

Murray City Municipal Council Chambers Murray City, Utah

The Municipal Council of Murray City, Utah, met on Tuesday, the 17th day of April, 2007 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:

Krista Dunn,	Council Chair
Pat Griffiths,	Council Member
Robbie Robertson,	Council Member - Conducted
Jim Brass,	Council Member
Jeff Dredge,	Council Member

Others who attended:

Daniel Snarr,	Mayor
Jan Wells,	Chief of Staff
Rondi Knowlton,	Mayor's Office
G.L. Critchfield,	Deputy City Attorney
Shannon Huff Jacobs,	Council Director
Carol Heales,	Recorder
Doug Hill,	Public Service Director
Gil Rodriguez,	Fire Chief
Craig Burnett,	Assistant Chief of Police
Ron Koller,	Treasurer
Dale Whittle,	Human Resource Director
Ken White,	Director of Operations, Power Department
Marci Williams,	Park Center Director
Phil Markham, Retiree	Former Deputy Director, Public Services
Jamie Markham	Phil's Spouse, Murray Resident
Don Whetzel,	Finance Director
Keith Snarr,	Economic Development Director
Tim Cosgrove,	State Representative, District #44
David Wilde,	Salt Lake County Council, District #3
Citizens	

Mr. Robertson conducted the meeting.

A. OPENING CEREMONIES

1. Pledge of Allegiance - Mitch Bagley, Patrol Leader Boy Scout Troop #110

2. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of April 03, 2007 made by Ms. Dunn.
Mr. Dredge 2nd the motion.

Voice Vote taken, All ayes.
Motion passed unanimously.

3. Special Recognition(s)

1. Mr. Robertson asked the attending Boy Scouts to stand and introduce themselves, their troop number, and state what badges they are working on.

2. a. **Consider a Joint Resolution of the Mayor and Municipal Council of Murray City, Utah, for Commendation and Appreciation of Phil Markham as he retires.**

Mr. Robertson noted that Mr. Markham is retiring from Murray City on April 13, 2007 after 32 years of service. During these 32 years, Mr. Markham has served as Recreation Manager, Parks & Recreation Superintendent, Public Works Operations Manager, and the Public Services Deputy Director.

He noted that under Mr. Markham's leadership, many facilities and programs were provided that benefitted the citizens of Murray, as well as generations to come. Mr. Markham served as a board member for the Trans Jordan Landfill and the Central Valley Water Reclamation Facility. He was also a key decision maker for the administration of the City and among his accomplishments, he was instrumental in the development of the Jordan River Parkway, the Parks & Recreation office, maintenance buildings, the current Public Services facility, and the Murray Parks outdoor swimming pool. Furthermore, Mr. Markham has provided leadership in the creation of the Storm water utility, implementation of conservation-based water rate structures, and promotion of a career path for maintenance workers.

Mr. Robertson stated that he would be missed by those who worked with and for him. He added that Phil is an active citizen in the community and has made significant contributions to the Murray Rotary Club and his church. He finished his comments by stating that the University of Utah Utes has no greater fan than Phil

Markham.

Motion to adopt the resolution made by Mr. Brass.
Ms. Griffiths 2nd the motion.

Call vote recorded by Ms. Heales

AYE/NAY

<u> A </u>	Mr. Brass
<u> A </u>	Ms. Griffiths
<u> A </u>	Ms. Dunn
<u> A </u>	Mr. Dredge
<u> A </u>	Mr. Robertson

Motion passed 5-0

Mayor Snarr presented the joint resolution to Phil Markham

Each council member expressed their appreciation for all that Phil has done for the City of Murray.

Mr. Markham expressed his thanks to the City and its employees, stating that he had been with the City for 35 years, has had great mentors during his career, and felt that he was lucky to have had the opportunity to have worked for Murray.

- b. **Consider a Joint Resolution of the Mayor and Municipal Council of Murray City, Utah, declaring Friday, April 27, 2007 as *Arbor Day*.**

Mr. Robertson read the resolution and noted the importance of Arbor Day.

Motion to approve the resolution made by Ms. Griffiths.
Ms. Dunn 2nd the motion.

Call vote recorded by Ms. Heales

AYE/NAY

<u> A </u>	Mr. Brass
<u> A </u>	Ms. Griffiths
<u> A </u>	Ms. Dunn

A Mr. Dredge
 A Mr. Robertson

Motion passed 5-0

Mayor Snarr presented the joint resolution to two of the Shade Tree Commission members.

