

Murray City Municipal Council Chambers Murray City, Utah

The Municipal Council of Murray City, Utah, met on Tuesday, the 10th day of June, 2008 at 6:30 p.m., for a meeting held in the Murray City Council Chambers, 5025 South State Street, Murray, Utah.

Roll Call consisted of the following:

Krista Dunn,	Council Chair
Pat Griffiths,	Council Member
Robbie Robertson,	Council Member
Jim Brass,	Council Member - Excused
Jeff Dredge,	Council Member - Conducted

Others who attended:

Daniel Snarr,	Mayor
Jan Wells,	Chief of Staff
Zach Fountain,	Mayor's Office
Michael Wagstaff,	Council Director
Frank Nakamura,	City Attorney
Patricia Wilson,	Finance Director
Carol Heales	Recorder
Doug Hill,	Public Services Director
Pete Fondaco,	Police Chief
Craig Burnett,	Assistant Police Chief
Gil Rodriguez,	Fire Chief
David Larsen,	IT Director
Citizens	

A. OPENING CEREMONIES

1. Pledge of Allegiance - Jeff Dredge
2. Approval of Minutes for May 20th and May 27th 2008:

Ms. Griffiths made a motion to approve the minutes of May 20th, 2008.
Ms. Dunn 2nd the motion.

Voice vote taken; All Ayes

Ms. Griffiths made a motion to approve the minutes of May 20th, 2008.
Mr. Robertson 2nd the motion.

Voice vote taken; All Ayes

B. CITIZEN COMMENTS (Comments are limited to 3 minutes unless otherwise approved by the Council.)

None Given

C. CONSENT AGENDA

None Scheduled

D. Public Hearing(s)

None Scheduled

E. Unfinished Business

Consider an Ordinance adopting the Final 2008-2009 Fiscal Year Budgets for Murray City, including the Library Fund Budget.

Mr. Dredge stated that this item had been previously discussed in the Public Hearing of June 03, 2008, and will now be considered further by the Council.

Ms. Griffiths asked if the Council Intent document included as part of this, or as a separate document.

Frank Nakamura, City Attorney, stated that it is part of the Ordinance, but does need to be mentioned on the record, that there is a Council Intent document.

Ms. Dunn stated that the Council had received the final document on Friday, June 6, 2008 and that they had time to review the document. She asked if the items on the document needed to be discussed publicly.

Mr. Nakamura said they did not.

Ms. Dunn added that the document is available publicly if anyone wanted to look at it.

Mr. Nakamura stated that the Redevelopment Agency Budget and the Municipal Building Authority Budget will be adopted at a later date, although they were the subject of the Public Hearing.

Ms. Dunn made a motion to adopt the Ordinance, including the Intent Document and the budget addendum.

Mr. Robertson 2nd the motion.

Call vote recorded by Ms. Heales

AYE/NAY

<u> A </u>	Mr. Robertson
<u> A </u>	Ms. Griffiths
<u> A </u>	Ms. Dunn
<u> A </u>	Mr. Dredge

Motion passed 4-0

F. New Business

None scheduled

G. Mayor's Report

Mayor Snarr stated that he had the opportunity to take the new Economic Development Director around the City, and since then, he has scheduled some meetings, and some individuals have also contacted Mr. Tingey for meetings, mostly people within the Downtown Historic Overlay District, to express their thoughts and ideas; and sometimes their concerns. They had a two-hour meeting today with some of the major landowners, some that have major concerns with tenants. The Mayor feels that is appropriate for Mr. Tingey to be able to look at some of the concerns and ideas of these major landowners in the area, and to be able to glean from them some of their ideas and suggestions. The City is going in that direction, and hopefully in some point in time, be able to come back and look at possibilities of tweaking or revisiting the DHOD Ordinance.

Right now it seems to challenge, at times, some of the opportunities for people to really refresh and upgrade or update their developments. He was fascinated at what is proposed to be done with the property at Vine and State Street where the Qwik Sack was; there are people who are willing to come back in there, and it is their desire to make this area come back to life.

The Mayor wants to be sure that people know what he is trying to do, as he does have concerns about driving down State Street and seeing some of these buildings. There was a company next to Day Murray Music - they are gone. There was another next to that one that is now gone. Others are leaving or giving notice that they are leaving. He will continue to push for revitalization of that area, and it may take a different way of

addressing the possibilities of developing that area. He has not abandoned the idea of trying to facilitate moving the buildings up to State Street, but at the same time, having the opportunity, when existing areas are already there, to bring them back to life in some way; where they need some visibility. The whole issue comes down to adequate parking. They have it on the east side, but not on the west, and that is what the real challenge is.

