



**MURRAY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
District #1 Interviews
Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, August 8, 2023

Murray City Hall

10 East 4800 South, Council Chambers, Murray, Utah 84107

Attendance: Council Members and others:

Vacancy	District #1
Garry Hrechkosy - Chair	District #5
Rosalba Dominguez – Vice Chair	District #3
Pam Cotter	District #2
Diane Turner	District #4

Brett Hales	Mayor	Jennifer Kennedy	City Council Executive Director
G.L. Critchfield	City Attorney	Pattie Johnson	Council Administration
Tammy Kikuchi	Chief Communications Officer	Brooke Smith	City Recorder
Phil Markham	CED Director	Craig Burnett	Police Chief
Loran Paslaich	Murray Chamber of Commerce	Brenda Moore	Finance Director
Zach Smallwood	CED	Laura Brown	City Records Office
Anthony Semone	NeighborWorks	Citizens	

Call to order, conducting: Council Chair Hrechkosy called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. He announced that two applicants were present for the interview:

- David Rodgers
- Roberto Paul Pickett

Mr. Hrechkosy pointed out that both applicants are also on the ballot for the upcoming election for the District #1 council member position.

Interim Council Member District 1 Process – City Attorney, Mr. Critchfield shared State law requirements about holding the interviews in an open public meeting, discussed how the interview process would be conducted and explained how Council Members would vote immediately following the interview process. He clarified that with two candidates, if there was not a majority of three votes during the first round of voting, a second vote would occur. If a majority of three votes did not occur in the second round, a coin toss would determine the chosen candidate.

Each candidate was asked the following four questions:

1. Please describe your previous work in the community and how those experiences qualify you for a position on the Council.
2. Based on what you know about City government, what do you see as top priorities for the City and why?
3. What do you feel is the most important responsibility of a city council member and why?
4. If you could change one past council decision, what would it be and why?

- First Roll Call:
 - Ms. Cotter: Paul Pickett
 - Ms. Dominguez: David Rodgers
 - Ms. Turner: David Rodgers
 - Mr. Hrechkosy: Paul Pickett – Mr. Hrechkosy explained that because the City was about to hold an election for District #1 council person, he took the opinion that however other Council Members voted, he would push the outcome to a tie. The reason for doing so was that he did not believe the City Council should be placing weight on this vote.

- Second Roll Call:
 - Ms. Cotter: Paul Pickett
 - Ms. Dominguez: David Rodgers
 - Ms. Turner: David Rodgers
 - Mr. Hrechkosy: Paul Pickett

- Coin Toss
 - Heads: David Rodgers
 - Tails: Paul Pickett
 - Coin Toss: Heads – David Rodgers

Consider a resolution appointing David Rodgers as Interim Murray City Council Member for Council District 1, pursuant to Section 20A-1-510 of the Utah Code to serve until January 2, 2024. – Ms. Cotter motioned to approve the resolution. Ms. Dominguez seconded the motion.

- Council roll call vote:

Ayes: Ms. Cotter, Ms. Dominguez, Ms. Turner, Mr. Hrechkosy,
Nays: None
Abstentions: None

Motion passed 4-0

Swearing-In Interim City Council Member District 1. – City Recorder, Ms. Smith proceeded with the swearing in of Mr. Rodgers.

Adjournment: 5:37 p.m.

**Pattie Johnson
Council Office Administrator III**