



**MURRAY**  
CITY COUNCIL

# Council Meeting August 22, 2023



# Murray City Municipal Council

## City Council Meeting Notice

August 22, 2023

**PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Murray City Municipal Council will hold a City Council meeting beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 22, 2023 in the Murray City Council Chambers located at Murray City Hall, 10 East 4800 South, Murray, UT.

The public may view the Council Meeting via the live stream at [www.murraycitylive.com](http://www.murraycitylive.com) or <https://www.facebook.com/Murraycityutah/>. Those wishing to have their comments read into the record may send an email by 5:00 p.m. the day prior to the meeting date to [city.council@murray.utah.gov](mailto:city.council@murray.utah.gov). Comments are limited to less than three minutes (approximately 300 words for emails) and must include your name and address.

### **Meeting Agenda**

**6:30 p.m.**      **Council Meeting** – Council Chambers  
Diane Turner conducting.

#### **Opening Ceremonies**

Call to Order  
Pledge of Allegiance

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Council Meeting – July 18, 2023  
Council Meeting – August 1, 2023  
Special Council Meeting – August 8, 2023

#### **Special Recognition**

None scheduled.

#### **Citizen Comments**

Comments will be limited to three minutes, step to the microphone, state your name and city of residence, and fill out the required form.

#### **Consent Agenda**

None scheduled.

#### **Public Hearings**

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

1. Consider an ordinance adopting the rate of tax levies for the Fiscal Year commencing July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024. Brenda Moore presenting.
2. Consider an ordinance adopting the final 2023-2024 Fiscal Year Budgets for Murray City including the Library Fund Budget. Brenda Moore presenting.

## **Business Items**

None scheduled.

## **Mayor's Report and Questions**

## **Adjournment**

### **NOTICE**

Supporting materials are available for inspection on the Murray City website at [www.murray.utah.gov](http://www.murray.utah.gov).

Special accommodations for the hearing or visually impaired will be made upon a request to the office of the Murray City Recorder (801-264-2663). We would appreciate notification two working days prior to the meeting. TTY is Relay Utah at #711.

Council Members may participate in the meeting via telephonic communication. If a Council Member does participate via telephonic communication, the Council Member will be on speaker phone. The speaker phone will be amplified so that the other Council Members and all other persons present in the Council Chambers will be able to hear all discussions.

On Friday, August 18, 2023, at 9:00 a.m., a copy of the foregoing notice was posted in conspicuous view in the front foyer of the Murray City Center, Murray, Utah. Copies of this notice were provided for the news media in the Office of the City Recorder. A copy of this notice was posted on Murray City's internet website [www.murray.utah.gov](http://www.murray.utah.gov) and the state noticing website at <http://pmn.utah.gov>.



Jennifer Kennedy  
Council Executive Director  
Murray City Municipal Council



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# Call to Order

## Pledge of Allegiance



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# Council Meeting Minutes



# MURRAY CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

## MEETING MINUTES

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### **OPENING CEREMONIES**

#### **Council in Attendance:**

(Vacant), District #1  
Pamela Cotter, District #2  
Rosalba Dominguez, District #3  
Diane Turner, District #4  
Garry Hrechkosy, District #5 (Excused)  
Jennifer Kennedy, Council Director  
Pattie Johnson, Council Office Administrator III  
Crystal Brown, Officer Administrator

#### **Administrative Staff in Attendance:**

Brett A. Hales, Mayor  
Doug Hill, Chief Administrative Office  
Tammy Kikuchi, Chief Communication Officer  
G.L. Critchfield, City Attorney  
Brooke Smith, City Recorder  
Laura Bown, Purchasing Agent  
Calvin Atchley, Records Officer  
Wendy Saunders, Passport Agent  
Brenda Moore, Finance and Administration Director  
Craig Burnett, Police Chief  
Joey Mittelman, Fire Chief  
Stephen Olsen, Battalion Chief  
Greg Bellon, Interim General Manager of Power  
Russ Kakala, Public Works Director  
Philip Markham, Community and Economic Development Director\*  
Kim Sorensen, Parks and Recreation Director  
Kim Fong, Library Director  
Robert White, IT Service Director  
Ben Gray, Sr. Network Administrator

#### **Others in Attendance:**

Ryan Smith, Tonya Hodges, Paul Pickett, Clark Bullen, David Rodgers, Chad West, Katie Butterfield, Heather Taylor, Ben Butterfield, Jane Willie, Ronyold Willie, Wendy Parsons Baker, Lindsey Smith, Dede Smith, Leann Parker-Reed, Pam Sanders, Valerie Farley, Marie Gunn, Penelope Gunn, Charles Turner, Alan DeMann, Wini DeMann, Adam Hock, Michael Todd, Loran Paselich, Jim Brass, Jennifer Brass, Jason Lynn, Jenn Lynn.

## Opening Ceremonies

Call to Order – Councilmember Dominguez called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. District 5 Councilmember Hrechkosy was excused from the meeting. District 1 seat formally chaired by Councilmember Markham was vacant due to a resignation. Mr. Markham was attending in the audience.

The audience was invited to recite the Pledge of Allegiance led by Penelope Gunn.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None scheduled.

## SPECIAL RECOGNITION

### 1. Report from outgoing Miss Murray, Emma Robison, Emma Robinson presenting

#### **PRESENTATION**

The outgoing Miss Murray, Emma Robison, gave a brief presentation that included a video highlighting special events during her reign. She expressed gratitude for the opportunity to serve as Miss Murray 2023 and be part of the Miss Murray organization for the past 10 years. She spoke about the influence of previous Miss Murray titleholders and her experiences connecting with young girls as a role model. As her reign concludes, she reflected on the memorable moments and people she met, including senior citizens, firefighters, children, and others at various community events. She treasured the relationships formed and the chance to work with city leaders to serve the Murray community. She thanked the city council for the opportunity to represent and serve Murray as Miss Murray 2023.

Councilmembers and the Mayor thanked Emma Robison for her example and congratulated her on her recent engagement.

### 2. Special recognition of Chad West, Mayor Hales presenting.

#### **PRESENTATION**

Mayor Hales presented a special recognition to Chad West for his actions in helping apprehend a reckless driver. Chad called 911 and pursued two women from a crashed vehicle until police arrived and made arrests. On behalf of the city council and administration, Mayor Hales thanked Chad for his actions and presented him with a recognition coin. Former Senator Howell was also in attendance for the recognition. Chad explained that he had a longstanding relationship with former Senator Scott Howell's family, and they were in attendance to support him.

Chad West thanked the Mayor and council for the special recognition.

Councilmembers thanked Chad West for his service, and former Senator Howell for being in attendance.

### 3. Murray City Employee of the Month, Brooke Smith, City Recorder, Rosalba Dominguez and Mayor Hales presenting.

#### **PRESENTATION**

Councilmember Dominguez introduced Brooke Smith, as the July recipient for Employee of the Month. Brooke Smith is the City Recorder for Murray. She received a certificate; a \$50 gift card; and her name will appear on the plaque located in the Council Chambers.

