

# Murray City Municipal Council Chambers Murray City, Utah

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The Murray City Municipal Council met on Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at 6:32 p.m. for a meeting held electronically without an anchor location in accordance with Utah Code 52-4-207(4), due to infectious disease COVID-19 Novel Coronavirus. The Council Chair determined that conducting a meeting with 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.

The public was able to view the meeting via the live stream at [www.murraycitylive.com](http://www.murraycitylive.com) or <https://www.facebook.com/Murraycityutah/>.

**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
Brooke Smith	Purchasing Agent/Deputy City Recorder	Melinda Greenwood	Community & Economic Development (CED) Director
Pattie Johnson	Council Office Administrator III	Priscilla Kowalski	Business License Specialist
Jared Hall	Community Development Supervisor	Bill Francis	Utah VOD
Paul Thompson	Judge	Jeremy Lowry	Fortis Private Bank, Cottonwood Heights, Utah
Jake Pehrson	Premier Medical Distribution, Draper, Utah		

**Opening Ceremonies**

Call to Order – Councilmember Cox called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance – The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Martinez daughter, Jenny.

### Approval of Minutes

Council Meeting – December 1, 2020

Council Meeting – December 8, 2020

MOTION: Councilmember Brett Hales moved to approve both sets of minutes. The motion was SECONDED by Councilmember Rosalba Dominguez.

Council roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Motion passed 5-0

### Special Recognition

1. Councilmember Cox introduced Murray City Council Employee of the Month, Priscilla Kowalski, Business License Specialist – Brett Hales and Melinda Greenwood presenting.

Staff Presentation: Brett Hales, Councilmember and Melinda Greenwood, Community & Economic Development 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. Kowalski 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. Kowalski for all she does for the City.

Melinda Greenwood expressed her appreciation for the work Ms. Kowalski has done for the department.

### Public Notice

Public notice was read by Councilmember Cox explaining that the council meeting is held electronically without an anchor location in accordance with Utah Code 52-4-207(4), due to infectious disease COVID-19 Novel Coronavirus.

**Citizen Comments** – Comments are limited to 3 minutes unless otherwise approved by the Council. The following comments were received via email and read into the record by Jan Lopez, Council Executive Director:

Deanna Hoyt, Murray City, Utah, District 4

*I want to make a Public Comment.*

*For sometime now I have been bothered by a constant noise that we hear at our home in Erickson Dairy area. During the summer it was present but not as loud as it has been for probably 6 months now. I went to city hall during the summer and told them about this noise and they sent out a police officer and I took him in backyard and in the house but he couldn't hear any-thing I was trying to explain to him. I let it go and the last several months*

*the noise has got even louder and for hours without a let up. It present when I wake up around 7 a.m. and still going late into the night. (I put earphones on and turn on the radio to go to sleep-sometimes as late as 1-2 a.m.*

*The noise is a low sound and very steady and very loud and nerve racking. When I mentioned it to some people I got funny looks and told to turn up the volume on the tv, and told maybe it was a train or a car going by. It is not traffic and certainly not a train or plane. This sounds like it is coming from the northwest of my area and is very steady in "wave sounds". It overrides the noise from the refrigerator, the furnace, etc. It is both outside and inside of my home and so upsetting at times that I leave and go drive around in the car to get away from it.*

*One of my daughters lives east of me on Royalton Dr. My sister lives on Dunbarten Dr east of 9th east. Some of my friends live west of the Murray High's stadium. Other neighbors in the Erickson area have questioned what it is and in all these areas are bothered by the constant sound.*

*I have gone over by Tosh to see if it is from all the equipment on their roofs and it is not there.*

*My daughter called and she had found where people around Murray are texting about it so she printed it off for me: This is enclosed with my letter.*

*Please can an some agency track down this problem and quiet it down. I think this can turn into mental problems when there is no relife or possibility of quiet inside our homes or outside either. You are all welcome to my home anytime and listen Thank for your consideration.*

Jan reported that Doug Hill has looked into this and he believes it could be coming from construction work on I-15.

