

Murray City Municipal Council Chambers Murray City, Utah

The Municipal Council of Murray City, Utah, met on Tuesday, the 7th day of July, 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
Krista Dunn,	Council Member - Excused
Pat Griffiths,	Council Member - Conducted
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
Pete Fondaco,	Police Chief
Craig Burnett,	Assistant Police Chief
Doug Hill,	Public Services Director
Tim Tingey,	Economic Development Director
Jennifer Kohler,	Utah Transit Authority
Citizens	

A. OPENING CEREMONIES

1. Pledge of Allegiance - Jared Shaver

2. Approval of Minutes for June 2, 2009:

Mr. Brass made a motion to approve the minutes, with minor corrections.
Mr. Dredge 2nd the motion.

Voice vote taken; All Ayes

Approval of Minutes for June 16, 2009:

Mr. Dredge made a motion to approve the minutes, with a minor correction.
Mr. Robertson 2nd the motion.

Voice vote taken; All Ayes

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

Bill Finch, 1055 Chevy Chase Drive, Murray, Ut

Mr. Finch complimented the Council on Code Enforcement; Mark Boren has been doing a great job- finally getting some properties cleaned up in the Chevy Chase area. However, Mr. Finch feels that we need to be more consistent, and if the landlords won't do it on these homes that are being rented out, after the second notice, he feels that the City should just have the property cleaned up and charged to the property owner. They would have to pay that with their tax bill through a lien; and he feels that this would give some permanent results. Right now, a lot of the property owners of those properties that are being rented out, just don't care what it looks like, as long as they get revenue from the properties.

Mr. Finch added that he would still like to see a bit more done in Code Enforcement in that area; he has discussed this with the City Attorney, Mr. Nakamura and with Mr. Tingey of Economic Development. Mr. Finch said that he also is happy that we are getting some of our streets repaired; some of them, such as 5290 and Chevy Chase, which are heavily trafficked, needed the repairs, and he appreciates the steps taken there.

When people look at the budget, the City has done a great job keeping costs under control, and as with other cities, we have to take a hard look at things like, do we really need fireworks on the 4th of July? That is a lot of money, and he is sure everyone loves the Murray Parade, so he won't touch that one, but again, he is sure it costs a lot to pay the officers and the hours we have to pay them; he feels that Murray is a very well run City, and he compliments them.

Jared Shaver, 5071 Caribbean Way, Murray, UT

Mr. Shaver thanked the Mayor and the Council staff for the volunteer dinner; having attended for the past four years, Merci beaucoup! It was absolutely delightful- not only the meal, but the event itself, was so well thought out and planned, and the attendance at a Murray sponsored event was the best idea yet, and he wanted to give his thanks.

Public Comment closed.

Ms. Griffiths agreed with Mr. Shaver's sentiments, and also thanked the Mayor and said that his staff always does a wonderful job.

C. CONSENT AGENDA

None scheduled

D. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None Scheduled

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None scheduled

F. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Consider a Resolution approving an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the City, Salt Lake City, Salt Lake County, South Salt Lake City, Midvale City, and Sandy City to establish a Quiet Zone.**

Staff presentation: Frank Nakamura, City Attorney

Mr. Nakamura began by asking that Council Member Krista Dunn is not present. Ms. Griffiths asked that Ms. Dunn be excused.

Mr. Nakamura stated that there will be two Resolutions - Interlocal Agreements; the first is with Utah Transit Authority, and the second with Salt Lake City, Salt Lake County, South Salt Lake City, Midvale City, and Sandy City. The purpose of the agreements is to file the appropriate documents to request a Quiet Zone with the Federal Railroad Administration. Currently, under those regulations, the trains are obligated to sound their horns and other warning devices as they go through our City at grade crossings. In order to get a Quiet Zone and eliminate that requirement, the City needs to file

with the Federal Railroad Administration on behalf of all the cities along the corridor. What Murray has agreed under these agreements, is to be the lead agency to file on behalf of the cities. In exchange, the Utah Transit Authority would provide certain improvements at those grade crossings in order to come into compliance with those regulations, in order to get that Quiet Zone designation.

Mr. Nakamura introduced Jennifer Kohler from the Utah Transit Authority and asked her to follow up on anything that he has said regarding the Quiet Zone designation.