Councilmember Dominguez, Mayor Hales, and Finance and Administrative, Director Brenda Moore presented the Murray City Employee of the Month award to Brooke Smith. Brooke was recognized for her work coordinating the city's move to the new city hall. This included developing a process to identify surplus items and items to move, contracting with a moving

company, and keeping employees informed during the move. Her process secured three competitive bids and saved the city approximately \$20,000. Mayor Hales added that Brooke sent many emails to coordinate the smooth move and likely saved the city frustration and money.

The council and mayor thanked Brooke for her work and presented her with the employee of the month award, flowers from her staff, and a \$50 gift certificate.

Brooke Smith acknowledged that the move was a team effort, and she appreciated the support and coordination of the entire staff. She expressed her excitement about the new City Hall, especially since it was the first Request for Proposal (RFP) she published in her five years of working there. Brooke praised the excellent work of the Legit company who they contracted with and recommended them to others.

Brooke took the opportunity to express her gratitude to her colleagues, mentioning Laura Bown (Purchasing Agent), Calvin Atchley (Records Officer), Wendy Saunders (Passport Agent), her husband Ryan, and several others who supported her during the stressful time of the move. She thanked the council and her fellow staff members, especially Brenda Moore and Doug Hill, for their help and support throughout the process.

Councilmembers thanked Brooke Smith for her service.

#### **CITIZEN COMMENT(S)**

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The meeting was open for public comment.

Charlotte Brimhall

Charlotte Brimhall, a Sandy City resident representing the Nomad Alliance, requested Murray City consider a pilot sanctioned campground for the homeless population. She noted Salt Lake City allocated \$500,000 for a campground, but the mayor requires participation from another city. Given the increasing homeless population and affordable housing crisis, and deaths of homeless individuals, they aim to establish a sanctioned campground before winter. The homeless currently suffer from routine abatements that displace them and derail progress toward stable housing. The Nomad Alliance modeled their sanctioned campground concept after Denver's successful approach. The campground would provide temporary shelter to help transition people into more permanent housing. Charlotte Brimhall asked the city council to consider participating in a pilot program and offered to provide more details on their sanctioned campground model. She thanked the council for considering this pressing issue.

Clark Bullen

Clark Bowen, a resident of District 3, said he appreciated that the Committee of the Whole meetings are being streamed again from the new city hall. He suggested scheduling all city meetings after 5:30pm to allow more residents who work until 5:00pm to participate and view the meetings. He acknowledged it would push meetings later for city staff but believes it would demonstrate a commitment to community awareness and accessibility. He hopes the council will consider this change to make meetings more available to all Murray citizens. He thanked the council for their consideration.

Reynold Willey

Reynold Willie, a resident of Murray, expressed his appreciation for Murray City. He and his wife love living in Murray, citing it as a wonderful place with great recreation amenities that allow them to meet new friends. He thanked the city council for all they have done to make Murray an enjoyable city to live in.

No additional citizen comments were given, and the open citizen comment period was closed.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**



1. Consider confirmation of the Mayor's appointment of Wini DeMann to the Library Board for a three-year term beginning July 2023 to expire June 2026, Mayor Hales presenting

#### **PRESENTATION**

Mayor Hales recommended Wini DeMann, a long-time Murray resident, as his appointment to the Library Board for a 3-year term from July 2023 to June 2026. He noted the DeMann family has deep roots in Murray. Mayor Hales met with Wini DeMann and believes she will be an excellent addition to the Library Board and asked the Council to confirm his appointment of Wini DeMann to fulfill the open 3-year term on the Library Board starting in July.

#### **MOTION**

Councilmember Cotter moved to approve the confirmation of the Mayor's appointment of Wini DeMann to the Library Board for a three-year term beginning July 2023 to expire June 2026. The motion was SECONDED by Councilmember Turner.

#### **ROLL CALL**

Ayes: Councilmember Cotter, Councilmember Dominguez, Councilmember Turner  
Excused: Councilmember Hrechkosy

Motion passes 3-0

#### **PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

Staff, sponsor presentations, and public comments will be given prior to Council action on the following matter. The Council Meeting Agenda Packet can be found [HERE](#).

1. Consider an ordinance amending Section 17.16.010 of the Murray City Municipal Code relating to the appointment of hearing officers for land use appeals and variances, Susan Nixon presenting.

Minutes Attachments

1. Attachment CC 07.18.23 Hearing Officer terms.pdf

#### **PRESENTATION**

Susan Nixon from the Murray Planning Division shared a PowerPoint with the purpose of the proposed text amendments to section 17.16.010 regarding the city's land use hearing officers. The amendments would reduce the minimum required number of hearing officers from three to two, and increase the maximum terms they can serve from three terms (9 years) to five terms (15 years).

She provided background that hearing officers serve in a quasi-judicial role, hearing appeals of planning decisions and variance requests. Staff prefers to have Officers with land use, real estate, or legal backgrounds. The current two hearing officers, one a former planning commissioner and one an attorney, are excellent. The caseload analysis shows they average 2–4 cases over 2–4 meetings per year, so it is not an overly demanding role.

Murray has used hearing officers instead of a Board of Adjustments since 2014. The planning staff and Planning Commission reviewed the proposed changes and recommend the Council approve amending the code to allow more flexible terms and a minimum of two hearing officers. The findings are it better utilizes public volunteers, is consistent with the purpose of the code, and meets needs for qualified hearing officers.

Susan concluded the planning staff and Commission recommend the Council approve the text amendments to Sections 17.16.010 A and D as proposed.

#### **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

The meeting was open for public comment.

No citizen comments were given, and the open public comment period was closed.

## DISCUSSION

Councilmember Cotter stated that Susan Nixon had already presented this proposal at the Committee of the Whole meeting and answered all of her questions at that time. She had no further questions since the information was thoroughly covered during the prior discussion at Committee of the Whole.

## MOTION

Councilmember Turner moved to approve the ordinance amending Section 17.16.010 of the Murray City Municipal Code relating to the appointment of hearing officers for land use appeals and variances. The motion was SECONDED by Councilmember Cotter.

## ROLL CALL

Ayes: Councilmember Cotter, Councilmember Dominguez, Councilmember Turner  
Excused: Councilmember Hrechkosy

Motion passes 3-0

2. Consider an ordinance amending Sections 15.20.150, 15.20.170, 15.20.180, 15.20.190, 15.20.200, 15.20.210, 15.20.220, 15.20.230, and 15.20.240 of the Murray City Municipal Code relating to power rate increases and changes to applicable electrical service schedules, Greg Bellon and Matt Youngs presenting

## PRESENTATION

Greg Bellon shared the purpose of the proposed ordinance to consider an ordinance amending Sections 15.20.150, 15.20.170, 15.20.180, 15.20.190, 15.20.200, 15.20.210, 15.20.220, 15.20.230, and 15.20.240 of the Murray City Municipal Code relating to power rate increases and changes to applicable electrical service schedules.

Greg Bellon of the Murray City Power Department presented a proposal for phased power rate increases over the next 3 years to the City Council.

