

Murray City Municipal Council Chambers Murray City, Utah

The Municipal Council of Murray City, Utah, met on Tuesday, the 2nd day of December, 2014 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:

Brett Hales,	Council Chair – Conducted
Jim Brass,	Councilmember
Blair Camp,	Councilmember
Diane Turner,	Councilmember
Dave Nicponski,	Councilmember

Others who attended:

Ted Eyre,	Mayor
Jan Wells,	Chief Administrative Officer
Jennifer Kennedy,	City Recorder
Frank Nakamura,	City Attorney
Janet Lopez,	Council Administrator
Janet Towers,	Executive Assistant to the Mayor
Craig Burnett,	Police Chief
Gil Rodriguez,	Fire Chief
Doug Hill,	Public Services Director
Citizens	

5. Opening Ceremonies

5.1 Pledge of Allegiance – Bruce Cutler, House District 44 Representative Elect

5.2 Approval of Minutes

5.2.1 November 4, 2014

Mr. Camp made a motion to approve the minutes
Ms. Turner seconded the motion

Voice vote taken, all “ayes.”

5.3 Special Recognition

5.3.1 Introduction of 2015 Miss Murray, Megan Brooke Zullo.

Staff presentation: Mayor Ted Eyre

Mayor Eyre introduced the new Miss Murray, Meg Zullo. He said he has already had the opportunity to attend a ribbon cutting and there are 2-3 D.A.R.E. programs coming up in the next week or so. Ms. Zullo’s platform is going to be, “Children Need Love.” Mayor Eyre stated he has already seen this exhibited in Ms. Zullo in her ability to love and get along with people and just enjoy the life she has around her schoolmates and other people she is associated with. She exuberates a lot of energy and will be a wonderful representation of our City.

Ms. Zullo would like to get into social work, communications, or broadcasting. She is presently the Vice President of the Dance Company, a leader in church callings and the President of her Seminary Council. She has lettered in Varsity for the last three years and is on the soccer team at Murray High School. She competes on the dance team and has won many awards in dance. She is also trained in ballet, hip-hop and jazz dance.

Ms. Zullo is in the A Cappella choir at school. She loves theater and is currently taking voice lessons. Her favorite charity is Lumos. She orchestrated a movie night out event for them last summer which was well attended. She would like to work with the Boys and Girls Club. She is 17 years old and is the youngest Miss Murray the City has had. Ms. Zullo loves to travel. She has been to China and Mexico. Mayor Eyre reiterated she will be a wonderful representative for our City.

Ms. Zullo stated she is fortunate to work with the Miss Murray Royalty this year. They are amazing women and have been a lot of help to her. The 1st Attendant is Makayla Stowell and the 2nd Attendant is Sarah Nelson.

Ms. Zullo had the opportunity to be with them as well as Mayor Eyre for the Veteran's Day Parade.

Ms. Zullo stated she is 17 years old and a senior in high school She loves Murray; she was born and raised here. She thinks there is a lot of good that can be done to help children in this city.

Ms. Zullo said her platform is helping children. One of the reasons she chose her platform is because she has always lived a blessed life. Her family has always showed her love and consideration and she hopes that every child in Murray can have that as well. She is a middle child in a family of six and the only girl. She loves to play soccer and dance. She also likes to do water sports, acting, and singing.

Ms. Zullo said the reason she decided to run for Miss Murray was for all the service opportunities. There is so much she can do and she wants to do as much as she can in her short time as Miss Murray. She has a genuine love for children and they all deserve a chance to have a life of love. If she can be a small part to change a child's life, she would love that.

Ms. Zullo stated her platform is, "Children Need Love". One of the reasons she started her platform is because of her aunt; she was one of Ms. Zullo's main inspirations. Her aunt recently adopted a baby girl from China. Ms. Zullo said she remembers seeing her cousin neglected and withdrawn from everyone. Over time she has changed and transformed into a beautiful, spunky little girl. Her life has been changed because of this one small act. Ms. Zullo reiterated how much her aunt inspires her and seeing her cousin have a life that she would not have had truly makes her platform special to her.

Ms. Zullo said she loves the Boys and Girls Club of Murray. It is an amazing organization and the children there are sweet and fun. They have this energy and you cannot help but be excited when you are with them.

Ms. Zullo recently started a Sub for Santa. It is a food and clothing drive. She has also teamed up with Channel 2 News to work on the Souper Bowl of Caring. They have reached out to other communities in the past, but this year they decided to get Murray involved. It is all about fighting hunger and poverty in local communities. They are trying to raise cash, not cans. It is a great organization and there is a lot of good that can be done with it.

Out of all the things Ms. Zullo has done so far, she wants to give the children of the Boys and Girls Club an experience they would not have. Her and her Attendants are going to set up a dance program and choir and give the kids an opportunity to perform because that is a big thing that a lot of children do not get. She has had that opportunity her whole life and

it would be cool if every child got that opportunity. That will be coming up in the spring.

