

# Murray City Municipal Council Chambers Murray City, Utah

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The Murray City Municipal Council met on Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. for a meeting held in the Murray City Center Council Chambers, 5025 South State Street, Murray, Utah.

**Council Members in Attendance:**

Dave Nicponski, Chair	District #1
Dale Cox, Vice Chair	District #2
Jim Brass	District #3
Diane Turner	District #4
Brett Hales	District #5

**Others in Attendance:**

Blair Camp	Mayor	Jan Lopez	Council Director
G.L. Critchfield	City Attorney	Jennifer Kennedy	City Recorder
Doug Hill	Chief Administrative Officer	Jennifer Heaps	Communications & Public Relations Director
Craig Burnett	Police Chief	Brenda Moore	Finance Director
Danny Astill	Public Works Director	Joey Mittelman	Assistant Fire Chief
Robert White	IT Director	Kim Sorensen	Parks & Recreation Director
Karen Richards	Permit Specialist	Melinda Greenwood	Community & Economic Development (CED) Director
Citizens			

**Opening Ceremonies**

Call to Order – Ms. Turner called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance – The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Melinda Greenwood, CED Director

**Approval of Minutes**

Council Meeting – November 19, 2019

MOTION: Mr. Hales moved to approve the minutes. The motion was SECONDED by Mr. Brass. Voice vote taken, all “ayes.”

**Special Recognition**

1. Consider a Joint Resolution of the Mayor and Municipal Council of Murray City Expressing Gratitude and Appreciation to Dave Nicponski for his Contributions to the Community as a City Council Member.

Staff Presentation: Dale Cox, Council Member

Mr. Cox expressed his appreciation to both Dave Nicponski and Jim Brass for all the work they've done throughout the year. He read the Joint Resolution.

MOTION: Mr. Hales moved to adopt the Joint Resolution. The motion was SECONDED by Ms. Turner.

Council roll call vote:

Mr. Hales	Aye
Mr. Nicponski	Aye
Mr. Cox	Aye
Mr. Brass	Aye
Ms. Turner	Aye

Motion passed 5-0

Mr. Nicponski thanked everyone for making his job easy for the past eight years.

2. Consider a Joint Resolution of the Mayor and Municipal Council of Murray City Expressing Gratitude and Appreciation to Jim Brass for his Contributions to the Community as a City Council Member.

Staff Presentation: Brett Hales, Council Member

Mr. Hales read the Joint Resolution.

MOTION: Mr. Nicponski moved to adopt the Joint Resolution. The motion was SECONDED by Mr. Cox.

Council roll call vote:

Mr. Hales	Aye
Mr. Nicponski	Aye
Mr. Cox	Aye
Mr. Brass	Aye
Ms. Turner	Aye

Motion passed 5-0

Mr. Brass said it has been a pleasure; the people who work for Murray City are truly a family. He thanked his family for supporting him throughout the years.

Mayor Camp expressed his appreciation to Mr. Nicponski and Mr. Brass.

3. Exchange Club Presentation.

Sheri VanBibber, Jay Bollwinkle, and Brandon Burningham presenting.

Sheri VanBibber, Murray Exchange Club, explained what the Exchange Club does noting their main priority is preventing child abuse and domestic violence. She said that about five years ago, the Exchange Club took over the Haunted Woods. This project has allowed the Exchange Club to give back to the community financially. She noted that the Haunted Woods gets more popular every year and the Exchange Club put in about 1750 hours this year putting the event together.

Jay Bollwinkle, Murray Exchange Club, said the Exchange Club made almost \$20,000 during this year's Haunted Woods. It is a fun community event and they have hundreds of people volunteer to help them put it on.

Ms. VanBibber said on "The Day of Giving" which was this past Tuesday, the Exchange Club was able to give back to the YWCA, Shelter Kids, the Prevention of Child Abuse Utah, the Frank Cordova Foundation and other organizations.

Brandon Burningham said the Exchange Club wouldn't be as successful as they are without the support of the city.

4. Murray City Council Employee of the Month, Karen Richards, Building Division.

Staff Presentation: Brett Hales, Council Member and Melinda Greenwood, CED Director

Mr. Hales said the Council started the Employee of the Month Program because they felt it was important to recognize the City's employees. He presented Ms. Richards with a certificate, a \$50 gift card and told her that her name would appear on the plaque located in the Council Chambers. He expressed his appreciation to Ms. Richards for all she does for the City.

