within the City of Paducah. Its bid documents identify existing fiber routes entering Paducah from multiple directions and state that there are no current projects in the area. The proposed Franchise Agreement will allow Uniti to continue operating its existing telecommunications system within the City's rights-of-way, subject to the requirements of Chapter 108.

The Franchise Agreement is for a ten-year term and incorporates Chapter 108, the bid application, and any addendum to the application. It also requires Uniti to submit applicable engineering drawings and documents to the City's Engineering Department at least ninety days before any proposed construction and to obtain written approval before performing future work in the City's rights-of-way.

Does this Agenda Action Item align with a Commission Priority? No
If yes, please list the Commission Priority:

Communications Plan:

Funds Available: Account Name:
Account Number:

Staff Recommendation: Approve.

Attachments:

1. ORD Telecommunications Franchise Windstream Uniti 2026
2. Uniti Franchise Agreement

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Short Title: Authorize interlocal agreement between the City and Paducah-McCracken Industrial Development Authority for the construction of an Industrial Park West speculative building - **A. KYLE**

Category: Municipal Order

Staff Work By: Audra
Kyle, Lindsay Parish
Presentation By: Audra
Kyle

Background Information:

MO 3088, adopted on July 22, 2025, authorized the City to serve as the grantee for the Kentucky Product Development Initiative (KPDI) grant for a speculative industrial building to be constructed at 5700 Commerce Drive in Industrial Park West. The municipal order also authorized the City to provide up to \$6 million in local funds upon approval of Economic Development Fund (EDF) assistance through the Kentucky Economic Development Finance Authority (KEDFA).

The City has since been awarded a \$2,000,000 KPDI grant, with the Paducah-McCracken County Industrial Development Authority (IDA) serving as the project beneficiary. The total estimated project cost is \$8,000,000.

Because the City is the grant recipient and funding partner while the IDA will serve as the project manager, developer, and owner of the facility, an Interlocal Agreement is necessary to define the responsibilities of each party. This Municipal Order authorizes execution of that agreement, which establishes the framework for project management, procurement, reimbursement procedures, compliance with KPDI requirements, the City's funding commitment and repayment provisions, and other related project responsibilities.

Does this Agenda Action Item align with a Commission Priority? No

If yes, please list the Commission Priority: [Commission Priorities List](#)

Communications Plan:

Funds Available: Account Name:
Account Number:

Staff Recommendation: Approve interlocal agreement.

Attachments:

1. ORD ILA – IDA Spec Building 5700 Commerce Drive
2. INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR SPEC BUILDING - CITY IDA - FINAL

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Short Title: Authorize the issuance of general obligation notes in an amount not to exceed \$6,000,000 to finance the costs for a speculative industrial building to be constructed at 5700 Commerce Drive in Industrial Park West - **A. KYLE**

Category: Ordinance

Staff Work
By: Audra Kyle
Presentation
By: Audra Kyle

Background Information:

MO 3088, adopted on July 22, 2025, authorized the City to serve as the grantee for the Kentucky Product Development Initiative (KPDII) grant for a speculative industrial building to be constructed at 5700 Commerce Drive in Industrial Park West. The municipal order also authorized the City to provide up to \$6 million in local funds upon approval of Economic Development Fund (EDF) assistance through the Kentucky Economic Development Finance Authority (KEDFA).

The City has since been awarded a \$2,000,000 KPDII grant, with the Paducah-McCracken County Industrial Development Authority (IDA) serving as the project beneficiary. The total estimated project cost is \$8,000,000.

Earlier on this agenda, the Commission is considering an Interlocal Agreement establishing the respective responsibilities of the City and the IDA for management and administration of the project. Consistent with that agreement, this ordinance authorizes the issuance of general obligation notes in an amount not to exceed \$6,000,000 to finance the City's share of eligible project costs, together with related financing and issuance costs.

Does this Agenda Action Item align with a Commission Priority? No

If yes, please list the Commission Priority: [Commission Priorities List](#)

Communications Plan:

Funds Available: Account Name:
Account Number:

Staff Recommendation: Authorize the issuance of general obligation notes

Attachments:

1. Paducah 2026A GO - Note Ordinance(70127772.2)