

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

**Murray City Council Chair Determination
Open and Public Meeting Act
Utah State Code 52-4-207(4)
November 2, 2020**

The Murray City Municipal Council met on Tuesday, November 17, 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 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 .



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
Doug Hill	Chief Administrative Officer	Jennifer Heaps	Chief Communications Officer
Danny Astill	Public Works Director	Brenda Moore	Finance Director
Justin Park	Equipment Operator II	Robyn Colton	Human Resources Director
Melinda Greenwood	Community & Economic Development (CED) Director	Laura Bown	Human Resources Analyst
Girl Scouts			

Opening Ceremonies

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

Pledge of Allegiance – The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alex and Ali, Girl Scout Troop 494.

Approval of Minutes

None scheduled.

Special Recognition

1. Murray City Council Employee of the Month, Laura Bown, Human Resource Analyst.

Staff Presentation: Brett Hales, Councilmember and Robyn Colton, Human Resources Director

Councilmember Hales said the Council started the Employee of the Month Program because they felt it was important to recognize the City’s employees. He stated that Ms. Bown would receive a certificate, a \$50 gift card and told her that her name would appear on the plaque located in the Council Chambers. He expressed his appreciation to Ms. Bown for all she does for the City.

Ms. Colton expressed her appreciation for Ms. Bown and all she does.

2. Murray City Council Employee of the Month, Justen Park, Equipment Operator II.

Staff Presentation: Brett Hales, Councilmember and Danny Astill, Public Works Director

Councilmember Hales said the Council started the Employee of the Month Program because they felt it was important to recognize the City’s employees. He stated that Mr. Park would receive 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. Park for all he does for the City.

Mr. Astill spoke about the work Mr. Park has done during his 12 years with the City.

Councilmember Dominguez announced that Jan Lopez, Council Director, will be retiring on January 29, 2021. The Councilmembers expressed their appreciation for the work Ms. Lopez has done for them throughout the years.

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

Doug Barnett – Murray City, Utah

I live on Willow Grove Lane, next to the NeighborWorks property on Tripp Lane. My wife and I have written to you before about this development, expressing our concerns with the proposed plan to connect Tripp Lane with Willow Grove Lane. It is my understanding this issue will be voted upon before the end of the year. I am sending the comments below to you now so you have the opportunity, if you choose, to connect with the Mayor's office to confirm the information prior to your meeting.

The Murray City Mayor's office, after listening to resident concerns, asked the Murray Economic Development division and NeighborWorks to no longer pursue connecting these roads and instead design a cul-de-sac. Again, I encourage you to contact the Mayor's office (Doug Hill) to confirm this information, but an email I received from Maria Garciaz, the CEO of NeighborWorks, also confirms this and is below for your reference:

Our initial intent with Tripp Lane was a cul-de-sac and when we submitted a preliminary plan to previous Mayoral and economic development administration, they rejected it stating Murray city wanted a through street to better connect the neighborhoods. As a result, we developed our subdivision based on Murray City request. As the City started to hear concerns from residents about a through street, Murray City then asked us to withdraw and start the process over for a cul- de-sac.

NeighborWorks decided not to withdraw their plans and continued with the proposed plan. In the Murray City Planning Commission meeting, and in the August 25th Committee Of the Whole meeting, NeighborWorks expressed that they were strongly in favor of the current plan to connect Tripp Lane and Willow Grove Lane. However, the original design they submitted to the city was a cul-de-sac, and this was their preferred option. This information is confirmed in the July Planning Commission document as follows:

Mr. Markham said the Planning Commission received a letter from NeighborWorks expressing they would prefer to see a cul-de-sac put in. Mr. Poirier said initially he talked about putting in a cul-de-sac, but after receiving input from the City and School District, he decided to make the road go through thinking it was the best thing for the city.

In regards to the Murray School District, I have tried contacting them numerous times to obtain their position on this development, as has my wife, who works for the school district. The only message we received was from Doug Perry at The Communications and Public Information Office and is as follows:

Our position is to always stand on the side of student safety (across the entire district). We believe Murray City officials share our value and understand the importance of public safety (particularly the safety of children). So, at this point, we're watching with interest their decision on this proposal.

While the School District may have provided information directly to the Council, they provided no statement to us indicating they were in favor of, or opposed to, the road.

The above information helps to confirm that 1) NeighborWorks thought a cul-de-sac was the best design for this property until the City told them to go in a different direction 2) the Mayor's office now agrees that a cul-de-sac is a more preferred option because they requested that NeighborWorks resubmit their plans. I will be sending a final letter to you just prior to the vote containing all the information we have gathered about this development and why we are opposed with the current plan. Thank you very much for your time and contributions to Murray City.

New Business

1. Consider an ordinance amending Section 3.10.650(A) of the Murray City Municipal Code relating to defining significant parcel of real property for procurement purposes.

Staff Presentation: G.L. Critchfield, City Attorney

Mr. Critchfield said this item was discussed during the November 10, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting. Several years ago, the State Legislature passed a statute that requires the City to go through an extensive process before it can dispose of a parcel that is considered significant. When that statute came out, the City passed an ordinance that said every parcel is significant, however, it has been determined that not every parcel is significant. This ordinance would define what a significant parcel is.

Councilmember Dominguez asked how this effects easements.

Mr. Critchfield replied this only applies to parcels of real estate that the City owns. When the City has an easement, the City does not own the real estate, there is an underlying owner. An easement allows the City to use a property for a specific purpose. This does not apply to easements.

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

Council roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Motion passed 5-0

Mayor's Report and Questions

There was no Mayor's Report.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.