

Murray City Municipal Council Chambers Murray City, Utah

The Municipal Council of Murray City, Utah, met on Tuesday, the 23d day of September, 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 - Conducted
Robbie Robertson,	Council Member
Jim Brass,	Council Member
Jeff Dredge,	Council Member

Others who attended:

Daniel Snarr,	Mayor
Jan Wells,	Chief of Staff
Michael Wagstaff,	Council Director
Brent Davidson,	Deputy City Recorder
Frank Nakamura,	City Attorney
Tim Tingey,	Economic Development Director
Gil Rodriguez,	Fire Chief
Phil Roberts,	Fire Marshall
Craig Burnett,	Assistant Police Chief
Deb Ashton,	Murray School District
Becky Pierce,	Boys & Girls Club of Murray
Brandon Horrocks,	Boys & Girls Club of Murray
Michael Cox,	Boys & Girls Club of Murray
Citizens	

A. OPENING CEREMONIES

1. Pledge of Allegiance - Susan Wright, Citizen
2. Approval of Minutes for September 16, 2008.

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

Voice vote taken; All Ayes

3. Special Recognition:

1 **Consider a Joint Resolution of the Mayor and Municipal Council of Murray City, Utah, declaring October 5-11, 2008, as *Fire Prevention Week*.**

Ms. Griffiths read the Resolution in its entirety.

Mr. Brass made the motion to adopt the Joint Resolution.

Mr. Robertson 2nd the motion.

Call vote recorded by Brent Davidson.

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

Motion passed 5-0

Staff presentation: Phil Roberts, Fire Marshall

Mr. Roberts stated that this is always the time of year where they like to come and appreciate the Mayor's and Council's support of the Fire Prevention Division. It is evident, throughout the City, that fire protection and life safety are very important; with the reconstruction and relocation of two of the fire stations in Murray, the response times are greater, and in the very near future, the addition of the ambulances.

It is evident that this is a high priority for the City and the Council, and that they recognize it. Also, through their public awareness programs, it is interesting for them to see that when they attend other fire department events, how many fire prevention programs they promote. It is good to hear that our City does quite well in promoting emergency preparedness and public safety. This is where the theme "Prevent Home Fires" comes in: when they promote these programs, it makes the public aware individually, and then they take those elements that they have learned in the educational programs home and take care of issues there as well.

Mr. Roberts said that they are proud to say that, this year, they have not seen any significant fire loss in residential construction. Around us, they are hearing on the news, nightly, and seeing those elements take place

often. They 'knock on wood' that they haven't seen significant fire loss or the fatality fires that they have seen throughout the state.

Mr. Roberts stated that there have been some historical events happen in just the last week; with the history of residential homes, they have seen safety in construction increase, with the promotion of GFCI plug protectors, which help in overheating and resistive fires, smoke detector use has increased, CO detectors have been effective in the homes, and now, in the International Code Council, a code has passed to include fire sprinklers in all new residential construction starting in 2011. That is a significant change in the code, and he is sure they will be seeing State and Local resolutions to that code, which will help in fire safety. Last year, the state included fire-safe cigarettes, to reduce fires from those elements.

The one concern that he has always had, is with fireworks. Residential fireworks have always been a big concern. Other than what the City does in the Park, there is always a risk and anything that can be done to reduce the risk within our population would help. These are items that are on their forefront, and working through the prevention and preparedness programs, he feels that would be a good element. One thing that is very recognizable in Murray, is the low fire loss. Although he cannot link this directly to the programs, they do have a lot of public programs through Cert, CPR training, and instruction through the churches and schools that he feels are very effective.

Mr. Roberts thanked the Council once again for their support.

Ms. Griffiths commended the Fire Department for the terrific job that they do; as first responders to the community, their services are invaluable and they are greatly appreciated.

Ms. Griffiths added that, she too, worries during the holidays when citizens use fireworks; she enjoys the professionally provided fireworks, but it makes her nervous when there are fireworks going off in the residential neighborhoods and the risks involved.

2. **Consider a Joint Resolution of the Mayor and Municipal Council of Murray City, Utah, declaring October 6-10, 2008, as "Ribbon Week" - Safe and Healthy Community Proclamation.**

Ms. Griffiths read the Resolution in its entirety.

Ms. Dunn made the motion to adopt the Resolution.
Mr. Dredge 2nd the motion.

Call vote recorded by Brent Davidson.

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

Motion passed 5-0

Presentation made by Deb Ashton, Murray School District

Ms. Ashton thanked Ms. Dunn and Mr. Brass for attending the School District's training, and hope that the information was valuable on students who are using substances in our community. It correlated data between 2003, 2005, and 2007.