Greg provided background that it has been 15 years since the last rate increase, which occurred in May 2011 shortly after he started with the city. At that time, the rate increase was also phased in over 3 years. The Power Department has not implemented any rate increases since 2011 until now.

Greg noted that while a long gap between rate increases is not ideal, the Power Department has been blessed with favorable energy costs and rates and did not require an increase until recently. Last winter was unprecedented in the power industry with extremely high costs that heavily drew down the Power Department's reserves. The reserves allowed them to absorb the high winter costs without passing them on to customers through immediate rate increases.

However, with reserves now significantly depleted, and to rebuild reserves to newly established targets per the Power Reserve Policy adopted by the Council, rate increases are prudent and necessary.

They are proposing Option 2 as recommended by the Council at last week's Committee of the Whole meeting. Option 2 phases in increases over 3 years as follows:

- Increases the customer charge from the current \$3.35 to \$7 in 2023, \$8 in 2024, and \$10 in 2025.
- The \$10 customer charge is in line with other utilities and helps cover fixed costs of providing power.
- Avoids increasing rates all at once, spreading the impact over time.

The Power Department believes Option 2 provides an excellent path to bring rates more in line with underlying costs, while gradually rebuilding reserves per the Council's policy over the 3 year phase-in period.

Greg welcomed any additional questions on the details from the Council at this time. The Power Department recommends and is in favor of moving forward with the phased increases under Option 2.

## DISCUSSION

Councilmember Dominguez asked if there were any visuals to show the public what the rate increases would look like. Greg Bellon said they did not have any prepared but explained the current rate is \$3.35 per month. He outlined the proposed tiered rate structure changes each year under Option 2 - increasing the customer charge to \$7, \$8, and \$10 over 3 years, with corresponding increases to the per kW charges. He noted these would put Murray in the middle compared to other utilities.

Greg Bellon added that using Councilmember Cotter's actual usage data, her bill would increase by just under \$90 over the 3 years under Option 2, very minor compared to Option 1.

Councilmember Cotter clarified for citizens that the rate increases only apply to the power portion at the top of utility bills, not water, sewer, garbage, etc.

Greg Bellon noted they are also implementing an updated Power Cost Adjustment that will be evaluated monthly and can adjust rates up or down based on underlying power costs. This will help stabilize rates moving forward.

Councilmember Turner acknowledged this is difficult but appreciates presenting a phased Option 2 versus all at once. When the City raised taxes previously, citizens preferred incremental changes.

Greg Bellon agreed it's not ideal but necessary given rising energy costs outside Murray's control. He committed to controlling what they can without compromising service and reliability.

Councilmember Dominguez confirmed even with the increases, Murray's rates would remain competitive, not the highest in the state. She noted the hydro project coming online to generate power is part of managing costs. But Murray can't isolate itself from larger grid issues. She thanked Greg for constructive leadership through this process to educate the Council.

Councilmember Cotter read a statement explaining she initially preferred Option 1 to address the issue immediately but after more analysis supports Option 2. The incremental approach over 3 years has less impact on ratepayers. She analyzed her own usage and the difference was minor. The higher reserves under Option 2 align with the Council's reserve policy. She noted the new Power Cost Adjustment will also help stabilize rates going forward. While wishing rates didn't have to increase, the city is doing what's needed to maintain service and healthy reserves. She thanked Greg for their patience and assistance navigating this complex issue.

Greg Bellon clarified that a revenue neutral rate study in 2016 did not actually result in increases. Rates were last increased in 2011. But the time has come to bring rates in line with underlying costs. He reiterated they will continue working to control costs and appreciated the Council's thoughtful and informed decision process.

Councilmember Dominguez concluded this was a difficult decision knowing the impact on citizens, but inevitable given the power grid reality. She encouraged utilizing available bill assistance resources for those struggling and having open conversations to understand the issues. The increases are to sustain reliable service. She thanked Greg Bellon for his work.

## **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

The meeting was open for public comment.

Clark Bullen

Clark Bullen from District 3 understands the need to raise rates and supports removing the cap on the power supply cost adjustment. However, he notes the difficult timing given recent sewer rate increases and impending property tax increases. He wishes the increases could be spread over a longer 5-year period at 8% annually to soften the impact on citizens. He suggests building in automatic increases going forward, so rates keep pace rather than large intermittent spikes after long gaps without increases. He also recommends the city advertise the assistance programs available for those struggling financially, so they know help is available and don't feel desperate. Clark thanks the council for their thoughtful consideration of these matters as they decide on power rate increases.

No additional citizen comments were given, and the public comment period was closed.

## **DISCUSSION**

Councilmember Dominguez asked why the increases couldn't be spread over a longer 5-8 year period as suggested by the citizen Clark Bullen.

Greg Bellon responded that to rebuild reserves to the needed levels, the increases need to happen sooner over 3 years rather than drawn out further. While easier on ratepayers, it wouldn't get reserves replenished as quickly to ensure financial stability.

Dominguez followed up by noting Murray had lost about \$10 million in reserves just this past year from October to May due to high power costs.

Councilmember Cotter asked Brenda Moore to discuss the utility bill assistance program available for those struggling.

Brenda explained they refer customers having trouble paying bills to HEAT (Home Energy Assistance Target) program daily. HEAT provides help year-round, not just for winter heat bills. Murray matches HEAT benefits up to \$10,000 in the city budget. They recently streamlined the process, so documentation is not required upfront for the city match. More funds may be needed if demand increases with the rate hikes.

Cotter also asked if the Power Cost Adjustment could cover the difference until reserves are rebuilt. Greg responded that it would not have the same impact as the rate increases to raise the needed revenues.

Councilmember Dominguez added these issues with natural resource availability and costs are not new and will likely persist. After learning more through conferences, she feels Murray has taken proper steps to prepare compared to other cities that had to do major increases. She is confident in the thorough process and commended the work of staff.

## **MOTION**

Councilmember Cotter moved to approve the ordinance amending Sections 15.20.150, 15.20.170, 15.20.180, 15.20.190, 15.20.200, 15.20.210, 15.20.220, 15.20.230, and 15.20.240 of the Murray City Municipal Code relating to power rate increases and changes to applicable electrical service schedules. The motion was SECONDED by Councilmember Turner.

## **ROLL CALL**

Ayes: Councilmember Cotter, Councilmember Dominguez, Councilmember Turner  
Excused: Councilmember Hrechkosy

Motion passes 3-0

## **BUSINESS ITEM(S)**

1. Consider a resolution providing advice and consent to the Mayor's appointment of Philip J. Markham as the City's Community and Economic Development Department Director., Mayor Hales presenting.

If approved, the swearing-in ceremony will be conducted by Brooke Smith, City Recorder.

### **PRESENTATION**

Mayor Hales brought forward his appointment of Philip J. Markham to serve as the new Director of the Community & Economic Development Department for Murray City.

The Mayor explained there was an opening for this director position that needed to be filled. After consultation with key staff including City Attorney G.L. Critchfield, City Administrator Doug Hill, HR Director Robyn Colton, and others, Mayor Hales decided the appointment of Phil Markham made the most sense for Murray's needs.

