

**MURRAY CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING**

Minutes of Tuesday, May 21, 2024

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

Attendance:

Council Members:

Paul Pickett	District #1
Pam Cotter	District #2 – Council Chair
Rosalba Dominguez	District #3
Diane Turner	District #4
Adam Hock	District #5 – Council Vice-Chair

Excused: Mayor Hales

Others:

Doug Hill	Chief Administrative Officer	Jennifer Kennedy	Council Executive Director
G.L. Critchfield	City Attorney	Pattie Johnson	Council Administration
Rob White	IT	Brenda Moore	Finance Director
Camron Kollman	IT	Joey Mittelman	Fire Chief
Kim Sorensen	Parks and Recreation Director	Steven Olson	Fire Department
Ben Ford	Wastewater Superintendent	Jeff Puls	Fire Department
Soni Hirasuna	Recreation	Nick Haskin	Fire Department
Brooke Smith	City Recorder	Becky Clark	Park Center
Joe Gourley	Recreation	Craig Burnett	Police Chief
Jenn Leitner	Recreation	Phil Markham	CED Director
Aron Frisk	Public Works	David Rodgers	City Planner
David Foster	NeighborWorks SLC	Zac Smallwood	Planning Manager
Amanda Hughes	Boys and Girls Club	Bob Dunn	Boys and Girls Club
Natalie Pinkney	South Salt Lake City Council	Megan Shaw	Boys and Girls Club
Citizens		Noah Shaw	Boys and Girls Club

Council Member Rosalba Dominguez called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Council Meeting – April 16, 2024.

MOTION: Ms. Cotter moved to approve, and Mr. Hock SECONDED the motion.

Voice vote taken, all “Ayes.” Approved 5-0

Special Recognition:

1. **Recognition of Noah Shaw, Utah Youth of the Year.** Ms. Dominguez presented Mr. Shaw with a certificate and gift card for his achievement as Youth of the Year for the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Salt Lake and for his National representation as Utah’s’ Youth of the Year. Murray Boys and Girls Club, Chief Executive Officer Amanda Hughes expressed appreciation to the Council for supporting the Murray Boys and Girls Club over the years and spoke about Mr. Shaw’s accomplishments.
2. **Murray City Employee of the Month, Jennifer Leitner, Park Center Director** – Ms. Dominguez presented Ms. Leitner with a certificate and a \$50 gift card. Parks and Recreation Director Kim Sorensen expressed appreciation to Ms. Leitner for all of her hard work as the Park Center Director.

Citizen Comments:

Karl Jurek – Murray resident

Mr. Jurek thanked the City Council for listening to a citizen comment he made a few months ago about cars speeding on 5600 South. He said the installation of a 25 miles per hour speed limit sign and other electronic speed signs are working well to slow the traffic. He appreciated the City for acting on his concerns.

Sheri VanBibber – Murray resident

Ms. VanBibber announced that seven Murray High School students involved with the MYCC (Murray Youth Community Council) received scholarships during the Awards Night program. Scholarships were funded by a golf tournament hosted by the Murray Chamber of Commerce. Additionally, the Murray Exchange Club awarded a \$1200 scholarship to the MYCC Youth Mayor and a \$500 scholarship to a student who received the Challenge of Excellence Award.

Natalie Pinkney – South Salt Lake City Council

Ms. Pinkney stated that Murray City might be seeing more of her as she is running for an At-Large position on the Salt Lake County Council. Her visit was only to introduce herself as a fellow council member.

Lacey Parker – Murray Resident

Ms. Parker said after visiting the Wheeler Farm Farmers Market a couple of times she has noticed that food waste is going into the trash. She asked if Murray City could implement a compost program at the farm since it was located in Murray to divert food waste away from the landfill.

Emailed Citizen Comments:

Samantha Eldridge – Murray Resident – (See Attachment #1)

Business Items:

Mr. Pickett requested that Item #3 be moved to the top of the agenda since he could not stay for the entire council meeting, and it was important to him.

MOTION: Mr. Pickett motioned to move Business Item #3 forward to the first item. Ms. Cotter **SECONDED** the motion.

Council Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Turner Aye

Mr. Hock Aye

Mr. Pickett Aye

Ms. Cotter Aye

Ms. Dominguez Aye

Motion passed: 5-0

- **Councilmember request to visit the Light Up Navajo Project.** Ms. Turner asked who made the formal travel request and did anyone invite Ms. Dominguez to visit the Navajo Nation. Ms. Dominguez explained she made the proposal to travel to the Navajo Nation on her own after communicating with members of the Navajo Nation, and that Council Director Ms. Kennedy advised her to seek travel approval from the City Council since she was hoping to obtain funding from the city for this trip.

Ms. Turner asked if Ms. Dominguez would attend a special event to be held in honor of the Navajo Nation during an upcoming power conference that she and Ms. Dominguez would attend in June 2024. Ms. Dominguez confirmed, but felt it was also important to visit the Navajo community in

person to show support.

Ms. Dominguez gave a formal statement to say that she would visit the reservation Friday, June 28, 2024, housing arrangements were already made with a member of the Navajo Nation, and that Ms. Kennedy encouraged her to apply for available funding. Whether full funding was granted or not, she would plan to visit the Navajo Nation to show support to the community, lineman and City staff involved in the project. Support from the Council would be appreciated, but without that support she would not be reporting to the public or to City staff about her visit. She encouraged other Council Members and City staff to join her.

