



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, July 21st, 2015, in the Murray City Center, Conference Room #107, 5025 South State Street, Murray Utah.

Council Members in Attendance:

Blair Camp, Chair	Council Member, District #2
Dave Nicponski	Council Member, District #1
Brett Hales	Council Member, District #5
Jim Brass	Council Member, District #3
Diane Turner, Vice-Chair	Council Member, District #4- Excused

Others in Attendance:

Ted Eyre	Mayor	Jan Wells	Chief Administrative Officer
Janet M. Lopez	Council Administrator	Tim Tingey	ADS Director
Jennifer Kennedy	Recorder	Frank Nakamura	Attorney
Craig Burnett	Police Chief	Kellie Challburg	Council Office
Jennifer Brass	Resident	Justin Zollinger	Finance Director
Elliott Setzer	Resident	Sally Hoffelmeyer-Katz	Resident
Carlton DeFosse	Resident	Brad McIlrath	Asst. Planner
Ethel DeFosse	Resident	Lyle Church	Student
Rebecca Robinson	Resident/student	Everest Barrowes	Resident/student
Tiffany Doncouse	Candidate- District #1		

Mr. Brass welcomed everyone to the Budget & Finance Committee Meeting. He excused Diane Turner for her absence and stated all other council members were present.

Approval of Minutes- Budget & Committee Meeting

Mr. Brass asked for approval on the minutes from the Budget & Finance Committee Meeting on May 21, 2015. Chairman Camp had one correction. He moved approval with the correction. Mr. Hales seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Mr. Brass adjourned the Budget & Finance Committee Meeting.

Chairman Camp welcomed everyone to the Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Business Item #1

**Road Construction Projects for Fiscal Year
2016- Doug Hill**

Mr. Hill stated that in the Budget Intent Document, additional funds were allocated for road projects not specifically earmarked by name. The intent language indicated that Council would work with the Mayor's office to identify the roads to be repaired.

Mr. Hill said the total amount allocated but not earmarked for road projects was approximately \$615, 000. He noted the amount was about \$50,000 less than previously listed in the Council packet. He had mistakenly included funds that were earmarked for a different project.

Each of the council members submitted a list of road projects in their respective districts. He included those projects on this list. There is not enough money to repair all the roads listed, so he would like feedback and direction on how to move forward.

The list consists of the following Council requests:

- District #1- Fairhaven Dr. and Walden Wood Circle- \$262,000
- District #2- Bullion Street- \$120,000, and Shadow Wood Drive- \$55,000
- District #3- Lori Way- \$180,000, and 1000 East- \$205,000. He noted that it would be difficult to repair 1000 East without also doing Ellerby Avenue because of drainage issues so that estimate would increase to \$250,000.
- District #4- 1830 East/ Ann Dell Lane and Norma Circle- \$170,000
- District #5- Steeple Chase Lane, Hermitage Circle and Peterbrough Road- \$324,000

The projects listed above add up to \$1.3 million, and the budget is \$615,000.

Chairman Camp asked Mr. Zollinger if the \$615,000 total included the anticipated \$450,000 from the new gas tax. Mr. Zollinger replied that \$160,000 was budgeted, which has nothing to do with the ballot. The amount of \$160,000 was calculated for one half of the year, which is a little less than earlier thought. He wasn't sure if that amount was included in the \$615,000 or not. Mr. Hill said he figured in all of the money listed in the budget to get the \$615,000, including the maintenance account.

Mr. Nicponski asked what the total amount of reserves was in the General Fund. Mr. Zollinger replied approximately \$9 million.

Chairman Camp suggested that Mr. Hill and his staff use their expertise to prioritize the road conditions and decide which repairs would stretch the dollars the best. Mr. Hill replied that his staff made a list of the roads in the worst condition. That list actually comprised two lists; one based purely on the condition of the road, the second list incorporated the amount of traffic that was being carried. Mr. Hill then spoke to the Mayor and came up with a third list. The third list of projects comprised roads in the Council Districts not receiving funding for other road projects. He said, for example, there were already projects funded in District 2 and 5, but none in Districts 1, 3, and 4.

The Mayor recommended doing projects in those districts not receiving other projects. He said he would be happy to provide the Council with any of the mentioned lists.

All of the projects listed are good projects and it would not hurt to do any of them, noted Mr. Hill.