Ms. Greenwood spoke about the work that Ms. Richards does and expressed appreciation to her for her hard work.

**Citizen Comments** – Comments are limited to 3 minutes unless otherwise approved by the Council.

Janice Strobell – Murray City, Utah

Ms. Strobell thanked Mr. Brass for his service. She has worked closely with him over the years and she appreciated the way he responded quickly to her questions.

**Consent Agenda**

Ms. Turner asked that all the Consent Agenda items be voted on together; no objections were made.

1. Consider confirmation of the Mayor's appointment of Cami Munk to the Arts Advisory

Board for a three-year term to expire on January 15, 2023.

2. Consider confirmation of the Mayor's reappointment of David Hunter to the Murray City Center District Design Review Committee for a three-year term to expire January 1, 2023.

MOTION: Mr. Brass moved to adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion was SECONDED by Mr. Hales.

Council roll call vote:

Mr. Hales	Aye
Mr. Nicponski	Aye
Mr. Cox	Aye
Mr. Brass	Aye
Ms. Turner	Aye

Motion passed 5-0

**Public Hearings**

Staff and sponsor presentations and public comment will be given prior to Council action on the following matters.

1. Consider a resolution declaring certain real property located at approximately 147 – 179 East Myrtle Avenue, Murray City, Salt Lake County, State of Utah, as surplus.

Staff Presentation: G.L. Critchfield, City Attorney

Mr. Critchfield said anytime the city wants to sell, exchange or dispose of real property when it's a significant parcel, State Law requires the city to declare property as surplus first. The city is trying to exchange some property with the Redevelopment Agency (RDA) for the new City Hall. If this resolution is approved, the property exchange would only be between the city and the RDA. The property would not be available to the public.

The public hearing was open for public comments. No comments were given, and the public hearing was closed.

MOTION: Mr. Hales moved to adopt the resolution. The motion was SECONDED by Mr. Ms. Brass.

Council roll call vote:

Mr. Hales	Aye
Mr. Nicponski	Aye
Mr. Cox	Aye
Mr. Brass	Aye
Ms. Turner	Aye

Motion passed 5-0

2. Consider an ordinance amending the City's Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget.

Staff Presentation: Brenda Moore, Finance Director

Ms. Moore went over the budget amendments which included: adding \$2,000 for a donation to the Seven Canyons Trust, adding grants and donations that were received, transferring money between the Class C and Capital Projects Fund, giving the Parks and Recreation Department the trade-in value for some equipment they sold on surplus, and adding money to the Risk and Power Fund for rising insurance costs.

The public hearing was open for public comments. No comments were given, and the public hearing was closed.

MOTION: Mr. Nicponski moved to adopt the ordinance. The motion was SECONDED by Mr. Brass.

Council roll call vote:

Mr. Hales	Aye
Mr. Nicponski	Aye
Mr. Cox	Aye
Mr. Brass	Aye
Ms. Turner	Aye

Motion passed 5-0

**Business Items**

1. Consider a resolution to acknowledge completion and receipt of the independent audit for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 and order that notice be published pursuant to Section 10-6-152 of the Utah Code.

Staff Presentation: Brenda Moore, Finance Director

Ms. Moore said last week the Council received a copy of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). This resolution is to acknowledge that the audit has been completed and the Council has received a copy of it.

MOTION: Mr. Brass moved to adopt the resolution. The motion was SECONDED by Mr. Cox.

Council roll call vote:

Mr. Hales	Aye
Mr. Nicponski	Aye
Mr. Cox	Aye
Mr. Brass	Aye

Ms. Turner      Aye

Motion passed 5-0

2. Consider a resolution of the Murray City Municipal Council declaring Murray City's intent and reasonable expectation to reimburse expenditures in connection with the renovation of the Murray Theater with the proceeds of future tax exempt and/or tax credit bonds.

Staff Presentation: Brenda Moore, Finance Director

Ms. Moore said the city is in the process of renovating the Murray Theater and she is working on how to pay for it. In order to keep her options open, she is asking the Council to approve this resolution. Salt Lake County is paying for half of this project and the city is paying the other half, which is \$3,500,000. She explained this resolution does not commit the city to bonding, it just states that if we bond, we will reimburse ourselves for the costs that are being incurred now.

Ms. Moore added that if the city decides to bond for the Murray Theater, there will be a lot more discussion and at least two more public meetings.