Jennifer Kohler, Utah Transit Authority In-House Council, 3600 S 700 W

Ms. Kohler added that currently, UTA has what is known as a “Horn Waiver” in place rather than a Quiet Zone. You do not hear UTA’s trains sounding their horns, what you do hear is the freight trains in the evening hours during their freight operation hours. This Quiet Zone would silence all horns; it is automatic and applies to both freight and UTA trains; this would be the only distinction that she would make.

Mr. Nakamura said that the Utah Transit Authority would provide assistance to Murray City in making these applications. They did it successfully in Davis County, and the key is knowing that they will fund those improvements in the right-of-way at the grade crossings; we of course, are obligated for maintenance outside of that corridor, but they will fund those improvements.

Mr. Brass said that there would be no match, they would do the islands and such.

Ms. Kohler said that is correct, they do certain islands; there is a table in the information given to the Council that identifies the crossings in Murray City that would be impacted. Basically, it would be putting in a traffic barrier so that it does not allow traffic to turn in to the right-of-way.

Doug Hill, Public Services Director

Mr. Hill wanted to make everyone aware that it is likely that some of these crossings will require improvements. The City does not yet know what those will be, as they are currently working with the staff at UTA to determine what those improvements will need to be in order to meet the Quiet Zone requirements. You may see some islands that will be extended, or some new ones that will be put in place; not everyone will like this, as it may prevent them from turning into their neighborhood streets. As these recommendations come forth, they will keep you apprized of where they are going, but there will likely be some changes in the current configuration of those islands.

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

Call vote recorded by Carol Heales:

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

Motion passed 4-0

2. Consider a Resolution approving an Interlocal Cooperation agreement between the City and the Utah Transit Authority to establish a Quiet Zone.

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

Call vote recorded by Carol Heales:

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

Motion passed 4-0

Ms. Griffiths mentioned that she had heard on the radio (1160) this morning, that Murray City was taking the lead on this, and commended the Mayor's Office on the press release.

3. Consider a Resolution approving an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the City and Salt Lake County to transfer property from the County to the City.

Staff presentation: Frank Nakamura, City Attorney

Mr. Nakamura stated that this is for housekeeping in Salt Lake County; Salt Lake County discovered that this was some property that they owned, that is in the middle of our street. They would like to convey that parcel of property to the City; they have asked that the City pay the back tax on the property of \$10.78.

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

Call vote recorded by Carol Heales:

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

Motion passed 4-0

G. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Snarr complimented everyone for the maintenance of the parks, he has had many compliments of the parks. He also stated that there was a lot of people at the parade this year, and that it was a very nice parade, and the City tries to buy the fireworks right away, to get a big discount.

Mayor Snarr stated that he ran into Bob Conrad today, from whom the City acquired a portion of his property; he owns the old ore sampling mill. Mr. Conrad extended a hand of fellowship; the Mayor noted that his property is for sale, and that he thought Mr. Conrad had sold it previously. Mr. Conrad said that he had, and that the new owners had demanded that he remove all of his equipment off the site within a couple of months. The Mayor noted that this would be quite a challenge for him, and Mr. Conrad said that he would have to do it, since the guy now owns the property. This is actually good news, as anyone who has driven in that area has seen how he stock piles the vehicles by getting a super-large forklift and stacking them up. He said that he will have to have everything removed in the next couple of months, as the property is not attractive enough to sell. This will help that area down there; they have taken down some of the older houses and other buildings as well. Our dream is that they will go up there and either figure out a way to restore that building and utilize it in a productive manner, or move on and create something new. You can't go any further to the north, but you can go a long ways to the south along the 300 West corridor.

Ms. Griffiths asked what the contamination issues are on that property.

Mayor Snarr said that there are not many there. The EPA did an evaluation of the area, and there may be some superficial oils and things left on the site after he removes all the vehicles, but nothing extensive. When the EPA did the superfund clean up on the Smelter Site, they examined a whole scope of area surrounding the area as well, and gave it a clean bill of health, and they have given it to the City. They said that the area that the

City will need to take of on their own, is the Fireclay area, and that has been taken care of. There is still some work that will have to be done over at Simpson Steel, as you are aware of , and maybe some other superficial areas as you move back to the south from the Fireclay area to 4500 South, but overall, we are doing a good job in getting these properties remediated and put back into productive use, and this is a grand piece of property. He would love to see them salvage the building, as it is very unique.

H. QUESTIONS OF THE MAYOR

None given

ADJOURNMENT