

MURRAY CITY-SCHOOL COORDINATING COUNCIL MINUTES

The Murray City School Coordinating Council met on Thursday, October 8th, 2015 in the Murray City Center, Conference Room #107, 5025 South State Street, Murray, Utah.

Board Members Present:

Murray City

Diane Turner – Chair
Blair Camp
Jim Brass
Brett Hales
Dave Nicponski

School Board

Mitzi Huff– Vice Chair
Marge Tuckett
Belinda Johnson
Cris Longhurst
Kami Anderson

Others Present:

Doug Hill
Jan Wells
Janet Towers
Kellie Challburg
D. Wright

Dr. Steve Hirase
Richard Reese
Tim Tingey
Craig Burnett

Welcome – Approval of Minutes

Ms. Turner welcomed everyone to the Murray City School Coordinating Council meeting. She asked for approval of the minutes on April 16, 2015. Mr. Nicponski moved approval. Ms. Huff seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Update on Candidates for City Elections- Diane Turner

Ms. Turner stated that the candidates running for District 1 are:

Dave Nicponski and Tiffany Doncouse. Mr. Nicponski is running for his second term. He has served as Vice Chair for the Budget & Finance Committee, and currently serves on the Capital Improvement Program committee. Ms. Doncouse founded *Kids in Mind*, a network that brings awareness to mental health issues in children. She currently serves as Legislative Chair for House District 35.

In District 3, Mr. Brass is running unopposed for his fourth term.

The candidates in District 5 are:

Brett Hales and Hal Ryan Johnson. Mr. Hales is running for his second term. He has served as Council Chair, RDA Vice-Chair, and on the Capital Improvement Program committee. Hal Ryan Johnson has a background in project development and transportation planning.

Ms. Turner noted that there were only two candidate profiles listed on the Vote Utah website, Mr. Nicponski and Mr. Hales.

Economic Development Update – Tim Tingey

Mr. Tingey noted that Dillard's had their grand opening on August 12th. He commented that it is a great facility. New stores at Fashion Place that have recently opened are Sperry Topsider, an outdoor shoe/apparel store, Ivivva, an exercise apparel store, Nakedology, a make-up store, and T-Mobile.

Stores that are coming soon are: GNC, American Girl pop-up store, and a restaurant named Lua.

The demolition process has begun at the old Dillard's to make room for the new Macy's. The new Macy's will be relocated further north to create 80,000 square feet of additional mall space, which includes 50,000 square feet of leasable space. Mr. Nicponski asked if parking had been addressed. Mr. Tingey replied that it had. The Macy's will be a two story, 160,000 square feet building. Construction will begin in early 2016, with a completion goal of March 2017. Mr. Nicponski asked the square footage of the Dillard's. Mr. Tingey answered approximately 200,000 square feet.

A new Starbucks on State Street opened in June. A certificate of occupancy has been issued for Chipotle. He noted that all of the approvals have been given for Chipotle to open.

A Planet Fitness has been approved to open adjacent to the Goodwill Store on State Street.

Plans are under way for a Zupas Restaurant to open in the area north of Best Buy on State Street. Zupas will likely open next spring/summer.

The Medical Clinic at Tosh is under construction and will be an 80,000 square foot building. He showed some photos of the building.

The Fireclay area has some projects that are most likely moving forward. Recently, the City Council modified the TOD (Transit oriented development) Ordinance to require commercial development on lower levels on arterial areas. Any new development has to be a true mixed use requiring commercial on the lower level.

He added that there are some upcoming projects that do not have official plans yet, but are going through the site plan process. One project is 175 apartments and includes a parking structure.

Another project is on a site that has been a problem as far as transients and crime, is proposed to be an assisted living building of approximately 56,000 square feet. In conjunction, there would also be a senior housing building with 54 units.

There is another project on Fireclay and Main Street in the preliminary stages, which would include a skilled nursing facility with approximately 7,000 square feet of retail space.

