

**MURRAY PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2009**

The Murray Planning Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, November 17, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. in the council chambers of City Hall located at 104 N. 5th Street.

Commissioners Present: Marc Peebles, Ed Pavlick, Mary Anne Medlock, Tom Kind, Ed Davis, Jeremy Boyd, Amber DuVentre, Loretta Jobs and Richard Vanover

Commissioners Absent: None

Also Present: Candace Dowdy, Peyton Mastera, Reta Gray, David Roberts, Officer Jimmy Osborne, and public audience

Chairman Vanover called the meeting to order and welcomed all guests. Candace Dowdy swore in new Planning Commissioner Jeremy Boyd. Chairman Vanover asked for approval of the minutes from the October 20, 2009 regular meeting. *Amber DuVentre entered the meeting at 5:05 p.m.*

Ed Davis made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 20, 2009 regular meeting as presented. Ed Pavlick seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. *Mary Anne Medlock entered the meeting at 5:12 p.m.*

Discussion of Flood Plain Maps: David Roberts used a Power Point presentation to show the Flood Plain area in Murray. Mr. Roberts stated that there had been a need for updating the Flood Plain Maps for several years. According to Mr. Roberts, this process actually began in 2005 and has now been completed. FEMA has put notifications in the newspapers that the maps were up for review and for a 90 day period (which ends January 24, 2010) they would receive general comments from the city and county residents if they should have disagreements. After that time, the revisions will be made and the city will have six months to evaluate and update the current Flood Plain Ordinance. The City of Murray and Calloway County are participants of the National Flood Insurance Program. This means that residents have the availability of flood insurance if they would like to have it or in some cases are required to have it. Mr. Roberts stated that the flood zone that the property is in will determine the rates that the insurance companies will charge for flood coverage. The purpose of the flood insurance study and the National Flood Insurance Program was to update all the information that has been on file since The Flood Insurance study started in 1978 and the Flood Insurance Rate Maps have been on file since 1980. The new maps are referred to as D-FIRM because they are digital in a PDF Adobe Acrobat format. There are several areas that have been annexed into the city and a lot of areas that have changed because of growth of the city; therefore, it was decided to do a more in depth study of the current situation. Mr. Roberts stated that the new study was trying to reflect the changes. Approximately 200 letters were mailed notifying property owners and property owners that were adjacent to the flood plain area of the changes to the flood maps. Some properties were taken out of the Flood Plain Area and some were added since the last map update. Mr. Roberts stated that everything is based on the base flood elevation which is determined through

hydraulics and hydrology. The city has adopted ordinances that regulate the construction development within the flood plains and the flood ways. Mr. Roberts stated that the individuals that performed the study would be in Murray to answer questions on December 3rd, at 6:00 in the Council Chambers. There will be letters sent out to effected property owners making them aware of the meeting with FEMA phone numbers listed for assistance. Mr. Roberts concluded by saying that the whole purpose of this is to help mitigate losses and to give the city some control over property in a flood plain.

Approval of continuing education credit hours: Peyton Mastera asked for approval for continuing education credit hours for Tom Auer; BZA member, Candace Dowdy, Tom Kind, Loretta Jobs, Marc Peebles and Ed Pavlick

Marc Peebles made a motion to approve the continuing education credit hours for Tom Auer, Candace Dowdy, Tom Kind, Loretta Jobs, Marc Peebles and Ed Pavlick. Mary Anne Medlock seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously with a voice vote.

Questions and Comments: Adjournment: Ed Davis made a motion to adjourn. Marc Peebles seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. *The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.*

Chairman, Richard Vanover

Recording Secretary, Reta Gray