Ms. Griffiths said that her concern is with the mess on Division Lane. She feels that something needs to be done to bring those people into compliance with the law. She said that the parking, and having all those huge vehicles that are brought in for welding at the one shop, is causing difficulties in getting past them and down the street. It is a real detriment to many landowners. There are obstacles in getting the ingress and egress there. Murray Printing is the same issue. She feels that this is a junky area and something needs to be done.

The Mayor agreed with Ms. Griffiths, saying that this is one of those tough areas that he calls the area of 'who owns what'. With the welding shop, at some point in time, when he bought it, it was being utilized to repair vehicles and other things; the owner told the Mayor that he bought it with the idea that he could do that.

Ms. Griffiths added that this is a public street, and as such should not be blocked.

Mr. Nakamura stated that it is City owned property, and that he does not want to pursue it too far, because the City will be coming in to the Council and reviewing it for surplussing the property; he will say that Murray Printing is exerting a right-of-way interest in the property; a title company couldn't tell you that is the case; however they are asserting this and have recorded that.

There are two pieces of property: one was owned by the RDA, which has been surplussed; the second piece of property is owned by the City that has taken some time but they now have a legal description on it; it will be interesting to see, as that goes forward and is presented in front of the Council, but there is this right-of-way interest that is being asserted by Murray Printing. He feels that there will be a fight over the ownership of the property when and if it becomes surplussed.

Ms. Griffiths stated that even with the right-of-way, there are certain standards that should be met.

Mr. Nakamura agreed, and stated that the issue will be if the City even gives up ownership of that property. Again, there are a lot of issues surrounding that, and that is an issue for another day. There is going to be a question on, even though the City and the RDA have owned it, these issues have remained. As it comes before the Council, the issue is going to be ownership, and whether or not one of the businesses who are contiguous to the City property will do something with it. Plus, there is the right-of-way interest that is being asserted.

Ms. Griffiths stated that she realizes the complexity of the issue, but feels that there should be something the City can do to clean up the property. It is deplorable in her opinion.

Mr. Nakamura feels that the issue will come to a head, and that issue will be coming before the Council. He is expecting that in the next couple of months; the Council will see all of the information on it and a decision will need to be made then.

Mayor Snarr agreed with the challenges that are there. The concerns now are on who owns what, and who had a prescribed understanding when they acquired the property, as to what their line of the property was.

Mr. Nakamura stated that the City owns the property, but has not seen supporting documents on the right-of-way interest. He does know that the right-of-way interest has been recorded; and is a matter of record, by Murray Printing three or four weeks ago.

Ms. Griffiths said that there should be some way to get them to keep their garbage inside. The right-of-way should not entitle someone to violate the Code.

Mr. Dredge noted that it should all be coming to a head soon.

Mayor Snarr agreed with Ms. Griffiths, stating that the area down there has challenged him in the older duplexes that have been boarded up, it has challenged his visibility in what could happen down there if they worked cooperatively. Then of course, the challenge they have, is what the property is really worth; not only on what the City owns, but what these people are demanding that they get for their property, in order to allow something that has enough land mass to really work, come to fruition down there. That was brought to his attention today when they were showing him what they want for their properties.

Ms. Griffiths reiterated that she is only voicing her concerns on the code violations, the junk and the parking and traffic obstructions.

H. Questions of the Mayor

Mr. Dredge said that he wanted to say thank you to the Mayor and his staff for the efforts they made in pulling the Budget together; he feels that it went very well.

The Mayor said that it has been a more in-depth learning experience this year. He also commented that he supported, whole-heartedly, their idea in dipping into some of the reserves; it was the right thing to do as the cost of doing some of these projects certainly isn't going to come down over the next years, and the more the City can do for the road projects, the better off the City will be in the future.

Ms. Dunn addressed Mr. Dredge: she said that Mr. Brass had asked her to make sure she mentions that since he is not in attendance, that it be said that he is with the Council all the way on the Budget, and would have voted in favor on the Budget, as well as on the Intent document. He wanted this on the record.

Mr. Robertson thanked Ms. Wilson, Finance Director, for the regular updates they have been getting on taxes coming in and those type of items.

Ms. Griffiths echoed the sentiment, and thanked Ms. Wilson for her professionalism.

Adjournment