



## MURRAY CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

The Murray City Municipal Council met on Tuesday, June 2, 2020 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 Governor Herbert on March 18, 2020 and Murray City Council Resolution #R20-13 adopted on March 17, 2020.

**Council Members in Attendance:**

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

**Others in Attendance:**

Blair Camp	Mayor	Janet Lopez	City Council Director
G.L. Critchfield	City Attorney	Jennifer Kennedy	City Recorder
Jennifer Heaps	Chief Communications Officer	Pattie Johnson	City Council Office Admin.
Craig Burnett	Police Chief	Danny Astill	Public Works Director
Brenda Moore	Finance Director	Robyn Colton	HR Director
Wendell Coombs	Treasurer	Trae Stokes	City Engineer
Bill Francis	The Imagination Company		

Mr. Cox called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with the following statement:

Welcome to the Murray City Council Meetings. We are glad you are viewing our proceedings. Tonight, we have scheduled: Committee of the Whole (followed by a short break), and a Council Meeting.

Because of the current health pandemic, and in order to comply with the Governor’s Directive to “Stay Safe, Stay Home,” and the Public Health Order issued by the County Health Department and County Mayor, we have determined that an in person meeting, including attendance by the public and the Council is not practical or prudent. Therefore, this meeting will be held remotely through electronic means.

Each person is participating from a separate location. We are dependent upon the internet and technology to broadcast this meeting and to ensure that the public has an opportunity to view the proceedings, however, there could be a malfunction that is out of our control. We do not expect any issues but want you to be aware of that possibility.

If you would like to submit citizen comments or public hearing comments please email to [city.council@murray.utah.gov](mailto:city.council@murray.utah.gov) they should be less than 3 minutes, include your name and contact information and they will be read into the record.

**Approval of Minutes** - Mr. Cox asked for comments or a motion on the minutes from:

- Special Meeting – April 16, 2020.

Ms. Turner moved approval. Ms. Dominguez seconded the motion. (Approved 5-0)

**Discussion Items:**

**Investment Policy Update** – Mr. Coombs stated the Murray City Investment Policy had not been considered by the Council since 2006. An update to City Code was necessary to comply with current State statutes, because the Utah State Legislature updated the Utah Money Management Act.

The draft policy was provided to the Council prior to the meeting to explain how the City handles entrusted funds. Revisions included only minor changes from 2006. Mr. Coombs explained Murray’s policy is to invest in public funds in a manner, which would provide: Safety of Principal; Liquidity, (accessing funds, as quickly as possible); and Yield (Rate of Return) respectively.

He reported the City is not investing in the stock market where there is great volatility; instead, short term bonds and money markets are utilized, which provide liquidity and some form of market return. As the “prudent person” (as required in Code), Mr. Coombs looks carefully at all types of investments; the majority of which, is through the PTIF (Public Treasurers’ Investment Fund). He noted a number of years ago an outside manager was hired to assist in obtaining better return on City funds.

Policy guidelines provide for investing money wisely in an ongoing basis and allows the City to report as needed to the State; a deposit and investment report is submitted semiannually, posted on the State auditors’ website. The policy contains various standards and terms for investing, maturity rates; and types of funds attained. Investments are reviewed daily, monthly, and quarterly, based on cash needs, and to review investments with outside investment managers; meetings occur with the City’s finance committee, consisting of the City finance director, treasurer, and controller. Any assets the City does not hold in the City, or at the State are held in a trust fund by Wells Fargo, the trustee. The Council would consider the resolution to approve the update in the council meeting.

**Council Comments:**

- Ms. Turner noted the Performance Standards section and asked the function of the *Overnight Repo* account. Mr. Coombs said re-purchase agreements are used as a short rate of return when banks trade money back and forth overnight- when money is short; it is another investment vehicle used to determine what short-term investments might yield.
- Ms. Martinez asked if funds interact with the General Fund, and City budget; and was there a report reflecting how investment returns fare. Ms. Moore said line items within many budgets, and noted on financial statements called *interest*, reflect earnings from various trust money; all investments, bond money, and PTIF allocations are based on cash balances.

**Tier 2 Public Safety and Firefighter Retirement Benefits:** Ms. Colton explained in 2011 pension benefits decreased for public safety workers and firefighters. For years, due to retention efforts and hiring issues, employees lobbied for better pension benefits. As a result, in 2019 Senate Bill 129 was passed, which would provide enhancements to both Tier 2 public safety and firefighter pensions. Enhancements would apply to new and current employees in Tier 2 URS (Utah Retirement Systems) beginning July 1, 2020. A chart was displayed. (Attachment #1)

Ms. Colton said, due to the cost of the new benefit, the employer would now pay 14% of the

enhancements and contributions; and employees would pay 2.27%. however, employers may elect to pick up the employee portion of the retirement contribution and count it as employer contributions. The resolution would serve as the City's formal request of action to pick up those contributions, as required by URS. Currently, 51 employees total fall under these retirement benefits; 20 in the fire department; and 31 in the police department. A total cost of \$95,000 already included in the Mayor's tentative budget was noted. URS is requiring formal action be taken by July 1, 2020 if the City chooses to pick-up employee contributions. The Council would consider the resolution in the council meeting. There were no Council questions or comments.

