

Murray City Municipal Council Chambers Murray City, Utah

The Municipal Council of Murray City, Utah, met on Tuesday, the 6th day of January, 2009 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:

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

Others who attended:

Daniel Snarr,	Mayor
Jan Wells,	Chief of Staff
Michael Wagstaff,	Council Director
Carol Heales,	City Recorder
Frank Nakamura,	City Attorney
Craig Burnett,	Assistant Police Chief
Gilbert Rodriguez,	Fire Chief
Tim Tingey,	Community & Economic Development Director
Doug Hill,	Public Services Director
Patricia Wilson,	Finance Director
Mildred Horton,	Murray Arts Advisory Board
Dustin Matsumori,	VP, George K Baum & Company
Randall Larsen,	Attorney, Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll, LLP
Citizens	

A. OPENING CEREMONIES

1. Pledge of Allegiance - Mildred Horton, Murray Arts Advisory Board
2. Mr. Brass stated that Murray City has a tradition where they ask the Boy Scouts in attendance to stand and introduce themselves, their troop leaders, and which badges they are working on.

The Boy Scouts introduced themselves.

3. Special Recognitions:

1. Community Art Awards:

Presentation: Mildred Horton, Murray Arts Advisory Board

Ms. Horton asked that Mary Ann Kirk, Cultural Programs Director be excused. She said that they have given out some community awards, beginning in November; two awards were presented at Cottonwood High School, and they were given to: Dr. Cory Tuckness who has lead the drama department for the past 14 years, then adding debate to his repertoire for seven years. He has directed or designed over 300 productions and retired this past year. The other member that was awarded that night was John Seibach, who has been the technical director for Cottonwood High School musicals since 1974, and has magic come to life on that stage for 34 years.

Ms. Horton also presented an award to Paul Brewer, who has been on the Arts Advisory Board for two different terms, as well as the Chairman of that Board. He has volunteered in many capacities and actively involved in many activities. In addition to all of that, he has leant his professional talents to Murray City, putting on magic shows in schools and at the amphitheater, and is a fun performer.

The final recipient was Krystin Elder, who is the music director at Hillcrest Junior High School. Ms. Elder has been with the school for nine years, has a choir, and also helps with musicals there. She has had a tough road ahead of her, and they are very proud of how well she has built up the program at the school, considering she lost her husband a few years ago, and is now a single mother raising three children. It was a real privilege to present that award to her.

Ms. Horton stated that the Juried Art Show that was held in November and they had 29 artists who participated and 54 pieces of art and crafts in the show. There were both professional and amateur categories, and 12 additional categories, and awards were given for each one of the winners in the form of a \$50.00 check.

The Board also has another award, for when people come through the art exhibit, they allow them to vote for a people's choice award. That was awarded this year to Maura Naughten, for her picture entitled "New Shoes" which was very nice.

Every year, the Arts Advisory Board purchases a piece of art, and this year they purchased from Graydon Foulger. His bio reads as follows: He says he is a native of Salt Lake, and a resident of Murray since 1988; Graydon studied at Utah State, University of Utah, and graduated with a BA in painting and sculpture from BYU in 1967. Graydon also co-founded Trivoli Art Gallery, where he served as president and director from 1968 to 1983. Although finding time to paint was challenging, he feels that the many facets of this gallery experience was beneficial to him in his career as an artist. His interest in painting is a wide variety of subjects, and he has served this by traveling quite a bit, particularly in the USA, South America and in Europe. He loves to paint on-site, but equally as much in his own studio as well. He is passionate about his work; Graydon's work ranges from subtle rendering to the colorful impressionistic that is illustrated in his paintings, and he has received many awards and his work has been presented in magazines, books and galleries in the western United States.

Ms. Griffiths thanked Ms. Horton, and all of the members of the Arts Advisory Board, particularly Mary Ann Kirk who has given great cultural support and leadership to the community over the years. She has great respect and admiration for her and all of the members of the Board.

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

None Given

Public Comment closed.

C. CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Brass asked that the following confirmations be taken together; no objections noted.

1. Consider confirmation of the Mayor's reappointment of Steve Burt to the Murray Downtown Historic Overlay District Design Review Committee in an at-large position for a term to expire January 1, 2012.
2. Consider confirmation of the Mayor's reappointment of Kathleen Sorenson to the Murray Arts Advisory Board in at-large position for term to expire January 15, 2011.
3. Consider confirmation of the Mayor's reappointment of Mary Black to the Murray Arts Advisory Board in an at-large position for a term to expire January 15, 2011.

Mr. Dredge made a motion to approve the re-appointments.
Ms. Griffiths 2nd the motion.

Call vote recorded by Carol Heales.

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

Motion passed 5-0

D. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None scheduled

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None scheduled

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Election of a Chair and Vice Chair of the Murray City Municipal Council for 2009.

Mr. Robertson nominated Jeff Dredge for Chair of the Municipal Council.
Ms. Dunn 2nd the nomination.