Mr. Nicponski asked the other council members their thoughts on drawing from reserves and completing all of the road projects. He stated that he believes \$9 million in reserves is more than ample. Chairman Camp replied that he would like to see the projects completed that are able to be funded, and then they could do a budget opening to address additional roads. He commented that he doesn't know how that affects the construction schedule. Mr. Hill replied that there are plenty of projects to do in the fall.

Mr. Hales asked Mr. Zollinger to clarify the amount of available funds. He said he thought the actual number was closer to \$1 million. Mr. Nicponski agreed. Mr. Zollinger said he believed the number was closer to \$950,000 but he would work with Mr. Hill to clarify the numbers. Mr. Brass said that if the budgeted number was actually higher, it would be easier to draw a small amount from reserves.

Chairman Camp clarified that the CIP funds had already been allocated.

Mr. Hill stated that there was \$250,000 of new sales tax road projects, \$200,000 in road maintenance, and \$100,000 for new road money.

Chairman Camp suggested rather than doing the math in this meeting, Council should be giving direction to the administration. Mr. Brass noted that the Council is responsible for allocating the funding. Mr. Nicponski agreed. Chairman Camp agreed that the Council decides how much money can be spent and can decide to give more.

Mr. Brass commented that the majority of the failing roads are east of 900 East. He said the incumbent water district went through the area and damaged the streets putting in new water lines. It was suggested to fund overlays in this area, but the funding was later removed. He has residents in the area that are upset because they have been promised repairs. He noted that two of the requested streets in his district are in this area, but is aware there are many streets needing repair.

Mr. Brass suggested reviewing the GIS map that shows the different road conditions, and start making the repairs based on those that need it the most. He noted that there are failing roads in all of the districts, and the problem is not going away.

Mr. Hill commented that all of the roads on the list are in the failing category, with the exception of one road. He said the GIS map wouldn't necessarily help because all of the roads were in the same failing category.

Mr. Brass stated that this would be a great time for road repairs because the price of oil was so low, but with the agreement with Iran, the price of oil may drop even lower in the future. He is still in support of getting the repairs done. The biggest expense on road repairs is the cost of fuel, he added. Mr. Hill said there have been two bids received: one was under budget, and the other was over budget. There was a general consensus to get the roads repaired.

Mayor Eyre asked which road was the one considered “not failing”. Mr. Hill replied that it was Shadow Wood, and the cost to repair it was \$55,000.

Mr. Zollinger explained the use of General Fund reserves. He stated that there are thoughts of using \$5 million of General Fund reserves on a new City Hall, and another proposal to build a parking structure in the downtown area for \$1 million. He said if these plans go through and take \$6 million from the \$9 million in reserves, the City is in a different situation. Mr. Hales replied that the Council is aware of those additional upcoming expenses.

Chairman Camp suggested spending the funds that have been allocated now to do the repairs. He agrees with Mr. Brass that Mr. Hill and his staff have the best knowledge of how and where to spend the road money. He would also like to see the repairs done based on need, rather than political boundaries.

Mayor Eyre stated that this is a real first world problem that the City is facing. Murray received \$1.3 million from Class C road funds, and is supplementing that with \$410,000 from the General Fund. The City will receive \$266,000 from the five cent gas tax increase and allocated \$450,000 for extra capital improvement projects. He is grateful that the City has the extra funds to take on additional projects and is thankful for this type of problem.

Mr. Hales noted that the roads are all equal in poor condition, and believes they should all be repaired. He was anticipating closer to \$1 million to work with, instead of \$600,000.

Chairman Camp asked if a budget opening needed to be done. Mr. Brass mentioned that gas tax funds should not be spent until they have been received. Mayor Eyre noted that \$266,000 had been appropriated.

Mr. Nicponski asked Mr. Zollinger if there was an actual confirmed budget number to spend. Mr. Zollinger said he remembers the number to be higher also, so he would rebuild the numbers.

Mr. Nicponski suggested giving a priority rating to the roads in their respective districts, and take the top priorities and continue making repairs until the funds have been exhausted. He believes this is an opportunity to use reserves to make the repairs.

Mayor Eyre asked Mr. Hill if he had the resources and man power to make all these repairs. Mr. Hill replied that many of these projects would be contractor projects and there would be a bid package put together and sent out.

Chairman Camp suggested bringing this issue to a future meeting with a confirmed list of funds and actual costs. Mr. Hill said he would put together a prioritized list from the staff that might be different from the previous lists. Mr. Nicponski noted that Mr. Zollinger would review the numbers and a future discussion would be appropriate. Chairman Camp stated that the discussion could be put on the agenda for the next meeting on August 4, 2015.