**Animal Services Fees:** Chief Burnett affirmed Salt Lake County was awarded the recent RFP (request for proposal) as the new animal services provider to Murray. The award comes with a condition that Murray adopt the County's fee schedule followed by other cities and communities they serve. The Interlocal Agreement and a Lease Agreement were previously studied during a Committee of the Whole on May 19, 2020. The Council would consider the ordinance to adopt the fee schedule in council meeting.

Council Comments: It was noted that many fees would see an increase. (Attachment #2)

**Fiscal Year 2019 – 2020 Budget Amendment:** Ms. Moore said the last budget amendment of Fiscal Year 2019-2020 included additional funding for the new fire station, and three grants; as discussed:

- Grant: The police department received \$112,282 from the CESF (Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding) Program. Both fire and police departments would spend funds over the course of three years to purchase supplies and equipment related to COVID-19.
- Grant: The fire department received \$5,580 from Utah Department of Health for EMS supplies.
- Grant: The Murray Library received \$2,045 from the CARES Act for COVID-19 related supplies and equipment.
- The new fire station went over budget; so, a request of \$390,000 would be added to the fire station *building* account in the Capital Projects fund from reserves. The amount includes all change order costs, which was a worst-case scenario. If the City settles for less than the full change order amount, funds remaining in the budget will be returned to reserves budget. Ms. Moore said Chief Harris searched constantly for ways to save money on the project; however, due to various cost increases; and environmental challenges, expenses for continuous hazardous cleanup and environmental testing were uncontrollable.

Council Comments:

- Ms. Turner asked if anything in the initial contract could prevent additional charges to the fire station building budget. Ms. Moore said all change orders and various charges are calculated outside the original contract agreement and are currently in dispute. The City will negotiate items believed to be unjustifiable. Ms. Turner thought the added expense was unreasonable, as would many others; she hoped it would end up being much less. Ms. Moore agreed, but wanted to be prepared.

**Announcements:** None.

**Adjournment:** 5:51 p.m.

**Pattie Johnson**  
**Council Office Administrator II**

ATTACHMENT #1

## Tier 2 Public Safety and Firefighter Changes

	Current Benefit	New Benefit Beginning July 1, 2020
<b>Hybrid Option</b>	<b>1.5% Multiplier</b>	<b>2.0% Multiplier</b> on service earned after July 1, 2020. All service accrued prior to July 1, 2020 will still be multiplied by 1.5%
	Employer funds benefit at <b>12%</b> of employee pay	Employer funds benefit at <b>14%</b> of employee pay
	Employees currently not required to contribute to fund the pension benefit (because the pension contribution rate is less than the 12% employer cap)	Based on today's pension contribution rate, employees would add <b>2.27%</b> of their pay to fund the pension benefit. Employers may choose to pick up their employees' contributions
<b>401(k) Option</b>	Employer contributes an amount equal to 12% of employee pay into a 401(k)	Employer contributes an amount equal to 14% of employee pay into your 401(k). Employers may choose to make additional 401(k) contributions

**ATTACHMENT #2**

**Fee Schedule**

Customer ID \_\_\_\_\_  
Animal ID \_\_\_\_\_  
Officer Number \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Impound &amp; Boarding</b>		
1st Impound		\$40
2nd Impound within 24 months		\$80
3rd Impound within 24 months		\$160
Subsequent Impound within 24 months		\$320
Board Fee = Each Day of Board/ <u>\$20</u> multiplied by # of Days Boarded _____ = Total Board Fee _____		
<b>Rabies/Vaccines/Microchip</b>		
Rabies Vaccination		\$25
Rabies Deposit (cash or credit only)		\$25
Rabies Test Fee (or Quarantine Fee)		\$200
Microchip (may be required upon impound)		\$30
<b>Pet Licenses (Issued for a 1-year Period)</b>		
License - Unsterilized		\$40
License - Sterilized		\$15
License - Senior Citizen, Sterilized (for residents 60 years and older)		\$5
License - Transfer Fee or Replacement Tag		\$5
Late License Penalty (applicable 30 days after due date)		\$50
<b>Permits (Issued for a 1-year Period)</b>		
Commercial operations - up to 30 animals		\$200
Commercial operations - over 30 animals		\$300
Residential Permit		\$50
Animal exhibition (single event \$100) <b>OR</b> (multiple events \$400)		
Other Permit Specified by Ordinance _____		
Late application renewal fee (in addition to regular fee)		\$50
<b>Sterilization</b>		
Sterilization Deposit ( <i>mandated for 2nd impound &amp; each after by Utah State Code 11.46.206</i> )		\$150
In-house Sterilization		\$100
<b>Notice of Violation</b>		
First NOV (fee per violation)		\$50
Second Violation (fee per violation)		\$100
Third Violation (fee per violation)		\$200
Subsequent Notices of Violation (fee per violation)		\$250
<b>Livestock</b>		
Dead Livestock Removal		\$300
Dead Livestock Disposal		\$200
Brand Inspection Fee		\$30
Livestock Transportation Fee (per incidence)		\$50
<b>Euthanasia and Disposal - Companion Animals</b>		
Euthanasia and disposal of small animals (hamsters, mice, guinea pigs, etc.)		\$5
Euthanasia (dog or cat)		\$50
Disposal (dog or cat)		\$50
<b>Other</b>		
Surrender Fee		\$100
Surrender Biter Fee		\$250
Field Service Fee		\$50
Other _____		
<b>Total Fees</b>		

Fees are established in ordinance and may not be waived or refunded. Rev. Jan 2019