

Murray City Municipal Council Chambers Murray City, Utah

The Municipal Council of Murray City, Utah, met on Tuesday, the 20th day of October, 2015 at 6:30 p.m., for a meeting held in the Murray City Council Chambers, 5025 South State Street, Murray, Utah.

Roll Call consisted of the following:

Blair Camp,	Council Chair
Brett Hales,	Councilmember – Conducted
Diane Turner,	Councilmember
Jim Brass,	Councilmember
Dave Nicponski,	Councilmember

Others who attended:

Ted Eyre,	Mayor
Jan Wells,	Chief Administrative Officer
Jennifer Kennedy,	City Recorder
Frank Nakamura,	City Attorney
Janet Lopez,	Council Administrator
Janet Towers,	Executive Assistant to the Mayor
Craig Burnett,	Police Chief
Joe Tarver,	Deputy Police Chief
Deven Higgins,	Police Sergeant
Mike Fernandez,	Police Lieutenant
Gil Rodriguez,	Fire Chief
Doug Hill,	Public Services Director
Tim Tingey,	Administrative and Development Services Director
Bruce Turner,	Power Department
Jake Bleazard,	Power Department
Scouts	
Citizens	

5. Opening Ceremonies

5.1 Pledge of Allegiance – Craig Burnett, Police Chief

5.2 Approval of Minutes

Mr. Hales asked that the minutes be voted on together, no objections were noted.

5.2.1 Council Meeting – September 15, 2015

5.2.2 Council Meeting – October 6, 2015

Mr. Brass made a motion to approve the minutes

Mr. Camp seconded the motion

Voice vote taken, all “ayes.”

5.3 Special Recognition

5.3.1 Murray City Council Employee of the Month, Deven Higgins, Patrol Sergeant, Murray City Police Department.

Staff Presentation: Brett Hales, Councilmember

Craig Burnett, Police Chief

Mr. Hales said the Council started the Employee of the Month a few years ago. They felt it was important to be able to recognize the City’s employees. Sgt. Higgins has been with Murray City for 29 years. He presented Sgt. Higgins with a certificate, a \$50 gift card and told him that his name would appear on the plaque located in the Council Chambers. He expressed his appreciation to Sgt. Higgins for all he does for the City.

Chief Burnett said it is easy to talk about someone like Sgt. Higgins who started with the City on September 24, 1986. Chief Burnett has spent his whole career working side by side with Sgt. Higgins. He is the kind of guy that will excel in whatever position he is put in. He makes sure the City and citizens are taken care of. Sgt. Higgins will take care of any problem. For the last ten years he has supervised the community relations unit. He has a way of dealing with the public and soothing ruffled feathers. He is a great ambassador for the City. After ten years in community relations he has been asked to rotate and go back to patrol to use his vast expertise and experience to help with the young officers.

Sgt. Higgins has done nothing but good for the City. Chief Burnett said it is his pleasure to have been able to work with him for almost 30 years and honor him with the Employee of the Month award.

Sgt. Higgins thanked the Mayor and Council. He said nobody does it better than Murray City; the City Council is tops. He works with some wonderful people who have helped him achieve this. You can't ever forget the people that are around you. They are your associates and they make everybody's life better. They have certainly enriched his life. Stg. Higgins introduced his family and thanked everyone for coming. He thanked the Council and Mayor's office for all the support they have given the Police Department.

Mr. Camp said this is well deserved. He has known Sgt. Higgins for many, many years. The day he was sworn in to the City Council, Stg. Higgins gave him a card with his phone number on it and told him if he needed anything to let him know. Mr. Camp has called him a number of times and he gets right on things. He thanked Sgt. Higgins.

Mr. Brass said what Sgt. Higgins has done with the Animal Shelter has been great too. It is a huge turnaround. He has known Sgt. Higgins for a long time and considers him a friend. He thanked him for all he does.

5.3.2 Murray City 31st Annual Beautification Awards Program for 2015.

Staff Presentation: Darin Bird, Shade Tree and Beautification Commission

Mr. Bird said the Chairman of the Commission is Jim Hendrickson. This has been a great opportunity for the Commission as well. They had over 50 nominations citywide. They then had the task of going to all the neighborhoods and businesses and judging them. He presented the winners of the Beautifications Awards.