Ms. Griffiths moved that they suspend the rules and elect Mr. Dredge as the Chair by acclamation.
Mr. Robertson 2nd the motion.

Call vote recorded by Carol Heales.

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

Motion passed 5-0

Ms. Dunn stated that she had been the Chair for a long time, and she has appreciated the opportunity; it has given her the opportunity to meet a lot of people around the state, and many of them don't like her anymore because, generally she is there to represent Murray, and if she is there, it is because they want to do something besides representing Murray. She is happy to hand over the position to Mr. Dredge, and hopes he can take the opportunity to get out there and meet people at the Legislature, the County, and all these different places, as it is a really great opportunity that will help a lot in the position here, and wished Mr. Dredge luck in the new position.

Mr. Dredge thanked Ms. Dunn for all of the great service she has done on the City's behalf, saying that she has done a great job and the position really holds big shoes to fill.

Mr. Dredge nominated Jim Brass for the Vice-Chair position.
Mr. Robertson 2nd the nomination.

Ms. Griffiths moved that they suspend the rules and elect Mr. Brass as the Vice-Chair by acclamation.
Ms. Dunn 2nd the motion.

Call vote recorded by Carol Heales.

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

Motion passed 5-0

2. Election of a Chair and Vice Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee for 2009.

Mr. Brass nominated Krista Dunn as Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee.
Mr. Dredge 2nd the nomination.

Ms. Griffiths moved that they suspend the rules and elect Ms. Dunn as the Chair by acclamation.
Mr. Dredge 2nd the motion.

Call vote recorded by Carol Heales.

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

Motion passed 5-0

Mr. Robertson nominated Jeff Dredge as Vice-Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee.
Ms. Dunn 2nd the nomination.

Ms. Griffiths moved that they suspend the rules and elect Mr. Dredge as the Vice-Chair by acclamation.
Mr. Dredge 2nd the motion.

Call vote recorded by Carol Heales.

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

Motion passed 5-0

3. Election of an Ex-Officio member of the Murray City Library Board of Directors for 2009.

Ms. Dunn nominated Patricia Griffiths as Ex-Officio member of the Murray City Library Board of Directors.
Mr. Robertson 2nd the nomination.

Mr. Brass moved that they suspend the rules and elect Ms. Griffiths as the Chair by acclamation.
Ms. Dunn 2nd the motion.

Call vote recorded by Carol Heales.

 A Ms. Griffiths
 A Ms. Dunn

A Mr. Dredge
 A Mr. Robertson
 A Mr. Brass

Motion passed 5-0

4. **Consider a Resolution approving the Mayor's appointment of representatives to the boards of interlocal entities.**

Mayor Snarr stated that they have remained the same: Blaine Haacke to serve on UAMPS, Mr. Brass to serve on Central Valley Water Conservancy, Krista Dunn on VECC, Anne VonWeller for Trans Jordan, and Jeff Dredge for the UTOPIA board. Mayor Snarr also noted that on the UAMPS board, Greg Bellon would be the alternate.

Ms. Griffiths said that Mr. Robertson has served as an alternate for Ms. Dunn on VECC and asked if this is still the case.

Ms. Dunn stated that for the time being, she and Mr. Robertson had traded places until such time that he is ready to go back to it; she had agreed to temporarily take that position.

Mr. Robertson made the motion to adopt the Resolution.
Ms. Griffiths 2nd the motion.

Call vote recorded by Carol Heales.

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

Motion passed 5-0

5. **Consider a Resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of not more than \$5,000,000 aggregate principal amount of Sales Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2009 of Murray City, Utah for the purpose of financing all or a portion of the costs of the acquisition of land and related improvements for City purposes; calling a Public Hearing and establishing a time, place and location for said Public Hearing; providing for publication of a Notice of Public Hearing and bonds to be issued; providing for a pledge of sales tax revenues for repayment of the bonds; fixing the maximum aggregate principal amount of the bonds, the maximum number of years over which the bonds may mature, the maximum interest rate which the bonds may bear, and the maximum discount from par at which the bonds may be sold; providing for the running of a contest period; expressing an intent to reimburse; and related matters.**

Staff Presentation: Patricia Wilson, Director of Finance

Ms. Wilson stated that this is a first step in issuing sales tax bonds, and the Resolution sets the parameters for that. This sets the maximum of what will be done with the sales tax bonds; the Resolution states that the principal amount of the bonds is not to exceed \$5 million, the interest rate will not exceed 5.9% per annum, and the maturity will not exceed 20 years, and the bonds will be

sold at a price not less than 97%. These are the maximum amounts that will be allowed. It also sets forth a public hearing that is scheduled for February 3, 2009, which will allow the public to give input on the sale of the bonds; these bonds are to be used for acquisition of land and related improvements for the City.

Ms. Wilson stated that it is recommended that if the Council would like to go forth with the process of issuing sales tax bonds, that this Resolution be passed.

