

Murray City Municipal Council Chambers Murray City, Utah

The Murray City Municipal Council met on Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. for a meeting held electronically in accordance with Executive Order 2020-5 Suspending the Enforcement of Provisions of Utah Code 52-4-202 and 52-4-207 due to Infectious Disease COVID-19 Novel Coronavirus issued by Gary Herbert on March 18, 2020 and Murray City Council Resolution #R20-13 adopted on March 17, 2020.

Council Members in Attendance:

Kat Martinez	District #1
Dale Cox	District #2 – Council Chair
Rosalba Dominguez	District #3 – Council Vice-Chair
Diane Turner	District #4
Brett Hales	District #5

Others in Attendance:

Blair Camp	Mayor	Jan Lopez	Council Director
G.L. Critchfield	City Attorney	Jennifer Kennedy	City Recorder
Doug Hill	Chief Administrative Officer	Jennifer Heaps	Chief Communications Officer
Craig Burnett	Police Chief	Brenda Moore	Finance Director
Wendell Coombs	City Treasurer	Chad Pascua	Assistant Fire Chief
Robyn Colton	Human Resources Director	Pattie Johnson	Council Office

Opening Ceremonies

Call to Order – Councilmember Hales called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance – The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Doug Hill, Chief Administrative Officer

Approval of Minutes

Council Meeting – June 2, 2020

MOTION: Councilmember Martinez moved to approve the minutes. The motion was SECONDED by Councilmember Turner.

Council roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilmember Martinez, Councilmember Cox, Councilmember Dominguez, Councilmember Turner, Councilmember Hales

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Motion passed 5-0

Citizen Comments – Comments are limited to 3 minutes unless otherwise approved by the Council. Janet Lopez read the following Citizen Comments:

Lori Haglund – Murray City, Utah

There seems to be the perception that only a few residents living right on Vine Street even care about the planned Vine Street widening project. Only a few residents living on Vine Street were even notified of the open house where the project was discussed, and admittedly only a few persistent residents have been present and shared opinions at City Council meetings.

Nearly everyone can agree that Vine Street needs the completion of curb and gutters with sidewalks, and we are asking that a modified, limited plan be considered.

Mature trees and landscape provide character and shade in the area, reducing the amount of water needed to preserve surrounding landscaped areas and reducing the amount of energy required to heat and air-condition surrounding homes. Removal of those large trees will increase the use of water and energy, resulting in additional costs to homeowners and negative impact to the carbon footprint.

The area is zoned R-1-10 and City code requires that homes be set back 25' from the sidewalk. The City's forced acquisition of property from homeowners will create numerous non-complaint homes.

A petition at signthevine.com has 875 signatures today – Evidence that more than just a few who live right on Vine Street care about the impacts of this project. Just as compelling are the associated comments. We ask that you consider the opinions of your constituents who are most impacted by this plan and that you use your influence to intervene and mitigate damage to this charming spot, the personal and financial impacts to homeowners and the negative impacts to our carbon footprint.

Ms. Lopez noted there were two petitions received that were forwarded to all of the Councilmembers.

Consent Agenda

1. Consider confirmation of the Mayor's appointment of Ali Lyddall to the Library Board for a three-year term to expire June 30, 2023.

2. Consider confirmation of the Mayor's reappointment of Bob Dunn to the Personnel Advisory Board for a term to expire June 30, 2022.
3. Consider confirmation of the Mayor's reappointment of Denny Mecham to the Personnel Advisory Board for a three-year term to expire June 30, 2023.
4. Consider confirmation of the Mayor's reappointment of Mike Romero to the Personnel Advisory Board for a three-year term to expire June 30, 2023.
5. Consider confirmation of the Mayor's reappointment of Dr. Janice Evans to the Shade Tree Commission for a three-year term to expire June 30, 2023.

Mayor Camp noted that Mr. Dunn should have been reappointed last year, but somehow, his appointment was overlooked. He asked that the Council ratify Mr. Dunn's appointment from June 2019 to June 2022.

MOTION: Councilmember Turner moved to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was SECONDED by Councilmember Cox.

Council roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilmember Martinez, Councilmember Cox, Councilmember Dominguez, Councilmember Turner, Councilmember Hales

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Motion passed 5-0

Public Hearings

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

1. Continued from June 2, 2020
Consider an ordinance adopting the Final 2020 – 2021 Fiscal Year Budgets for Murray City including the Library Fund Budget.

Staff Presentation: Councilmember Turner and Brenda Moore, Finance Director

Councilmember Turner said the Murray City Council received the Mayor's Tentative Budget on April 21, 2020. The Council studied the budget documents and met with administration and department directors on May 11, May 12 and May 15, making adjustments and revisions according to their authority and responsibility under Utah State Code.

