



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, September 16, 2014, in the Murray City Center, Conference Room #107, 5025 South State Street, Murray Utah.

Members in Attendance:

Brett Hales	Council Member
D. Blair Camp	Council Member
Dave Nicponski	Council Member
Jim Brass	Council Member
Diane Turner	Excused

Others in Attendance:

Tim Tingey	ADS Director	Janet Towers	Exec. Asst. to the Mayor
Janet M. Lopez	Council Administrator	Justin Zollinger	Finance Director
Jennifer Kennedy	Recorder	Frank Nakamura	Attorney
Jan Wells	Chief Administrative Officer	Kate Sturgeon	Resident
Jennifer Brass	Resident	Eliot Setzer	Resident
Beverly Crangle	Resident		

Chairman Hales called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance. He excused Diane Turner who was not in attendance.

Business Item #1

General Plan Process Discussion- Tim Tingey

Mr. Tingey said that it is time to kick off the General Plan. The City has selected CRSA as the consultants and signed a contract with them for their services.

The General Plan is a ten year plan that deals with land use, stated Mr. Tingey. It is a State Code requirement that the City develop a General Plan. It is a vision for the future and includes implementing ordinances, such as zoning ordinances that follow the plan.

There are multiple chapters of the plan. Land use is a big section regarding future land use. There is a parks and recreation element, a housing element, an economic

development chapter, and a transportation chapter. It is probably the largest planning process that communities and jurisdictions go through. It will most likely be a year to a year and a half process before it is finally adopted by the Council. There will be a lot of input given from the Planning Commission and the Council.

The first kick-off meeting is scheduled on October 9th from 5:00 to 7:00 in the Spartan Cove room at Murray High School. The basic elements of the public input process would be discussed. It is the first of very many public input meetings. The elements of the plan would be outlined and staff would begin to get some public input.

Mr. Tingey stated that the City is putting together a Steering Committee. The members of the Steering Committee would likely include staff members of Community and Economic Development, Trae Stokes, the engineering representative, a City Council representative, a representative from the Mayor's office, and a Planning Commission member. He is looking for around 8 to 15 people, including a resident, a business owner and possibly a local planner or developer. CRSA is in the process of forming this committee now. Mr. Tingey added that he would like a council member to attend. Mr. Nicponski asked what it entailed. Mr. Tingey explained it involved being part of the Steering Committee for the General Plan, which entailed meetings, discussing the input processes and helping to steer the process. He added that he doesn't need names submitted tonight.

Mr. Tingey said the second outreach effort will most likely be in February, and another effort at the end of the summer. There will also be smaller meetings planned with specialized groups to help with input.

He would like to brand this planning process, and the Steering Committee would assist in that. Some possibilities discussed were, "Plan Murray" or "Our City, Our Vision" type of logos.

After meeting with the consultants, staff recognized that there are a lot of issues to address, he noted. Some of those issues include:

- *Bike lanes*- he would like to engage the bike lane group in the conversation.
- *Relocation of the city hall*- has future implications regarding the downtown area.
- *Pocket parks or outlying parks*- especially along the Jordan River Parkway, and the connections to those parks.
- *Dividing line between commercial and residential*- will always be an issue to maintain strong residential neighborhoods and also good commercial development.
- *Mixed use zone*- there was previous recommendation to adopt a mixed use zone that spanned from north to south in the manufacturing general portion of the community, mainly along 300 West. There was a lot of pushback from property owners, so staff would like to consider that.
- *Transit oriented development*- relating to mixed use, parking considerations, and the mix of commercial aspects versus residential, and ensuring a good balance.
- *Impact of three light rail stations*- future development in and around those stations.
- *Balance between single and multi-family residential*- maintaining that balance, and looking at density elements for the future.

- *East-west connections- relating to transportation.*
- *Cottonwood Street extension.*
- *Involving residents in the annexed area in the process.*

Mr. Nicponski asked if the bus rapid transit line was still under consideration. Mr. Tingey said that it was. Mr. Nicponski added that it was the line from the Salt Lake Community College, including the feeder route up Vine Street. Mr. Tingey said that would be a big part of the east-west connections topic. Mr. Nicponski said it would be a good idea to get a bus and have a field trip and drive through the City.

Mr. Brass added that there have been many comments on streets such as Winchester and 5400 South regarding R-N-B versus residential. He foresees more issues as the agricultural properties begin to change over. Those properties are currently zoned R-1-8, and he asked how the City would deal with that. He commented that it would be smart to target people who live in those areas and send a letter specifically to them. He noted that a total of eight people attended the meetings when the last General Plan was written. He would like to see an attendance similar to the Macquarie/UTOPIA meeting. It was also at the time the east side was getting annexed in and the zones were matched up as best as possible, but it didn't always work. He added that those "hot spots" in neighborhoods should be targeted.

Mr. Nicponski asked if different methods were used to get the strong attendance at the Macquarie meeting or if it was the issue itself. Mr. Tingey said he would guess it was the issue.

Mr. Camp asked if the city hall decision would be made before the General Plan was done. Mr. Tingey replied that it was very conceivable that the location for the city hall would be chosen prior to the General Plan completion. He added that the General Plan probably wouldn't be ready for adoption until the first part of 2016.

Announcements

Ms. Lopez said the Public Power celebration would be held on Thursday, September 18, 2014 from 4:00 to 7:00 at Murray Park. She added that she would be gone on vacation beginning on September 17th, but available by phone and Kellie would be in the office from 9:00 to 4:00.

Chairman Hales adjourned the meeting.

Council Office Administrator II
Kellie Challburg