

Murray City Municipal Council Chambers Murray City, Utah

The Municipal Council of Murray City, Utah, met on Tuesday, the 25th day of November, 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 - Excused
Robbie Robertson,	Council Member - Teleconferencing
Jim Brass,	Council Member
Jeff Dredge,	Council Member - Conducted

Others who attended:

Daniel Snarr,	Mayor
Jan Wells,	Chief of Staff
Michael Wagstaff,	Council Director
Carol Heales,	City Recorder
Frank Nakamura,	City Attorney
Patricia Wilson,	Finance Director
Dan Barr,	Library Director
Pete Fondaco,	Police Chief
Craig Burnett,	Assistant Police Chief
Citizens	

A. OPENING CEREMONIES

1. Pledge of Allegiance - Karsten Hansen
2. Approval of Minutes for October 14, 2008.

Ms. Dunn made a motion to approve the minutes.
Mr. Brass 2nd the motion.

Voice vote taken; All Ayes

3. Special Recognitions:

Mr. Dredge stated that there is a tradition in Murray to have the Boy Scouts in attendance introduce themselves, their leaders, and which Merit Badges they are working on.

The Scouts introduced themselves.

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

William Lechemburg, 5836 S Jamiah Drive, Murray, Utah

Mr. Lechemburg stated that on 700 West, in front of Riverview Jr. High, there is a crosswalk, but it is very difficult for the students to get across there; there are no signs asking drivers to slow down, there is no light and there are no crossing guards. He has friends who have been nicked by cars while trying to cross, and today, while trying to cross with a friend, a large truck almost hit them. He would like to know if there is anything that can be done to protect the children.

Mr. Dredge stated that he would ask the Public Safety Committee to look into this issue and report back to the Council.

Steve Wiscomb, 5204 S Spring Clover, Murray, Utah

Mr. Wiscomb thanked the Council and Mayor for all of their hard work and taking care of the citizens.

C. CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Dredge asked that the following confirmations be taken together. No objections noted.

1. Consider confirmation of the Mayor's appointment of Dianne Wiscomb to the Murray Library Board of Directors representing District 1 for a term to expire June 30, 2011.
2. Consider confirmation of the Mayor's reappointment of Orden Yost to the Murray Board of Appeals in an At-Large position for a term to expire November 1, 2011.
3. Consider confirmation of the Mayor's reappointment of Kim Anderson to the Murray Board of Appeals in an At-Large position for a term to expire November 1, 2011.

Ms. Dunn made the motion to approve the appointments.
Mr. Brass 2nd the motion.

Call vote recorded by Carol Heales.

A Mr. Robertson
A Mr. Brass
A Ms. Dunn
A Mr. Dredge

Motion passed 4-0

D. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None scheduled

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None scheduled

F. NEW BUSINESS

Consider a Resolution approving an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the City and Draper City, Granite School District, Salt Lake City, Salt Lake County, West Valley City, Taylorsville, Midvale City, Sandy City, South Salt Lake City, West Jordan City, South Jordan City, the State of Utah, the United States Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the United States Attorney's office for the District of Utah, and the United States Marshals Service for the purpose of facilitating the establishment of the Salt Lake Area Gang Project.

Staff Presentation: Pete Fondaco, Police Chief

Chief Fondaco stated that the City has been a member of the Salt Lake Area Gang Project since its inception, and this has been re-written and reviewed with approval by the City Attorney's office. Currently, the City does not have anyone assigned to the gang project, but he is hoping that in six to eight months we will have; the City has hired two new people, with another one coming on in a couple of weeks, which should get the City back up to staff and they should be able to get one person into the gang project.

Ms. Dunn asked about the asset forfeiture dollars that are set aside by the State for gang types of work: does all of that money go to the Salt Lake Area Gang Project? Does that do anything to pay for the officers assigned to that project, or is it just for equipment? What do we, as a city, provide when we put an officer there, besides the salary? What does the County provide with the funding?

Chief Fondaco answered that yes, the money goes to the project. The officer, the equipment and the vehicle is provided by the City. As far as what the County provides, he turned the time over to Assistant Chief Burnett, who was part of that project.

Assistant Chief Burnett stated that it pays for over-time, computers, and equipment that goes above and beyond the standard equipment.

Ms. Dunn asked if the City feels that they get their fair share of that.

Chief Burnett stated that with one person in there, probably not. It is a large commitment to take an officer off the street and put him in this; and one of the reasons that the City looked at taking that officer back for a while was the fact that most of the work that they do is not in Murray City. We had one problem with the old Fun Dome / Galleria, which used to attract gang members and we had problems there; once that changed and was no longer used for that function, a lot of the problems were taken care of. We looked at whether we were getting the bang for our buck, especially in this economy, and that is why we pulled that person back for a while.

Mr. Brass made the motion to approve the Resolution.
Mr. Robertson 2nd the motion.

Call vote recorded by Carol Heales.

A Mr. Robertson
 A Mr. Brass
 A Ms. Dunn
 A Mr. Dredge

Motion passed 4-0

G. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Snarr said that last year at this time, he actually had to sing the Cougar fight song, which was very disappointing and disheartening for him. He said that it would be nice if Mr. Dredge were kind enough to at least say 'Go Utes'. The Mayor said it was a beautiful game, and he is proud of our Utes. He thanked Max Hall for being the 12th player on our team with his performance!

The Mayor noted that Southern Exposure is no longer at the location that they have occupied for the past decade and a half. A lot of people have asked when the building will be coming down; once they remove the asbestos from the building, they will begin the demolition and clean-up of the property. The estimated time for this was originally to have the work completed by the 15th of December, but they may be able to move that time frame up by a few days. They will probably be using the property as parking for the next few years until they find a better and higher use of the property.

They are working very quickly on Cottonwood Street, but they will not finish it this year. They have a portion of the area paved, but are basically trying to seal up Winchester Street, where there are some gaping holes.

All of the other projects that the City was working on have been completed. The Mayor stated that the Wash Basin should be completed shortly, if it has not been already completed.

H. QUESTIONS OF THE MAYOR

None

ADJOURNMENT