

MINUTES OF MURRAY HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
January 12, 2015
4:00 P.M.

The Murray Human Rights Commission met in regular session on Monday, January 12, 2015, at 4:00 p.m. in City Hall's Council Chambers of City Hall with Chairperson Jody Cofer Randall presiding.

Members Present: Chair Jody Cofer Randall, Paula Compton, Dr. Peggy Pittman-Munke, Jane Shoemaker, Doris Saunders, Linda Cherry, Jessica Evans

Members Absent: none

Staff Present: Matt Mattingly, June Batts

Chair Cofer Randall welcomed members and called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

Old business:

The Minutes of November 10, 2014 were presented for approval. A minor typo was corrected. **Ms. Shoemaker motioned** to accept the minutes as corrected; **seconded by Dr. Pittman-Munke**. All members present were in favor of the motion.

The Minutes of December 8, 2014 were presented for approval. **Dr. Pittman-Munke motioned** to accept the minutes as presented; **seconded by Ms. Shoemaker**. All members present were in favor of the motion.

Chair Cofer Randall presented "unofficial" notes from the December 8, 2014, public forum on the Human Rights Ordinance amendments. A letter from Dr. Ken Wolf in support of the proposed revisions was distributed to members. Chair Cofer Randall asked members to think about how to proceed with the ordinance.

Members discussed opposing arguments presented at the public forum and invited comments from the audience: Dr. Ken Wolf, John Rudolph, Marsha Dorgan, Matt Bradley, and Sherry Gay.

After discussion, the Commission decided to generate an informational sheet listing reasons for the recommended changes, reasons for the recommended exemptions, the current landscape of protections, and where to get more information. The Commission suggested the information sheet should be published in various local media outlets. Chair Cofer Randall will set up a meeting with Mayor Rose to discuss a non-discrimination policy for City employees.

New business:

Chair Cofer Randall stated the Issue Based Hearing on Poverty would be held immediately following the June meeting.

Chair Cofer Randall said Connie Payne submitted her resignation effective after the December 8th meeting. The Commission asked that a letter of appreciation be sent to her. Chair Cofer Randall asked for members to submit names of possible candidates to fill the vacancy by Friday, January

16th. Those names will be forward to Mayor Rose to consider along with anyone else he wishes to add to the list.

Chair Cofer Randall presented a draft resolution of appreciation for former Mayor Bill Wells for his support and work with the Human Rights Commission. **Ms. Shoemaker moved** to approve the resolution; **seconded by Dr. Pittman-Munke**. All members present were in favor of the motion.

Former Mayor Wells addressed the Commission briefly.

Chair Cofer Randall reminded members of the MLK Breakfast scheduled for January 19th in the Curris Center Ballroom. Members were invited to attend the MLK proclamation signing on January 13th, at 9:03 a.m. in Council Chambers. Members were reminded that the next HRC meeting is scheduled for February 9th.

With no further business before the Commission, **Dr. Pittman-Munke motioned to adjourn;** **seconded by Ms. Evans**. The meeting adjourned at 5:06 p.m.