The Birkhill Apartments phase two is complete, with 65 living units, and phase three of 105 units is currently under construction, and is anticipated to be complete next spring. It will be followed by another phase of 50,000 square feet of commercial.

The RDA agency is reviewing a proposal on a pre-development agreement for a mixed use commercial project on some land which is a gateway to Fireclay, currently owned by the County.

The TNT gun range located on Commerce Drive is under construction. It has been a slow process due to the required deep digging because it is a skeet shooting range.

The first phase of the Security National Building is currently in plan review. The location is on 5300 South directly west of the freeway. The first phase will be 200,000 square feet of commercial office space. It is a multi-phase project consisting of seven acres, and potentially 700,000-800,000 square feet of office space. Mr. Nicponski asked if it would displace the Taco Time located there. Mr. Tingey replied that eventually it would.

The property north east of the new School District offices is zoned as a mixed use zoning, which is residential with a commercial requirement. The requirement is that 75% of the lower level space has to be commercial, or the equivalent of square footage of commercial built in the project. It has been an issue with some developers that want to come in with full residential projects. A developer received approval months ago, but he has not heard back on time frames or any possible changes.

Ms. Johnson stated that the School Board wanted that area to be discussed at the meeting, because they have concerns about the two elementary schools that are located in the area. Those two specific elementary schools are at maximum capacity. She noted that there are so many kids in apartment buildings that are in and out and swamping the schools. The first grade at Parkside gained seven kids each in all three classes that they did not know were coming. The classes are at 29 kids, which is way above the District goals of pupil count. She said the apartment kids are transient and do not know to register early, so the District is blindsided. She added that there are concerns with the number of apartments being built in the City.

Salt Lake County and Utah County both have a market for apartment buildings, noted Mr. Tingey. He replied that he has looked at studies and attended conferences which also collaborate the change in funding for commercial projects. He added that the market is consistent with national studies.

Murray City has areas that are zoned for apartments, including the area by the District offices. He said the City is not out recruiting apartment space but apartments are allowed in that area. Ms. Johnson stated that she had heard that the zoning was changed in that area. Mr. Tingey said that a zone change was done three or four years ago in that area. He noted that there are not any further plans currently for zone changes but there are areas in the downtown area, and TOD areas that allow multi-family residential. Ms. Longhurst asked if Murray was following a national trend. Mr. Tingey replied that currently developers can get financing easier for these projects. It isn't just a Murray issue, and the demand for multi-family residential is huge in the Salt Lake area, as well as the country. Ms. Longhurst stated that it doesn't help solve the School District problems. Ms. Johnson stated that she is aware that the District may need to make adjustments or change boundaries due to the issue, which is never an easy thing to do. She stated that the District loves the children, but they are a difficult group to service.

Mr. Brass reiterated that the City does not recruit apartments, and they are sometimes difficult for the City also. The cost of services provided versus incoming property tax dollars is not very high. Ms. Longhurst asked why the City keeps approving apartments. Mr. Brass replied that the City cannot not approve them if the property is zoned that way. It would be a Federal violation to deny them, he commented. Mr. Tingey remarked that the City can approve how they are built and if they meet the zoning requirements. He said if the City tried to stop the development in an allowed use area, it would

result in a lawsuit. The comment was made that the Trax line coming through was the action that required some zoning changes. Mr. Brass noted that there were significant utility relocation issues on the property, yet to be resolved. Mr. Tingey said there was possibly over a million dollars in public issues including relocations of power lines, and right of ways to be addressed.

Ms. Johnson said part of the frustration was that initially the Fireclay area was going to be a condominium development, and changed to apartments. She said she was aware it changed due to unforeseen economic conditions, but it has created unforeseen challenges from that area. Mr. Tingey replied that the first project there was owner occupied. Mr. Nicponski asked if this project on Vine Street would be condominiums. Mr. Tingey replied that it is his understanding it would be apartments, not condominiums.

Mr. Brass said there have been many nice commercial projects proposed that did not get financing, but apartment buildings usually are not denied. Mr. Tingey agreed and said the tax base was higher on commercial projects.