Ms. Ashton passed out a packet and wristbands, stating that during the week of Red Ribbon, on Wednesday, October 08, 2008, there will be a family night at Murray High School, with a presentation of the 2007 Face of Drugs; Student and Family Communication and Co-Responsibility. In the back of the packet, there is a flyer on this. They have had numerous donations from the community and businesses, and are excited to invite families for a free pizza dinner; they will have child care and children's groups available as well.

This is very powerful information on the synthetic drugs that are being marketed to our children. When they look at the data from our community, they can still see that the traditional drugs, such as alcohol, marijuana and tobacco, are really the drugs most frequently being used, but the more aware we are, the more we know about the substances in general, the more we can help our children.

Looking at a national level, instead of saying 'no to drugs', the theme is 'what are you going to say yes to'; 'say yes to a natural high.' Instead of 'under the influence', it is 'above the influence'. They feel that there are a lot of exciting trends coming, and this year, at the secondary schools in Murray, they have a DVD that is a "National High" DVD that is put out throughout the nation. This really highlights some of the most popular artists who have never used substances. They are seeing a trend change to

where people have said, "I used substances, but now I don't; I can be successful. I have never used." She feels we are sending a better message to the young people.

Ms. Ashton stated that with the different problem behaviors, truancy, violence, school dropout, etc., all of these are linked to substance abuse and they are striving, within the schools and communities, to promote the positive behaviors. Looking at the risk factors in the most commonly abused substances, there are four domains; out of those domains, they chose school and peer individuals. The risk factors most common, are the low commitment to school and academic failure. Also, with our 6th graders throughout the district, the highest risk factor for them is that they perceive that using substances wasn't risky.

This gives them a lot of information, letting them know that they have more education to do, to help students recognize how harmful they are and what students can do instead with coping skills. Ms. Ashton has also enclosed, in the packet, the risk and protective factors for people to review.

Ms. Ashton thanked everyone for the support they provide in the community, in the district, Fire and Police Departments, working with so many families in the community. She hears, all the time, that the support that is given makes a big difference.

Ms. Dunn commented that it had been very interesting for herself, and Mr. Brass, to be able to go in and listen to the group that did the survey in our community, and she feels that most people in this community would be astounded at the risk factors that our children in this community have and how we compare with the nation and the rest of this state. She stated that this is very scary; our children here in Murray, are more at risk in many areas than the rest of the state. We all need to be involved in this; we can't sit back and think that in our nice little community we don't have this problem, because we were higher than most of the state in numerous areas.

Mr. Brass agreed, adding that as Ms. Ashton had pointed out with the results of the 6th graders, it starts early.

Ms. Griffiths thanked Ms. Ashton for all the work she does each year, the information she provided to the City is excellent information and important to the City.

3. **Consider a Joint Resolution of the Mayor and Municipal Council of Murray City, Utah, to Proclaim and Support October 9, 2008, as our “Lights On After School Day.”**

Ms. Griffiths read the Resolution in its entirety.

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

Call vote recorded by Brent Davidson.

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

Motion passed 5-0

Michael Cox, Unit Director, Boys and Girls Club of Murray

Mr. Cox stated that the Boys and Girls Club is a great place to teach safety issues, both in the home and to support the parents and families, and also to teach all of the prevention programs that Ms. Ashton had spoken about. He is pleased that the Council passed the other resolutions tonight that will help this cause.

Mayor Snarr mentioned that we are very fortunate, but unfortunately, we do have the statistical data that bears out the challenges we have in our community. Nevertheless, we have a great resource base that we can draw from, to address these challenges; the Boys and Girls Club plays a very critical role in this, our school district has done an incredible job, our Police Department, we invest a lot of money into the Dare Program, in the hopes of at least helping those youth understand that this is a challenge that can challenge, not only their lives, but the lives of their loved ones who care so much about them.

The Mayor stated that when he looks at the Boys and Girls Club, he looks at the resource that they provide to help those parents who have challenges economically and financially, and they have a resource and place where they can go. The Mayor applauds the Council for giving the Boys and Girls Club some additional resources, financially, to support their efforts to help these young children and identify the fact that these parents have challenges and struggles, and that the appropriate resources can be directed to their aid as well.

Intermountain Health Care is a strong supporter of this, and we are lucky to have them in our community, and we work hard to overcome these issues. People in Murray are very candid and honest about responding to surveys, and this is a good thing as you cannot deal with a problem, unless you admit you have a problem. He feels that in some ways it may slant our statistical data, regarding what is going on, but nevertheless, we do have a challenge and we are willing to step up and address this challenge to help make the lives of our members of the community better by adopting healthier lifestyles.

Mr. Cox introduced Becky Pierce, the Boys and Girls Club Teen Center Director, and Brandon Horrocks, Boys and Girls Club Operations Director.

