

Murray City Municipal Council Chambers Murray City, Utah

The Municipal Council of Murray City, Utah, met on Tuesday, the 19th day of September, 2017 at 6:30 p.m., for a meeting held in the Murray City Council Chambers, 5025 South State Street, Murray, Utah.

The meeting was conducted by Dave Nicponski

Council Members Present:

Dave Nicponski, Council District 1
Blair Camp, Council District 2
Jim Brass, Council District 3
Diane Turner, Council District 4/Council Chair
Brett Hales, Council District 5

City Staff Present:

Diane Turner, Acting Mayor
Jennifer Kennedy, City Recorder
Frank Nakamura, City Attorney
Janet Lopez, Council Administrator
Janet Towers, Executive Assistant to the Mayor
Craig Burnett, Police Chief
Doug Hill, Public Services Director
Danyce Steck, Finance Director
Tim Tingey, Administrative and Development Services (ADS) Director
Ryan Madsen, IT Lead Technician
Blaine Haacke, Power Department General Manager

Other's in Attendance:

Citizens

Mr. Nicponski called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

1. Opening Ceremonies

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Richard Crangle.

1.2 Approval of Minutes

1.2.1 Council Meeting – August 22, 2017

1.2.2 Council Meeting – August 29, 2017

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

1.3 Special Recognition

1.3.1 Murray City Council Employee of the Month, Ryan Madsen, Information Technology Lead Technician.

Brett Hales, Council Member and Tim Tingey, ADS Director, presenting

Mr. Hales said the Council started the Employee of the Month program because they felt it was important to be able to recognize the City’s employees. He presented Mr. Madsen 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 Mr. Madsen for all he does for the City.

Mr. Tingey spoke about Mr. Madsen’s employment with Murray City and Mr. Madsen introduced his family.

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

Roger Haglund – Murray City, Utah

Mr. Haglund said he is glad the area he lives in was annexed into Murray City because when they were part of the County it was hard for them to find out who was responsible for making decisions. Part of what was talked about at an open house held by the city was the widening of Vine Street. All the streets in the old part of Murray heading east and west except for Winchester Street and 4500 South have a speed limit of 30 MPH. All streets running east and west in the annexed area of Murray have a speed limit of 35 MPH. Widening Vine Street is not going to make people slow down.

The plan to widen Vine Street is left over from a 40-year-old plan that was generated by Salt Lake County when much of Vine Street was agricultural. This area has now turned into a residential neighborhood. He asked the Council to help neighborhoods in the annexed area become like the neighborhoods in old Murray. People are already driving 45-50 MPH on a 35 MPH road. He asked the Council to consider the annexed area as part of Murray city and not to use County plans that no longer apply. He thanked the Council

for having a place where he and his wife can come and feel like part of a political solution; even if the solution isn't exactly what they want.

Beverly Crangle – Murray City, Utah

Ms. Crangle asked if the city could put solar speed signs on Vine Street. There is already one as you head east on Vine Street, but she would like to see one on the other side of the street so people heading west would have one as well. She also wanted to know what it would take to change the speed limit from 35 MPH to 30 MPH on Vine Street.

3. Consent Agenda

3.1 None scheduled.

4. Public Hearings

4.1 Public Hearing #1

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

Consider an ordinance amending the City's Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Budget.

Danyce Steck, Finance Director, presenting.

Ms. Steck stated there were a few items that needed to be changed in the budget. She explained that no appropriation is needed to adjust the General Fund for the following purposes and asked the Council to consider the following items:

- Reduce the revenue budget by \$6,000 for a ZAP Grant received by the city that was less than anticipated;
- Reduce the expenditure budget by \$16,361 that was budgeted for the Salt Lake County Homeless program that has been discontinued;
- Increase the expenditure budget for overtime by \$4,600 for the IT Department and by \$4,000 for the GIS Department;
- Increase the expenditure budget for miscellaneous expense in the Non-Departmental Department by \$1,761 to help balance that budget;
- Accept and allocate a reimbursement of \$5,460 for additional costs incurred by the Public Services Department due to the delayed opening of the Amphitheater; and
- Accept and allocate a State Asset Forfeiture Grant for \$12,107 to be used to purchase equipment for the Police Department.

Ms. Steck also asked the Council to appropriate \$600,000 from the Capital Projects Funds reserves for the following purposes:

- Accept and allocate the second year of the Transportation

Alternative Program Grant in the amount of \$100,000 to be used for the design and construction of the Canal Trail project;

- Allocate \$100,000 for the Transportation Alternative Program Grant received in FY 2016-2017, that is in reserves, to be used for the design and construction of the Canal Trail project; and
- Allocate \$500,000 from the Capital Improvement Projects Fund which will also be used for the design and construction of the Canal Trail project.