Jim Hendrickson, Shade Tree Commission member, stated that being involved in the Tree City USA Program, and in the *Best City in the United States*, has been great. He expressed his thanks to the citizens of the community for taking time to get involved in making Murray City the great place it is today.

c. **Special Recognition to Marci Williams (formerly Rumel).**

Staff Presentation: Doug Hill, Public Services Director

Mr. Hill remarked that recently, the Utah Recreational Parks Association, a professional organization for parks & recreation workers, awarded Ms. Williams its outstanding professional award for the year. He said this is the first award of its kind to be issued to a Murray parks and recreation employee. Mr. Hill wanted to recognize Ms. Williams for her outstanding accomplishments.

Mr. Hill said Ms. Williams has spent much of the past year promoting a program, *Step Up to Health*, across Utah. This program promotes healthy lifestyles, and encourages other parks & recreation professionals to promote the program within their own communities. Ms. Williams is the manager of *The Park Center* in Murray.

Mr. Hill presented Ms. Williams a plaque in honor of her accomplishments.

Ms. Williams introduced several of the center's staff, and her family members, and stated that this award should be awarded to the entire team: the staff members and employees of the parks & recreation department.

Ms. Williams presented "*the Honk Award*" to the Mayor, Council and some City staff members. She said this award was inspired by the geese seen in and around Murray Park. Ms. Williams explained that geese, when flying in their "V" formation, are 71% more energy efficient when flying in this pattern, and they rotate leadership. Also, when one goose becomes injured or ill, two others will stay with the affected goose to assist until it

is able to fly again, or dies. They do not leave each other stranded alone. The *Honk Award* is given to people who have made things happen.

Ms. Williams finished by stating that the City received an award today too from Healthy Utah because of the City's commitment to workplace and community wellness. She presented the award to the Mayor Snarr.

d. **Special Recognition of the Murray Youth Chamber for its latest Award.**

Staff Presentation: Mayor Snarr

Murray City Youth Chamber is a participant in the Utah Association of Youth Council. The Mayor said that Murray has a very active Youth Chamber, which has gone above and beyond the call of duty, and have been recognized as having the best program in the State.

Sherrie Van Bibber, youth group advisor, introduced members of the Murray Youth Chamber. Ms. Van Bibber stated the program began five or six years ago, after researching across the United States and finding there were no Chambers of Commerce working with young people. She thanked the Murray Chamber for opening their arms to this program.

In 2005, the Youth Chamber provided 1000 hours of service in the community. This past year, the original six members continued their ambassadorship in college, and are now doing internships with Jim Matheson, Merit Medical, Fred Lampropolis, Channel 4, and the State of Utah Volunteerism, and receiving college credits. These six members have gone on to continue being ambassadors of this program. This year, because so many service projects came in, a Junior Youth Chamber for Jr. High School students was created.

This past year, both Youth Chambers of Commerce ended up with a total of 19,000 service hours. She said it has been a phenomenal group of students, and they are greatly appreciated. Ms. Van Bibber expressed her thanks to Murray City for all of their support.

Ms. Van Bibber said their goal is to create a State Youth Chamber; currently they are adopting youth chambers from all the high schools in the valley, and are growing by leaps and bounds. They are seeking a grant to create a youth mentor program. They are also working on creating a peer court. This summer they will be attending workshops for a Youth CERT program; and would also like to do a Sister City International program. They have met with China, and now it is a matter of funds. Ms.

Van Bibber concluded by saying that next year, all members will be attending city council, planning and zoning, and economic development meetings, so that they will be very hands on with the City

Members of the Youth Chamber of Commerce expressed their thanks to the City, Ms. Van Bibber, and Scott Baker, Director of the Murray Chamber of Commerce.

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

None

C. CONSENT AGENDA

None

D. Public Hearing(s)

None

E. Unfinished Business

None

F. New Business

- 1. Consider a Resolution acknowledging receipt of the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Tentative Budget from the Mayor and the Budget Officer, and referring the Tentative Budget for review and consideration to the Budget and Finance and Finance Committee of the Murray City Municipal Council.**

*Budget Address
Mayor Daniel C. Snarr*

City Council Members and Murray residents, thank you for allowing me to present my budget recommendations for the upcoming fiscal year. I appreciate all the effort of the staff that has been expended in the preparation of the budget to this point.