District Winners

District #1

Bryan and Brenda Pett
1238 West Bluffs Court

District #2

Paul and Cynthia France
5910 Normandy Oaks Circle

District #3

The Kessimakis Residence
4648 South 345 East

District #4

Randall and Dorothy Urbom
110 East Belle Meadow Way

District #5
Jim and Vicki Matsumori
5838 South Cove Creek Drive

Mayor Eyre presented the Mayor's awards.

Mayor's Award Winners

Single Family

Phil Sanchez

1142 East Vine Street

Commercial Premises

Tim Dahle Infiniti

4594 South State Street

Multi-Family

Lost Creek Apartments

4950 South State Street

Xeriscape Residence

Tanya Henrie

6187 South 1250 West

Mayor Eyre said he appreciates the efforts of all the people who serve on this valuable Commission and congratulated all the winners.

6. **Citizen Comments** (Comments are limited to 3 minutes unless otherwise approved by the Council.)

No citizen comments were given.

7. **Consent Agenda**

7.1 None scheduled.

8. **Public Hearings**

8.1 Public Hearing #1

8.1.1 Staff and sponsor presentations and public comment will be given prior to Council action on the following matter:

Consider an Ordinance amending Section 16.04.050(A) of the Murray City Municipal Code relating to adequate and available public utilities.

Staff Presentation: Tim Tingey, Administrative and Development Services Director.

Mr. Tingey said this item has been before the Planning Commission. This is an Ordinance change that will allow the City to address issues where there is lack of capacity on the utility side of things. It is being placed in the Subdivision Ordinance and shortly they will be talking about it going into the Zoning Ordinance.

The City has developments come forward that propose a high density project and sometimes there is not the utility capacity for that. This Ordinance language allows the City to delay or deny the approvals on that. It is important to have this language in the Ordinance in case there is an issue where there may not be capacity for a certain development. The Planning Commission has forwarded a recommendation of approval to the Council.

Public Hearing Open for Public Comment

No public comments were given.

Public comment closed.

8.1.2 Council consideration of the above matter.

Ms. Turner made a motion to adopt the Ordinance
Mr. Brass seconded the motion

Call vote recorded by Jennifer Kennedy

 A Mr. Nicponski
 A Mr. Camp
 A Mr. Brass
 A Ms. Turner
 A Mr. Hales

Motion passed 5-0

8.2 Public Hearing #2

8.2.1 Staff and sponsor presentations and public comment will be given prior to Council action on the following matter:

Consider an Ordinance enacting Section 17.04.150 of the Murray City Municipal Code relating to adequate and available public utilities.

Staff Presentation: Tim Tingey, Administrative and Development Services Director.

Mr. Tingey said this is the same issue, but it will be placed in two different locations in the Ordinance; one in the Subdivision Ordinance and one in the Zoning Ordinance. The reason for that is to make sure there will not be any misinterpretation of it. The Planning Commission forwarded a recommendation of approval to the Council.

Public Hearing Open for Public Comment

No public comments were given.

Public comment closed.

8.2.2 Council consideration of the above matter.

Mr. Brass made a motion to adopt the Ordinance
Mr. Nicponski seconded the motion

Call vote recorded by Jennifer Kennedy

 A Mr. Nicponski
 A Mr. Camp
 A Mr. Brass
 A Ms. Turner
 A Mr. Hales

Motion passed 5-0

8.3 Public Hearing #3

8.3.1 Staff and sponsor presentations and public comment will be given prior to Council action on the following matter:

Consider a land use code text amendment to Section 16.12.100 of the Murray City Municipal Code adding a requirement that subdivision plats be recorded within one year of final approval.

Staff Presentation: Tim Tingey, Administrative and Development Services Director.

Mr. Tingey said this item has been before the Planning Commission. The main reason for this is that right now in the Ordinance there is not a time limit for a plat to be recorded. It may not be recorded for a number of years. Standards may change and issues may change in and around the site so they would like to have a time limit on the amount of time plats have to get recorded. They should be recorded within a one year time frame after they are approved. There is also an option for an extension, but it is to mitigate any effects where there are standards that could be changed over

time.

Ms. Turner asked what is meant by a text amendment.

Mr. Tingey replied this is an amendment to the text of the City's Ordinance. It is adding additional or modifying existing text of the Ordinance.

Mr. Hales verified that six months was the extension period.

Mr. Tingey said the extension can be for up to six months.

