



MURRAY
CITY COUNCIL

MURRAY CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

The Murray City Municipal Council met as a Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, May 3, 2011, in the Murray City Center, Conference Room #107, 5025 South State Street, Murray Utah.

Members in Attendance:

Jim Brass	Council Chair
Darren V. Stam	Council Member
Jared A. Shaver	Council Member
Krista K. Dunn	Council Member

Excused:

Jeff Dredge	Council Vice Chair
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Others in Attendance:

Michael D. Wagstaff	Council Executive Director
Dan Snarr	Mayor
Jennifer Brass	Citizen
Janet M. Lopez	Council Office
Peri Kinder	Valley Journals
Doug Hill	Public Service Director

Chairman Brass called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

Announcements:

Mike Wagstaff reported that the Utah League of Cities and Towns had sent an email requesting representatives be appointed to the Legislative Policy Committee. Murray has three votes, members, and in the past Mr. Brass and Ms. Dunn have represented that Council. Mr. Wagstaff also attends, as does Jan Wells and Zach Fountain from the Mayor's office. Ms. Dunn agreed to continue if the Council desires that she does so. Mr. Wagstaff will send an email asking for input on the representatives.

Business Item #1:

Tour of the Armory Building by Doug Hill

Attendees walked to the Armory facility located south of the Boys and Girls Club, adjacent to Murray Park and entered the building from the west door. Mr. Hill remarked that this

was a vehicle repair facility for the Utah National Guard, until it was no longer used during the 1990s. Murray City asked the state repeatedly to sell it the city, and even conducted a Phase I environmental assessment that discovered no hazardous material.

In 2009, Salt Lake County purchased the property with open space bond money and subsequently gave it to Murray City. They kept the option to approve any use and specified that it was to be a recreational facility. Many groups have expressed an interest in use of the building, from baseball and other sports associations to cultural arts groups for practice space, Mr. Hill indicated.

ASWH performed an assessment of the building to determine whether it was structurally sound and worth saving, or if it should be removed. They determined that it was in good shape and should be saved. If the temporary interior cinder block walls were removed, it would need seismic stabilization and the city would want to replace the roof and garage doors for use. Several renderings were drawn to illustrate suggested uses, including batting cages for a sports facility, or a multi-use building for luncheons, accommodating 300 at round tables, and classrooms for symphony practice. It was suggested that the fence be removed, a patio and pergola added facing open space toward the park and creek for atmosphere. A presentation was made to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and their recommendation was to create a multi-use space. The restrooms would need to be remodeled and kitchens could be added at each end of the building.

The Utah National Guard did complete a Phase II environmental assessment. There are still some tanks buried that need removal and some oil drums on the site, however, no actual hazardous conditions were found.

Mr. Hill pointed out that the building is currently used for equipment and material storage by the parks department and public services, and that one church group has been approved to build a float inside.

That concluded the armory tour. The group returned to the conference room in the Murray City Center where the meeting was formally adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Janet M. Lopez
Council Office Administrator