

**MURRAY CITY-SCHOOL COORDINATING COUNCIL
MINUTES**

The Murray City School Coordinating Council met on Thursday, April 14, 2016 at 5:15 p.m. in the Murray City School District Office, 5102 South Commerce Drive, Murray, Utah.

Board Members Present:

Murray City

Blair Camp
Dave Nicponski
Diane Turner
Jim Brass
Brett Hales

School Board

Cristin Longhurst –Chair
Mitzie Huff
Belinda Johnson
Cris Longhurst

Others Present:

Ted Eyre - Mayor
Jan Wells
Janet M. Lopez
D Wright
Diane Turner
Frank Nakamura

Dr. Steve Hirase
Richard Reese
Tim Tingey
Chief Craig Burnett
Justin Zollinger
Janet Towers

1 Welcome – Approval of Minutes

Cristin Longhurst welcomed everyone to the Murray City School Community Council meeting. Ms. Longhurst asked for approval of the minutes from February 11, 2016. Mitzi Huff moved to approve the minutes, and Belinda Johnson seconded the motion. All were in favor.

2.1 RDA Modifications

Tim Tingey

Mr. Tingey reported that there are five RDA's (Urban Development Areas) in Murray City and that there was one modification to the Downtown RDA five years ago. He said that Intermountain Medical Center has 700,000 patients annually and that they want to foster a "Community of Healing" outside of the hospital.

The current RDA proposal is expanding the Downtown RDA area to include City Hall, Post Office, School District, and 1.73 acres of private property. The current value of the property is \$1,992,000 while the proposed development would increase the value to approximately \$45 million. Twenty-five percent of the tax increment financing on the proposed 9.6 acre addition would pass through to other entities.

J.R. Miller Development is the developer selected by Murray City for the proposed development and parking is the single greatest problem. Mr. Tingey said that tax increment financing is key to the project.

Mr. Tingey said that the proposed RDA expansion would lead to future tax growth, result in higher commercial density, and that City Hall would be better located on an interior street (not State Street). The big ticket items to be funded are a parking structure costing \$16.5 million, demolition of

\$900,000, a theatre at \$2,000,000 and other infrastructure. Annual tax revenue is currently \$14,115 and projected tax revenue is \$419,000. The current \$400,000 pass-through of RDA funds would continue to Murray City School District.

Smelter Site RDA – Mr. Tingey reported that the tax increment financing (TIF) from this RDA is \$890,000 per year with a 20% pass-through to affordable housing. The RDA will expire in 2023. Mr. Tingey proposed that an additional 12% of the RDA TIF or \$106,000 pass-through to Murray City School District beginning in FY16-17.

Mr. Tingey said that Murray City is hoping for a commitment from the school district to support the RDA modifications moving forward. Mayor Eyre talked of the importance of this project for the long-term downtown development and that the school district approval was critical. The Murray City School Board gave informal approval for the City to move forward with the Downtown RDA modifications.

2.2 Mayor's Report

Mayor Ted Eyre

Mayor Eyre said that he appreciated the School Board's time to listen to individual presentations regarding the Downtown RDA modifications.

The Mayor said that Murray City is applying for Zoo and Parks (ZAP) funds which will be allocated in August. The city has applied for \$3 million in ZAP funds to be matched with \$3 million in local funds to upgrade Murray City Park facilities. These include a new splash pad, new restrooms, repurposed armory building connected to the park, new surfaces on walkways, and new LED lights and Wi-Fi throughout the park.

Murray City also anticipates refurbishing the amphitheater to be funded with \$1.2 million in city funds combined with \$1.2 million of matched funds from Salt Lake County. This project includes a new roof, concession stand, dressing rooms for actors, and new light controls.

The Murray City budget also provides for nearly doubled funding for road projects.

2.3 Chief of Police Report

Chief Burnett

Chief Burnett said that the school year has been good with his seeing positive trends with fewer arrests, less drug use, and a decrease in all criminal activity. There has been a slight increase in the use of e-cigarettes with their being easier to hide and students not thinking anything is "wrong" with their use.

Chief Burnett said that drug arrests are lower with the most common drug being marijuana. Four students have been arrested at Murray High School, less than one-half of normal.

He also commented that there have been some problems with social media among students and that there are still radio problems at the new Hillcrest Junior High School.

Kami Anderson, School Board member, asked about the D.A.R.E program and was told that the cost to Murray City is \$18.19 per student.

2.4 School District Report

Dr. Hirase

- A. School Board Awards - Superintendent Hirase said that Officer Black, School Resource Officer, was going to be recognized in School Board meeting that evening.
- B. Old Hillcrest Junior High Property – Dr. Hirase provided an update on the development of the State Street front property. He said that the developers, Howland Group, have submitted a request for approval to provide skilled nursing with the State of Utah. Legislation was passed that limits the number of beds approved state-wide but the application was submitted prior to the new legislation. The facility will feature two levels of parking with a proposal to move the L.D.S. Seminary building to the north side of the property. Dr. Hirase said that ground-breaking will likely be in August or September of 2016.

2.5 Other Items

Diane Turner said that she had attended a session at Utah League of Cities and Towns conference that highlighted the “farm to school” program in which schools buy local products for the school lunch program.

3.0 Internal Business

Ms. Longhurst said the next meeting will be Thursday, October 13, 2016 at 5:15 p.m.

Ms. Longhurst adjourned the meeting at 6:15.

Business Administrator
Richard Reese