

**Murray City Municipal Council  
Chambers  
Murray City, Utah**

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**Murray City Council Chair Determination  
Open and Public Meeting Act  
Utah State Code 52-4-207(4)  
October 1, 2020**

The Murray City Municipal Council met on Tuesday, October 6, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. for a meeting held electronically. In accordance with, Utah Code 52-4-207(4), due to infectious disease COVID-19 Novel Coronavirus, I have determined that meeting in an anchor location presents substantial risk to the health and safety of those who may be present at the anchor location because physical distancing measures may be difficult to maintain in the Murray City Council Chambers.

Federal, state and local leaders have all acknowledged the global pandemic. Salt Lake County Public Health Order 2020-13 dated August 19, 2020, recognizes that COVID-19 is a contagion that spreads from person to person and poses a continuing and immediate threat to the public health of Salt Lake County residents.

It is my intent to safeguard the lives of Murray residents, business owners, employees and elected officials by meeting remotely through electronic means without an anchor location. The public may view the meeting via the live stream at [www.murraycitylive.com](http://www.murraycitylive.com) or <https://www.facebook.com/Murraycityutah/>.

Citizen comments or public hearing comments may be made live through the Zoom meeting process or read into the record by sending an email to [city.council@murray.utah.gov](mailto:city.council@murray.utah.gov).



Rosalba Dominguez  
Murray City Council Chair

**Council Members in Attendance:**

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

**Others in Attendance:**

Blair Camp	Mayor	Jan Lopez	Council Director
G.L. Critchfield	City Attorney	Jennifer Kennedy	City Recorder
Pattie Johnson	City Council Office	Jennifer Heaps	Chief Communications Officer
Melinda Greenwood	Community & Economic Development (CED) Director	Brenda Moore	Finance Director
Susan Nixon	Associate Planner	Joey Mittelman	Assistant Chief
Citizens			

**Opening Ceremonies**

Call to Order – Councilmember Turner called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance – The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Joey Mittelman, Assistant Chief

**Approval of Minutes**

Council Meeting – September 15, 2020

MOTION: Councilmember Dominguez moved to approve the minutes. The motion was SECONDED by Councilmember Hales.

Council roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Motion passed 5-0

**Special Recognition**

1. Consider a Joint Resolution of the Mayor and Municipal Council of Murray City, Utah to Designate and Support the Week of October 4-10, 2020 as Fire Prevention Week.

Staff Presentation: Mayor Blair Camp and Joey Mittelman, Assistant Chief

Mayor Camp read the Joint Resolution.

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

Council roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Motion passed 5-0

Assistant Chief Mittelman said the Fire Department is excited for Fire Prevention Week. This year's theme is, "Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen." The Fire Department will be reaching out to all the second grade classes in Murray City with a video they have made. They will also be posting activities on Facebook everyday during Fire Prevention Week. He advised everyone to check their smoke detectors and have an exit plan in case of a fire.

**Citizen Comments** – Comments are limited to 3 minutes unless otherwise approved by the Council.

Rusty Cannon – Utah Taxpayers Association

The Utah Taxpayers Association commends the city council members of Logan, Lehi and Kaysville for making the right choice in voting to withdraw from the UAMPS CFPP project. Many of our concerns were reflected in the discussions by city council members at all three meetings. We would like to reiterate a few of those tonight.

First, municipal power companies should not be taking the financial risk that is built into this project by essentially acting as venture capital investors bearing the risk of cost overruns and delays. The potential risks far outweigh the benefits. If Small Modular Reactor power produced carbon free power at a competitive cost in the future, private industry would bear the risk to develop it. Municipal power companies could instead look to purchase power from such a project upon its completion without acting as a seed investor.