Mr. Hock asked the contents of her agenda and what meetings she would attend. Ms. Dominguez said there were no planned meetings to attend, she would drive to the Navajo Nation on Thursday June 27, 2024, participate in the last ceremonial celebration on June 28, 2024 with Navajo leaders and lineman and return on Saturday June 29, 2024.

MOTION: Mr. Pickett motioned to end the discussion period and vote on the item. Ms. Cotter SECONDED the motion

Council Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Turner	Aye
Mr. Hock	Aye
Mr. Pickett	Aye
Ms. Cotter	Aye
Ms. Dominguez	Aye

Motion passed: 5-0

MOTION: Ms. Dominguez motioned to approve the travel request.

MOTION FAILED: There was no second motion.

Ms. Dominguez excused Mr. Picket from the Council Meeting at 7:08 p.m.

- Consider a resolution adopting the City Council's Tentative Budget, as amended, for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025 and scheduling a hearing to receive public comment before the final budget is adopted. Finance Director Brenda Moore discussed highlights of the tentative budget and reviewed the Fund Summary page to note that the Capital Fund was fluctuating, and other funds were spending reserves on capital or long-term improvements. She reviewed activity for the Library, Central Garage and Retained Risk Funds and all Enterprise Funds.

Ms. Moore discussed highlights of the General Fund Summary where she reported a property tax increase of 5% would contribute to funding one police officer, three paramedic/firefighters, one fire inspector and one marketing specialist. Sales Tax Revenue was budgeted at fiscal year 2023 levels less 1%, personnel costs went up 5% and operations increased 6%. She noted that most of the City's revenue is generated from sales tax and property taxes and most of the revenue is spent on police, fire and the parks and recreation departments.

Ms. Moore outlined spending of the Capital Improvements Fund where funded projects totaled \$19,662,531, land purchases will be made using Park Impact Fees in Fireclay and along the Jordan River south of Winchester Street. Mr. Hill confirmed the Jordan River land purchase will require a boundary change with West Jordan City in the future.

Ms. Moore reviewed future meeting dates included in the resolution leading up to August 2024 when the Council would consider the final budget.

MOTION: Mr. Hock moved to approve the resolution. Ms. Cotter SECONDED the motion.

Council Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Turner	Aye
Mr. Hock	Aye
Mr. Pickett	Excused
Ms. Cotter	Aye
Ms. Dominguez	Aye

Motion passed: 4-0

- **Consider a resolution authorizing a Tax Certificate and Agreement for UAMPS' Firm Power Supply Project, and related matters.** Power Director Greg Bellon explained that Murray Power would like to enter into a prepayment plan with UAMPS (Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems) for the purchase of solar energy from Red Mesa Solar. The reason is that UAMPS plans to purchase a 30-year bond for buying solar energy that would provide UAMPS members with an 8% reduction in solar energy costs. The prepayment plan would save Murray Power \$16,000 annually.

MOTION: Ms. Cotter moved to approve the resolution. Ms. Turner SECONDED the motion.

Council Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Turner	Aye
Mr. Hock	Aye
Mr. Pickett	Excused
Ms. Cotter	Aye
Ms. Dominguez	Aye

Motion passed: 4-0

- **Consider a resolution accepting for further consideration or denying a petition for annexation known as Van Winkle-2 related to property located approximately between 900 East and Van Winkle Expressway and between approximately 4800 South and the boundary of Murray City at approximately 4840-4890 South in unincorporated Salt Lake County.** City Recorder Brooke Smith said Marv Hendrickson was the petitioner and that the proposed resolution was only the first step in the annexation process. She explained that once a petition was made for annexation, the City Council had 14 days to either accept the petition for further consideration or deny it.

Ms. Smith displayed a map of the unincorporated area between Murray City and Millcreek City and bordering the Van Winkle Expressway and 900 East. She reviewed the potential impact related to population of the area, residential properties in the area and commercial buildings. She discussed taxable value estimates, information related to public and private Right-of-Ways and impacts on garbage, water, wastewater, power, fire and police services.

Mr. Hendrickson shared past experiences as a Murray home builder since 1965 and spoke about past annexations that occurred in Murray since 2000. He felt it was only right that the subject area become part of Murray City. He explained that in 2019 an initial notice went out from Millcreek City petitioning residents for the annexation of the parcel to Millcreek City along with an additional area. Because he felt this was a land grab by Millcreek City, he decided to fight Millcreek, which eventually eliminated their annexation efforts. A new petition for Murray City was completed by getting petitions signed and he worked diligently with the mobile home park to acquire more support. Currently only a few miscellaneous issues remain but he believes this is the best option for the area.

MOTION: Ms. Cotter moved to approve the resolution for further consideration of the petition for annexation. Mr. Hock SECONDED the motion.

Council Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Turner	Aye
Mr. Hock	Aye
Mr. Pickett	Excused
Ms. Cotter	Aye
Ms. Dominguez	Aye

Motion passed: 4-0

Mayor's Report and Questions

Mr. Hill announced that it was Emergency Medical Services Week and extended appreciation to all the City's firefighters, paramedics and emergency medical technicians for their service to the Murray citizens. He said the City was also grateful for the many nurses, physicians and others involved in this great work. As part of the celebration, Murray Fire Station #81 would hold its annual free pancake breakfast on May 25, 2024.

Adjournment: 7:48 p.m.

Pattie Johnson
Council Office Administrator III