Mayor Hales said it was a fairly simple decision given Phil's extensive background and experience relevant to the role. Specifically, Phil Markham served a full 9-year term on the Murray Planning Commission, giving him solid planning and zoning experience.

Additionally, when a vacancy occurred last year for the City Council District 1 seat, Phil Markham filled that role for around 6-7 months. The Mayor felt that short-term council experience provided Phil critical insights into city governance.

Mayor Hales shared between Phil's service on the Planning Commission dealing with development and land use issues, and his brief stint as an acting Councilmember immersed in city policies and operations, he was deemed highly qualified for the Community & Economic Development Director position.

Mayor Hales stated he had no hesitations or reservations and was fully confident that Philip Markham was the right choice to lead the department and serve Murray's needs, especially given the ongoing growth and development the city is experiencing.

### **DISCUSSION**

Councilmember Diane Turner said she will miss having Phil as her RDA Vice Chair but looks forward to his continued presence and perspective in that role. She noted his experience will greatly benefit the city and thanked him for taking on this new position.

Councilmember Cotter said she enjoyed sitting next to Phil on the Council and will miss that camaraderie. However, she believes he will do great things in his new role that will positively impact Murray for future generations. She is happy with the Mayor's decision.

Mayor Hales noted Phil's over 30 years of prior experience with Murray City, 5 years with West Valley City, and private sector roles. He highlighted his ability to confidently make decisions.

Councilmember Dominguez echoed appreciation for initial discussions with Phil about city issues and believes this is a natural transition from the Council. She is glad the Mayor made this choice and knows Phil will passionately serve the community's best interests. She thanked him for his service on the Council and looks forward to his contributions in this new capacity.

### **MOTION**

Councilmember Turner moved to approve the resolution providing advice and consent to the Mayor's appointment of Philip J. Markham as the City's Community and Economic Development Department Director. The motion was SECONDED by Councilmember Cotter.

## **ROLL CALL**

Ayes: Councilmember Cotter, Councilmember Dominguez, Councilmember Turner  
Excused: Councilmember Hrechkosy

Motion passes 3-0

## **DISCUSSION**

Philip Markham thanked the Council for their support. He said that after working for Murray City for many years, he didn't fully realize how much he missed it until serving on the Council. Being appointed to fill the vacancy opened his eyes to how much he enjoyed his career with the city.

It reignited a passion for public service in Murray. He did not actively pursue this director position, but was approached about it. The opportunity to continue working with the great people at Murray that he has gotten to know again over the past 6 months made him appreciate and accept the opportunity.

He really enjoyed being on the Council and if there was a way to do both roles he would have. But taking the director position was an important decision for him and his wife. He pledged to give his best efforts in this new capacity and thanked the Council for their confidence in him.

The Swearing-In Ceremony was conducted by Brooke Smith.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT AND QUESTIONS**

Mayor Hales thanked the Council for their support in appointing Phil Markham as the new Community & Economic Development Director. He said it came together quickly with no advance notice, but after discussion with his wife and staff, Phil was clearly the right choice and has his full confidence.

The Mayor noted appreciation for the Council for the new City Hall building. He acknowledged some ongoing hiccups with the new 80,000 square foot facility but thanked staff including Brooke Smith and Doug Hill for their work orchestrating the smooth move.

Mayor Hales complimented Doug's phenomenal calmness and patience through it all. He also expressed gratitude for the wonderful working relationship between himself and the Council, highlighting Council staff Jennifer Kennedy, Pattie Johnson, and Crystal Brown.

The Mayor thanked the Council for their continued support and collaborative relationship, without which he could not do his job. He concluded his report and opened it up for any Council questions.

Councilmembers shared thanks to the presenters and staff.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Councilmember Dominguez motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

# City Council

July 18, 2023



**Applicant:** Murray Planning Staff

**Request:** Text Amendment to Section 17.16.010(A) and (D) changing the minimum number of Hearing Officers from three to two; and the number of terms they may serve from three to five terms (for a maximum of 15 years).

**Address:** N/A





## Reasons for Requested Text Amendment

- ❖ Filling the Hearing Officer position is difficult and takes a certain type of background.
- ❖ Per Section 17.16.010(A): *“Hearing officers shall, at a minimum, have such training and experience as will qualify them to conduct administrative or quasi-judicial hearings regarding land use, land development and regulatory codes dealing with issues related to land use.”*
- ❖ Planning Staff believes a qualified hearing officer should have a background in either planning, land use, or an attorney.
- ❖ This of course limits those individuals who would be good candidates.





## Statistics

YEAR	Hearing Officer	# of Meetings	# of Cases
2022	Finlinson	4	11
	Harland	6	8
2021	Finlinson	2	2
	Harland	3	3
2020	Finlinson	2	2
	Harland	3	3
2019	Finlinson	1	1
	Harland	3	3
4 Year	Finlinson	2.25	4
Average	Harland	3.75	4.25



## **FINDINGS**

Based on the analysis of the proposed text amendments and review of the Murray City Planning Staff, the staff concludes the following:

1. The proposed text amendments have been carefully considered and provide better utilization of volunteer public service of citizens.
2. The proposed text amendment is consistent with the Purpose of the Murray City Code for serving as an appeal authority for appeals of land use decisions and requests for variances under this title.
3. The proposed text meets the qualifications for Hearing Officers.



## Staff Recommendation

The Planning Commission and staff recommend that the City Council **APPROVE** the requested amendment to **Sections** 17.16.010(A) and (D) relating to the number of Hearing Officers and the number of terms they may serve.

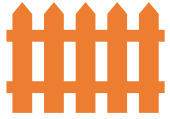




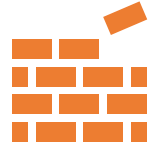
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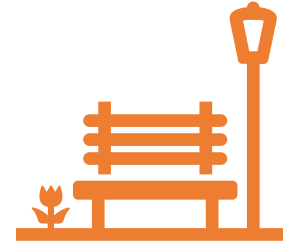




Fencing



Materials



Public Improvements



Garbage



Open Space



Moderate Income Housing



Parking



Public Comment



Elevation & Height



Access



Floorplan



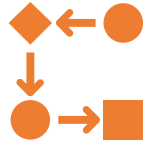
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Signs



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Process/next steps



Grading and Drainage



Zoning Standards



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Craig Burnett, Police Chief  
Joey Mittelman, Fire Chief  
Greg Bellon, Interim General Manager of Power  
Eric Bracewell, Metering Technician for Power  
Lori Edmunds, Cultural Programs Manager  
Russ Kakala, Public Works Director  
Philip Markham, Community and Economic Development Director

##### Others in Attendance:

Daniel Olsson, David Rodgers, Dave Carr, Jennifer Brass, Jim Brass, Bill Cotter, V. Kim Martinez, Janice Strobell, Wendy ParsonsBaker, Anthony Semone, Clark Bullen, Friends and Family of Eric Bracewell.

### Opening Ceremonies

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

#### 2. Pledge of Allegiance

The audience was invited to recite the Pledge of Allegiance led by Wendy ParsonsBaker.



