



MURRAY CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

The Murray City Municipal Council met as a Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, January 2, 2018 in the Murray City Center, Conference Room #107, 5025 South State Street, Murray Utah.

Council Members in Attendance:

Diane Turner, Chair	District #4
Dave Nicponski, Vice-Chair	District #1
Blair Camp	District #2
Jim Brass	District #3
Brett Hales	District #5

Others in Attendance:

Blair Camp	Mayor	Jan Lopez	Council Director
Janet Towers	Deputy Mayor	Jennifer Kennedy	City Recorder
Pattie Johnson	Council Office	Danyce Steck	Finance Director
Jennifer Heaps	Mayor's Office	Tim Tingey	ADS Director
Doug Hill	Chief Admin. Officer	Kim Sorensen	Parks & Rec
Jennifer Brass	Resident	G.L. Critchfield	City Attorney
Jim McNulty	Economic Development	Brenda Moore	Finance
Karen Sholl	Resident	Barbara Swenson	Resident
Robert McQueen	Resident	Lori Haglund	Resident
Roger Haglund	Resident	Sherri Bird	Resident
Ray Bird	Resident	Susan Cohan	Resident
Paul Guillory	Resident	George Katz	Resident
Rick Oaks	Resident	Steve Roberson	Fire Dept & Resident
Stan Hoffman	Dakota Partners	Brad Fortua	Resident
Art Quayle	Resident	Danielle Larsen	Resident
Madeline Stover	Resident	Richard Crangle	Resident
Beverly Crangle	Resident	Carrie Higgenbotham	Resident

Ms. Turner called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 5:45 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

1. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Turner asked for comments or a motion on the minutes from November 21, 2017. Mr. Brass moved approval. Mr. Nicponski seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2. Discussion Items

2.1 Potential Purchase of Property located at 1595 East Vine Street – Mayor Camp and Doug Hill

Referencing an earlier meeting on this topic, Mayor Camp stated that there had not been much change. However, the DiSera property at 1595 East Vine Street had gone under contract. Murray had ordered an appraisal, which showed a value of \$1,690,000. It is a total of 2.35 acres, producing a value of \$720,000 per acre.

Ms. Steck stated the city would need to bond in order to make a purchase of that amount. Maintenance costs would have to be taken into consideration and the city would be unable to develop the land right away.

Mayor Camp added that the small size is well below national standards for a neighborhood park. Southwood Park is five acres and Woodstock Meadows Park, a county facility, is ten acres. Grant Park is eight acres, Hidden Village Park is five acres with two tennis courts and soccer field. Riverview Park, owned by the county, is six acres.

Based on size and funding necessary for other city projects, Mayor Camp commented that the timing was not right. He noted that the municipality needed to fund a Parks Master Plan to identify open space needs across the entire city. Mayor Camp could not recommend this purchase.

Mayor Camp did confirm that if the council wished to find funding the administration would follow their desires.

The appraisal listed the highest and best use for the property as residential.

Mr. Hales confirmed a lack of parks on the east side of town and said he wished there was money to make an offer.

Mayor Camp noted the recent development of the half mile canal trail to Wheeler Farm. He also mentioned a two acre park in Fireclay with limited use.

Ms. Turner asked how the city could develop the park.

Mr. Hill said a process of neighborhood meetings would take place to determine the desires of the residents. There would be no room for ball fields or pavilions and it would not make sense to utilize it for a parking lot. Access would be pedestrian, possibly with trails, a playground and basketball court. If a picnic shelter were added, it would draw people from outside the neighborhood and then parking on the street would occur. The cost to develop this sort of facility would be \$300,000 to \$400,000, just for a minimal park.

Ms. Turner asked if there were any truth to the report from a constituent who said the administration had gone to the county asking for financial assistance.

Mr. Hill responded that they had not gone to the county, which does have Tourism, Recreation, Cultural and Convention (TRCC) funding, however, they are not in a grant cycle. Usually those funds are awarded for development, not a land purchase. He added, the state may have funding for trails when awarding grants.

Mayor Camp noted that Murray had dismal results on ZAP and TRCC money applications.

Ms. Turner commented that any family named properties were usually done due to donations and she asked if there had been talk of that.

Mr. Hill replied that in talking with Lenny DiSera, the family wanted to gain the highest value for the property.

Ms. Steck said that the city would have to bond or raid reserves being held for a new fire station and city hall. Low reserve levels affect the bond rating and ultimately the interest rate.

Council members agreed with the Mayor's recommendation not to purchase.

2.2 Determine Committee Participation by Council Members – Diane Turner

Association of Municipals Councils.... Meets second Tuesday at noon

Two year appointment

2017 - 2018 Brett Hales

Capital Improvement Program..... Meets during March and April

2018 Diane Turner and Dave Nicponski

New City Hall Committee..... Meets as needed

2018 Jim Brass and Diane Turner

Business Enhancement Committee ... Meets periodically at 3:30 p.m.

2018 Dave Nicponski and Brett Hales

ULCT Legislative Policy Committee Meets second Monday at noon and every Monday during the Legislative Session.

2018 Dale Cox

Chamber of Commerce Board Meets second Tuesday at 7:00 a.m.

2018 Jim Brass

Mayor's Electric Utility Board Meets second Thursday at 1:00 p.m.

2018 Council Chair

3. Announcements: Ms. Lopez made the following announcements:

- a) ULCT Local Officials Day at the Legislature, - Wednesday, January 24th Salt Palace
- b) Legislation
 - a. Session begins on Monday, January 22.
 - b. You will receive weekly updates from Cameron Diehl, "Friday Facts".
 - c. A weekly update will be sent from Madison Mahon.
 - d. Kory Holdaway and Dave Stewart will be advocating on the Hill for the City.
 - e. Dale and Ms. Lopez would be attending LPC.
 - f. When a "call for action" is warranted on issues requiring council support an email will be distributed. Council members agreed with that plan.
- c) Disclosures – Need each council member to fill out one.
- d) January 16, 2018 - Economic Outlook & Public Policy Summit - SL Marriott City Creek - 7:30 a.m. to 12 noon
- e) January 23, 2018 - Access to Opportunity sponsored by the Wasatch Choice and SL County and Wasatch Front Regional Council - 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. – Salt Palace

4. Adjournment: 6:20 p.m.

Janet M. Lopez
Council Executive Director