



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, June 20, 2017 in the Murray City Center, Conference Room #107, 5025 South State Street, Murray Utah.

Council Members in Attendance:

Dave Nicponski, Vice-Chair	District #1
Blair Camp	District #2
Jim Brass	District #3
Brett Hales	District #5

Excused:

Diane Turner, Chair	District #4
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Others in Attendance:

Ted Eyre	Mayor	Jan Lopez	Council Administrator
Janet Towers	Chief Admin. Officer	Jennifer Kennedy	City Recorder
Pattie Johnson	Council Office	Jim McNulty	Development Services Mgr.
Reily Wright	Chamber of Commerce	Stephanie Wright	Chamber of Commerce
Bette Taylor	Chamber of Commerce	George Wilkinsen	Chamber of Commerce
Beth Strathman	Chamber of Commerce	Pat Thorne	Chamber of Commerce
Mike Wright	Chamber of Commerce	Brandon Burningham	Chamber of Commerce
Sheri VanBibber	Chamber of Commerce	Terry Wright	Chamber of Commerce
Jennifer Brass	Resident	Darrell Pehrson	Resident
George Katz	Resident	Sally Hoffelmeyer Katz	Resident

Mr. Nicponski called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

1. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Nicponski asked for approval on the minutes from May 2, 2017. Mr. Brass moved approval. Mr. Hales seconded the motion. All were in favor.

2. Discussion Items

2.1 Proposed Amendments to Titles 8, 9, and 10 of the Murray City Municipal Code – Frank Nakamura

Mr. Nakamura explained the task was ongoing to keep city code updated with state law. He appreciated Mr. Farnsworth's work to eliminate obsolete language. For example, an entire section related to railroads was deleted since the city never had authority to regulate railroads, which was handled at the state and federal levels.

Mr. Farnsworth reviewed substantive changes to the following:

Chapter 8.16 - Noise Control

Noise regulations, not updated in 26 years, were originally based upon Salt Lake County Health Department standards that focus on decimal levels and noise pressure. Amendments were created to be more city related.

Section 8.20.030 - Smoking Regulations

Under state law the definition of smoking was expanded to include “vaping”, as well as, traditional cigarette smoking.

Chapter 9.12 - Products Harmful to Minors

Last updated 27 years ago, definitions would clarify what materials are harmful to minors, and would mirror state law definitions. Simplifying definitions would not apply to materials, such as, magazines or video, but to products displayed that may be harmful to minors. In addition, the definition of ‘knowingly’ was also amended to follow state law definition.

Chapter 9.19 - Unlawful Acts in or About Schools

State definitions were followed to include any public or private school. Previously, the ordinance referred only to K-12 public schools and did not include private schools. Obsolete provisions were removed, as well as, and a number prohibited items now regulated by the state, which carry more severe penalties.

Mr. Camp asked if a student in violation would be cited under state statute and not the city's ordinances. Mr. Farnsworth clarified that in more serious offenses students would not just be cited but arrested.

Chapter 10.08 – Parking Regulations

The prohibition was removed, related to parking on school property, due to obsolete language and because it only applied to Murray High School. The update would include other high schools in Murray City. In addition, since schools enforce their own parking issues, there was no need for the city to have additional parking regulations specific to school property.

Mr. Farnsworth explained under state law, parking offenses were infractions, therefore, only one section in code specifically mentioned infraction. Since other issues did not mention infraction, a single violation would default under city ordinances to a Class B Misdemeanor. Therefore, to follow state law, a section was written to convey that any parking violation is an infraction. The change was made to avoid a more serious penalty under Murray Code, than it would be under state law.

Mr. Nakamura confirmed, legislature reduced many traffic and other matters, to infractions, due to the incarceration penalty associated with Class B and C misdemeanors, therefore Murray would follow state law.

As the process to update code continued, three or four more title amendments would be presented for the council to consider. Land use title amendments would be presented to the council by Mr. Tingey at a later date.

2.2 Chamber of Commerce Presentation – Stephanie Wright

Ms. Wright is President of the Murray Area Chamber of Commerce and represents the chamber at the Utah State Chamber of Commerce, as well as, serving on a number of other boards. She thanked Mr. Camp for the invitation to visit the council and introduced board members who were present. She said the Murray Chamber was busier than ever. The mission statement read as follows: The Murray Chamber creates synergy among professionals. We facilitate the creation of long lasting business relationships between members that are based on trust, value and cooperation. We provide tools to connect education, service opportunities and interaction between members.

Ms. Wright explained operations, discussed activities, and reviewed events.

Last year the chamber added 30 new members, and so far this year 27 new members were added. A membership increase, well over last year's total, was expected this year. In addition, 64 businesses renewed memberships.

The Murray City Chamber has two different styles of membership: large corporate, such as auto dealerships, Costco and R.C Willey, and smaller businesses, such as retail stores and restaurants. Therefore, it was necessary to create different presentations and marketing materials to cater to both types.

Meetings are held weekly, including a network luncheon every Thursday, and Eggs and Issues on Fridays. Additionally, there are ribbon cuttings and other community events.

The Murray Chamber of Commerce consists of 15 board members who represent a variety of business types and sizes throughout the city. Each board member is required to oversee a committee within the chamber. Committees noted were:

- Public Relations
- Education/Technology Resources and Training
- Events and Sponsorship

- Business Government Relations
- Business Outreach

Providing leadership is key to growth of the organization. Merchant services, legal information, human resources and many other valuable referrals are available to members.

The weekly networking luncheon rotates between various restaurants throughout the city. Chamber members speak at luncheons providing educational topics, such as, business practices, IT services, how to go paperless, and other subjects.

Fund raisers noted were, the annual gala, sponsored by L.H. Miller Lexus, and AISU, the summer golf tournament and Octoberfest chili cook-off contest.

A free weekly newsletter announces events, webinars, courses, and ribbon cuttings, which is sent to over 700 contacts and anyone who would like to receive it. The chamber utilizes social media, such as, Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, and Meetup, reaching an even larger audience. The website was noted as a good place to find locale events, attain membership and find current information.

The following community events were noted: Meet the Candidates Night, scheduled for July 27, 2017, Trunk or Treat, and the Haunted Woods.

Mr. Camp enjoyed serving as a board member and commended the group for their enthusiasm when engaging the community. He appreciated the enormous amount of time and energy given by all who serve the chamber.

Mr. Nicponski appreciated Ms. Wright for being the face of Murray City and commended her fantastic work. He was excited to see the new city center become the heartbeat of Murray, with new business and artistic events that would be promoted by the Murray Chamber of Commerce.

Ms. VanBibber discussed the activities of the Youth Chamber, which has been in existence since 2002.

3. Announcements - Ms. Lopez made the following announcements:

- Diamonds Direct ribbon cutting, June 22, from 3-4 p.m. located at 196 East Winchester.
- Sleep Number ribbon cutting, June 23, at 9:45 a.m. located at 5304 S. State Street.
- Open House on State Street Bridge, June 27, at 4:00 p.m. located in the council chambers.
- Sunrise Service, July 4th, Pavilion #5 at 7:00
- Parade line-up, Historical Trolley ride, July 4th parade, meet at Fashion Place Mall at 7:30 a.m.

4. Adjournment: 6:17 p.m.

Pattie Johnson
Council Office Administrator II