On January 3, 2003, Murray City celebrated our Centennial. It was a wonderful opportunity to reflect upon the history of our City as well as focus on the bright future around the corner. We

looked together at the milestones of our community and marveled at the changes as the City was reinvented through the years. I learned much from the examples and leadership of former mayors and council members. They were looking forward to leave us a legacy of strong neighborhoods, good commercial districts, medical and educational facilities. We have all seen the renewal over and over in our well-established City.

As I thought about the age of our City, I have been reminded of all the remodeling that has taken place. I must admit, remodeling has been on my mind a lot in the past year. In our homes there are life cycles of roofs, water heaters, plumbing fixtures and paint. Most homeowners have a long list of remodeling projects that must be undertaken at various times to keep our homes functional. The more a home ages, the more obvious these projects become and the more work we must do. I have just spent the past year remodeling our home of 27 years. It has been a challenging process, but the end result will serve our family for many more years to come.

This focus has led me to think much the same way about our City. Where should our efforts, energy and resources be spent in keeping Murray City in good useful condition? Together we have accomplished great strides in improving our infrastructure. Where does our City budget allow us to go this year?

We are fortunate to live in a State that is enjoying a strong economy. Tax cuts from the last Legislative Session are a positive sign that we are in a period of economic growth. As would be expected, this growth has trickled down to our City. We have experienced a slight bump in our sales tax this year. My recommendation for this one-time money is to undertake a few much needed remodeling projects. Remodeling keeps the value of our City in line and allows us to make visible improvements for all residents to enjoy.

My budget includes several remodeling projects in our smaller departments. The Attorney's Office would like to undertake an effort to remodel our City Code. This will provide clarification and improve access to the laws and ordinances we enforce. With the advent of electronic voting, our Recorder would like to help us continue to use this technology in our municipal elections this Fall. There is additional expense to modernize, but I feel it will help our residents be more comfortable using the voting machines. Our MIS Department has a variety of upgrades we are requesting to keep up with the necessary technology to run our City. Along with their requests, various departments, including the Court need some technology remodeling. I am recommending a new Interactive Voice Response phone system be put in place to allow people to pay fines over the phone and take care of small court matters anytime. This will also help correct the challenge the Court has faced of having enough personnel available to answer the phones.

Remodeling of City Hall is an ongoing effort. The space for the holding cell in the Police Department will be better utilized as a crime lab to be used by the Criminalist we are hiring. We continue to make small adjustments in the building to help us use the space most efficiently.

Murray City Library is in need of a face lift. The Director and Library Board are proposing a

\$750,000 renovation to the building. This project will make the building function more efficiently due to all the changes since it was built and will not require a tax increase. They have requested a loan from the City General Fund for the improvements and will repay it over the next seven years. At that time the building will be completely paid for and other options for future remodeling will be available.

I am excited about the work we are doing to relocate two of the three fire stations in our City. Our satellite station off 1300 East and Vine Street is working well and plans are being completed for the station in that area. We are negotiating for property to replace the Bullion Street station and hope to move forward quickly with that station as well. These relocations will provide all our residents with excellent emergency coverage, as well as provide stations that are compatible with the current size of emergency equipment.

Our City park area has expanded over the years. Maintaining the parks in a way our residents expect is more and more difficult. As a result, I am recommending adding another employee to work in our parks. There are also several one-time remodeling projects I believe we should undertake this budget year. First, we have many very old picnic tables that need to be replaced and I would like to purchase new ones this year. Second, in Murray Park several of the pavilions are in desperate need of rebuilding. I am recommending \$350,000 be directed to begin this project. Next, it appears our City will be hosting the 2009 Babe Ruth World Series. With that in mind, this is a good opportunity to clean up the hillside on the north end of the ballpark. Finally, Hidden Village Park has restrooms that are about 35 years old. As you can tell from the age, they are very much in need of remodeling. These will be wonderful and visible remodeling projects for all our residents to enjoy.

Finally, our enterprise funds have areas in need of updates. Our Power Department needs more office space. They are suggesting three options for how this could be accomplished. First, their lunchroom could be reconfigured; second, they could build a small self-contained building; or finally, they could add offices in the old diesel generation plant which has had some recent improvements made to it. Due to the increased demands for power services in our City, I am also recommending the addition of another employee for the Power Department.

