

# Murray City Municipal Council Chambers Murray City, Utah

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**T**he Municipal Council of Murray City, Utah, met on Tuesday, the 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2009 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:

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

Others who attended:

Daniel Snarr,	Mayor
Jan Wells,	Chief of Staff
Michael Wagstaff,	Council Director
Carol Heales,	City Recorder
Frank Nakamura,	City Attorney
Gilbert Rodriguez,	Fire Chief
Tim Tingey,	Community Development Director
Doug Hill,	Public Services Director
Patricia Wilson,	Finance Director
Jon Harris,	Fire Department
Dan Barr,	Library Directory
Sheri Van Bibber,	Murray Exchange Club
Mike Romero,	Murray Exchange Club
Citizens	

## **A. OPENING CEREMONIES**

1. Pledge of Allegiance - Mr. Dredge, Council Member

2. Approval of Minutes for March 03, 2009:

Ms. Griffiths made a motion to approve the minutes with changes as noted.  
Mr. Brass 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

Voice vote taken; All Ayes

4. Consider a Joint Resolution of the Mayor and Municipal Council of Murray City, Utah in support of the Murray Exchange Club by recognizing and declaring April 2009 as ***National Child Abuse Prevention Month***.

Mr. Dredge read the Resolution in its entirety.

Mr. Brass made a motion to adopt the Resolution.  
Ms. Griffiths 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion

Call vote recorded by Carol Heales:

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

Motion passed 4-0

Mayor Snarr presented the Resolution to Sheri Van Bibber, and Mike Romero from the Murray Exchange Club. He also corrected the date of the Bike-A-Thon, from March 30 to April 20<sup>th</sup> 2009.

Ms. Van Bibber stated that they would like all the citizens to come out to the Bike-A-Thon; they will have children on tricycles, bicycles, and in wagons. They have gone up to almost 900 child abuse cases reported in Murray last year, and those are only the ones that were reported. They say that figure can be doubled to reach the actual numbers. People think that this doesn't happen, but it does and they would like to create an awareness, letting people know that Murray has the resources as well as the need, and would like to see the public support this cause. Ms. Van Bibber thanked the Council for their support of the Exchange Club as a service group. The Exchange Club is a national organization, and the Murray Exchange Club supports community events for Americanism, involving the youth and the community in service. And their main focus is on child abuse prevention.

Ms. Van Bibber added that the group meets every Wednesday morning, from 7:30

until 8:30, for breakfast at Zions Bank on 5600 South State Street, and she welcomed everyone to attend.

Mr. Dredge asked that Ms. Dunn be excused, as she is out of town.

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

Vince Rogers, P.O. Box 2721, Park City, UT

Mr. Rogers explained that he is requesting a variance from the City, to be able to run a small band of sheep on the Cottonwood Improvement District property at approximately 4200 South 500 West. He has received permission from the Cottonwood Improvement District to do this, but they need permission from Murray City as well.

Mr. Rogers said that he had checked with Mr. Tingey on the zoning of the property, and was informed him that they could not approve placing sheep on the property. Mr. Rogers explained that in the neighborhood to the north and west of the property, there are horses, goats, llamas, and other various farm animals. Mr. Tingey stated that those were there before, and Mr. Rogers was told to come before the Council and ask for a variance.

Mr. Rogers feels that this would be a benefit for all involved; it keeps the grass mowed for the Cottonwood Improvement District, it saves a big carbon imprint on the City, and benefits him in having a home for his sheep, for home-grown, locally owned lambs. This is a win-win situation for everyone involved.

Frank Nakamura, City Attorney

Mr. Nakamura stated the City Council does not have the authority to grant a variance, and apologized that it was represented to Mr. Rogers; the City has a process, a Board of Adjustment, that he would need to go through. The Council is not in a position to do this, short of amending the Ordinance, which they have authority to do. The City goes through the Planning and Zoning Commission first if it requires an amendment to the Ordinance.