Business Item #2

**Conceptual Plans for Murray Park
Pavilions- Doug Hill**

Mr. Hill asked for feedback on the Murray Park pavilion designs. In 2007, the pavilions in Murray Park, which were wood, were rotting and causing safety concerns. The City allocated some funds to replace four of the five pavilions. An architectural firm, GSBS, was hired to help design some unique pavilions to match the uniqueness of Murray Park. GSBS presented a number of designs to the staff and the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board.

Mr. Hill showed examples of different designs. After many meetings and discussions, the City selected a four-part roof structure made entirely of steel. The structures would be different sizes, depending on the size of the picnic area. This design was selected nearly eight years ago, and the use of color was discussed. Currently, the pavilions are listed by number and is how they are reserved. If the structures are colored, a person could reserve the green pavilion, or the brown pavilion, for example. The colors chosen in 2007 were bright colors. The economy faltered in 2007 and the City wasn't able to complete the project. Repairs were made to reinforce the wood structures and make them safe.

Funds have been allocated for a splash pad area and new restrooms in Murray Park. The old plans for the pavilions were retrieved and discussed again with new members of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board. The recommendation was to continue with this design for the pavilions, with the exception of making the colors more toned down and a little less bright.

Mr. Hill said the plan was to build a new pavilion adjacent to the splash pad. After recent discussions, it was suggested having multiple smaller shade structures to accommodate more groups of people. The smaller shade structures could accommodate one or two picnic tables and would be more inviting to families and visitors using the splash pad. No final decisions have been made.

The Mayor suggested using the same design on the pavilions throughout the park so it all tied together.

Mr. Hill said the administrative side is comfortable with the direction on these pavilions, but asked for comments or concerns from the Council.

Chairman Camp said he likes the idea of multiple shade structures for the residents on a first come basis. Mr. Hill said the thought is that the kids would play in the water, and the parents may want to sit in the shade near the splash pad.

Mr. Brass asked about the maintenance required with the proposed pavilions. Mr. Hill replied that there is almost no maintenance needed because they are made of steel.

Mayor Eyre said one nice aspect of the design is the roof structures allow air and wind to circulate, but not rain.

The Council thanked Mr. Hill for the presentation.

Business Item #3

National League of Cities (NLC)
Conference Discussion- Blair Camp

Chairman Camp stated there is an opportunity to attend a fall NLC conference in Nashville, rather than the usual spring conference in Washington D.C. He asked Mr. Brass for his thoughts, considering he attended the Washington D.C. conference the last two years. Chairman Camp said the registration fee for the Nashville conference increases on July 31, 2015, so a decision needs to be made.

Mr. Brass stated that two years ago was his first time attending in a long time, and the idea was to meet with the legislators. He noted that meeting usually ends up to be a meeting with the legislator's staff. He wasn't impressed with the program the first year, considering the amount of money spent. He added that last year, the conference was much better. He said much of it depends on the agenda, and last year, the agenda had some great ideas on economic development and incorporating aspects such as walkability, green space, etc. He added that it was still an expensive trip. He said the trip was in March and coincided with the APPA (American Public Power Agency) conference in Washington D.C. He added that a council member can attend the APPA conference and meet the representatives.

Chairman Camp said the Nashville conference was in November and would take the place of the conference next spring in Washington D.C. Chairman Camp clarified that it was a new budget year, and this conference would account for the one NLC conference for the budget year. Mr. Brass asked about the cost. Ms. Lopez replied that the cost is very similar to the Washington D.C. conference.

Chairman Camp stated that he could not attend in November. Mr. Hales replied that he liked the idea of the Nashville conference, but has a conflict and would not be able to attend either. Ms. Lopez stated that Ms. Turner cannot attend. Mr. Nicponski said that November is a busy month and he would pass. It was decided that none of the council members would be available to attend.

Announcements

Ms. Lopez stated that the Hydro Power tour would be on Monday, July 27th at 8:00 am at the Power Department. The tour should last until noon.

Thursday, July 30th the Council Land Use training is scheduled at 5:30 pm. She said the meetings would be noticed the following day because she would be out of town.

Mr. Brass noted that the Hydro tour conflicts with the WFWRD meeting and he would not be able to attend.

Chairman Camp adjourned the meeting.

Kellie Challburg
Council Office Administrator II