Robert Hanson, Murray City, Utah, District 2

*This is Robert Hansen and I live in District 2. I just received my utility bill and saw the changes stated in the recycling sheet concerning pick up days and have some questions:*

*Why are pickups being changed to every other week?*

*Why are residents east of 900 east not being changed?*

*Why were there no reasons stated for the change in the notice sent out with the utility bill, and on the website pages "Recycling Changes Coming" and "Curbside Recycling".*

*As you are probably aware Murray used to have every other week pickup and changed to a weekly schedule. A reduction in service, especially at a time when home deliveries have skyrocketed just doesn't make sense.*

*Thanks for taking the time to read this and any reply will be appreciated.*

Jan reported that Doug Hill has looked into this and it may be from construction on I-15.

Matthew Schneider, Murray, Utah

*I am writing as a Murray resident who is deeply concerned about all the zoning changes in the city.*

*I wish the city would not look at every piece of land as an opportunity to cram more people into this city. Why is it Murray's job at the detriment of current residents to continue allow medium-high density housing? Not to mention all the designs are horrendous.*

*Has anyone even given a thought to the infrastructure? Are the roads getting bigger? No resident wants it. It's city center, then RC Willey, then the Sports Mall. Just stop. No one is forcing the city council to do this.*

Kate Sturgeon, Murray City, District 5

*Please take into account the neighborhood which will be affected by this change.*

Jan clarified that this letter is referring to RC Willey Planning Changes.

*The new development further west on Winchester has blind spots for those exiting the neighborhood onto Winchester, creating a dangerous situation. The mobile home park even further west on Winchester also has blind spots, with same results.*

*The planning commission/city council needs to take these problems into account. As well as the decreasing trees found in the city, and the general ugliness Murray is becoming. If you like asphalt, Murray is your town. That's not why a lot of us live here. The redo on Vine street (btw 9th and 13th E) is now one hot asphalt track. Return to requiring trees as part of any development in Murray.*

*Please think about those who live here, not just developers with deep pockets.*

Joseph Silverzweig, Murray, Utah

*I'm Joe Silverzweig, a Murray resident*

*Councilmembers, Mr. Mayor- thank you for the opportunity to speak with you today. I have had the opportunity to review the plan for the RC Willey site and I wanted to speak in support.*

*The proposed plan is exactly the sort of development that will bring vibrancy and a sense of togetherness to Murray. Where big box retail has been a good way to make people want to visit our city, a rezoning to mixed use will make people want to live here. I look forward to the community that promises to spring up at this attractive junction near freeways, job opportunities, and amenities.*

*I understand the concerns of neighbors about density. Given the distance from rail lines and the location on prime throughfares like 900 E and I-215, this development will be a better fit for traditional car commuters and more established families. The plan is already setting up for this future by lowering the typical density of 100 units per acre down to 40*

*units per acre. I can't wait for when I can visit Wheeler farm with my family and then stop by this development for a bite to eat or some shopping on my way home. It's an exciting future for this desirable area, and this rezone will prove to be in the city's long term best interest.*

### **Consent Agenda**

1. Consider confirmation of the Mayor's appointment of Jake Pehrson to the Murray City Planning and Zoning Commission for a three-year term beginning January 15, 2021 to expire January 15, 2024.
2. Consider confirmation of the Mayor's appointment of Jeremy Lowry to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a three-year term beginning January 15, 2021 to expire January 15, 2024.

Councilmember Cox asked for comments. Councilmember Hales expressed thanks to Philip Markham and Scott Woodbury who both served three terms on the Planning and Zoning Commission.

MOTION: Councilmember Martinez moved to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was SECONDED by Councilmember Dominguez.

Council roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Motion passed 5-0

### **Business Item**

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

1. Consider a resolution approving an agreement between the City and Utah Department of Transportation to receive funding from the Federal Aid Highway Funds for the project consisting of the intersection at 5300 South Street and College Drive.

Staff Presentation: Danny Astill

Mr. Astill spoke about receiving funds from Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) for intersection repairs. UDOT is responsible to oversee the federal aid projects to ensure adequate supervision and inspection so the Project is completed in conformance with the approved plans and specifications, including compliance with all federal requirements.

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

Council roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Motion passed 5-0

2. Consider a resolution of the Murray City Municipal Council appointing Jennifer Kennedy as the new City Council Executive Director.