Second, the best case scenario for participating cities is that they someday (after 2029) get market rate power. The worst case scenario is a commitment at the next three phases of \$19.9 million, \$658.4 and then \$4.7 billion that could leave ratepayers and possibly even taxpayers of these municipalities holding the bag. Murray's experience with UTOPIA is a prime example of how this kind of project can eventually drain badly needed sales tax revenue from city budgets. After UTOPIA's initial pledge that sales taxes would never be called upon from city budgets, Murray's annual contributions to UTOPIA are now approximately \$1.8 million (and growing at 2% per year) while UTOPIA's balance sheet continues to go further into the red by roughly \$20 million per year with a negative net worth now over \$200 million.

And Third, subscription levels to the project have been a key indicator of the projects' appeal and potential success or failure. The stagnant level of subscriptions at only 30% - where it has remained for quite some time - is a clear indication of why the project's risks are too high and why cities should withdraw. With the exit of Logan, Lehi and Kaysville that subscription level is now even much lower. In addition, the withdrawal of those three cities compromising about 16% of the subscriptions will raise the cost of cities that stay in for the next rounds.

The remaining cities have until a recently extended October 30th deadline to withdraw. Logan, Lehi and Kaysville all voted unanimously to withdraw. The Utah Taxpayers Association strongly urges Murray's city council to end their financial obligations to this project.

The Utah Taxpayers Association has no position on nuclear power. The Association's concerns

revolve around the history of financial failures of similar power projects and the financial risk to ratepayers and taxpayers.

Lance Barton – Murray City, Utah

I would like to voice my concerns against the UAMPS SMR project. I don't agree that this is a safe, appropriate, or cost effective solution for Murray Power. I am grateful for the efforts made by Murray City to keep our energy costs low, and hopefully this will continue to be the case, but this UAMPS SMR project idea does not seem to be the answer. Thanks for everything the City Council does for Murray!

Beverly Crangle – Murray City, Utah

The language has changed! When health issues have required emergency notices to the public, the word "death" has been used. Authorities convinced the public to take precautionary measures by noting the number of deaths expected from a specific cause. The 2020 Pandemic began with the usual language but switched from the word "deaths" to "cases." No detail is given about the severity of findings (or viral load) from tests.

The CDC reports show that at least 94% of deaths occurred in the elderly having an average of 2.6 co-morbidity conditions, i.e., diabetes, cancer, obesity, etc. The orchestrated media messaging and extended government intrusion into commerce and private lives have done more damage than any disease, alone, would do. The increased rates of suicide, divorce, drug and alcohol abuse, child abuse, crimes, etc., have greatly diminished our communities. The continued isolation of many and loss of jobs, homes and school activities, will continue to cripple the lives of our citizens. Since tests detect the corona microbes associated with the common cold, using only the measure of "Positive Tests" to determine human activity needs to cease.

Please consider the above information and the unseen and non-obvious negative consequences of continuing the current Murray City policies.

**Public Hearings**

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

1. Consider an ordinance amending the City's Fiscal Year 2020 – 2021 Budget.

Staff Presentation: Brenda Moore, Finance Director

Ms. Moore said Salt Lake County has an additional \$1,456,622.43 in CARES Act Funding for the City. This money is to be used for continuing costs associated with the pandemic.

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

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

Council roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Motion passed 5-0

2. Consider an ordinance amending Chapter 17.65 of the Murray City Municipal Code relating to beekeeping standards.

Staff Presentation: Melinda Greenwood, CED Director

Ms. Greenwood said this ordinance was last amended in 2016. This amendment would shift the regulatory and compliance responsibility to Salt Lake County and the State if Utah Department of Agriculture which has a division of beekeeping and apiary. The City would no longer require that hives be licensed with the City. Hives would be licensed with Salt Lake County and the State. All properties with a single-family residence located on the property would be allowed to have bees.

The State of Utah has a bee inspection act that is codified and requires that any person that has bees register with the state. Beehives have to be identified with signage and be inspect annually. Salt Lake County also has regulations related to beekeeping.

The proposed ordinance allows a different amount of hives based on the lot size of the property with a maximum of six hives allowed on a property. The City's current ordinance states a lot size must be at least 6,000 square feet to have bees. This proposal would change the minimum lot size to 4,000 square feet.