The City Center District had an RFQ (Request for Qualifications) done and the City is currently in negotiations with a developer. The project would include a City Hall, there is not a specific site chosen yet. The agreement will probably come to the City Council and Redevelopment Agency within three to four weeks. The City Hall would be part of the plans implemented for development of this area.

Ms. Longhurst said she believes she is on the RDA committee and would like to be notified of any meetings. Mr. Tingey replied that was correct, and it was called the Taxing Entity Committee and they only meet when there is a specific project involving the taxing entity. He said that it is likely there will be some meetings in the future, especially considering the ore sampling site. He noted that state law changed and that the committee is no longer required to meet once a year, simply to provide documentation. He told Ms. Longhurst she would be notified of any meetings, and has spoken with Dr. Hirase about facilitating development in this area and future discussions with the School Board.

The ore sampling site located near Cottonwood Street and the freeway overpass, is being reviewed for a community development area. The RDA agency approved a resolution to move forward with the project in the area. There is no specific developer chosen for the site, but there has been recent interest. Ms. Huff said she believes this is a true RDA area project, unlike the Shopko. Mr. Tingey replied that Shopko was not located in an RDA area, but is aware that they wanted to be.

Police Report- Chief Burnett

Chief Burnett stated that it is still early in the school year, but things are going very well. There has been a very low number of incidents in the Murray schools. He said officers have had to spend more time recently at Cottonwood High with some of its challenges.

The tobacco issues are still there, mainly e-cigarettes. He noted that the kids and sometimes parents, aren't aware that e-cigarettes are just as illegal as regular cigarettes. Education has been done on that issue. Mr. Hales agreed that he often sees kids smoking e-cigarettes out in the open, seemingly unaware that they are illegal.

Chief Burnett said there have been very few drug arrests. The drug of choice is still marijuana, as it has been for a long time.

There are some harassment issues with social media, including Instagram, Twitter, etc. There was a recent issue at Murray High with a video that a couple made being distributed around the school. He commented that the best way to not be offended that a video is being shown, is not to make embarrassing videos. He said education regarding social media is given to the students, but sometimes they choose to ignore it.

Ms. Johnson said she has heard that some parents are sending their kids to Cottonwood High because Murray has more problems than Cottonwood. Chief Burnett replied that so far this year, Murray High has had two drug arrests, two vehicle burglaries, and one theft of a smart phone. He said it has been pretty minimal. Cottonwood High has had 23 arrests for misdemeanor drugs, tobacco and violent act arrests. He clarified that this wasn't an indictment against Cottonwood High, it was just the facts so far this year. Currently, the police involvement is less at Murray High than Cottonwood High.

Ms. Huff remarked that sometimes problems are created when kids are not attending their neighborhood schools. Chief Burnett said that kids are bussed to Cottonwood from the west side, but it is their boundary. Cottonwood High takes in the kids that used to go to Granite High. Cottonwood has students from all different income levels, and involves three separate schools there, including Ames, and Granite Peaks.

He stated that most of the elementary schools in Murray District have had little or no police involvement. Parkside and Horizon have had minor issues.

Mayor's Report- Mayor Ted Eyre

Ms. Wells stated that the Mayor was out of town to receive a National Water Sense Partner award and not able to attend. She provided a written report from the Mayor that is attached at the end of the minutes.

School District Report- Dr. Hirase

Dr. Hirase added to Chief Burnett's report. He said there was a recent incident at Hillcrest Jr. High and Principal Covington was looking out her window and noticed three of her students lighting up near the parking garage. She called the School Resource Officer and those students were caught smoking the drug of choice. He commented that the administration can really see what the students are doing out the new large windows.

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) education is widely discussed. Approximately four years ago, the State Legislature funded STEM education and created a STEM Council for the State. The thought was that this group could push out STEM education initiatives to the schools. He commented that not too many things have been applicable on the District Level.