Public Hearing Open for Public Comment

No public comments were given.

Public comment closed.

8.3.2 Council consideration of the above matter.

Mr. Camp made a motion to approve the text amendment
Ms. Turner seconded the motion

Call vote recorded by Jennifer Kennedy

 A Mr. Nicponski
 A Mr. Camp
 A Mr. Brass
 A Ms. Turner
 A Mr. Hales

Motion passed 5-0

9. Unfinished Business

9.1 None scheduled.

Mr. Hales asked the scouts in attendance to introduce themselves and state their troop number and the badge they are working on.

10. New Business

10.1 Consider a Resolution approving an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the City and the Utah Transit Authority ("UTA") for the acquisition of property that is part of City's 5900 South Road improvement project to facilitate pedestrian safety improvements.

Staff presentation: Doug Hill, Public Services Director

Mr. Hill said the City is planning to reconstruct 5900 South between State Street and 700 West next year. As part of that process, the City's Engineer, Trae Stokes, and his staff have been working hard to purchase right-of-way property for widening intersections. They have also been working with all of the utilities to get everything improved.

One of the entities they have been working with is Utah Transit Authority (UTA) so they can improve the crossing at 300 West. There have been accidents at that location and one of the goals is to make that a safer intersection by installing additional signal arms and other signal improvements.

As part of the reconstruction of the project the City purchased some property that would allow UTA to relocate their signal housing box. This agreement would transfer property that the City has purchased to UTA so they can relocate their signal box.

Mr. Brass said on the east side of 300 West, they are shifting the sidewalk and moving it out into what looks like roadway and they will do the same thing on the west side. He asked if they would move the center line because it looks like turning left would be impeded and there is getting more and more traffic on 300 West.

Mr. Hill said the plan is to make a lot of improvements at this intersection. They have purchased property on the west side of 300 West, both north and south of 5900 South. The plan will be to relocate the utilities which has already been started with the Power Department. They will then be moving the right-of-way further west which will allow through traffic as well as left and right turn lanes which will improve the flow of that intersection greatly.

Mr. Brass made a motion to approve the Resolution
Mr. Camp seconded the motion

Call vote recorded by Jennifer Kennedy

 A Mr. Nicponski
 A Mr. Camp
 A Mr. Brass
 A Ms. Turner
 A Mr. Hales

Motion passed 5-0

10.2 Consider a Resolution approving the poll workers specified by the Salt Lake

County Clerk's Office, Elections Division, for the City's 2015 General Election.

Staff presentation: Jennifer Kennedy, City Recorder

Ms. Kennedy said that State Election Code requires that at least 15 days before the City's election, the Municipal Legislative Body appoints or provides for the appointment of our poll workers. We have received that list from Salt Lake County that is being submitted to the Council for approval.

Ms. Turner made a motion to approve the Resolution
Mr. Nicponski seconded the motion

Call vote recorded by Jennifer Kennedy

 A Mr. Nicponski
 A Mr. Camp
 A Mr. Brass
 A Ms. Turner
 A Mr. Hales

Motion passed 5-0

- 10.3 Consider a Resolution approving an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the City and Salt Lake County ("County") to provide for \$25,000 of the revenue from the County to be used for a highway construction, reconstruction or maintenance project in the City.

Staff presentation: Doug Hill, Public Services Director

Mr. Hill said this year the City started to install bike lanes on Vine Street from the Trax Station near Vine Street all the way up to 900 East. The plan is to install sharrows from 900 East up to Van Winkle. A sharrow is a bicycle pavement marking that will be placed in the traffic lane itself indicating to drivers of vehicles that the lane is to be shared with bicyclists. There is not enough right-of-way or width to put bike lanes on Vine Street between 900 East and Van Winkle. The sharrows look like a man on a bicycle and has two stripes, called chevrons, above it. As bicyclists are traveling along Vine Street east of 900 East they will be sharing the road itself with the motorists. It is more of a notification process so drivers know there are bicyclists on the road. The City has essentially designated Vine Street as a major east/west route through the City for bicyclists.

The Council had put \$25,000 in the budget this year for this project, however, the County came out earlier in the year and had a grant program where they were asking cities to submit projects for funding. The City submitted this project and received funding from the County in the amount of \$25,000. That frees up the \$25,000 that was placed in the City's budget which can be used to do some

additional bike work along 5900 South.