Ms. Zullo said she has the D.A.R.E. graduations coming up as well as some Miss Utah photo shoots and workshops. She will also be attending the Boys and Girls Club Silent Auction, more parades and ribbon cuttings, network meetings for the Chamber of Commerce, and some family nights and activities for the Boys and Girls Club. She thinks it is important to help the kids but also really important to help the family. If the family is doing well, their children will do well.

Ms. Zullo thanked the Council for having her. She said she is excited for this year. It has been an amazing opportunity so far and she hopes to represent the City well. She introduced her family.

6. Citizen Comments (Comments are limited to 3 minutes unless otherwise approved by the Council.)

Bruce Cutler – 6051 South Mohican Circle, Murray, Utah

Mr. Cutler said he wanted to come before the Mayor and Council and say thank you for the opportunity he will now have to serve as one of the Representatives for Murray City. He also represents Midvale and part of Sandy. It is a great privilege to do this, and he looks forward to serving. That is what he wants to do; to serve the great City of Murray which is his home.

Mr. Cutler appreciates everyone who voted for him and also those who voted for his opponent. It was a tough race and he appreciates the work his opponent did. She ran a very positive campaign and worked hard; as he did. He appreciates the fact that a few more voted for him than voted for her; which allows him to serve.

The session begins the end of January and Mr. Cutler is planning on meeting with city representatives on the sixth. He told the Council that he is available if there are any issues, questions, or concerns. He stated he wanted to stop in this evening and thank everyone for this opportunity. He looks forward to serving to the best of his ability.

Mr. Hales asked Mr. Cutler if he has someone who will help him.

Mr. Cutler replied as he understands it, he does not.

Mr. Nicponski told Mr. Cutler he will have a shared intern when he is up on Capitol Hill.

Michael Fay – 6544 South State Street, Murray, Utah

Mr. Fay said they had another burglary Sunday morning at 4:00 am. They hit the iVape store right next door to him. It is his understanding that the iVape owners are so upset about the whole thing and how it's been handled that they have declined to have their store fingerprinted or DNA taken. They are completely beside themselves with the way

things are being handled. Mr. Faye said he can understand that when they are told that DNA samples take a year to get back from the state.

Mr. Fay continued saying personally he has yet to hear from the detectives after his most recent burglary on October 16, 2014. The detectives came four or five days after that and told him they were going to talk to the Sam's Club security guy. That's been six weeks and he has yet to hear about any updates in his case. He is wondering if they have made any progress, do they have any suspects, or did they find anything on the tapes over at the Sam's Club store. He has not heard a thing.

Mr. Fay showed a petition that every store owner at his location has signed to their landlord indicating their displeasure with the lighting in that section. Apparently the M.O. of the burglars is to park on the north side of the building then run around the corner of the building, break-in and then run around the corner where it is real dark and take off in their car and leave. The petition is to get their landlord to put better lighting up. Who knows what the next petition might be. It might be something a little more drastic about owners actually leaving Murray. Mr. Fay said he knows that one of the owners in the complex is leaving.

Mr. Fay said one of the reasons he is coming back after this latest break-in is because the last time he was here he was told this is not only a Murray problem it was a nationwide problem. With all due respect, Mr. Fay said he doesn't care about the rest of the nation. He cares about his city that he works and lives in. He doesn't care about the crime in New York; he cares about the crime in his city and what is being done for the citizens in this city.

The police came out for about a week and left nice, pretty, little notes on their doors. That has stopped. As far as Mr. Fay knows, they are not coming by so how can they catch anybody if they are not stopping by. They have been hit eight or nine times in a three month stretch. This isn't just a random area that is being burglarized; they know they can get items to get their meth or heroin by robbing the stores in this area. They are not going to stop until they are caught.

Mr. Fay said the vapor store got broke into. The police and detectives know he has a security system and cameras outside. He did not see any detectives or police today or yesterday asking for any kind of surveillance he has on the criminals. He have surveillance on the criminals on a USB flash drive showing them breaking into the vapor store next door to him. Nobody has come by or asked for it; he has it right here. If there is someone who is really good with video surveillance, you can even see the license plate.

Mr. Nicponski asked Mr. Fay what his store was.

Mr. Fay replied it is the Cleaning Supplier of Murray.

Mr. Nicponski asked Mr. Fay what the burglars primarily take.

Mr. Fay responded money. The first time they got about \$400. After that, he started taking the money home or locking it up in a safe on the premises. The second time he got hit in October, they got about \$3 in coin.

Mr. Nicponski asked if the damage was to the back door.

Mr. Fay said they go through the front door. They take a big large bolder or rock and throw it through the front door. This time, they actually used a crowbar; the same crowbar that they used on October 19 while trying to break into the Geico store with and allegedly the same crowbar that they used to break into a car of one of the employees of the iVape store while they were working. This is not going to stop. They know they can break into these stores and steal something of value. In the case of the vapor store, they took more this time than they took last time. That is just more ammunition for them to try to hit them again. It is not going to stop until these guys are caught.