Based on the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19, the Council has found itself in

unprecedented times of uncertainty going forward into the new fiscal year. During the third quarter of 2020, the economy of the country shut down in an attempt to slow the spread of COVID-19. Record numbers of individuals are currently unemployed. As the economy reopens, unknown decreases in the revenue streams of the City are expected.

The Council has chosen to take a cautious approach to the Fiscal Year 2020- 2021 budget by examining each revenue item and expenditure to make conservative, deliberate, and thoughtful decisions on behalf of the residents and businesses of the City.

The Council requested department directors to decrease General Fund expenditure budgets by an additional four percent overall, remove travel and training funding that was not essential to maintain required certifications and license renewals, and scrutinize overtime budgets for possible reductions.

Municipalities are service based organizations where employees are the core of service delivery and primary to maintaining optimal quality of life. The Council recognizes the experience, knowledge and expertise of City employees, and their dedication to excellence and has funded the citywide compensation increases in the City step plan at an expense of approximately \$439,000.

The Council has asked staff to preserve the stability of City finances by maintaining General Fund reserves at 17.9% with the intent to restore to 25% as revenue increases to acceptable levels. The Fiscal Year 2020 – 2021 budget utilizes nearly \$3 million of General Fund reserves to compensate for an anticipated decrease in revenue.

The budget is based on revenue projections that decrease by 10% overall including sales tax revenues that decrease by 15%. Property Tax is anticipated to grow slightly with new construction, however, there is no property tax increase to residents and businesses. It is the intent of the Council to review these revenues monthly to react to actual receipts as necessary. Operational budgets have been decreased by 11% overall.

The Council feels strongly that City public safety personnel are best able to provide the level of service essential for City residents and businesses. It is the intent of the Council to support adequate staffing, equipment and funding for City public safety departments to maintain a high level of service.

The Capital Improvement Program (CIP) has prioritized projects based on a reduction in revenues available. Funding of \$3.7 million has been designated in the budget, which is a sizeable decrease from the current year budget of \$8.76 million. These funds are allocated for vehicle and equipment replacement, parks and recreation, facility and road maintenance. Capital project funding is also included in the budgets for the Power Fund, Storm Water Fund, Water Fund, Wastewater Fund, and the Central Garage Fund.

It is the intent of the Council to proactively support environmentally responsible

contributions to clean air. In vehicle purchases, City employees are strongly encouraged to investigate alternative fuel engines that contribute lower amounts of particulate pollution into the air. The Council has included carryover funds of \$27,995 in the CIP vehicle and equipment fund to be used for the additional costs of purchasing alternative fuel vehicles. It is Council's intent to increase this fund when the budget allows.

The Council supports the construction of a new City Hall and believes a new City Hall is necessary given the condition of the existing City Hall. If the new City Hall is ready to begin construction in Fiscal Year 2020 – 2021 it is the intent of the Council to consider a budget amendment to provide for expenditure of bond funds for the construction of the new City Hall.

Ms. Moore said the only change that has been made to the budget is she added the growth that is estimated from the Salt Lake County Assessor's office which added \$29,523 for the City and \$28,220 for the Library.

The public hearing was open for public comments. No comments were given, and the public hearing was closed.

MOTION: Councilmember Cox moved to adopt the ordinance. The motion was SECONDED by Councilmember Martinez.

Council roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilmember Martinez, Councilmember Cox, Councilmember Dominguez, Councilmember Turner, Councilmember Hales

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Motion passed 5-0

2. Consider an ordinance amending the City's Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget.

Staff Presentation: Brenda Moore, Finance Director

Ms. Moore went over the following budget amendments:

The Police Department received \$112,282 from the Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program (CESF) grant. The funds will be spent jointly by the Fire and Police Departments to cover costs of supplies and equipment related to coronavirus. We have three years to spend the funds.

The Fire Department received \$5,580 from the Utah Department of Health EMS grant for the purchase of EMS supplies or equipment.

The Library received \$2,045 from the State of Utah Library Division Cares Act pass through

for supplies and equipment purchases related to the coronavirus.

Fire Station 81 went over the anticipated budget. To make up for that \$390,000 needs to be added to the fire station building account in the Capital Projects fund from reserves. The \$390,000 includes full amount of change order costs which are in dispute. If the Fire Department settle for less than the full change order amount the remaining budget will be returned to reserves.

In Fiscal Year 2019 the State of Utah approved \$8,054,000 of bonds in the Water Fund for water system improvements The state has approved the final draw on these bonds of \$5,554,000. The request is being made to receive \$5,554,000 of bond proceeds and appropriate to infrastructure construction.