## **Approval of Minutes**

### **1. Council Meeting - June 27, 2023**

#### **MOTION**

Councilmember Hrechkosy moved to approve the minutes from Council Meeting - June 27, 2023. The motion was SECONDED by Councilmember Dominguez.

#### **ROLL CALL**

Ayes: Councilmember Cotter, Councilmember Dominguez, Councilmember Turner, Councilmember Hrechkosy

Motion passes 4-0

## **Special Recognition**

### **1. Murray City Employee of the Month, Eric Bracewell, Metering Technician, Power Department., Greg Bellon, Diane Turner and Mayor Hales presenting.**

#### **PRESENTATION**

Councilmember Turner introduced Eric Bracewell, as the Employee of the Month. Eric Bracewell is a Metering Technician in the Power Department. Councilmember Turner congratulated Eric on recently completing his apprenticeship and passing his metering technician test. She noted that Eric started working for the city in 2005 as an arborist, later he became a Line Worker Apprentice and then a Line Worker before deciding to try the Metering Division. Councilmember Turner praised Eric's willingness to learn new skills and apply his knowledge to improve the power department, as well as his positive attitude and willingness to help others. She expressed appreciation for Eric's years of service to the city and his hard work.

Mayor Hales thanked Eric for his 18 years of service. The Mayor noted Eric's positive reputation among coworkers, and presented Eric with a certificate; a \$50 gift card; and told him, his name will appear on the plaque located in the Council Chambers.

Greg Bellon remarked he knew Eric from a previous utility job. He outlined Eric's accomplishments of two 4-year apprenticeships, equating it to two bachelor's degrees and 8 years of experience and learning. Greg complimented Eric as a thinker, doer, and someone trustworthy who constantly asks how he can help.

Eric introduced his family, including his wife of nearly 30 years, and children. He thanked Greg and the city for the recognition and consideration as Employee of the Month.

Councilmembers thanked Eric for his service, and stated they appreciated him being a part of Murray City.

## **Citizen Comments**

Comments will be limited to three minutes, step to the microphone, state your name and city of residence, and fill out the required form.

The meeting was open for public comment.

Jim Brass

Jim Brass, a resident of Murray, announced he is withdrawing from the upcoming election due to personal health issues. He stated this was a difficult decision, but better for him and his family. He wished the other candidates good luck and expressed his love for the city of Murray.

Clark Bullen

Clark Bullen, a resident of District 3 in Murray, expressed his appreciation for the city forming a downtown steering committee for the development project. He believes this demonstrates the city is taking the proper steps to ensure the important downtown block redevelopment is done right.

Clark noted the opportunities with the downtown site being close to the new city hall. He is glad the city is making extra efforts like the upcoming open houses on August 14 to gather citizen input and feedback on what they want to see.

No additional citizen comments were given, and the open citizen comment period was closed.

## **Consent Agenda**

1. Consider confirmation of the Mayor's appointment of Kim Martinez to the Arts Advisory board for a partial term from now until January 15, 2024., Mayor Hales presenting.

### **PRESENTATION**

Mayor Hales introduced Kim Martinez, who was appointed to fill a partial term on the Arts Advisory Board. The Mayor reviewed Kim's resume, noting she is extremely qualified and the city is fortunate to have her join the Arts Advisory Board.

Mayor Hales described Kim as a delight to be around who brings sunshine and positivity, as others have also observed about her. He expressed excitement for Kim to join the board and stated the council would confirm her appointment that evening.

### **MOTION**

Councilmember Cotter moved to approve the confirmation of the Mayor's appointment of Kim Martinez to the Arts Advisory board for a partial term from now until January 15, 2024. The motion was SECONDED by Councilmember Dominguez.

### **ROLL CALL**

Ayes: Councilmember Cotter, Councilmember Dominguez, Councilmember Turner, Councilmember Hrechkosy

Motion passes 4-0

## **Public Hearings**

None scheduled.

## **Business Items**

1. Consider a resolution approving the Mayor's appointment of Elvon Farrell to the NeighborWorks Salt Lake Board, a Community Development Corporation., Mayor Hales presenting.

### **PRESENTATION**

Mayor Brett Hales introduced Elvon Farrell and recommends that the council appoint Elvon Farrell to the NeighborWorks Salt Lake Board, a Community Development Corporation.

Mayor Hales mentioned that Elvon has worked for Murray City's Community and Economic Development department for two months however he believed Elvon will be phenomenal in this position and expressed excitement about appointing Elvon to the board and looked forward to the Council's confirmation so Elvon could begin serving.

### **MOTION**

Councilmember Cotter moved to approve the resolution approving the Mayor's appointment of Elvon Farrell to the NeighborWorks Salt Lake Board, a Community Development Corporation. The motion was SECONDED by Councilmember Hrechkosy.

## **ROLL CALL**

Ayes: Councilmember Cotter, Councilmember Dominguez, Councilmember Turner, Councilmember Hrechkosy

Motion passes 4-0

2. Election of a City Council Vice-Chair and consider a resolution appointing the Vice-Chair for the Murray City Municipal Council for the remainder of Calendar Year 2023., Garry Hrechkosy presenting.

## **PRESENTATION**

Councilmember Hrechkosy explained they need to appoint a new Vice-Chair due to Councilmember Phil Markham's resignation to join the Community and Economic Development department.

Councilmember Hrechkosy opened nominations for the Vice-Chair position.

## **MOTION**

Councilmember Cotter moved to elect Councilmember Dominguez as the City Council Vice-Chair and consider a resolution appointing the Vice-Chair for the Murray City Municipal Council for the remainder of Calendar Year 2023. The motion was SECONDED by Councilmember Turner.

No other nominations were made.

## **ROLL CALL**

Ayes: Councilmember Cotter, Councilmember Dominguez, Councilmember Turner, Councilmember Hrechkosy

Motion passes 4-0

## **Mayor's Report and Questions**

Mayor Hales thanked resident Clark Bullen for the positive feedback about the city's downtown planning efforts. He noted they promptly changed the open house dates once made aware of a conflict. The Mayor appreciates this acknowledgment of the city's responsiveness.

The Mayor gave updates about the outside pool, facilities fixes at the new City Hall, and his ongoing excitement for the beautiful new city administrative building.

Councilmember Hrechkosy shared he has received consistent positive feedback while door-knocking about the city's incredible employees in all departments. Residents express commitment to staying in Murray.

Councilmember Cotter relayed a story about a citizen calling unaware the utility payment mailbox had been moved from the post office to the new City Hall. She thanked the Mayor for including this info in a recent newsletter which allowed her to direct the resident to the new location.