The water department needs to rebuild the pump house located on the same property as the new fire station 82. This is a good time to undertake this project because both buildings can then have compatible looks.

Since the introduction of our Storm Water Utility last year, I am recommending beginning several projects in that area. Storm water lines on Capri and also 5600 South can be constructed this year, with design work being undertaken for future projects.

Other facilities located in our City are being remodeled as well, with the Fashion Place Mall being one of the largest and most visible. It is already under way and will involve utility work by most of our departments. A sewer line expansion project will also need to be done in this

area.

The Fireclay RDA is ready to see a big face lift. Lack of infrastructure has been a challenge to redevelopment occurring in this area. A sewer line project is planned that will cost close to \$2 million dollars, but it will be one of the catalysts to giving this area a new life.

Street improvements are another big piece of one-time funding that I am recommending. We will have a variety of projects taking place on State roads in the City - 5300 South and State, 5300 South and I-15, and 4500 South from State Street to I-15. In addition to those projects, I would like to spend about \$2.7 million dollars on local city streets. Unfortunately, with the costs of construction increasing by a third over the past year, the money will not go as far as we would like it to go. I look forward to working with you to select the roads with the most critical challenges to be repaired.

There are a variety of unique budget recommendations that I would like to explain. Valley Television is growing in popularity and we are expecting to expand our coverage in the coming year. As a next step in using this communication tool, I would like to add cameras to this chamber so Council Meetings and other events could be recorded for viewing on Channel 17. This will open opportunities for our residents to see the work of their elected officials. I believe we agree that the more we communicate, the more we move toward understanding. We are being asked to participate in several large projects with other entities, such as the Township Survey and possibly a school district boundary study. To that end, I will be providing an addendum for special funding requests to the budget for your consideration. I look forward to discussing them with you in detail at budget meetings.

Finally, my recommendations regarding our employees compensation. The Murray City Employee Association has met with me and suggested that we increase the amount offered for tuition reimbursement. I agree with their suggestion. I also recommend that a 1% COLA be provided this year. We have been fortunate in not seeing large increases in our health insurance this year and will recommend minimal premium increases. I am suggesting that other programs remain status quo. I do wish to add a small amount of funding to acknowledge our employees during the holiday season. We are very fortunate to have dedicated, knowledgeable and loyal employees. I appreciate the contributions they make for all the more visible workings of our City.

I hope you will agree that remodeling is a good place for us to spend our few extra dollars this year. I look forward to our continued discussion regarding the best way to meet the needs of our residents in this budget stewardship. I believe these recommendations will add value to our community and help increase the pride our residents feel about living in the "Best City in America."

Thank you.

Mr. Robertson took a moment to recognize Tim Cosgrove, Utah State Representative for District #44, and David Wilde, Salt Lake County Council Member for District #3.

Motion to adopt the resolution made by Ms. Dunn
Mr. Dredge 2nd the motion
Call vote recorded by Ms. Heales

AYE/NAY

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

Motion passed 5-0

2. **Consider a Resolution indicating the intent of the City to adjust the common boundary of its water services area with the Taylorsville-Bennion Water Conservancy District (“Taylorsville-Bennion”) to exclude from Taylorsville-Bennion and include in the City, properties in Taylorsville-Bennion located at approximately 1300 West Winchester Drive**

Staff Presentation: Doug Hill, Public Service Director

Mr. Hill stated that Murray City and Taylorsville have agreed to adjust the boundaries in the southwest area of the City effective July 01, 2007. Mr. Hill remarked that this area currently resides within the service district of Taylorsville-Bennion Water Improvement District, and the people living in this area are receiving some services from the Tay-Ben District, and are paying a property tax for those infrastructure services provided. This resolution will start the process that will allow the City to adjust the boundaries and if approved, eventually remove the property tax, allowing Murray City to provide water and services without an interlocal agreement.

Motion to adopt the resolution made by Mr. Dredge.
Ms. Griffiths 2nd the motion

Call vote recorded by Ms. Heales

AYE/NAY

 A Ms. Dunn

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

Motion passed 5-0

G. Mayor

1. Report

Mayor Snarr spoke about the reconstruction of 4500 South, stating that UDOT has indicated that it was necessary to shut down the area of Main Street to 300 West for approximately eight weeks to facilitate the completion of the project. The Mayor noted that although there may be some inconvenience the project will be completed in a shorter span of time.

2. Questions of the Mayor

None

H. Adjournment