A decision was made to create a Murray STEM Council. Murray is in a unique position with IMC, TOSH, and many businesses that support STEM learning and opportunities. He has met with Representative Cutler and a person from the State STEM Council and alerted them of the plan to create a Murray STEM Council. The purpose of the Council would be to bring some of those supporting businesses together with District staff to help understand the skills that the students need to have as they leave Murray High. The committee is in the process of being organized and he would like to have a representative of the City to be on the Council. He said he would make a request for either a council member or employee to serve on the Council. Mr. Nicponski asked if a budget was required for the committee. Dr. Hirase

replied that it was not. The hope is that this group of individuals could give direction on restructuring certain programs. The supporting businesses could potentially allow students into the businesses for learning opportunities, and support school programs. Mr. Nicponski asked if the businesses had to be from Murray, or if ATK was a possibility. Dr. Hirase noted that any connections from the council members would be welcomed. Ms. Huff said credit unions or any business that could potentially be future employment for the kids would be wonderful.

Students are in session at Hillcrest Junior and the project is primarily complete with one exception, which is the consolidation of the wells and adding a pump. The project was supposed to be underway a few weeks ago, but the report is that water drillers work at their own pace and would hopefully begin work soon.

The old Hillcrest property has come down and the site work would be completed at the beginning of December. There was a power line that went to the seminary building and the actual line ran through a concrete floor, which created some additional work. There is an RFP (Request for Proposals) out for the development of that property and the RFP closes shortly. He said he would keep the council informed as that project moves forward.

The maintenance and transportation departments have moved into the space on 3rd West. The Technology Warehouse building is nearly completed and those services would be moved over by the beginning of November. District Office personnel would move in the first part of December.

There are still programs running through the old Creekside building. The Greater Salt Lake Boys & Girls Club is renting space for their office staff. A lease agreement would be signed that would go to the end of the year, and possibly longer. He added that the additional adults in the building create a much safer environment for those existing programs.

Dr. Hirase showed a revised School District History book that was updated to commemorate Hillcrest Junior High. Council members commented that they had received them in the mail and they were very nice.

Other Items

Chairman Camp said that recently he was made aware of an issue regarding students that live south of Winchester between State Street and the TRAX near Liberty Elementary. He believes there is a legitimate safety concern for the kids walking on roads without sidewalks, particularly Jefferson Street. He has been told that the School District would not be bussing the students after this year and asked if the City could do anything to mitigate that danger.

Dr. Hirase replied that the information was correct. He commented that the bus stop isn't on Jefferson, so the kids previously had to walk down Jefferson Street. Ms. Huff said that she and others walked the neighborhood to determine the level of danger. The day she walked down was garbage day as well, and garbage cans were in the street, causing the kids to walk around them, and one of the parents drove down the street at 25 mph. She remarked it seemed like the car was driving very fast. One suggestion was to have painted lines on the street, similar to a bicycle lane, to remind the children where they should be walking. Ms. Huff said that apparently this specific neighborhood chose not to have sidewalks. She noted that some houses on the street have sidewalks and some do not. She agreed it was a problem.

Ms. Johnson asked Dr. Hirase to give a background on why the decision was made to stop bussing students in that area. Dr. Hirase said he isn't certain why bussing was initially provided in the Liberty area. He said the District has provided busses to the north and the south of Liberty Elementary.

Dr. Hirase said the school district does not get reimbursed for providing transportation for routes that are closer than a mile and a half from the school. He stated that there were two areas in the District that received transportation which was closer than the mile and a half requirement. The area north of Liberty was discontinued a year ago, and the plan is to eliminate the additional bus to the south area this year.

There is also an area near Viewmont that previously received transportation. At one time, that area was designated to go to Liberty Elementary, which was well beyond the mile and a half requirement. When Viewmont had vacancy for the students, many parents didn't want to make the move. The Board agreed to provide transportation for a period of ten years to Viewmont Elementary. It has been a lot longer than ten years, so the decision was made to discontinue bussing the students.