## **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.



**MURRAY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**District #1 Interviews**  
Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, August 8, 2023**

**Murray City Hall**

10 East 4800 South, Council Chambers, Murray, Utah 84107

**Attendance:** Council Members and others:

Vacancy	District #1
Garry Hrechkosy - Chair	District #5
Rosalba Dominguez – Vice Chair	District #3
Pam Cotter	District #2
Diane Turner	District #4

Brett Hales	Mayor	Jennifer Kennedy	City Council Executive Director
G.L. Critchfield	City Attorney	Pattie Johnson	Council Administration
Tammy Kikuchi	Chief Communications Officer	Brooke Smith	City Recorder
Phil Markham	CED Director	Craig Burnett	Police Chief
Loran Paslaich	Murray Chamber of Commerce	Brenda Moore	Finance Director
Zach Smallwood	CED	Laura Brown	City Records Office
Anthony Semone	NeighborWorks	Citizens	

**Call to order, conducting:** Council Chair Hrechkosy called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. He announced that two applicants were present for the interview:

- David Rodgers
- Roberto Paul Pickett

Mr. Hrechkosy pointed out that both applicants are also on the ballot for the upcoming election for the District #1 council member position.

**Interim Council Member District 1 Process** – City Attorney, Mr. Critchfield shared State law requirements about holding the interviews in an open public meeting, discussed how the interview process would be conducted and explained how Council Members would vote immediately following the interview process. He clarified that with two candidates, if there was not a majority of three votes during the first round of voting, a second vote would occur. If a majority of three votes did not occur in the second round, a coin toss would determine the chosen candidate.

Each candidate was asked the following four questions:

1. Please describe your previous work in the community and how those experiences qualify you for a position on the Council.
2. Based on what you know about City government, what do you see as top priorities for the City and why?
3. What do you feel is the most important responsibility of a city council member and why?
4. If you could change one past council decision, what would it be and why?

- First Roll Call:
  - Ms. Cotter: Paul Pickett
  - Ms. Dominguez: David Rodgers
  - Ms. Turner: David Rodgers
  - Mr. Hrechkosy: Paul Pickett – Mr. Hrechkosy explained that because the City was about to hold an election for District #1 council person, he took the opinion that however other Council Members voted, he would push the outcome to a tie. The reason for doing so was that he did not believe the City Council should be placing weight on this vote.
- Second Roll Call:
  - Ms. Cotter: Paul Pickett
  - Ms. Dominguez: David Rodgers
  - Ms. Turner: David Rodgers
  - Mr. Hrechkosy: Paul Pickett
- Coin Toss
  - Heads: David Rodgers
  - Tails: Paul Pickett
    - Coin Toss: Heads – David Rodgers

**Consider a resolution appointing David Rodgers as Interim Murray City Council Member for Council District 1, pursuant to Section 20A-1-510 of the Utah Code to serve until January 2, 2024.** – Ms. Cotter motioned to approve the resolution. Ms. Dominguez seconded the motion.

- Council roll call vote:

Ayes: Ms. Cotter, Ms. Dominguez, Ms. Turner, Mr. Hrechkosy,  
Nays: None  
Abstentions: None

Motion passed 4-0

**Swearing-In Interim City Council Member District 1.** – City Recorder, Ms. Smith proceeded with the swearing in of Mr. Rodgers.

**Adjournment:** 5:37 p.m.

**Pattie Johnson  
Council Office Administrator III**



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# Citizen Comments

Limited to three minutes, unless otherwise approved by Council



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# Public Hearings



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# Public Hearing #1





**MURRAY**


# Department/Agency Finance & Administration

## FY 2023-2024 Truth in Taxation Public Hearing

### Council Action Request

### Council Meeting

Meeting Date: August 22, 2023

<b>Department Director</b> Brenda Moore  <b>Phone #</b> 801-264-2513  <b>Presenters</b> Brenda Moore          <b>Required Time for Presentation</b> 10 Minutes  <b>Is This Time Sensitive</b> Yes  <b>Mayor's Approval</b>   <b>Date</b> May 15, 2023	<b>Purpose of Proposal</b> State law required public hearing concerning the Property tax increase  <b>Action Requested</b> Public Hearing & Consideration of Ordinance  <b>Attachments</b> Tax levies ordinance, pdf of presentation  <b>Budget Impact</b>          <b>Description of this Item</b> State law requires a public hearing when a property tax revenue increase is requested. The budget includes a requested revenue increase of \$351,554 or 3.22%.  With the tax increase the tax levy for the city is .001513, without the tax increase the levy would have been .001467  The Library tax levy is .000331. No tax increase is proposed for the library.
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## **NOTICE OF PROPOSED TAX INCREASE**

### **MURRAY CITY**

Murray City is proposing to increase its property tax revenue.

- The Murray City tax on a \$521,000 residence would increase from \$420.37 to \$433.55, which is \$13.18 per year.
- The Murray City tax on a \$521,000 business would increase from \$764.31 to \$788.27, which is \$23.96 per year.
- If the proposed budget is approved, Murray City would increase its property tax budgeted revenue by 3.17% above last year's property tax budgeted revenue excluding eligible new growth.

All concerned citizens are invited to a public hearing on the tax increase.

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

Date/Time: 8/22/2023 at 6:30 p.m.  
Location: Murray City Hall Council Chambers  
10 East 4800 South  
Murray, Utah

To obtain more information regarding the tax increase, citizens may contact the Murray City at 801-264-2513.

DATED this 29<sup>th</sup> day of June 2023.



MURRAY CITY CORPORATION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Smith".

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Brooke Smith  
City Recorder

Publication Date: August 8, 2023  
PH23-18

1. Electronically (UCA 45-1-101)
2. Utah Public Notice Website
3. City's Website
4. At least one public location

ORDINANCE NO. 23-\_\_

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE RATE OF TAX LEVIES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2023, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2024.

PREAMBLE

UTAH CODE ANN. Title 59, Chapter 2 states that each year, the governing body of each city shall, by ordinance or resolution, adopt final tax levies for its General and Library Funds. The proposed total tax rates exceed the certified tax rate. UTAH CODE ANN. Title 59, Chapter 2 provides for certain notice and hearing requirements if the proposed total tax rates exceed the certified tax rate.

Pursuant to UTAH CODE ANN. Title 59, Chapter 2 the Council caused to be published a notice stating that the Council would have a public hearing on August 22, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. in the Murray City Council Chambers, 10 East 4800 South, Murray, Utah to receive public comment on the proposed tax levies for its General Fund and Library Fund which would exceed the certified tax rate. The notice was published in the Salt Lake Tribune and the Deseret News once each week for two weeks preceding August 22, 2023. The August 22, 2023, public hearing was not less than seven (7) days after the first publication. The notice was also published on the Utah Public Notice website and the Public Legal Notice website, as required by law. The notice was also published on the City's website and posted at city hall.

On August 22, 2023, pursuant to the notice, the Council held a public hearing to receive public comment regarding the tax levy in the General Fund and the tax levy in the Library Fund. The Murray City Municipal Council wants to adopt final levies for fiscal year 2023-2024 subject to the requirements of UTAH CODE ANN. Title 59, Chapter 2.

BE IT ENACTED by the Murray City Municipal Council as follows:

*Section 1. Purpose.* The purpose of this Ordinance is to adopt the tax levies for fiscal year 2023-2024 having complied with the requirements of UTAH CODE ANN. Title 59, Chapter 2.

*Section 2. Enactment.*

1. The Murray City Municipal Council hereby levies, upon property within the City, made taxable by law in the year 2023 for the fiscal year of the City ending June 30, 2024, a tax of .001513 on each dollar of taxable valuation of said property as revenue in the General Fund and a tax of .000331 on each dollar of taxable valuation of said property as revenue in the Library Fund for a combined total tax of .001844 on each dollar of taxable valuation of said property.