Mr. Nicponski opened the public hearing for public comment.

Roger Haglund – Murray City, Utah

Mr. Haglund said his house abuts the canal; it forms his west and north border. He said this seems like a lot of money for a trail that already exists. All the city needs to do is fix the fences. He is not sure who is going to benefit from the city spending almost \$1,000,000 when all that needs to be done is fix some fences and tell people they can walk there. Although he would love the city to buy him a new fence, it doesn't make sense to spend this much money when there is already a trail that people are using. All the city needs to do is take down the fences that prohibit access. The trail doesn't need gravel and he doesn't think the city needs to make privacy issues out of it. The trail is already there, just allow people to use it by fixing the access.

Richard Crangle – Murray City, Utah

Mr. Crangle encouraged the Council to deny funding for the proposed Canal Trail for the following reasons:

- There has been no cost-benefit analysis done. A cost-benefit analysis needs to be done for any project with any significance. This is a significant project being proposed. The citizens have no idea how much this project is going to cost. Suddenly this project went from a Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) grant of \$250,000 to a proposal for the city to put up \$909,000 and counting;
- No environmental impact studies have been done for the proposed area. There are ducks and geese nesting along the canal and there has not been an environmental impact study done for the destruction of green space. That means less oxygen and more carbon dioxide;
- There are no provisions for first responder's vehicles to navigate the trail if someone gets injured or falls into the canal. There is no space for emergency vehicles to navigate;

- The significant ongoing maintenance will fall to Murray because Salt Lake County hasn't committed to do anything;
- There is no abatement for invasion of privacy, noise, possible vandalism, and congestion for citizens in proximity to the trail;
- A canal easement was granted for irrigation water not recreational ingress or egress;
- There is no showing of a compelling government interest to use or misuse citizens tax money against the interest of many citizens.

He strongly urged denial of funding for this misguided, unnecessary, and redundant project in a community without sidewalks.

Stephen Blakemore – Murray City, Utah

Mr. Blakemore said if the city is going to spend \$1,000,000 to put some rock down along the canal, he wants a job. At the last meeting, there was a grant that was supposedly taking care of all this, now the city is saying it will cost \$900,000 to put down some rocks. This is wasteful spending. Every time someone is on the trail now, all the neighborhood dogs start barking because people are invading their area. Anybody on the trail is disturbing the peace.

Mr. Blakemore said he got the signatures of 22 of his neighbors that are against the Canal Trail. He has heard some of his neighbors talk about wanting to get annexed into Cottonwood Heights. Murray City is upsetting a lot of citizens on the eastside that live anywhere near this canal or have friends that live near it. He reiterated this is a waste of money that could be used for a lot of other things.

Bonnie Johnson – Murray City, Utah

Ms. Johnson said she finds it interesting that the city is paving a trail when she used to walk to school without sidewalks. Now, she pushes her grandkids in strollers in the same area without sidewalks. She asked why the Canal Trail is a priority over sidewalks. Ms. Johnson has walked that trail at night and it is very intrusive. She is glad her property does not backup to the canal. She can't imagine the homeowners that live along that canal that have people looking into their homes; it's unnecessary. The trail was gated up. She asked the Council why the trail was originally gated. She thinks taxpayer's money could go to a better cause. She also collected a list of signatures she turned into the Council.

Mike Bennett – Murray City, Utah

Mr. Bennett was involved in a study that ended up dividing Jordan School District into two districts. A lot of work went into that study, such as

surveys being done. He asked the Council if they had surveyed the people who are affected by this trail.

He knows what needs to be done when a city spends any amount of money. Recently the city needed more money to maintain its storm drains. He asked how something like this trail jumps ahead of something the city is asking more money for. Then, the city comes up with \$900,000 that it supposedly didn't have to do other things before. He thinks there are a lot of services that need to be addressed in Murray before something is added.

Mr. Bennett feels the cost for this trail is absorbent. If a grant can pay for it, he can't imagine that anyone would be against it. But when the city is putting up five times the grant amount to finish the project, a customer satisfaction survey should be done at the very least. Mr. Bennett doesn't know if holding one council meeting is enough to get the feedback necessary to do something this extensive. It sounds like the feedback so far is not favorable. The city needs to be more extensive in their research. The next time he is asked to have his taxes raised or pay money because Murray is broke, it will be an issue for him.

Lori Haglund – Murray City, Utah

Ms. Haglund said she and her husband probably have the lion's share of frontage along the canal trail. They have watched the scope of this project creep. She thinks part of the reason the scope has crept is because Murray has tried to mitigate the impact that this project has for homeowners along the canal trail. She appreciates that and she appreciates the voice that the residents feel they have had and the agreements they have come to with Murray.