Staff Presentation: Rosalba Dominguez

Councilmember Dominguez shared the city council's excitement to announce that Jennifer Kennedy has accepting the role and responsibility as their Executive Director. Ms. Dominguez also expressed her gratitude towards Jan Lopez for her years of service.

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

Council roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Motion passed 5-0

Swearing-In administered by Judge Thompson.

Jennifer Kennedy expressed her gratitude to the council and thanked them for this opportunity.

3. Consider a resolution approving the Mayor's appointment of Brooke Smith as the City Recorder.

Staff Presentation: Mayor Camp

Mayor Camp congratulated Jennifer Kennedy for accepting the role and responsibility as the new Council Executive Director with that change announced to the City Council that he has extended an offer to Brooke Smith to fulfill the role as City Recorder. Mayor Camp shared that Brooke was recently recognized as Employee of the Month, has completed her master's degree, and received her Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC) designation.

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

Council roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Motion passed 5-0

Swearing-In administered by Judge Thompson.

Brooke Smith expressed her gratitude to the mayor and council and thanked them for this opportunity.

4. Consider a resolution approving the Mayor's appointment of representatives to boards of interlocal entities.

Staff Presentation: Mayor Camp

Mayor Camp announced there are no changes to representative to the interlocal entity board. The following people will remain appointed in 2021:

1. Blaine Haacke as the City's representative to the Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems (UAMPS) Board with Greg Bellon as the alternate representative.
2. Mayor Blair Camp as the City's representative to the Central Valley Water Reclamation Facility Board with Danny Astill as the alternate representative.
3. Doug Hill as the City's representative to the Salt Lake Valley Emergency Communications Center (VECC) Board with Mayor Blair Camp as the alternate representative.
4. Russ Kakala as the City's representative to the TransJordan Cities Board with Danny Astill as the alternate representative.
5. Mayor Blair Camp as the City's representative to the Utah Telecommunication Open Infrastructure Agency (UTOPIA) Board with Brenda Moore as the alternate representative.
6. Brenda Moore as the City's representative to the Utah Infrastructure Agency (UIA) Board with Mayor Blair Camp as the alternate representative.
7. Councilmember Diane Turner as the City's representative to the Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling District Board.
8. Blaine Haacke as the City's representative to the Intermountain Power Agency Board with Greg Bellon as the alternate representative.
9. Doug Hill as the City's representative to the Metro Fire Agency Board.
10. Melinda Greenwood as the City's representative to NeighborWorks Salt Lake Board.
11. Mayor Blair Camp as the City's representative to the Jordan River Commission with Kim Sorensen as the alternate representative.

Mayor Camp expressed thanks to the people who have served and continue to serve as representatives on these interlocal entity boards.

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

Council roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Motion passed 5-0

5. Elections of City Council Chair and Vice-Chair for calendar year 2021.

Councilmember Cox asked for nomination for City Council Chair.

Councilmember Martinez thanked Councilmember Dominguez for her service and nominated Diane Turner for City Council Chair. No other nominations were given.

Voice vote taken, all "ayes."

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Councilmember Cox asked for nomination for City Council Vice-Chair.

Councilmember Turner nominated Brett Hales for City Council Vice-Chair. No other nominations were given.

Voice vote taken, all "ayes."

6. Elections of City Council Budget and Finance Committee Chair for calendar year 2021.

Councilmember Cox asked for nomination for City Council Budget and Finance Committee Chair.

Councilmember Turner nominated Kat Martinez for City Council Budget and Finance Committee Chair. No other nominations were given.

Voice vote taken, all "ayes."

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Elections of City Council Budget and Finance Committee Vice-Chair for calendar year 2021.

Councilmember Cox asked for nomination for City Council Budget and Finance Committee Vice-Chair.

Councilmember Hales nominated Rosalba Dominguez for City Council Budget and Finance Committee Chair. No other nominations were given.

Voice vote taken, all "ayes."

### **Mayor's Report and Questions**

Mayor Camp reported on the following items:

- Golf course will re-open January 6, 2021 due to the warmer weather.
- Work on cell tower site is underway near the new city hall location. Footings are currently being dug at the new location and it is anticipated that in the end of February the cell tower will be moved.



The floor was opened for questions and none were asked.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

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Brooke Smith, City Recorder