2. The Murray City Municipal Council hereby further levies a tax to cover the costs of mandates by the Utah State Legislature or judicial or administrative orders under UTAH CODE ANN. Title 59, Chapter 2 as determined by the Utah State Tax Commission and the Salt Lake County Auditor.

3. The tax levies herein above determined and levied shall be certified by the City Recorder to the Salt Lake County Auditor pursuant to the provisions of UTAH CODE ANN. Title 59, Chapter 2.

4. The City hereby expressly reserves the power and right to amend any tax levy made herein as it may deem just and appropriate under the law.

*Section 3. Effective Date.* This Ordinance shall take effect immediately on its passage.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED, this     day of August 2023.

MURRAY CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

\_\_\_\_\_  
Garry Hrechkosy, Chair

ATTEST:

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Brooke Smith, City Recorder

Transmitted to the Office of the Mayor of Murray City on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

MAYOR'S ACTION: Approved.

DATED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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Brett A. Hales, Mayor

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Brooke Smith, City Recorder

### CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION

I hereby certify that this Ordinance was published according to law on the \_\_\_\_\_  
day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Brooke Smith, City Recorder

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# Truth in Taxation Public Hearing

August 22, 2023

# What is Truth in Taxation

- ▶ Truth in Taxation is the common term used for Utah's property tax system
- ▶ The statute was passed in 1985
- ▶ It is designed to prevent property taxes from increasing just because property values are increasing.
- ▶ Cities are guaranteed the same property tax revenue plus new growth each year
- ▶ The mill levy adjusts down as property values increase
- ▶ There is a process outlined if a City want to increase the revenue it receives.

# How your property tax rate is calculated

	Calendar 2021	Calendar 2022	Calendar 2023
Taxable Property Value	\$ 5,861,914,637	\$ 7,207,277,338	\$ 7,566,201,877
Prior Years Revenue	9,298,286	9,425,959	10,905,878
Properties Added (Growth)	127,673	66,025	193,740
Requested Revenue Increase	-	1,413,894	351,554
Property Tax Revenue	\$ 9,425,959	\$ 10,905,878	\$ 11,451,172
Tax rate	0.001608	0.001513	0.001513



# Salt Lake County FY2023 Property Tax Rates

Order	City	City	Fire	Police	Total
1	Uninc./Townships	0.000048	0.001322	0.001984	0.003354
2	SLC	0.003158	0	0	0.003158
3	Herriman	0.000194	0.001320	0.001320	0.002834
4	West Valley	0.002800	0	0	0.002800
5	Millcreek	0.001453	0.001322	0	0.002775
6	South Salt Lake	0.002565	0	0	0.002565
7	Riverton	0	0.001267	0.001177	0.002444
8	Midvale	0.000870	0.001322	0	0.002192
9	Taylorsville	0.000741	0.001322	0	0.002063
10	Murray	0.001513	0	0	0.001513
11	West Jordan	0.001476	0	0	0.001476
12	Cottonwood Heights	0.001442	0	0	0.001442
13	South Jordan	0.001440	0	0	0.001440
14	Holladay	0.001330	0	0	0.001330
15	Bluffdale	0.001161	0	0	0.001161
16	Sandy	0.000942	0	0	0.000942
17	Draper	0.000927	0	0	0.000927

# Entities Proposing Tax Increases

Entity	old tax	new tax	\$ change	% change
Town of Alta	661.48	1,086.49	425.01	64.25%
Bluffdale	372.54	471.78	99.24	26.64%
Herriman City Safety	426.24	490.27	64.03	15.02%
Sandy City	317.77	365.09	47.32	14.89%
Jordan Valley Water	95.75	104.65	8.90	9.30%
Granite School	1,431.91	1,505.72	73.81	5.15%
West Jordan City	372.56	391.27	18.71	5.02%
Central Utah Water				
Conservancy	119.62	123.64	4.02	3.36%
Midvale City	207.90	214.88	6.98	3.36%
Murray City	420.37	433.55	13.18	3.14%
Salt Lake City School dist	1,220.63	1,238.69	18.06	1.48%
Jordan School	1,650.76	1,675.08	24.32	1.47%
Salt Lake City	808.16	819.88	11.72	1.45%
Salt Lake City Library	183.74	185.96	2.22	1.21%
West Valley City	595.06	597.66	2.60	0.44%

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Salt Lake City Library	183.74	185.96	2.22	1.21%

# Salt Lake County FY2024 Proposed Property Tax Rates

Order	City	City	Fire	Police	Total
1	Uninc./Townships	0.000057	0.001347	0.002149	0.003553
3	Herriman	0.000194	0.001318	0.001516	0.003028
2	Salt Lake City	0.003012	0	0	0.003012
5	Millcreek	0.001431	0.001347	0	0.002778
4	West Valley	0.002758	0	0	0.002758
7	Riverton	0	0.001255	0.001164	0.002419
6	South Salt Lake	0.002381	0	0	0.002381
8	Midvale	0.000892	0.001347	0	0.002239
9	Taylorsville	0.000731	0.001347	0	0.002078
10	Murray	0.001513	0	0	0.001513
11	West Jordan	0.001499	0	0	0.001499
12	Cottonwood Heights	0.001442	0	0	0.001442
13	South Jordan	0.001425	0	0	0.001425
14	Holladay	0.001322	0	0	0.001322
15	Bluffdale	0.000976	0.00026	0	0.001236
16	Sandy	0.001057	0	0	0.001057
17	Draper	0.000896	0	0	0.000896

# Where your property tax goes



Within Murray School District

# Where your property tax goes



Granite School District

## A Property tax increase is needed because?

- ▶ When property values increase the tax rate is adjusted down UNLESS the City requests a property tax increase. The City is guaranteed the same amount of Property tax dollars + new growth every year.
- ▶ The increased revenue will cover the cost of adding 2 new police officers, a paramedic/firefighter, the maintenance on 2 new parks and a portion of the cost of operating the Murray Theater.
- ▶ In 2018 (the last property tax increase of 45%) the city was asked to do more frequent and smaller increases. A 15% increase was approved in 2022. This request is 3.22%

## How Much is the increase?

- ▶ The new revenue is a 3.22% increase for the City tax or \$351,554. No increase was requested for the Library Tax.
- ▶ For the average city residence assessed at \$521,000 the tax increase will be \$13.45 per year or \$1.12 per month
- ▶ For a commercial property valued at \$521,000 the tax increase will be \$24.46 per year or \$2.03 per month
- ▶ The amount of increase you may experience will vary based on how your property value increased in comparison with other areas or property types within the City.

Questions?







