



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

The Murray City Municipal Council met as a Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, July 6, 2010, in the Murray City Center, Conference Room #107, 5025 South State Street, Murray, Utah.

Members in Attendance:

Jeff Dredge	Council Chairman
Darren V. Stam	Council Vice Chairman
Jim Brass	Council Member
Jared A. Shaver	Council Member
Krista Dunn	Council Member

Others in Attendance:

Daniel Snarr	Mayor
Jan Wells	Mayor's Chief of Staff
Frank Nakamura	City Attorney
Michael D. Wagstaff	Council Executive Director
Janet M. Lopez	Council Office
Peri Kinder	Valley Journals
Anne vonWeller	Public Services
Greg Bellon	Power
Lee Brinton	Citizen
Jay Brummett	Citizen
Dan Barr	Murray Library
Eric Isom	Qwest
Pat Wilson	Finance Director

Chairman Dredge called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Dredge asked for a motion on the minutes from the Committee of the Whole meetings held on June 8, 2010 and June 15, 2010. Ms. Dunn moved approval as written. Mr. Brass seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Business Item #1 - Committee and Board Reports

**Greg Bellon - Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems (UAMPS)
and Intermountain Power Project (IPP)**

Mr. Bellon reported that UAMPS is continuing to pursue the Idaho wind farm, and

has 42 MW subscribed, although, they are hoping to have 100 MW committed for. It will cost about \$85 with transmission, and the load factor is about 30%. This is optimistic and something that Murray is not interested in.

Fillmore waste heat from the Current River pipeline is another project UAMPS is pursuing. There are compressor stations that will utilize wasted heat instead of using gas to run compressors. This is about 5 MW, and Murray has put money into the study. The fuel will come with RECs, and will be in the \$55 to \$65 range. They are looking at another 15 MW if the initial 5MW works well.

There is a company out of Brigham City that is seeking UAMPS support on a solar project. This one will be more than \$120 per MW. Murray is not interested in this project.

Nuclear is still being discussed between APPA and Unistar. If it becomes reality, it would amount to A 1600 MW plant in the state. Mr. Brass commented that it would have to be about 15 years to complete. Mr. Bellon agreed that the process would take that long. UAMPS would own 400 MW, another party would commit to 400 MW, and Unistar would take 800 MW. It is a big project. Mr. Haacke would like to have this project moved into its own group, so that just those interested parties would support the study. Murray is interested in this concept.

Mr. Bellon commented that the APPA Conference was recently held with about 15 UAMPS members present, others participated by teleconference.

UAMPS summer meetings in Susanville will be held August 16 through the 18. Everyone is invited to participate. The summer meetings are informative with family activities included.

IPP conducted a plant tour in Delta in May. It was an impressive place. Everyone would enjoy seeing this.

The biggest issue Murray is watching is the restructure of the renewable market in California. A California bill has been proposed to dictate that California entities would have to have 75% of their renewable generation from within the state. This would be next to impossible. Their renewable energy would have to be 33% of the total by 2020. Presently it is 20%. Mayor Snarr suggested they may do wave generation. If the bill is approved, it will affect Murray's REC market sales.

Mr. Brass asked when the IPP unit one rebuild would occur. Mr. Bellon stated that it is in 2015, and the City has been putting money away for the expense. Replacing the power is still being worked on, although, Mr. Bellon feels the energy will be covered.

Mr. Shaver asked if the Truckee-Donner bundled energy and REC sales would still be possibilities with the new California bill. Mr. Bellon responded that Murray is going forward on that product. Additionally, other REC sales are being prepared. If the bill does pass, Truckee-Donner is on an outer area of the state, which may have

different regulations, and the project may still work well for them.

Mr. Haacke is part of a subcommittee that is considering what will happen with the IPP plant in 2027.

Mayor Snarr asked where the City is on the small hydro plant now. Mr. Bellon indicated that production had probably dropped from the previous 5 MW to about 3-4 MW. The water flow has slowed tremendously.

Anne vonWeller - Trans-Jordan Cities

Ms. vonWeller distributed the budget for 2010-2011 for Trans-Jordan. She commented that under *cash resources* the public fees, member city assessments, and green waste line item increases are all due to fee increases. (A schedule of these increases is attached, and will be addressed momentarily.) The increases are due to the necessity for covering actual operational costs.

