

# Murray City Municipal Council Chambers Murray City, Utah

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**T**he Municipal Council of Murray City, Utah, met on Thursday, the 24<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2012 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:

Jim Brass,	Council Chair - Conducted
Brett Hales,	Council Member
Darren Stam,	Council Member
Jared Shaver,	Council Member
Dave Nicponski,	Council Member

Others who attended:

Dan Snarr,	Mayor
Jan Wells,	Chief of Staff
Jennifer Kennedy,	City Recorder
Frank Nakamura,	City Attorney
Pete Fondaco,	Police Chief
Craig Burnett,	Assistant Police Chief
Tim Tingey,	Administrative & Developmental Services
Doug Hill,	Public Services Director
Gil Rodriguez,	Fire Chief
Justin Zollinger,	Finance Director
Dan Barr,	Library Director
Chad Wilkinson,	Division Manager
Bruce Turner,	Power Department
Murray City Firefighters	
Scouts	
Citizens	

**1. OPENING CEREMONIES**

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance –Doug Roberts, Police Department

1.2 Approval of Minutes for April 17, 2012 & May 1, 2012

Call vote taken, all ayes.

1.3 Special Recognition

**1.3.1 Swearing-In of two new Murray City Police Officers: Brandon Francis and Ryan Tesch.**

Swearing-In ceremony performed by Jennifer Kennedy, City Recorder.

The officers introduced their families.

Chief Fondaco stated that both of these officers put themselves through the Police Academy and come to the City ready to go and they will get them through E.V.O and out to the F.T.O program which is about thirteen weeks and then they will be out on their own; the City is glad to have them.

Mr. Brass welcomed the new officers and said that the Police Department is like a second family and said that they are all glad to have them onboard.

**1.3.2 Consider a Joint Resolution of the Mayor and Municipal Council of Murray City, Utah to designate and support the week of May 20-26, 2012 as Emergency Medical Services Week.**

Mayor Snarr read the Resolution in its entirety.

Mr. Stam made a motion to adopt the Resolution.  
Mr. Shaver 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

Call vote recorded by Jennifer Kennedy.

  A   Mr. Shaver  
  A   Mr. Hales  
  A   Mr. Nicponski  
  A   Mr. Stam  
  A   Mr. Brass

Motion passed 5-0

Staff presentation: Chief Rodriguez, Mike Dykman.

Chief Rodriguez said that Dr. Oraskovich could not attend tonight, but explained his role: when you take on a paramedic program, you have to have a doctor whose license you work under; Dr. Oraskovich is very supportive and a very proactive doctor and the City is lucky to have him. He works with these guys, goes over cases with them and the EMS program in Murray City has evolved tremendously over the past ten years. These paramedics do a great job-not only medically, but passionately and compassionately as well. Sometimes the job they do may be merely holding somebody's hand but they do it as if it were one of their own family.

Mike Dykman is one of the EMS Battalion Chiefs and he oversees the EMS program, the ambulance, etc. and does an excellent job in handling calls and questions in a timely manner.

Mr. Dykman said that he wished Dr. Oraskovich could be in attendance but they had serious injury which put them behind in the physicians group and was not able to be here. Mr. Dykman stated that it takes an entire team and this team reaches pretty far; it happens when the City Council approves their budget, it happens when they send paramedics to school, it happens every day. They work as teams and there is rarely a call that they go on that they are not working with some other agency, some outside department and they work with hospitals all over the valley. Part of EMS Week is traditionally a lot of breakfasts, lunches and other things put on by the different agencies that they deal with; it is a good chance to get together in a non-emergency situation and renew friendships, talk a little more casually about what it is that they do.

In the last ten years they have taken on the Paramedic Program, the ambulance services and with that has come a lot of change and responsibility. All of the paramedics and others in their department have come together to take care of the patients, citizens and visitors to the city. As Battalion Chief, he hears all of the good and all of the bad, but it is mostly good- they hear compliments daily. It is pretty impressive and also humbling, and Mr. Dykman thanked the City for the opportunity to be a part of such a good EMS system. They have a lot of dedicated employees, a lot of dedicated fire fighters that go the extra mile. Where is the future going to take EMS?

Mr. Dykman doesn't know exactly, but if the future sneaks up on them as fast as the past ten years have gone, it's a little bit scary; they have the same amount of people as there was twenty years ago but go on a lot more calls that take up a lot more of their time now and they have really evolved with that. These guys are busy every day and night-some days he comes in and just shakes his head knowing that the crew got hammered with the calls the night before. They work

very hard and their work is appreciated; it is very meaningful work and they all take it very seriously and take a lot of pride in their work. Mr. Dykman thanked the Mayor and Council for all they do for them.

Mr. Dykman added that they would like to bring Dr. Oraskovich in at a later time to talk about what they do. They have been down at the Senior Center this past week doing blood sugar checks, blood pressure checks and just talking with the seniors about their health concerns. When they talk about the future of the Fire Department you will see that they are going to be more proactive in people's healthcare. Right now, they are literally the front door to the hospital; if someone needs to go to the hospital, they call the Fire Department and they are literally at the hospital's front door. This is something that has changed quite a bit over the years.