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# Public Hearing #2



**MURRAY**


# Finance & Administration

## FY2023-2024 final budget adoption

### Council Action Request

### Council Meeting

Meeting Date: August 22, 2023

<b>Department Director</b> Brenda Moore  <b>Phone #</b> 801-264-2513  <b>Presenters</b> Brenda Moore          <b>Required Time for Presentation</b> 10 Minutes  <b>Is This Time Sensitive</b> Yes  <b>Mayor's Approval</b>   <b>Date</b> August 7, 2023	<b>Purpose of Proposal</b> Adopt the FY2023 - 2024 Budget adoption  <b>Action Requested</b> After a public hearing consideration of an ordinance adopting the FY2023-2024 city budget.  <b>Attachments</b> Copy of the ordinance is attached. A PDF of the budget is on the website, and has been emailed to council members.  <b>Budget Impact</b> FY2023-2024 budget.     <b>Description of this Item</b> After the Truth in Taxation hearing and consideration of setting the tax rate a public hearing to discuss the rest of the budget needs to be held, followed by adoption of the final budget.
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**MURRAY CITY CORPORATION**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE CITY'S TENTATIVE BUDGET,  
AS AMENDED,**

**FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023 - 2024**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August 2023, at the hour of 6:30 p.m., in the City Council Chambers of the Murray City Hall, 10 East 4800 South, Murray, Utah, the Murray City Municipal Council will hold a Public Hearing on the City's Tentative Budget, as amended, for fiscal year 2023-2024. Said budget includes:

- a. General Fund;
- b. Library Fund;
- c. Capital Projects Fund;
- d. Water Fund;
- e. Waste Water Fund;
- f. Power Fund;
- g. Murray Parkway Recreation Fund;
- h. Telecommunications Fund;
- i. Solid Waste Management Fund;
- j. Storm Water Fund;
- k. Central Garage Fund;
- l. Retained Risk Reserve Fund;
- m. Redevelopment Agency Fund;
- n. Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund.
- o. Municipal Building Authority Fund.


All interested persons in attendance shall be given an opportunity to be heard, for or against, the estimates of revenue and expenditures or any item thereof in the City's Tentative Budget, as amended, of any fund.

A copy of the City's Tentative Budget, as amended, may be reviewed by interested persons from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM in the Finance and Administration Office, Murray City Hall, 10 East 4800 South, Room 160, Murray Utah, and in the office of the City Recorder, Murray City Hall, 10 East 4800 South, Room 155, and on the Murray City website at [www.murray.utah.gov](http://www.murray.utah.gov).

DATED this 7<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2023.



MURRAY CITY CORPORATION

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Brooke Smith  
City Recorder

DATE OF PUBLICATION: August 8, 2023

1. in three places in the City;
2. on the Utah Public Notice Website; and
3. on the home page of the City website (until the hearing takes place).

ORDINANCE NO. 23 -

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE FINAL 2023-2024 FISCAL YEAR  
BUDGETS FOR MURRAY CITY INCLUDING THE LIBRARY FUND  
BUDGET.

PREAMBLE

Section 10-6-118 of Utah Code, as amended, requires adoption of the City's final budgets before June 30<sup>th</sup> of each year. Tentative budgets approved by the Murray City Municipal Council have been open for public inspection since April 18, 2023, as required by law. Proper notice of the public hearing for the consideration of the adoption of the Final Budgets was published in the Salt Lake Tribune, Deseret News, the Utah Public Notice website, the Murray City website and posted at City Hall. Said public hearing was held on June 6, 2023, June 27, 2023, and another public hearing was held August 22, 2023 and public comment was received. After considering input from the public, the Murray City Municipal Council wants to adopt its Final Budgets.

The Murray City Municipal Council adopts, as revenue to the General Fund, a tax levy that exceeds the certified tax rate. By increasing the tax levy above the certified tax rate under Utah law, the City was required to comply with the truth-in-taxation requirements before its Library and General Fund budgets become final. Therefore, the City adopts its budgets which have been subject to compliance with the Truth-in-Taxation laws, UTAH CODE ANN. Title 59, Chapter 2.

BE IT ENACTED by the Murray City Municipal Council as follows:

*Section 1. Purpose.*

The purpose of this Ordinance is to adopt the Final Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budgets of the City including the Library Fund budget, subject to compliance with requirements of UTAH CODE ANN. Title 59, Chapter 2.

*Section 2. Enactment.*

The Final Budgets for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 are hereby adopted and shall consist of the following:

General Fund	\$ 58,816,760
Capital Projects Fund	\$ 16,308,308
Water Fund	\$ 8,535,978

Wastewater Fund	\$ 9,527,905
Power Fund	\$ 50,792,418
Parkway Fund	\$ 1,869,049
Telecommunications Fund	\$ 45,500
Solid Waste Fund	\$ 2,533,000
Storm Water Fund	\$ 3,274,000
Central Garage Fund	\$ 675,366
Retained Risk Fund	\$ 2,071,913
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	\$ 56,500

*Section 3. Special Revenue Funds.*

The Final Budgets of the Library, Redevelopment Agency, and Municipal Building Authority are as follows:

Library	\$ 2,927,289
Redevelopment Agency	\$ 1,440,682
Municipal Building Authority	\$ 1,823,418

The Redevelopment Agency Board and Municipal Building Authority have, in separate action, passed and ratified the Redevelopment Agency Final Budget and the Municipal Building Authority Final Budget, respectively.

*Section 4. Compliance with UTAH CODE ANN. Title 59, Chapter 2.*

Since the Final Budgets include an increase in revenue from a tax levy that exceeds the certified tax rate, the budgets for the Library and General Funds adopted herein are subject to compliance with the requirements of UTAH CODE ANN. Title 59, Chapter 2.

*Section 5. Adjustments.*

- A. The Budgets are subject to adjustments, if any, that need to be made when the Murray City Municipal Council adopts the tax levies based on the certified tax rate.
- B. The Library and General Fund Budgets are subject to adjustments, if any, that need to be made following compliance with UTAH CODE ANN. Title 59, Chapter 2.
- C. The Director of Finance is hereby authorized to adjust the budgets to reflect the actual certified tax levies provided to the City.

*Section 6. Transfer of Unencumbered or Unexpended Appropriated Funds.*

The Director of Finance is authorized to make such transfer of any unencumbered or unexpended appropriated funds pertaining to the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year budget at the close of the 2023-2024 fiscal year in conformity with provision of UTAH CODE ANN. Section 10-6-124, as amended.

*Section 7. Effective Date.*

This Ordinance shall take effect on July 1, 2023.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Murray City Municipal Council on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

MURRAY CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

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Garry Hrechkosy, Chair

ATTEST:

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Brooke Smith, City Recorder

MAYOR'S ACTION: Approved

DATED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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Brett A. Hales, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Brooke Smith, City Recorder

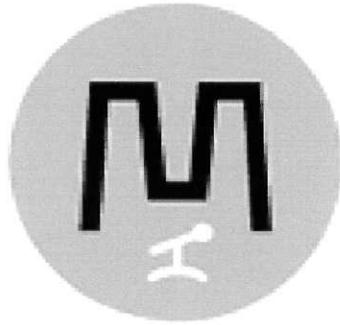
## CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION

I hereby certify that this Ordinance or a summary hereof was published according to law on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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Brooke Smith, City Recorder





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# Mayor's Report And Questions



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**Adjournment**