The public hearing was open for public comments. No comments were given, and the public hearing was closed.

MOTION: Councilmember Turner moved to adopt the ordinance. The motion was SECONDED by Councilmember Dominguez.

Council roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilmember Martinez, Councilmember Cox, Councilmember Dominguez, Councilmember Turner, Councilmember Hales

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Motion passed 5-0

Business Items

1. Consider an ordinance adopting the rate of tax levies for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021.

Staff Presentation: Brenda Moore, Finance Director

Ms. Moore said the rate of tax levy is calculated by the Salt Lake County Assessor's office. Because the City is not doing a property tax increase and property values have been going up, the tax rate has declined. The City will receive \$109,000 related to new property growth in the city and the Library will receive \$28,220.

MOTION: Councilmember Martinez moved to adopt the ordinance. The motion was SECONDED by Councilmember Turner.

Council roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilmember Martinez, Councilmember Cox, Councilmember Dominguez, Councilmember Turner, Councilmember Hales

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Motion passed 5-0

2. Consider a resolution authorizing Murray City pick up of Public Safety and Firefighter employee retirement contributions.

Staff Presentation: Robyn Colton, Human Resources Director

Ms. Colton said recent legislation was passed which provided enhancements to Tier II retirement pensions for Public Safety and Firefighter employees. With these enhancements, the cost of the plan went up. Now, 14% of the retirement contribution is to be covered by the employer and 2.27% is covered by the employee. The legislation allows for the employer to cover the employee portion of the retirement contributions. Ms. Colton is proposing that the City cover the employee portion of the retirement contribution.

MOTION: Councilmember Cox moved to adopt the resolution. The motion was SECONDED by Councilmember Dominguez.

Council roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilmember Martinez, Councilmember Cox, Councilmember Dominguez, Councilmember Turner, Councilmember Hales

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Motion passed 5-0

3. Consider a resolution approving the Murray City Investment Policy.

Staff Presentation: Wendell Coombs, City Treasurer

Mr. Coombs said 2006 was the last time the Investment Policy was reviewed with the Council. The City's policy is multi-faceted. As the City considers investments, staff looks at the safety of principal, liquidity, and rate of return. The objective is to safeguard the assets of the City. The delegation of authority for investments is with the Treasurer and Finance Director. Mr. Coombs explained the tools the City uses to invest funds which include sweeping funds into a money market account each night, utilizing the Public Treasurer's Investment fund that is managed by the State of Utah, and using an outside investment manager.

MOTION: Councilmember Turner moved to adopt the resolution. The motion was SECONDED by Councilmember Dominguez.

Council roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilmember Martinez, Councilmember Cox, Councilmember Dominguez,

Councilmember Turner, Councilmember Hales

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Motion passed 5-0

4. Consider an ordinance amending fees relating to Animal Control Services within the City, enacting Section 6.08.045 of the Murray City Municipal Code to adopt Salt Lake County's Animal Control Fees, and amending Sections 6.08.070, 6.08.080, 6.08.085, 6.08.100, 6.16.010, 6.16.020, 6.16.030, and 6.22.030 of the City Code.

Staff Presentation: Craig Burnett, Police Chief

Chief Burnett said with Salt Lake County taking over the City's animal control services effective July 1, 2020, they have asked the City to adopt their fee schedule. This will ensure the City's fees are inline with the County's and the other cities they service.

Councilmember Martinez asked if the new fees would be updated on the City's website.

Chief Burnett replied he would make sure that happens.

MOTION: Councilmember Martinez moved to adopt the ordinance. The motion was SECONDED by Councilmember Cox.

Council roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilmember Martinez, Councilmember Cox, Councilmember Dominguez, Councilmember Turner, Councilmember Hales

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Motion passed 5-0

Mayor's Report and Questions

Mayor Camp reported on the following items:

The first edition of the new Murray e-newsletter was sent out this afternoon. It will allow the City to provide timely updates on things that are going on in the City. Anyone that is interested in receiving the newsletter can sign up for it on the City's website.

Mayor Camp and Chief Burnett have worked on a letter to answer the questions they have received regarding the City's police policies. The letter is posted on the City's website. It was also included in the e-newsletter that went out today and has been posted on the City's other social media outlets.

The Library is planning a soft opening on Monday, June 22, 2020. A limited number of patrons

will be allowed to schedule appointments to use computers. The restrictions to open libraries have been loosened. Libraries were taken out of version 4.6 of the color-coded guidelines and put in with other retail establishments.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Jennifer Kennedy, City Recorder