Mr. Robertson asked if there will be any problem finding people that are willing to meet those requirements outlined.

Mr. Matsumori, VP, George K Baum & Company, stated that to put it in perspective, towards the tail end of last year, they sold three different sales tax revenue bond issues, that were extremely well received; these were all for Utah municipalities and were very similarly structured to what the City is looking at. Based on their current estimates and the market interest that they have been seeing, there should not be any problems.

Mr. Brass stated that in the Resolution, it is noted, that the Public Hearing would be Tuesday, February 3, 2009, at 6:30 p.m.

Ms. Griffiths made the motion to adopt the Resolution.

Ms. Dunn 2nd the motion.

Call vote recorded by Carol Heales.

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

Motion passed 5-0

G. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Snarr stated that they are back working on the Fashion Place Mall; He noticed this morning that they have brought in a backhoe, and he is hoping to find out if it has a thumb on it, that is so that it can pinch material down at the Southern Exposure site. If it does, there is a good chance that they will begin demolition on that building as well.

Mr. Robertson asked if, at the Southern Exposure site, they had taken care of the asbestos materials. The Mayor said that it has all been removed, and Questar had been there making sure that all of the lines for natural gas had been severed, they had one meter, but there were different ways that they were accessing that. They are excited about all of that.

Mayor Snarr thanked Jan Wells for having the reporters come back; there was some controversy as to how much money the City had spent on salt; granted, the City had spent over 3/4 of their salt budget money,

and the Mayors concern was that we had a full salt dome, and they needed to see that. It was two extraordinary weeks between the 13th and 26th of January, which he tried to explain to them; fortunately, the reporter from KSL, who is married to his nephew, came out and was very thorough in explaining where the City was at.

The point that the Mayor was trying to make to the residents was that the City will take care of the roads, do an excellent job, plow them, and if they need additional funds to take care of buying additional salt resources, the City will go and get it. He hopes they appreciate the fact that the City is here to make sure that the residents, as well as those people who come and shop in our community, have roads that are safe to drive on.

Mayor Snarr complemented the City's Public Works people: they work extremely hard under some very difficult situations, such as non-stop snow, and have done it willingly and very well. They show up at night, they were there on Christmas and New Years; in driving through other communities, the Mayor said that we should be very proud of how well they do here in Murray City in taking care of our residents. We have a good record of caring for our citizens, and whenever someone call and complain, he always offers to take them for a ride through the rest of the County, although no one has taken him up on his offer yet.

Mr. Robertson added that they all appreciate what the Street Department and Public Services do for the City.

Mayor Snarr stated that Mr. Brass and Ms. Dunn came down this afternoon, for a meeting with the County Council regarding funding the acquisition of the Armory maintenance facility; there is one more little hoop that they need to go back and get checked off, but it looks like the chances of the City receiving funding are very favorable. Salt Lake County Mayor Carroon had come back to explain that this was just a small bit of protocol that they had to go through and have the Parks Advisory Board sign off on it.

The Mayor said that they are all very excited about this; it will take a while to develop a plan, and to do some analysis on what the best and highest use of the property will be, but it is something that the City has looked forward to for the last several years. He thanked everyone who had been involved in this for all of their help.

While he was up there, his intention was to let them know that Murray has really stepped up and acquired their own land and resources; when they came to Murray and asked for help, he has always said he was willing to look at it; particularly when nobody wanted a rugby facility. We were very fortunate that they gave the City \$660,000 to build a nice baseball complex, but because we had worked with them, acquired our own properties, and at the same time allowed them to develop their properties within Murray's boundaries to the best and highest use they felt they could utilize their own properties, it was a cooperative effort.

He is very excited about the Armory property and the City will make it into a great amenity for our Parks, and thanked everyone again for all of their efforts and communications.

Ms. Griffiths added that she feels that collaboration is one of our City's biggest strengths.

Mayor Snarr gave kudos to the City's new ambulance service, which is being well utilized. We may eventually need another unit, but he is very proud. This is a good example of never giving up: that was five years in the making to become a reality, and the City did not have to spend a lot of money legally to do that. The City was able to work out a deal with Gold Cross, and it was a win-win situation and we are there to be provide that service. It is saving the City money by not having to send our transport unit to pick up the firefighter that had to ride in the back of the other ambulance provider; now we just send the ambulance over, take care of delivering the patient, and it is non-stop care from the time the arrive at the scene until they return.

Mr. Robertson stated that, although he has unfortunately spent more time than he wanted to at the hospital, it gave him a chance to see what great public service the City provides.

Ms. Griffiths agreed, adding that she has always said what a great group of employees the City has, period. She has always said that our most valuable resource is our human resources here, and has not changed her mind at all.

Mayor Snarr said that he knows that the firefighters are excited. He has spoken to them about how excited they are about all of the different things, and the changes.

H. QUESTIONS OF THE MAYOR

None.

ADJOURNMENT