The current ordinance essentially makes it impossible for residents to have bees legally. It requires insurance, registration with the City, training, a waiver and a release of liability for the City. Ms. Greenwood said she has been unable to find any other ordinances within Salt Lake County that require that. In addition, her staff has expertise in planning and land use, but not in beehives and beekeeping. These proposed changes would shift that responsibility to those that have that expertise.

The Planning Commission held a public hearing for this item on August 20, 2020. They received no citizen comments and are recommending approval of these changes to the City Council.

The public hearing was open for public comments.

Bill Strong – Murray City, Utah

I am sending this email with regards to you considering changing the ordinance for beekeeping standards. The current ordinance says that you have to have a certain lot size in order to raise bees so that if you raise bees you will not encroach on your neighbor's property.

It would be a very bad idea if you changed this part of the ordinance. So, I am urging all of you to vote against modifying the lot size requirement for raising bees.

Councilmember Turner closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Martinez said she asked Ms. Greenwood about the change in the lot size. With the information from the Department of Agriculture and Salt Lake County, she feels confident that their regulations are prudent and adequately protect the health and safety of residents. She is in favor of going to the experts and the Department of Agriculture are the experts here. This seems

like the right thing to do.

Councilmember Cox said he wants to ensure there is someone on staff who can help citizens navigate going through both Salt Lake County and the State of Utah.

Ms. Greenwood replied she will ensure that the planning and business licensing staff are familiar with the contacts at the County and State.

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

Council roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Motion passed 5-0

**New Business**

1. Consider approving Amendment 1 to an Agreement between the City and Salt Lake County ("County") for the transfer of CARES Act funds to assist citizens and businesses in the containment of COVID-19 and to reduce the economic impact of the pandemic.

Staff Presentation: Brenda Moore, Finance Director

Ms. Moore said this resolution will allow the City to receive additional CARES Act funds in the amount of approximately \$1.4 million. The money will need to be spent on authorized CARES Act activities. City will have until November 1, 2020 to either commit or spend the money, otherwise the money goes back to the County.

MOTION: Councilmember Martinez moved to adopt the resolution. The motion was SECONDED by Councilmember Hales.

Council roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Motion passed 5-0

2. Consider a resolution ratifying a list of judges to serve as temporary justice court judges for the Murray City Municipal Justice Court.

Staff Presentation: G.L. Critchfield, City Attorney

Mr. Critchfield said this resolution will create a list of five justice court judges who would fill in for the City's current justice court judge should he be ill or away from court for whatever reason. There is a finite amount of judges to select from and these judges have agreed that they would be able to make time to come to Murray for a day. This is a practical way of approaching this because Murray's judge cannot always anticipate when he won't be in court and it would be

impossible to bring the City Council together to approve a judge each time he is absent.

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

Council roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Motion passed 5-0

**Mayor's Report and Questions**

Mayor Camp reported on the following items.

- A crew of five firefighters has returned from fighting the wildfires in California for three weeks. The City has dispatched a new crew of four firefighters to take their place. They are assigned to the Zogg fire which is near Redding, California. They are scheduled to return home around October 19, 2020.
- This week is the virtual public power celebration. The public is encouraged to visit the Power Department's Facebook page where they can enter to win prizes.
- The food truck night at Murray Park has ended for the season. The Food Truck League has indicated their nights in Murray were very successful. Each truck sold an average of 70-100 meals per night. They also said Murray City is in their top tier of locations and they are planning on coming back next year.
- The farmer's market in Murray Park will continue until October 24, 2020. It is open Friday and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- City facilities are currently following the yellow COVID-19 guidelines. We are also adhering to the face covering requirement from the county health department and employees are having their temperature taken when they report to work each day. The City has had two more positive COVID-19 tests among employees.
- Utility customer service continues to work hard on the implementation of the new Tyler Munis utility billing software. Mayor Camp asked the public for patience as staff addresses the issues they are finding.
- RC Willey is closing after 50 years in Murray City.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:23p.m.

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Jennifer Kennedy, City Recorder