



**Murray City Municipal Council
And
Murray City Administration
Legislative Breakfast
-Minutes-**

The Murray City Municipal Council met with the Murray City Administration for the annual Legislative Breakfast on Tuesday, January 14, 2020, at 7:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers of the Murray City Center at 5025 South State Street, Murray, Utah.

Council Members in Attendance:

Kat Martinez	District #1
Dale Cox - Chair	District #2
Rosalba Dominguez – Vice Chair	District #3
Diane Turner	District #4

Excused:

Brett Hales	District #5
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Others in Attendance:

Blair Camp	Mayor	Jan Lopez	Council Executive Director
Doug Hill	Chief Admin. Officer	Kory Holdaway	Murray Lobbyist
Jennifer Heaps	Chief Comm. Officer	Kathy Miller	Admin. Assistant
Rep. Karen Kwan	District 34	Rep. Mark Wheatley	District 35
Rep. Carol Spackman Moss	District 37	Rep. Andrew Stoddard	District 44
Rep. Marie Poulson	District 46	Senator Gene Davis	District 3
Senator Kathleen Riebe	District 8	Joey Mittelman	Fire
Marie Goettsche	Murray Chamber	City Staff	

Welcome/Introductions - Mayor Camp gave a warm welcome to all in attendance, and noted the absences of Councilmember Hales, and Senator Iwamoto. Lengthy formal introductions occurred.

Issues Discussion

Mayor Camp – Mayor Camp reviewed topics important to Murray, such as:

- Local option sales tax
- Land Use Authority

- Affordable housing - He said Murray accomplished a great deal over the past few years, most relevant along the transit corridor, to promote and allow high density housing; efforts would continue.
- Municipal Power Agency – Since Murray owns and operates its own power department, Mayor Camp stressed the importance of public utility issues.
- Public safety, recruiting, and retention - Mayor Camp said proposed changes to the retirement system would be closely monitored, as related to first responders.
- Transportation
- Homeless impacts
- Justice Courts

Murray City Council – Council Members voiced concern about the following:

- Ms. Turner - Environmental issues like air quality, plastics, transportation, and green space.
- Ms. Martinez – Environmental issues, affordable housing, high density housing in her district.
- Ms. Dominguez – Environmental, and matters related to residents in the annexed area.
- Mr. Cox – Keeping up on all views related to environmental concerns, and act accordingly on the local level. Tax reform and efforts to restructure the proposal.

Utah State Legislators –Representatives and Senators shared individually, about top priority issues, concerns, and proposed legislation including the following topics:

- Affordable housing
- Tax reform
- Safe driving and safe street initiatives related to handheld use of cell phones while driving, and car inspections.
- Improved pay for speech and language pathologists.
- Education improvements, regarding healthy lifestyles, and the significant increase in STD's.
- Air quality
- Property tax increases – related to those on fixed incomes, and quality of life.
- Statewide public safety recruitment and retention, and the rapid rate URS employees leave Utah.
- Equal pay for equal work
- Solitary confinement
- Outlawed noise ordinances
- State issues, versus local issues.
- Utah wages, and minimum wage.
- Mental health
- Autonomous vehicles
- Childcare
- ERA
- Gun legislation and restricted firearms.

Mayor Camp thanked legislators for committed service, and asked Mr. Hill to review Murray's policy process during the Legislative Session.

Mr. Hill appreciated healthy legislative relationships and said despite disagreements, the value of common respect was always shown. He acknowledged Ms. Goettsche, with the Murray Chamber of Commerce and noted good relations with Murray's business community. He gave tribute to Mr. Holdaway, Ms. Dominguez, Mayor Camp, and Mr. Critchfield; designated to represent Murray on legislative matters, he confirmed others become involved in the process, as well. However, these individuals were considered point representatives for main contact. A brief description of Murray's process for evaluating legislative bills outlined.

A discussion occurred about assigned interns that need to be informed quickly when updates to proposed bills occur. Since changes can happen suddenly – on the legislative floor - it was agreed that the best and most effective way of communicating those changes, was via text and not email. It was also noted that when cities amend laws, other cities are not made aware of it until later; therefore, quick communication is vital to making legislative decisions.

ULCT (Utah League of Cities and Towns) - Executive Director, Cameron Diehl said the League includes 249 Utah cities. He reported Legislators, over the last two years, considered bills with regard to every current topic at hand. As a result, the League worked on 362 bills last year that impacted local governments. He referenced current topics, provided updates and reported good progress, since last year's Legislative Session. He discussed the process in which the League evaluates bills, and explained the overarching policy used at the League is based on three core principles: 1.) Respect between all entities; 2.) Collaboration; and 3.) Focus on quality outcome. He confirmed key bills passed last year are still issues of concern this year, such as, affordable housing, tax reform, and sales taxes. He reviewed in length due process, in which specific bills actually passed last year.

Upcoming Events - ULCT Local Officials Day – January 29, 2020

Adjournment – 8:30 a.m. Mayor Camp thanked all for great service and commitment to Murray.

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