Mr. Hales said his concern is that he doesn't want the city to lose the money the county is putting up for this project.

Ms. Turner said she has concerns about bonding especially since the city has recently taken out two bonds. She really doesn't want to bond for this project unless the city absolutely has to. She wants the city to look for other sources of funding.

Ms. Moore agreed with Ms. Turner reiterating that this just leaves the possibility to bond open.

MOTION: Mr. Cox moved to adopt the resolution. The motion was SECONDED by Mr. Nicponski.

Council roll call vote:

Mr. Hales	Aye
Mr. Nicponski	Aye
Mr. Cox	Aye
Mr. Brass	Aye
Ms. Turner	Aye

Motion passed 5-0

3. Consider a resolution approving the 2019 Murray City Water Conservation Plan.

Staff Presentation: Danny Astill, Public Works Director

Mr. Astill said every five years the city is required to restate its goals and redo the water conservation plan. These conservation plans have been in effect since 2000. Currently, each person in the city uses approximately 211 gallons of water per day, which is high, but low for Salt Lake County.

The recent Wasatch Front Regional goals have been set. The city has incorporated those into this plan and will work to meet those goals by 2030. This resolution adopts the City's Water Conservation Plan so it can be submitted to the State.

MOTION: Mr. Nicponski moved to adopt the resolution. The motion was SECONDED by Mr. Hales.

Council roll call vote:

Mr. Hales	Aye
Mr. Nicponski	Aye
Mr. Cox	Aye
Mr. Brass	Aye
Ms. Turner	Aye

Motion passed 5-0

4. Consider an ordinance amending Section 3.10.370 of the Murray City Municipal Code relating to requiring qualified health plans in the procurement of building improvements and public works projects.

Staff Presentation: Dave Nicponski, Council Member

Mr. Nicponski said on this ordinance proposal, the health care plans are not required, but contractors will receive an incentive if they have them. The ordinance should

MOTION: Mr. Nicponski moved to adopt the ordinance amending Section 3.10.370 of the Murray City Municipal Code relating to *an incentive for* qualified health plans in the procurement of building improvements and public works projects. The motion was SECONDED by Mr. Brass.

Council roll call vote:

Mr. Hales	Aye
Mr. Nicponski	Aye
Mr. Cox	Aye
Mr. Brass	Aye
Ms. Turner	Aye

Motion passed 5-0

5. Consider a resolution approving a letter of support for Salt Lake County's application to

Wasatch Front Regional Council's Transportation and Land Use Connection Program for the Seven Greenways Visioning Plan.

Staff Presentation: Dale Cox, Council Member

Mr. Cox said several weeks ago representatives from Seven Greenways Visioning Plan gave a presentation to the Council. The Seven Greenways Visioning Plan will conduct a study of the eastside of the Salt Lake Valley and show what can be done to improve greenspace in those areas. The only obligation the city has is to receive the plans. It's the city's prerogative what to do with the plans after that.

Ms. Turner asked Mr. Critchfield if he was okay with this proposal.

Mr. Critchfield responded there was some language in a letter of support that suggested that the city would be committing more than originally thought. That language has been omitted from the letter. The city is committing \$2,000, will see the plan and that is all.

MOTION: Mr. Brass moved to adopt the resolution. The motion was SECONDED by Mr. Hales.

Council roll call vote:

Mr. Hales	Aye
Mr. Nicponski	Aye
Mr. Cox	Aye
Mr. Brass	Aye
Ms. Turner	Aye

Motion passed 5-0

**Mayor's Report and Questions**

Mayor Camp went over the following items:

- He expressed appreciation to everyone who attended or took part in the tree lighting event last Saturday. The Power, Fire, and Police Departments as well as the Shade Tree Commission all do a great job with that event.
- Demolition of the pavilions in the park started today. They are preparing for the new pavilions to be installed in the spring.
- Yesterday afternoon, staff participated in a bond rating presentation for the new City Hall. They were able to do that over video conferencing instead of taking a trip to San Francisco, which saved the city a lot of money. The city should have it's rating back in a couple of weeks.
- He reminded everyone about Operation Coverup and Coats for Kids. The event will be held tomorrow from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Station #82 (996 East Vine Street). They will be accepting donations of coats, blankets, scarves and mittens for people of all ages and sizes. He thanked Assistant Chief Mittelman for involving the Fire Department with this event each year.



**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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Jennifer Kennedy, City Recorder