The agreement that is before the Council tonight formalizes this grant with the County so they can transfer \$25,000 to the City to reimburse us for this project.

Ms. Turner said she has a good friend that rides her bike to work every day from Highland Drive and 4500 South down to the Trax Station in Murray. She appreciates the bike lanes that Murray has put in. When she starts out, she is really nervous but when she gets to Murray, she knows she is safe. She really appreciates the bike lanes that have been put in.

Mr. Camp thanked Mr. Hill for his tenacity on this project. A lot of work has gone in on providing these bike lanes. He thinks it has been a real positive thing.

Mr. Hales said there were a lot of citizens from all the districts that got involved with this. It was neat to see that. He hears all the time that this has been one of the most impressive things that the citizens have seen. He thanked Mr. Hill for taking on this project. He asked Mr. Hill how the City found out about the \$25,000 grant from the County.

Mr. Hill replied the County notified the City that they had money available and we applied. Mr. Stokes and his staff wrote this grant and provided all the information.

Mr. Hales said he knows grants can be a lot of work. He told Mr. Hill to thank the Engineering Department for all of their work.

Mr. Camp made a motion to approve the Resolution
Ms. Turner seconded the motion

Call vote recorded by Jennifer Kennedy

 A Mr. Nicponski
 A Mr. Camp
 A Mr. Brass
 A Ms. Turner
 A Mr. Hales

Motion passed 5-0

11. **Mayor**

11.1 Report

Mayor Eyre said there was a single family home on Myrtle Avenue that the City has purchased along with all the property around it. That house was taken down

yesterday. The property is now ready to be prepared for six new pickleball courts which will be added to the park area there and will not detract from any of the existing green space in the park right now. There will also be an access trail through the middle of that property to the park. This will be a great addition to Murray Park.

Mayor Eyre handed the Council some information on a program called hands-on walk audit and ADA. This is a program at IHC on November 12, 2015 from 2:00-4:00 that includes community members. They will be going to different areas throughout the City to see what things need to be improved for ADA accessibility. There will be a keynote speaker from the Utah Vision of the Blind.

The City has the opportunity to be the recipient of many incredible scouts programs. There have been four or five Eagle Scout projects in the last month that have benefited the City itself. Another one of those project is coming up on November 14, 2015. A scout has decided he wants to be involved with bone marrow transplants. The Park Center will be available from 9:00-1:00 for anyone to go over and have their mouth swabbed. That data is put into a bank and if they find a match, they ask you to come in and have a very non-evasive blood draw. They used to have to drill into the hip bone, but they do not have to do that anymore. Science has advanced to a point where they can take the stem cells right out of the blood.

This is one example of what the scouts in our City are doing to benefit our entire community. In the next Mayor's message they are going to highlight some of these scouts and the ways they have benefited the City.

Mayor Eyre said the UTA has made \$10 pass cards available to any employee who registers for them. These cards can be reloaded for future use and are available in the Mayor's office for free.

The bridge over the Jordan River in Taylorsville has been completed. The ribbon cutting was last week. This project is an example of how multiple agencies and cities can come together. The bridge is a wonderful addition to the trail system which gets people safely across the Jordan River. A new sidewalk was also added.

Mayor Eyre stated the Parks Department had their annual pumpkin race to celebrate Halloween. About three dozen people came together with various size pumpkins they decorated. Everybody, especially the kids, had a lot of fun. Marci Williams, Park Center Director did a wonderful job.

Mayor Eyre said the County Cultural Facilities Board made a recommendation for Murray to receive 1.2 million dollars to go towards our amphitheater. That was approved by the TRCC Committee and from there it went to the Mayor who put his approval on it as well. The final step is for it to go before the County Council in their November meeting. Mayor Eyre said he has talked with some of the

members of the County Council and they have told him they do not see any opposition to the vote.

That money will be part of the matching fund of 3.4 million dollars that will go to improve the City's amphitheater. It will include a roof over the performance area and orchestra pit, improvements behind the stage in the restroom and dressing facilities, brand new concession stands, and ADA accessibility in the seating. They will also replace the plywood box that controls the lighting and sound.

Mayor Eyre said the City is thankful that the TRCC Committee and County Mayor recommended the City for this. It will be a great new addition to the amphitheater.

11.2 Questions for the Mayor

12. **Adjournment**

Jennifer Kennedy, City Recorder