



**MURRAY CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

The Murray City Municipal Council met as a Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 in the Murray City Center Council Chambers, 5025 South State Street, Murray Utah.

Council Members in Attendance:

Kat Martinez	District #1
Dale Cox - Chair	District #2
Rosalba Dominguez – Vice Chair	District #3
Diane Turner	District #4
Brett Hales	District #5

Others in Attendance:

Blair Camp	Mayor	Janet Lopez	City Council Director
Jennifer Heaps	Chief Comm. Officer	Pattie Johnson	Council Office Admin.
Brenda Moore	Finance Director	Danny Astill	Public Works Director
Doug Hill	Mayor's CAO	Pat Thorne	Murray COC Board
Jennifer Kennedy	City Recorder	Skylar Galt	Murray COC Board
Jon Harris	Fire Chief	Carol Almond	Murray COC Board
Stephanie Wright	Murray COC/CEO	Marie Goettsche	Murray Chamber
Melinda Greenwood	CED Director	Jim Brass	Murray COC Board
Brent Barnett	Resident		

Mr. Cox called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 3:45 p.m.

Approval of Minutes - None scheduled.

Discussion Items

Murray Area Chamber of Commerce Report – Stephanie Wright

Ms. Wright introduced the volunteer board of directors who fill a two-year term; Ms. Wright stated she is the only paid staff. She detailed board member's responsibilities and described the function and purpose of each committee they oversee. Board members frequent Murray businesses, offering valuable information to ensure they are successful and thriving. Out of 3,700 businesses within Murray, current membership is 133; the goal this year is to reach 150.

Her update included information regarding function attendance totals, networking opportunities and inhouse podcast interviews for new business members. She discussed options for paying dues, promoted the weekly newsletter, and noted Murray Journal articles; the Murray Chamber is active on all social media. Weekly, monthly, annual activities and functions, as well as, various conferences occur to help further good business. Highlights include:

- Legislative Preview - Partnering with Intermountain Medical Center to host a political event.
- Golf tournament - Proceeds helps Murray's needy families.
- *Excellence in Education* - A luncheon to honor teachers in Murray and Granite School Districts.
- Fourth of July Parade - Chamber members participate in and judge the parade.
- Wasatch Business Series
- Murray Women in Business - (Men are welcome to attend.)
- State of the Chamber
- WACE – Western Association Chambers of Executives

Ms. Turner compared current growth in membership to membership totals six years ago, and complimented Ms. Wright on a great accomplishment.

Ms. Martinez asked if applications for the charity golf tournament were available online. Ms. Wright said it was best to contact the office directly; applications would be online at a later date.

Utah Valley University Students Architecture Study – Professor Barker - Cancelled.

UDOT (Utah Department of Transportation) Transportation Funds Agreement – Danny Astill

A cooperative agreement is needed so that TAP (Transportation Alternative Program) funds can be received, specifically designated for *safer sidewalks*; projects provide children a safe route to walk to school. Mr. Astill explained the City submitted a grant request so that sidewalks, curb and gutter, can be placed along one side of Cedar Street, which currently has none on either side. The grant was approved, but the project still needs to be funded. Mr. Astill noted the grant requires a 35% match, which is a good investment, as the City would receive \$116,000. In order for UDOT to commit funding on their part, the City must enter into the Transportation Funds Agreement. The Council would consider the resolution in a council meeting.

Mayor Camp noted the school district opted to stop busing students from the neighborhood south of Winchester Street to Liberty Elementary - four years ago. The City provided a crossing guard on Winchester; however, the project would allow children to walk to school safely along this route. Council Members agreed the project would be a safe improvement.

Federal Highway Funds Vine Street Project – Danny Astill

Mr. Astill explained UDOT agreed to help fund the project to widen and make improvements to Vine Street; so, the Federal Aid Agreement allows Murray to receive additional funding. To complete the first phase of construction, only landscaping elements are needed, and then the second phase would begin - between 1300 East and Van Winkle.

Total funding is 10 million dollars, split in two financial allocations; funding is approximately \$4 million for the second phase. Mr. Astill noted the second allocation came with the opportunity to receive additional Federal Highway funds to cover over-runs of the entire project. The agreement outlines the total cost agreed upon, and the City's required match of 6.7% already included in the City's budget.

Ms. Turner led a discussion about great improvements so far and reported no complaints during ongoing construction; she asked the starting date of the second phase. Mr. Astill said early fall of 2020 when the designing process is underway. He noted a few complaints related to lengthy construction, and said unfortunate delays were due to last minute changes made by others- to upgrade gas lines, various water lines, and unforeseen repairs to sewer lines. Council Members agreed completed work was done exceptionally well. Ms. Dominguez asked when public communication would occur to prepare residents for more construction. Mr. Astill said preliminary outreach occurred and most residents understand how the project will continue eastward; utility groups are fully aware also. Ms. Turner observed residents walking more frequently along Vine Street now. Mr. Astill noted bike lanes would be painted on the street soon.

Ms. Dominguez wondered how often this type of funding was attained. Mr. Astill said large projects on the Transportation Master Plan, like this one, are requested and planned for five years in advance. He said the City would spend on average, up to \$2 million for such a project, which did not happen often. Council Members would consider the resolution in the council meeting.

Waive Construction Fees for General Fund Projects – Melinda Greenwood

Ms. Greenwood explained currently, the City is required to charge all projects building permit fees, and demolition fees. However, when Murray is constructing projects of their own, those types of charges should be waived for General Fund projects. She noted enterprise funds do not fall under this category. She noted several upcoming projects, like pavilion replacements in Murray Park; the renovation of the Murray Theater; the relocation of the cell tower on 4800 South; and the new city hall, where it was determined fees should be waived.

Ms. Turner affirmed the City would be paying itself. Ms. Greenwood confirmed building inspections would still occur. The overall consensus was that Council Members favored the proposed amendment.

Announcements: Ms. Lopez made several announcements related to coming events for the council members.

Adjournment: Mr. Cox closed the meeting at 4:14 p.m.

**Pattie Johnson
Council Office Administrator II**