Under *cash requirements*, Ms. vonWeller pointed out that there is no increase in personnel costs. Most of the member cities are under a salary freeze, and that philosophy was carried through to Trans-Jordan, as well. A large increase is seen in professional services. This can be accounted for due to increased monitoring costs on the green house gases from the EPA. Additionally, a feasibility study is being done on the transfer station where properties in Midvale and Sandy are being contemplated. Reserves have been accumulated for the purchase. After that property is purchased, the possibility of a public drop-off station is being considered before the transfer station is fully developed. This would be extremely convenient for residents to drop off household hazardous waste products.

Transfer to other agencies has a large increase. Nearly all of that goes to Salt Lake Valley Health Department, due to raised fees of 79 cents per ton of household hazardous waste materials. This was the driving force for increased fees by Trans-Jordan.

Mr. Shaver asked if the reasons for this increase were explained. Ms. vonWeller expressed that this program had been operating in the negative, and was subsidized. The County Council felt strongly that this needed to be self supporting, therefore, the landfills had to be charged for licensing.

Ms. vonWeller pointed out that restricted reserves were building with the intention of spending it on the transfer station within the next 15 to 20 years.

Mr. Shaver asked for an explanation of the construction costs, which show a large drop in expenses. Ms. vonWeller described the expense of closing out one garbage cell the previous year. Cell number four is being filled up currently, with a delay in construction of cell number five because a reduction in usage should carry over until the next fiscal year, before the need to build cell five.

Ms. vonWeller directed attention to page two which is the *proposed fee schedule*, which actually became effective July 1. The price for commercial waste has been increased to \$24 per ton. That is an increase of \$2, which is the same rate as the county charges. Minimum loads went up one dollar. Fees to the City go up one dollar. This brings the cost to \$12 per ton for disposal. This is the first increase in nine years, and Trans-Jordan remains the lowest municipal fee for any EPA subtitle D compliant landfill in the United States. This will be an impact of \$14,000 to Murray City on an annual basis. Most of the other fees increased one dollar, however, compost went up about \$5, due to a different price structure. Compost cannot be kept in stock. The last increase on commercial waste was 13 years ago.

Ms. vonWeller explained that there will be a change in garbage hauling. A five-year contract was negotiated with Ace Disposal, however, there was an option that Ace could terminate early, after one year, with 180 day notice. A letter was received that they will terminate the agreement on December 31, 2010. The RFP process will begin in August, which should give plenty of time to adjust the budget, if necessary.

Anne vonWeller - Central Valley Water Reclamation

The last meeting had a great deal of discussion regarding bonds. Ms. vonWeller explained that research was conducted to look at paying off and restructuring bonds, however, there was not much of a benefit, therefore, the idea was abandoned.

The ultraviolet light (UV) system is now up and running, and no more chlorine is being used. An open house was held, and Murray sewer was well represented. She said that the facility is spotless.

The composting operations are transitioning to the Ninth West site. Sales are already being conducted there under the name of Oquirrh Mountain Compost.

The Mayor asked what is being done with the land that is near the city landfill. Ms. vonWeller stated that it will be taken over by Bland Brothers. It will be used for construction waste. Central Valley is pulling the permits on that. It will save a lot on transportation costs. All the compost is sold, which covers the fees.

Mr. Brass thanked Ms. vonWeller for attending the Central Valley meeting when he was unavailable.

Jan Wells - Council of Governments (COG)

Ms. Wells reported that COG had been working to rewrite the Articles of Association. The new update has been voted on and approved.

The Homelessness Report has been given for the year. This homeless council takes the survey about the same time every year for comparison purposes. Change in the chronic homeless count statewide is down about 17%. In Salt Lake County, chronic

homelessness is down 10%. New housing options that have been created may account for the decrease in numbers. This is a positive result to steps taken. A disturbing statistic is that the number of families has increased steadily since 2007, when it was 37% to a current percentage of 47%.

The Salt Lake County Homeland Security Grant Council presented information on work it has completed. Randy Willden is vice chairman, which helps to make sure that everyone has a voice in how the grant money is spent.

The Corridor Preservation application process is one matter that COG oversees. They use the \$3 allocated to purchase right-of-way throughout the valley. The other \$7 goes to the state, which is to acquire right-of-way for the Mountain View Corridor. The process is changing, however, there is no current money to be spent.

UDOT gave a report on Salt Lake County projects. The Mountain View freeway is a huge project that will be built in phases. Each phase will build on the others, and some roads may become frontage roads when the project is finally completed. The footprint has been acquired, and that is a big part of the project. Mayor Snarr stated that as the population grows, revenue streams will increase, and amounts of traffic will contribute to the final completion. Roads will be widened, and intersections improved over time. It is well planned.

