

Murray City Municipal Council Chambers Murray City, Utah

The Municipal Council of Murray City, Utah, met on Tuesday, the 18th day of August , 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 -Conducted
Krista Dunn,	Council Member - Absent
Pat Griffiths,	Council Member
Robbie Robertson,	Council Member
Jim Brass,	Council Member

Others who attended:

Daniel Snarr,	Mayor
Jan Wells,	Chief of Staff
Michael Wagstaff,	Council Director
Brent Davidson,	Deputy City Recorder
Frank Nakamura,	City Attorney
Tim Tingey,	Economic Development Director
Jon Harris,	Murray City Fire Department
Jeff Griffith,	Murray City Fire Department
Jon Grangroth,	Murray City Fire Department
Pat Killion,	Murray City Fire Department
Scott White,	Murray City Fire Department
Stephen Olson,	Murray City Fire Department
Scott Dansie,	Comcast Cable
Gary Merrill,	Candidate, District #2
Robert Orrigoni,	Candidate, District #4
Citizens	

A. OPENING CEREMONIES

1. Pledge of Allegiance - Joseph Shaver, Boy Scout

2. Approval of Minutes of July 21, 2009

Ms. Griffiths made a motion to approve the minutes.
Mr. Brass 2nd the motion.

Voice vote taken, all ayes.

3. Approval of Minutes of August 04, 2009

Ms. Griffiths made a motion to approve the minutes.
Mr. Robertson 2nd the motion.

Voice vote taken, all ayes.

4. Mr. Dredge said that there is a tradition in Murray City, to ask the Boy Scouts in attendance to stand and introduce themselves, their leaders, and which Merit Badges they are working on.

The Scouts in attendance introduced themselves.

5. Special Recognitions:

None scheduled

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

None given

Public Comment closed.

C. CONSENT AGENDA

None scheduled

D. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None scheduled.

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None scheduled

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Consider a Resolution approving marketing, sponsorship, and professional development assistance match grant applications to the Economic Development Corporation of Utah.**

Staff presentation: Tim Tingey, Community & Economic Development Director

Mr. Tingey stated that each year they prepare applications to EDCU for these differing elements: marketing match grants, sponsorship match grants, and this year there is a new grant that they are requesting for professional development that will assist in paying for educational opportunities for staff, related to economic development.

Mr. Tingey emphasized that they did go through the budget process, knowing that they would be applying for these grants, but they do require that they have a Resolution or authorization from the City Council, and that is why they are here asking for this specific request. On the marketing match grant, they are really going to focus and target their efforts this year, in a variety of areas: medical development opportunities, retail and professional development, transit oriented development areas, and also looking at having an economic development resource brochure. They are going to target their efforts in these marketing grants. In addition to that, in their sponsorship match grant, they are planning on having their second annual Economic Development Symposium and hope to get funding for that. Mr. Tingey said that the Economic Development staff is recommending approval of the Resolution for these grant applications.

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

Call vote recorded by Brent Davidson:

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

Motion passed 4-0

2. Consider an Ordinance amending Section 3.44.030(A) of the Murray City Municipal Code regarding the tax levy for telecommunications franchises.

Staff presentation: Frank Nakamura, City Attorney

Mr. Nakamura said that the State Law had changed the rate of tax levy for telecommunications franchises to 3.5%; the City has had 4%. The City has been collecting the 3.5%, and this is a housekeeping matter that should have been changed at the time the State Law was changed, so that it is consistent with the State Law.

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

Call vote recorded by Brent Davidson:

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

Motion passed 4-0

3. Consider a Resolution authorizing the execution of a non-exclusive Cable Television Franchise Agreement between the City and Comcast of Utah II, Inc.

Staff presentation: Frank Nakamura, City Attorney

Mr. Nakamura stated that this a renewal of a franchise agreement that the City has had with Comcast; this dates back ten years or more ago, TCI was the party to this agreement. This is a renewal of that agreement, as we are required to do under the Federal Cable Act. Mr Nakamura recognized Scott Dansie of Comcast Cable, and thanked him for his cooperation over the years, helping the City put together this agreement. Mr. Nakamura added that he did not think that they changed any of the terms of the prior agreement, other than changing the term of the agreement. The agreement is still at 5%.

Mr. Dansie, of Comcast, thanked the City staff for the professional and fair way that they have always treated them. He added that this a non-exclusive franchise with the City, and that the City can have as many cable franchises as they wish;

and to make sure that Comcast's franchise is equivalent to any other cable franchise that the City awards. This is a standard agreement, and he feels that Murray City is getting essentially what Comcast would offer to any other city in Utah.

Mr. Robertson made a motion to adopt the Resolution.
Mr. Brass 2nd the motion.