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

Susan Wright, 4872 South Poplar Street, Murray, Utah

Ms. Wright stated that she is frustrated with the Downtown Historic Overlay District. She said that no one has worked harder than she and her husband, on restoring historic buildings and old buildings, and said that there is a difference in the two: the smokestacks were historical, the old building by the Grecian Garden is old, not historic. She feels that they are 'being held hostage.' It is a blighted area, even down by the Mansion where she lives; it is crummy, blighted, and there are very seedy people down there. To think that something wonderful could go in at that area, and she doesn't see it happening. She can guarantee that no one will ever buy her building and restore it.

Ms. Wright continued: she went to downtown Midvale, there is nobody there; There are no big stores where anyone would shop at. She has been to Bountiful, it is the same thing, there are only old buildings that have been restored, but no one is there. These are buildings that are on side streets - she is on a highway. She spent a year of her time and money trying to save the smokestacks. Now, in hindsight, seeing what is standing there it was kind of foolish, the past is the past and they need to move forward. When she sees the hospital, Costco, and all of the wonderful restaurants and people that are brought downtown, it is nice. You drive past all of that, then come to her block of old, beat up buildings. She does not want to put any more money into her buildings because they are old.

Her husband played at Fenway Park, and it is going to be torn down, so is Yankee Stadium; there is nothing more historic than Yankee Stadium, but it is old. Last summer, they went to Wrigley Field, which reminds her of her buildings, it's old and crumbling. To have something wonderful in its place would be better. They feel like it is time to move on.

Ms. Griffiths asked Tim Tingey, Community and Economic Development Director, to bring the audience up to date on where the City stands.

Mr. Tingey stated that when he hears the things that Ms. Wright says, he thinks it is appropriate to talk about where the City is headed, because the Council and Mayor have a vision for the downtown area to be a place that is a destination oriented area. They have worked on an agreement that has been signed, to begin a master planning process for the downtown area, and they have an organization coming from out of state, that will be working on this.

On September 24, 2008, they are preliminarily coming in to do some site visits, and then returning in October to begin the phased approach for the master plan. They will really look at downtown, look at the historic elements of it, as well as what the possibilities are and try to integrate that and redevelop the downtown area. Their goal is to make this a destination oriented place. They are excited about the process, and it is not something that will takes months or years, at least in the planning stage; they are hoping to have the planning elements of this done within the next six months, and then they will look at resources and where they can go to really facilitate redevelopment of downtown. This is a priority to the City and something that they are working hard towards.

C. CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Consider confirmation of the Mayor's appointment of Kathy Romero to the Murray History Advisory Board, representing District 1 for a three-year term to expire August 1, 2011.**

Mr. Brass made the motion to adopt the Resolution.
Mr. Dredge 2nd the motion.

Call vote recorded by Brent Davidson.

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

Motion passed 5-0

Ms. Romero introduced her husband and daughter, and thanked the Council for the opportunity to serve.

Ms. Griffiths thanked Ms. Romero for her time and willingness to serve, and for her time and expertise.

Mr. Brass added his thanks for her involvement in the community.

D. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None scheduled

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None scheduled

F. NEW BUSINESS

None Scheduled

G. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Snarr stated that they are doing well on 400 East, they have put in the curb and gutter, and it is almost done. Creek Drive is looking great; they have worked through the issues with the people. They will be building the approaches most of this week and next, and the week after, they should be able to get the asphalt in, which should only take one day. These projects, that the City has done internally, have had many good people working on them, which has gone far in alleviating the fears of residents on how they will turn out.

Mayor Snarr noted that they have finished the property along Vine Street, where the old approach used to be, with the road going down to the ball diamond. It has turned out to be an attractive area.

Mayor Snarr said that they have met with Mike Roderick, Bill Roderick's son, and found out that, sadly, Bill Roderick is very ill and will most likely pass away. The projects that Bill Roderick has done in this City, he takes care of that project; aesthetically, they look absolutely incredible. That is very important: to have the image that we care about our city, our projects.

Mayor Snarr stated that he takes his hat off to those people in the Parks Department for their excellent job in caring for and maintaining our parks and properties. He also thanked the weed control people for their great work in maintaining the properties and decreasing the weed complaints and problems.

Mayor Snarr noted that 300 West has been re-opened. It had been closed during

the demolition, and for re-routing some infrastructure, but they currently have it open while they are working on it, and will leave it open as often as possible, while it intersects, eventually, to Cottonwood Street. There will come a time when they will need to take about a four-week period where they will demo and dead-end the road, while they working on it, but, more than likely, they will do that after they are able to tag 300 West, when they move the road to the west to line it up with Cottonwood Street.

H. QUESTIONS OF THE MAYOR

None

ADJOURNMENT