Ms. Wells explained that UDOT will be changing how the high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes work in the near future. Hardware will be installed overhead, and pay-to-use lanes instituted. HOV lanes can be used without two people, by having a transponder in the car which will deduct a fee from the vehicle. It is charged by the mile. Money will be applied to the transponder, and deducted when used, then recharged. If traffic is high, and HOV lanes are not moving well, then they may not be used by others. This will be in place from Lehi to Layton. Mr. Brass commented that the signs are up in the north, and say Express Pass. It should be operational by August 23.

Jeff Dredge - Utah Telecommunications Open Infrastructure Agency (UTOPIA)

Mr. Dredge stated that recently the new fiscal year budget was approved, and it was down significantly, \$1.5 million from the previous year. Part of that is due to cuts in operating costs, and the other is decreased cost to operate the white box, which has been sold to a service provider.

Mr. Nakamura is in the process of reviewing contracts with UTOPIA regarding ongoing financing. Based on conversations with most Council members, Mr. Dredge has informed UTOPIA that Murray would not vote on any obligations until everything is finalized on future operations. He has directed them to send the City bills for operating costs until that time. Murray will make no decision on anything not completely formed.

UTOPIA's current efforts are going into maintaining systems, and developing their plan for the future. No indication of when that will be ready has been given.

Krista Dunn - Valley Emergency Communications Center (VECC)

Ms. Dunn reminded the group that at the last meeting she informed them of the VECC board's rejection of the budget. The administration went back and cut expenditures to the same level as the previous year, therefore, that budget has been approved by the board.

The board is in the process of looking at the interlocal agreement and bylaws, where there seems to be some contradictory language. A committee has been formed with VECC staff and city attorneys to bring something to the board for approval.

E911 funding is being reviewed, as the legislature did pass a bill allowing for more leniency on how the money may be spent. That was an advantage to VECC, however, the cities that contract with UPD are paying both VECC and the county E911 money. They have sent letters to VECC saying that they pay the county, contract with the county, and will not pay VECC any money. If that happens, it will be a huge impact on the VECC budget. A large committee has been formed to decide how to proceed without these funds, and how E911 will be managed throughout the county in the future. The legislature has looked at the structure for Weber County and feel like they have a great way to operate there, however, it does not fit what happens in Salt Lake County. The sponsor of this bill would like to use the same system in Salt Lake County. The VECC board would like to arrange operations prior to being forced into another system. Ms. Dunn will monitor this issue and report back to the Council in the future.

Jim Brass - Association of Municipal Councils

Mr. Brass explained that the Association of Municipal Councils goes on a summer schedule and will not meet again until the first Friday in August.

Zachery Fountain - Legislative Policy Committee (LPC)

Mr. Dredge commented that Mr. Fountain had submitted his report on the Legislative Policy Committee in written form to the Council Members via the Mayor's Council Communications the previous Friday. Several Council members did not receive that report, therefore, it would be forwarded to them the following day.

Dan Barr - Murray City Library

Mr. Barr shared a request sent to the Mayor for an Executive Order to revise its Circulation Policy. The Library Board had revised and updated use of materials.

There are several items on the request, however the two primary matters are to

increase fines. It has been suggested that on general materials overdue fines increase from 10 cents to 15 cents per item per day. In the last ten years, since the last fine increase, the library usage has more than doubled. To reflect some of the increased costs in activity related to overdue materials this fine rate is requested. Additionally, this puts the Murray Library in line with neighboring libraries. Because of the free reciprocal privileges with Salt Lake City and Salt Lake County, equity is always an issue. Salt Lake City charges 20 cents per day for overdue materials.

The other fine to increase is the audio book overdue fee. The increase will be from 10 cents to one dollar per day. These are the books on CD that have grown due to commuters and travel. The item costs on these CD books are much more than anything else in the library collection. The average cost for an audio book is about \$75. Some are as high as \$150. To replace one disc is very significant. The increased demand has caused the library to look at incentives to return on time.

The library has also instituted some new ways to notify people to return on time. They now email patrons with a software program that was acquired at no cost to the library. Although there is no direct correlation between use and fines, it does help to offset some of the increased costs at the library.

Mr. Shaver commented that the increased usage is being handled by about the same number of staff members. That increase is wonderful, although, it does mean there is more wear and tear on materials. The quality of life is improved by the library, which is a significant part of the community.

The past year has seen an increase of 25% in library use, Mr. Barr noted. When the economy is slow, people take advantage of free services. He pointed out other suggestions on his request, which are mainly to improve services to the residents and patrons.

There being no further business, Mr. Dredge adjourned the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Janet M. Lopez
Council Office Administrator