Call vote recorded by Brent Davidson:

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

Motion passed 4-0

4. Consider a Resolution acknowledging general growth, transportation, and land use principles.

Staff presentation, Jan Wells, Chief of Staff

Ms. Wells stated that there have been many presentations over the past year, about these regional growth principles that have been put forth by the Wasatch Front Regional Council and Envision Utah; as they have studied these with staff, and worked with the various entities, they have appreciated their relationships with them, and feel like they have been excellent, and that they have always worked with them as they needed to, and that the City has strived to accomplish the goals that we all have, as far as transportation, growth and other principles. As staff has studied these principles, they have had some concerns about them, and have felt comfortable in going in a different direction and offering, instead, this Resolution that would be their acknowledgment of general growth transportation and land use principles for Murray City.

Ms. Wells said that she is offering this to the Council as an alternative, and if there are questions on the details, she would be happy to address any questions.

Mr. Dredge that the City has formed good relationships with the employees of Wasatch Front, and although this is going in a slightly different direction than they are fully recommending, he has been told that Murray is considered one of

their “Poster Childrens” of really being ahead of the curve, and adopting these principles in land use. The City is well thought of in what we are doing.

Ms. Griffiths added that this helps us to maintain more autonomy, which Ms. Wells said that was one of their goals as a staff.

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

Call vote recorded by Brent Davidson:

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

Motion passed 4-0

Mr Dredge acknowledged the Murray City Firefighters in attendance at the meeting, and invited everyone in attendance to go out and look at the new apparatus with the Council after the meeting.

G. MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Snarr discussed a proclamation from the Mayor and the City of Murray, Utah to declare August, 2009 as Murray Firefighter Appreciation Month.

Whereas the Mayor of the City of Murray, Utah, has a responsibility and the opportunity to honor outstanding achievements, and whereas this year marks the 55th year that firefighters throughout Utah and the country, have joined the Muscular Dystrophy Association in the fight against neuro-muscular disease; together, Utah firefighters collected \$300,000 for “Jerry’s Kids”; and whereas firefighters from Murray City raised over \$18,000 in 2008 to help Murray families living with one of over 40 types of neuro-muscular disorders, and whereas the City of Murray recognizes MD days exceptional achievements with research grants, support groups, summer camps and fund-raising events, and commend the MDA for a job well done.

Whereas the International Association of Firefighters, across the nation, are the single largest contributors to the Muscular Dystrophy Association, and will

participate in the Fill The Boot campaigns across the nation to raise much needed funds to provide comprehensive medical services to tens of thousands of adults and children with neuro-muscular diseases; and,

Whereas the Muscular Dystrophy Association is a voluntary health agency, a dedicated partnership between scientists and concerned citizens aimed at conquering neuro-muscular diseases through programs of worldwide research, comprehensive medical and community services, a nationwide service program, a network of clinics, summer camps, and far-reaching professional and public health education.

It was created in 1950 by a driven group of parents whose children were living with muscular dystrophy, and whereas MDA is the first non-profit recognized by the American Medical Association with a lifetime achievement award for significant and lasting contributions to the health and welfare of humanity; and,

Now therefore, I, Dan Snarr, Mayor of Murray City, Utah, do hereby proclaim the month of August, 2009 as Murray Firefighter Appreciation Month and encourage all City employees and residents to thank our firefighters, and to help support them in their valiant efforts in this cause.

Signed and sealed this 18th day of August, 2009

Mayor Snarr once again commended the City's firefighters for the excellent job that they do, and he knows that people appreciate their good efforts, because it is a great cause, and a lot of good has been done because of the monies that have been donated to help fund the research for this disease.

Mayor Snarr added that the Daughters of the Revolution had come in and he signed a proclamation for them as well, and let them know that he supports their efforts in recognizing the founding of America through the Revolution.

Mayor Snarr noted that they will be paving 5290 South by this Thursday, prior to school opens, and this was a fast job, considering they got a late start on the project. They will grind and rotomill the rest, from the crest of the hill going down, where they already have high-back gutter in place. There are just a few sections of gutter along the north and south sides, that they will go back and pop out, which will only take a couple of weeks to finish, as the storm drain systems are already in place in that area.

Jan Wells mentioned that there had been a flood there, over the weekend, due to a

line break with the Jordan Valley Water Conservancy, and the City's Public Services are quite concerned about the condition that the line is in; before this, Jordan Valley had not wanted to do anything with that line, but after this line break, they are reconsidering the issue, so that may delay the finishing of the job.

Mayor Snarr said it would be better to do that now, while the road is still torn up, but it does bother him that the City really went to bat with anyone who had infrastructure underneath that road, to make them aware of what the City was doing in the hopes that they would address their infrastructure at the same time. However, we will make the best of it; kids may have to go across some chewed-up road base to get to school for a little while. He has, however, heard that many people are pleased with the project and getting it taken care of.

H. QUESTIONS OF THE MAYOR

None given

ADJOURNMENT