



MURRAY
CITY COUNCIL

**MURRAY CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
Fiscal Year 2014-2015**

The Murray City Municipal Council met as the Budget and Finance Committee on Thursday, May 8th, 2014, in the Murray City Center, Conference Room #107, 5025 South State Street, Murray, Utah.

Members in Attendance:

Jim Brass	Budget Chair
Brett Hales	Committee Member
Diane Turner	Committee Member
Blair Camp	Committee Member
Dave Nicponski	Excused

Others in Attendance:

Justin Zollinger	Finance Director	Paul Thompson	Court Judge
Kellie Challburg	Council Office	Doug Hill	Public Services

Mr. Brass called the Budget and Finance Committee Meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. He stated that this is a continuation of the reconciliation discussions.

Judge Thompson's Compensation

Mr. Brass asked Ms. Lopez if she had any further salary data for the Council. She handed out information to the Council and the Judge.

Mr. Hales stated that after looking at the information, he is comfortable with the existing salary compensation. He feels good about the salary, including the 3% increase this year. Ms. Turner was in agreement. She stated that she wished everybody could get an increase but doesn't think it is possible at this point. Mr. Brass also agreed. He said the City is facing some financial issues and feels like the City needs to be careful at this point. Mr. Camp agreed and also stated that he thought it was prudent to follow the Mayor's budget also.

Judge Thompson asked if the total compensation listed included travel and retirement costs. Ms. Lopez said the numbers are what is reported, but she couldn't say exactly if the cities report the numbers differently.

Judge Thompson thanked the Council.

Taylorville Bridge

Mr. Hill said he had sent out an estimate for costs on the bridge. It would require buying right of way property from the hotel and worst case scenarios would be purchasing it at commercial prices. The cost of the sidewalk was also included from the bridge out to 4500 South, and connecting to the existing sidewalk. There is a possibility of receiving grant money through UDOT for the Safer Sidewalk Program. He mentioned that applications are due in the spring so it would have to be done next year. He said it is likely that the City could receive funds but would require a 50% match. The largest cost of the project is purchasing the right of way.

Mr. Hill said he met with the hotel staff and asked if they liked the idea of the bridge or not. Their response was that the bridge was too far inland on the property and would like it moved out to 4500 South. He said that hotel management was going to let Mr. Hill know later in the month if they would be interested in selling or donating the land. Mr. Hill clarified that this was the Hampton Inn. Mr. Brass asked what the concern was with the bridge location. Mr. Hill said they currently have some vagrancy along the river and didn't want to create an easy access to the hotel. Mr. Hill commented that it could have the opposite effect also, and the vagrants may be scared away by the increase of people. Mr. Brass said that was a good question as to the effect of the bridge on the vagrant community.

Mr. Hill said that for budgeting purposes, he believes the amount should be about \$150,000. Taylorville has asked for \$40,000 to match the bridge and close to \$110,000 in improvements. He noted that it could come in less than that, but no assumptions should be made. Mr. Hales said the amount needed has tripled since discussions began. Mr. Hill said it began with \$40,000 because that was the cost requested for the bridge only. Murray City would be forced to make improvements because the bridge would cross the river onto nothing, said Mr. Hill.

Mr. Camp said that after hearing the needs of the City Parks and Recreation, he feels like the money would be better spent on other areas in the City. Mr. Hales agreed and stated that he was considering the \$40,000 expense, but isn't comfortable with the estimate of \$140,000 to \$150,000. Ms. Turner was in agreement also. Mr. Brass said that the Hampton Inn isn't comfortable with the location of the bridge and the larger dollar estimate makes it a tough project to fund.

Roadways/Radar Speed Signs

Mr. Brass stated that Mr. Camp wanted more discussion on road repairs, particularly 440 East. Mr. Camp stated that he heard from Mr. Hill that the road repairs on 440 East are probably about a year out, and Mr. Camp has some concerns. There is a real deep hole on 440 East and he is concerned about the safety of bicyclists and pedestrians, and believes that something needs to be done. He asked Mr. Hill if he was aware of the hole in discussion. Mr. Hill said he was not. Mr. Camp said there is a sinkhole on 440 East and approximately 6200 South. Mr. Hill said he would have staff look at it and try and repair it. Mr. Hill noted that 440 East, Wilford, and 525 East were all on the list, as well as 6220 South and Fashion Boulevard. He added that it is important to recognize that the City didn't make it all the way through the repair list from last year. Mr. Brass noted that the dollar amount to repair failing roads in Murray is close to \$30 million. Mr. Hill said it sounds like the road in question could be patched for an immediate repair.

Mr. Hill said that 440 East is an expensive project, and could only be done this year by replacing the Chevy Chase/Wesley project. Mr. Brass added that there was a time when road repairs were split evenly between the Districts, but now the Council relies on the expertise of Mr. Hill and his staff.

Mr. Brass asked about Vine Way. Mr. Hill said there is a bid out on it right now, with the bid for Vine Street and 1300 East. There will be bid openings shortly on that project, he added. Mr. Hill said it depends on the amount of the bids to be able to include Vine Way. Mr. Camp asked what the market was like on the bids. Mr. Hill said the prices are coming in a little high.

Intent Document Discussion

Ms. Lopez stated that she sent a draft of the document out to everyone. Mr. Brass reminded them that this document isn't adopted until the budget is adopted, but was open to add any comments.

Ms. Lopez pointed out that Mr. Nakamura added a paragraph on the front page regarding the new high deductible health savings plan. Mr. Hales said that is a popular plan among the younger generation. Mr. Zollinger added that he was switching to that plan. Ms. Lopez clarified that the current plan is for the City to donate to that plan the first year. Mr. Zollinger added that the following year, the employee would not pay a premium but would be responsible for contributing to the plan.

Mr. Zollinger asked if the 401K contribution for Tier II employees was included in the document. Ms. Lopez said it was not.

Mr. Brass said for a quick review, radar speed signs were as stated, the Winchester low head dam redesign reads well, as does the process for the new General Plan.

Mr. Brass adjourned the meeting.

Kellie Challburg
Council Office Administrator II