The funding the School District receives is significantly lower than in the past. In 2015, the School District received \$2.3 million less than in 2008. There have been many cuts made, including non-funded bus areas. Chairman Camp asked if all the bus routes going forward would be funded. Dr. Hirase replied that was correct, but added not funded at 100%.

Ms. Johnson said the decision was made due to funding, but they are aware of the challenges in the area. Dr. Hirase added that the District is looking into other options. For example, on any of the routes, one additional non-qualifying bus stop could be made and still receive reimbursement for the route.

He noted that there are a number of Special Education busses that run through the area. Special Education busses change pick-ups and routes quite frequently, so that is a concern, he added. Ms. Huff stated that it is a difficult issue because parents from Fireclay are upset because their children are walking through dangerous traffic areas also. Dr. Hirase noted that it is a two mile requirement for secondary schools and many kids walk through traffic to Hillcrest Junior and Murray High.

Chairman Camp stated that he would be happy to be involved and help in finding solutions to the problem. Dr. Hirase said that he has talked to a number of individuals and asked them to contact their Legislators about providing additional transportation funds.

Ms. Huff asked if the reason behind not having sidewalks and curb and gutter was a financial choice by the homeowner. She asked if the City could subsidize the cost to get sidewalks installed. Ms. Johnson noted that sidewalks were just installed on Kenwood and the home owners didn't really have options. Ms. Longhurst clarified that Kenwood wasn't wide enough to have sidewalks installed, and it was only curb and gutter.

Mr. Tingey said that a local improvement district could be looked into that allows the property owners to do the improvements. The City can then make the improvements and charge the homeowners with an assessment. He noted that the Traffic Safety committee is looking into all the options. The best mechanism for installing sidewalks would be a local improvement district; the homeowner would still pay, but the cost is spread over time.

Chairman Camp noted that he just received the call from the resident that day, and appreciated the background on the area. Ms. Turner suggested putting the topic on a future agenda. Ms. Johnson said they are also evaluating a school zone and crossing guards in the area. Dr. Hirase offered to supply any

needed information. Chairman Camp said he would like to see the cost of a bus versus the cost of staffing the crosswalks. Dr. Hirase asked Mr. Reese the cost of the bus route. Mr. Reese replied he believes it was close to \$30,000. Ms. Huff added that it is also an issue of equity and the School Board cannot pick and choose the areas that receive transportation. Mr. Reese stated that currently the State funding covers about 50% of the transportation costs, and noted that it is a financial burden on the District. Dr. Hirase noted that he still hears from residents in the area and that they are brainstorming to come up with solutions to the problem.

Election of Officers for 2016 and Proposed Meeting Dates- Diane Turner

Ms. Turner stated that it is time for new officers to be appointed for 2016. Ms. Johnson nominated Ms. Longhurst to be the Chair of the committee. Ms. Huff seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Ms. Turner noted that a Vice-Chair was needed from the City Council. Ms. Huff nominated Mr. Camp to be the Vice-Chair. Mr. Hales seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Ms. Turner said the next proposed meeting date would be January 14, 2016. She suggested giving any agenda items to the new Chairperson.

Ms. Turner adjourned the meeting.

Kellie Challburg
Council Office Administrator II

Mayor's Report

October 8, 2015

City - School Coordinating Council

1. National WaterSense Partner of the Year – trip today to receive the award
 - Coordination with the children in the City (attached information)
2. Participation with Salt Lake County for TRCC funding – the Murray Amphitheater will receive over \$1.2 million for renovations and updating
3. Proposition One – transportation options for local governments
 - attached copy of editorials regarding how the funding will be used in Murray City for the next 2 years, if passed
4. Murray Library is promoting bilingual songs and story times every Thursday morning at 11:15 a.m.
5. Livability Magazine and survey listed Murray City as #71 on the national most livable cities list. Salt Lake City was listed at 55 and Bountiful at 82, as the only 3 cities from Utah.
6. We are excited for some big improvements coming soon to Murray Park. The City has purchased a home west of the Boys and Girls Club that will be torn down. Pickleball courts will be placed there and it will also become another access into the park.
7. The Pumpkin Race at the Murray Park Center is always a hit this time of year. They will be held on Monday, Oct. 12th from 6 to 8 p.m. in Murray Park. All pumpkin racers are welcome!