Mr. Fay says from where he and the other owners of this shopping complex are sitting; they don't see anything being done. Number one, they are not being communicated with and number two, the cute, little pieces of paper the police used to leave went on for seven to ten days and he has not seen those in about five weeks.

Mr. Fay said he has video of the car driving by that these guys used to exit with. He does not know how well they might be able to see the license plate. If somebody was able to enhance it, they might be able to see the license plate number.

If he could get his landlord to put some motion sensor lights up it would turn everything from infrared to color. Then they could tell what color jackets they are wearing and what color cars they are driving, but when it's infrared, you just see black and white.

7. Consent Agenda

7.1 None scheduled.

8. Public Hearings

8.1 None scheduled.

9. Unfinished Business

9.1 None scheduled.

10. New Business

10.1 Consider a Resolution approving an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the City and Salt Lake County for receipt by the City of Tier II "Zoo, Arts, and Parks" funds.

Staff presentation: Doug Hill, Public Services Director

Mr. Hill stated the City has received a grant from Salt Lake County through the ZAP tax, which was recently renewed for another ten years by the citizens of Salt Lake County. The City received a grant for \$68,000 that goes towards the budget. Because Murray City does so much for our community in the area of the arts, this is one of the larger community arts grants that is awarded. We are fortunate to have it.

Mr. Hill said he appreciates Mary Ann Kirk, Cultural Arts, who writes the grant each year, for all her effort. She also runs all of the programs.

This is an Interlocal Agreement before the Council tonight that, if is approved, the Mayor will sign and we will send it back to the County. They will in turn send the City a check for \$68,000.

Mr. Nicponski asked what fund the money goes into.

Mr. Hill replied the General Fund.

Ms. Turner made a motion to approve the Resolution
Mr. Brass seconded the motion

Call vote recorded by Jennifer Kennedy

 A Mr. Nicponski
 A Mr. Camp
 A Mr. Brass
 A Ms. Turner
 A Mr. Hales

Motion passed 5-0

- 10.2 Consider a Resolution approving an agreement between the City and the Utah Transportation Coalition/Salt Lake Chamber providing for the City's participation in the Utah Transportation Coalition.

Staff presentation: Jan Wells, Chief Administrative Officer

Ms. Wells said for a lot of years, the League of Cities and Towns has tried to figure out some ways for the City to get additional transportation funds. There are resources that others have that don't quite trickle down to local governments and the City has had to dip into the General Fund for years to try and at least begin to address a few of our road needs and we have many, many road needs.

The plan this year was to form this Coalition along with private partners and

government to try and help educate on the reasons that having good roads is important and the reason that funding these is vital to the economic welfare of the state and individual cities.

This Resolution asks for the City to join as members. We would pay a small fee to be part of this. The fee would come from non-departmental funds that have already been identified. This would allow us to work on this during the upcoming legislative session and help us find some options for some funding for transportation.

Mr. Nicponski asked how much money the City would be paying.

Ms. Wells replied \$2,000.

Mr. Nicponski asked what they were going to do and if they were going to hire somebody.

Ms. Wells said yes and that most of the funding will come from the private sector. They are asking governments to participate as more of a token but it is to do a media campaign to help our State Legislators understand and recognize the problems and the needs the City has.

Mr. Nicponski verified this is the sales tax bump and the gas tax.

Ms. Wells replied those are both pieces that are on the docket.

Mr. Camp clarified that what Ms. Wells was asking for is the approval of the Resolution and that the money has already been appropriated.

Ms. Wells stated that was correct.

Frank Nakamura, City Attorney, added that the Council would not need to do an appropriation of funds. They are simply approving the agreement.

Mr. Nicponski made a motion to approve the Resolution

Mr. Camp seconded the motion

Call vote recorded by Jennifer Kennedy

 A Mr. Nicponski
 A Mr. Camp
 A Mr. Brass
 A Ms. Turner
 A Mr. Hales

Motion passed 5-0

11. Mayor

11.1 Report

Mayor Eyre said that last Council Meeting, Justin Zollinger, Finance Director was recognized for his contributions to the City's Finance Department and his getting zero criticism on his financial reports he does each year. As the result of that and some other things that have happened over the last few days, the City's bond rating has been raised to an AAA rating. This is a major big thing. The State has an AAA and he believes Salt Lake City does as well; very few, if any, other cities have this rating. Mr. Zollinger should be congratulated for his incredible work in finances.

Mr. Nicponski asked if that equated to better rates.

Mayor Eyre replied it doesn't affect our existing bonds but it does affect the rate we will get on future bonds.

Mayor Eyre stated that Chief Burnett notified him that the body found in the Jordan River was that of Kayelyn Louder. The family has been notified as has the media. This is a very sad ending for the family and our Police Department.

11.2 Questions for the Mayor

12. Adjournment

Jennifer Kennedy, City Recorder