Ms. Haglund still thinks this is a lot of money. She agrees with what her husband said about how there is already a trail there and it doesn't need to be paved with compacted aggregate and the associated environmental impacts that come with that. If this were not right in her backyard she would be in favor of it. She thinks trails are a great thing for the community and that people who don't even live right along the trail have spoken loud. She has been at meetings and has heard them speak.

Ms. Haglund feels like this is a done deal and they are going through an exercise on a decision that the Council has already made. She asked the Council to be careful in the decisions that are being made and the way that they impact people and disrupt people's lives.

Chris Carter – Murray City, Utah

Mr. Carter said he doesn't support the canal. He moved into his current home for the privacy. He has three young girls and they love it there. The canal hasn't been too noisy this summer and there has been a sense of

peace. He's fearful of what this will change the canal into. He dreads that there will be pavement on the trail and strangers walking through there. He also feels that the Council has already made their decision.

Beverly Crangle – Murray City, Utah

Ms. Crangle stated she enjoys hiking. She feels badly for the people who have this trail in their backyard. She emphasized the importance of this decision. She asked the Council to think about the 22,000 commuters on 1300 East when they are trying to get to work in the morning and people are pushing the button to cross 1300 East.

Every hiker, if they hiked the whole 1.3 miles, could stop traffic in six places; three places each way. The trail crosses 1300 East, 6400 South, and Vine Street. On 1300 East, there is a stoplight at 6600 South and 6400 South. If the trail is approved there would be a HAWK pedestrian crossing between 6400 and 6600 South. That makes three stops within three blocks. That doesn't even take into consideration that down on 6100 South there is a school zone.

Sidewalks are generally an integral part of any community. There are still no sidewalks up and down 6400 South. There are areas right next to Woodstock Elementary School that do not have sidewalks. Only a handful of people would benefit from the trail and hundreds would benefit from sidewalks.

Marlene Bennett – Murray City, Utah

Ms. Bennett said she is concerned about parking for people who want to use the trail. If somebody wants to walk the trail from Fontaine Bleu Drive, where do they park their car. Obviously if people begin at Wheeler Farm, there is parking there. But there is no parking at the other end of the trail. That is a tremendous problem because that is an area with no sidewalks. She doesn't know what feasibility studies have been done, but there needs to be something done on the impact that the extra cars and the parking situation will have on the neighborhood. The trail will also need maintenance, lighting, and so forth. She is opposed to the trail.

Mr. Nicponski closed the public hearing.

Mr. Nicponski asked Ms. Steck what the actual budget for the Canal Trail was.

Ms. Steck replied the total was \$700,000 of which \$500,000 are Murray City funds and \$200,000 are grand funds.

4.1.2 Council consideration of the above matter.

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

Council roll call vote:

Mr. Camp	Aye
Mr. Brass	Aye
Ms. Turner	Aye
Mr. Hales	Nay
Mr. Nicponski	Aye

Motion passed 4-1

5. **Unfinished Business**

5.1 **None scheduled.**

6. **New Business**

6.1 **Swearing-In Murray City Interim Mayor to serve until January 2, 2018.**

Jennifer Kennedy & Frank Nakamura presenting.

Mr. Nakamura said in the previous meeting, the Council, as they are required to do, voted and appointed Douglas Blair Camp as the Interim Mayor to serve until January 2, 2018, at which time a newly elected Mayor will be sworn in.

The Swearing-In ceremony was conducted by Jennifer Kennedy.

Mayor Camp said he is saddened by the circumstances that have led us to today. We all miss Mayor Eyre very much and he was heartened to see his family here at the meeting. He thanked the Council for their confidence in selecting him to finish the term of Mayor Eyre.

Mayor Camp stated he is not going to be a placeholder for the next three and a half months. There is a lot of work to do and he intends to move the work forward. That's what Mayor Eyre would have wanted and that is what Mayor Camp intends to do.

Mayor Camp thanked his wife for her support.

7. **Mayor**

7.1 **Report**

Mayor Camp noted that former Murray Mayor, Lynn Pett, passed away on Sunday. The city has lost two fine Mayors recently.

Mr. Camp attended the Miss Murray pageant last Saturday where the new Miss Murray was selected. He had the opportunity to thank our outgoing Miss Murray, Alyse Horton, for the great job she did in representing Murray at many events this

past year. The new Miss Murray is Jessica Christenson.

7.2 Questions for the Mayor

No questions were asked of the Mayor.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Jennifer Kennedy, City Recorder