Mr. Tingey stated that the conversation he had was that the only way to go about this is through a re-zone process, that goes through the Planning Commission, and ultimately ends up for the Council to make a decision on that. It is a process, which they had discussed, and one of the challenges is that this property is in a Manufacturing General Zoning district, and as a staff person, he would struggle with the recommendation of that; the process is there and available to Mr. Rogers, it does take two to three months, and ultimately it would be a decision for the Council. A variance is not what was communicated to Mr. Rogers, it is a re-zone process.

Mr. Brass asked what the area is Master Planned as. Mr. Tingey stated that it is a MGC zoning.

Mr. Dredge said that he appreciated Mr. Rogers coming before the Council, but that unfortunately he has come to the end of the processes, instead of the beginning. He advised Mr. Rogers to contact the Planning Department to begin the process.

**Public Comment closed.**

**C. CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Consider confirmation of the Mayor's appointment of Cherrie Anderson to the Murray Shade Tree and Beautification Commission representing District 3 for a term to expire June 30, 2009.

Mr. Brass made a motion to approve the appointment.  
Ms. Griffiths 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion

Call vote recorded by Carol Heales:

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

Motion passed 4-0

**D. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Staff and sponsor presentations, public comment, and discussion prior to Council action on the following matter:

1. **Consider an Ordinance amending the budgets of the General Fund, Capital Projects Fund, Library Fund, and Redevelopment Agency Fund for Fiscal Year 2008-2009.**

Staff Presentation: Patricia Wilson, Finance Director

Ms. Wilson stated that these budget revisions are being asked for the following purposes:

1. To cover additional Fire Station #83 costs, which will need to be covered by the General Fund reserves.
2. To use the Anna J. Wood Endowment Fund interest to purchase books for the library. The interest on that endowment has not been used before, but the donor has allowed it to be used for books.
3. To account for the recent 2009 Sales Tax Bond:
  1. Increase the Capital Projects Fund for the remaining bond proceeds.
  2. Take care of the refunding on the 2002 Bond proceeds.
4. To transfer funds from the Capital Projects to the Redevelopment Agency, to be used for funding of consultants.

**Public Hearing opened for Public Comment**

None given

**Public Comment closed**

Council consideration of the above matter to follow Public Hearing

Ms. Griffiths made a motion to adopt the Ordinance.  
Mr. Robertson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion

Call vote recorded by Carol Heales:

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

Motion passed 4-0

Staff and sponsor presentations, public comment, and discussion prior to Council action on the following matter:

**E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None scheduled

**F. NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Consider a Resolution approving an agreement with the Redevelopment Agency of Murray City (“RDA”) providing for a loan from the City to the RDA.**

Staff presentation: Tim Tingey, Economic Development Director

Mr. Tingey stated that the RDA and the City have an agreement for work in the planning of the Downtown area. This is for phase II of this plan; it is a secondary agreement for a cost of \$137,760.00 to help the RDA facilitate this redevelopment and Downtown planning process. The staff is recommending approval of the agreement and Resolution.

Mr. Robertson made a motion to adopt the Resolution.  
Mr. Brass 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion

Call vote recorded by Carol Heales:

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

Motion passed 4-0

Mr. Dredge thanked all of the City staff for their efforts on these issues.

**G. MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Snarr stated that early one morning last week, he had been taking a tour of the City; they had all of the lights on the new portion of the Fashion Place Mall, and he said that it was very attractive. They are close to finishing the shells, so that they can go out for lease, and now they can only hope that these will be leased out.

The Mayor expressed some concern over on Cottonwood Street, where the realignment is being done; He had originally thought that they would tear out everything at once, but they had not torn out the entire storage unit area. That has now been done, and they are moving ahead very aggressively with the project. They have a little bit of a challenge right now with the accumulation of water in the road, but they are pouring the concrete.

The Mayor also said that they have finished the concrete work by the new Fire Station, and are now landscaping the property. It would have been done sooner, but the weather has created some issues this week. It will be very attractive when it is completed.

**H. QUESTIONS OF THE MAYOR**

None given

**ADJOURNMENT**