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WaterSense Promotional Partner of the Year, [Murray City Corporation](#) EXIT Disclaimer, in Utah, used its limited resources to make a big water efficiency splash in its small community. The city launched its "Tap Into Murray Quality" campaign to promote WaterSense and water conservation as its key message to customers. The campaign incorporated WaterSense promotional materials, including bill stuffers, blog posts, the WaterSense promotional label, and social media posts to promote awareness. To educate the community about WaterSense, Murray City hosted a traveling booth at local farmers' markets, youth sporting events, and other local happenings to introduce residents to WaterSense and learn how to be more water-efficient.

Murray City partnered with local plumbers and plumbing suppliers during Fix a Leak Week 2014 to educate consumers about water efficiency, fixing leaks, and the city's rebate program. Plumbers and plumbing companies promoted the event by offering a special Fix a Leak Week discount to their customers. When Murray City hosted a Fix a Leak Week booth at a local Lowe's Home Improvement store, it resulted in the Lowe's store selling out of its WaterSense labeled showerheads. The city surveyed both plumbers and rebate participants on their experiences with WaterSense labeled products in an effort to gain more research on product satisfaction. Nearly 80 percent of participants surveyed indicated they would purchase WaterSense labeled products again.

Staff also partnered with the National Energy Foundation and administered a survey to obtain results from its Water Wise Kids program and water-efficient practices. The city found that the education program was effective, as the kids surveyed were knowledgeable about ways to be water-efficient. For example, 80 percent of the kids said they take five-minute showers, and nearly 40 percent have helped their parents install water-efficient aerators in their homes.

2015 WaterSense Partners of the Year

On October 8, 2015, the 2015 WaterSense Sustained Excellence Award winner, Partners of the Year, and Excellence Award winners were announced at the WaterSense and Alliance for Water Efficiency Awards Luncheon. The luncheon was held at the [WaterSmart Innovations Conference and Exposition](#) [EXIT Disclaimer].

Since the program began in 2006, WaterSense labeled products have helped Americans save 1.1 trillion gallons of water and \$21.7 billion in water and energy bills. In 2014 alone, WaterSense labeled products saved 346 billion gallons of water. By working together, WaterSense partners across the country continue to make a difference every day.

WaterSense recognizes four Sustained Excellence Award winners, seven WaterSense Partners of the Year, and six Excellence Award winners for helping to advance and promote WaterSense and water efficiency throughout 2014.

The winners are:

2015 WaterSense Sustained Excellence Award Winners:

- [Kohler Co.](#)
- [Delta Faucet Company](#)
- [KB Home](#)
- [The Home Depot](#)

2015 WaterSense Partners of the Year:

- [The City of Charlottesville](#) (Virginia)
- [Cobb County Water System](#) (Georgia)
- [Murray City Corporation](#) (Utah)
- [Texas A&M Agrilife Research and Extension Center at Dallas](#)
- [The Toro Company](#)
- [Energy Inspectors Corporation](#)
- [The Sonoma-Marín Saving Water Partnership](#) (California)

2015 WaterSense Excellence Award Winners:

- [Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District](#)
- [New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services](#)
- [Colorado Springs Utilities](#) (Colorado)
- [Denver Water](#) (Colorado)
- [Municipal Water District of Orange County](#) (California)
- [Puget Sound Energy](#) (Washington)

September 2015 – Mayor's Message

Fall brings a change of season which means shorter days and longer nights, cooler weather and children going back to school. It also brings the opportunity for those, of voting age, to cast their ballot on November 3 for city officials and a proposed transportation proposition (Proposition 1).

If you have been watching or reading the news, you have likely heard of HB (House Bill) 362. I'd like to share with you some information about this issue that will be on the ballot for Murray City residents. HB 362 is a bill that was sponsored by Rep. Johnny Anderson and Sen. Al Jackson, a comprehensive approach to addressing part of the funding shortfall for transportation. The bill reforms the state motor-fuel tax and authorizes a local option transportation sales tax to allow for priority investment in roads, transit and active transportation facilities.