Mr. Dykman noted that this Saturday, at the front of Cottonwood Hospital's property, they will be holding a barbeque from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., which is good chance to get a burger and a soft drink and see what they do, look at their equipment and talk to the paramedics and EMT's who are on the Fire Department.

Mr. Brass said that having been through it, calling the Fire Department at 3:00 a.m., he thanked them for saving his life and also for what they did for his mom and dad. Their work is greatly appreciated.

Mr. Shaver said that when he was running for office, one of the concerns that he heard a lot was that people wanted to make sure that the city had its own Fire Department and Police Department and not having to go to other agencies. One of the things that he has noticed and really appreciated and understood after he got involved, is that when you have your own is that there are a lot of people who live and work here and they care more about their neighbors which is something you can't get any other way. Mr. Shaver really appreciates the fact that we have our own here.

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

None given.

**Citizen comment closed**

3. **CONSENT AGENDA**

None scheduled.

4. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None scheduled.

5. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None scheduled.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

- 6.1 Consider a Resolution adopting the City Council's Tentative Budget, as amended, for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013 and scheduling a public hearing to receive public comment before the final budget is adopted.**

Staff presentation: Justin Zollinger, City Finance Director

Mr. Zollinger stated that the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Budget has many small victories: in relation to the employee's compensation, operations and Capital Improvement. For the employees, Council and Administration have been able to provide a 3% cost of living adjustment and fund an 8.5% increase in our medical insurance and offer a discount for recreation, pool and golf admissions. They have also reinstated tuition reimbursement and the Alternative Transportation Program. For operations, they have provided for a computer replacement program which hasn't been as structured as it is now and it will be key in maintaining an up to date IT program. They have also increased travel and training budgets.

They have added back three positions and filled two that had been left vacant for the last year. Lastly, they have implemented a CIP Program; they have a CIP Committee which helped them to prioritize their CIP projects. Some of these projects are part of the Police vehicle force, refurbish the fire engine, budgeted \$1.8 million for roads, provided funding for public roads and water equipment; City maintenance projects: replacement of exercise equipment at the Recreation Center, pole improvements and power station rebuilds.

Mr. Zollinger continued: Fiscal Year 2012-2013 is addressing many of our upcoming needs, but not all. It is impossible to provide for every line item budgeted that may be desired. He is optimistic that they will be able to provide the level of service that our citizens have come to expect from their city. In trying to balance all of the different needs for all of the city's departments, the departments have been great to work with and have been key in making it possible to provide counsel to achieve a balanced and comprehensive budget.

Mr. Stam asked if anything had been changed since the last time the Council reviewed the budget.

Mr. Zollinger said that it had not been changed.

Mr. Shaver said that the budget in process is one of the major responsibilities of the Murray Council and they take this very seriously. All of the Council has had a chance to look at this and there is nothing of disagreement, there is just the matter of sorting through it and making sure that they are meeting as many of the needs as possible. Mr. Shaver thanked Mr. Zollinger for the ILOT balance; it was a great idea, making sure that it came across easily for each of them, that each of them were where they were supposed to be. He knows that our good services are not a money- making proposition, as much as we would like to think that they are, so those funds are very important. It is a question that they get regularly: what does that mean, how does it work, etc. so knowing that it is balanced across the board is great.

The public hearings will begin the first week in June and there are a couple of meetings that they will have as a Budget Committee, with all of them together, to review a few things, look at some contingencies and following that at the end of June they will have the final passage of the budget for the year and he does not foresee any major difficulties in that. Mr. Shaver said that he appreciates everything that has been done and said that we had the best department staff in putting this together and that their efforts were much appreciated.

Mr. Stam made a motion to adopt the Resolution.

Mr. Shaver 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

Call vote recorded by Jennifer Kennedy.

  A   Mr. Shaver  
  A   Mr. Hales  
  A   Mr. Nicponski  
  A   Mr. Stam  
  A   Mr. Brass

Motion passed 5-0

## **7. MAYOR**

### **7.1 Mayor's Report**

Mayor Snarr stated that he wanted to keep everyone posted and updated on the litigation regarding the electronic billboards, and he will keep them in the loop on the progress that they make in resolving that issue.

The sidewalk is in at the Fireclay crossing on the south side only, but that meets the requirements and the city will now give them the ability to occupy the site if they meet some other things that need to be done in a timely manner.

The trusses were placed on the Cottonwood Bridge and the decking is going up; they suspect that they will be able to complete that before the deadline and once they get that up it should go rather quickly. It is a lot wider and bigger bridge and it will be much safer than the other one was. They are making a lot of progress on the project.

Mayor Snarr said that they had a nice little field trip last Friday; Hooper Knowlton did an excellent job in explaining to them why they decided to go the way they did with the parking structure, which is an incredible project when you consider what they are spending on the structure alone. In the Mayor's opinion, this is going to be one of the nicest apartment complexes that have been built in Murray because of that parking structure and the high density that it will allow the site to evolve with.

Mayor Snarr said that BMW will have their grand opening on June 7, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. for the new Mini dealership and they would like everyone to be there. The Hyundai dealership will hold their grand opening on June 27, 2012. They are still waiting for word from Larry H. Miller on when they will be holding their grand opening. It is all very exciting and there are a lot of nice things happening in the city.

### **7.2 Questions of the Mayor**

None given.

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**