On June 16, the Murray City Council passed a resolution encouraging the Salt Lake County Council to allow voters of Salt Lake County to vote on this Local Option General Sales Tax. Then on August 4, the Salt Lake County Council approved a resolution allowing HB 362 to be on the November 2015 ballot.

The main provision of Proposition 1 is the Local Option Transportation Sales Tax where counties would be authorized to enact a 0.25% general sales tax for transportation (which would cost taxpayers one penny per \$4). These funds would be allocated as follows:

- 0.10% to Utah Transit Authority
- 0.10% to Murray City
- 0.05% to Salt Lake County

If passed, Murray City has the potential of receiving over \$1.5 million additional revenue per year to use towards our city's transportation projects. The list below is an example of identified neighborhood projects that have been prioritized for repair through the next two years. The city has a projected Capital Maintenance list for an upcoming five-year period which totals over \$10 million in repairs which can be greatly accelerated with this new revenue stream. Here are just a few:

- Chevy Chase & Wesley Area, rebuild/overlay
- 120 W, reconstruction
- 150 W, reconstruction
- Nena Way, 5757 S, rebuild
- Sam Oliver St, rebuild
- 5600 S, 5300 S, overlay
- Auburn, rebuild
- 6220 S between 440 E and Fashion Blvd, rebuild
- Winchester St, sidewalk, curb & gutter project
- Joma, Westridge, 6410 S, rebuild
- Sealer, East - rejuvenate, West - slurry
- Sidewalk & ADA Ramps
- Vine Street - 900 East to 1300 East Power Relocation
- Traffic Signals - Pedestrian & Safety Improvements
- Radar Speed Signs

Murray City's elections will be conducted through vote-by-mail. If you are a registered voter, your ballot will be mailed on October 5. This will be helpful in that you will not have to decide on the spur of the moment at the voting booth how to vote on important issues. I hope you will take the time to study Proposition 1 and take the opportunity to vote. If you have questions, please feel free to contact me 801-264-2600.

Sincerely,



Ted Eyre, Mayor

Employee Newsletter – Mayor’s Message

October 2015

With the fall colors, leaves dropping and cooler temperatures, we are getting ready for winter that seems to be just around the corner. This time of year also brings local elections and decision-making about who will represent us or our City in the near future. With the new option for ‘vote by mail’ coming to Murray, a different dimension has been added to this civic responsibility. We will be interested to see what voter turnout looks like with this new option to cast ballots. Three of the City Council seats are up for consideration, along with Proposition One.

I wanted to focus this article on what Proposition One is and how it will impact our City. Regardless of where each of us live, we take local roads to get to work. Some of us take those streets to get to mass transit options and then arrive that way. Others of us drive from various locations, but getting away from our homes and neighborhoods means we take local roads for at least a portion of our journey. It has long been a challenge for cities to keep local roads maintained, due to the many miles they are responsible for and the lack of funding options. In the last Legislative Session, after concerted effort, cities were given the option to ask our citizens for a small sales tax increase to help with this problem. Seventeen counties around the state have chosen to put this opportunity before the voters of their jurisdictions. Salt Lake County has also agreed to have this included in the upcoming election. If this initiative is approved, cities will have a new revenue source for road repairs. We are in favor of that, due to the many projects that we have to get done. Here are a few of the projects it would help fund over the next 2 years:

- Chevy Chase & Wesley Area, rebuild/overlay
- 120 W, reconstruction
- 150 W, reconstruction
- Nena Way, 5757 S, rebuild
- Sam Oliver St, rebuild
- 5600 S, 5300 S, overlay
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The work that has been done to get this initiative to the ballot has been extreme. If the option fails, it leaves cities to fund these types of challenging projects with general funds, leaving fewer options for improving benefits for employees. Please remember to cast your vote.