

Murray City Municipal Council

Chambers

Murray City, Utah

The Municipal Council of Murray City, Utah, met on Tuesday, the 21st day of March, 2017 at 6:30 p.m., for a meeting held in the Murray City Council Chambers, 5025 South State Street, Murray, Utah.

The meeting was conducted by Blair Camp

Council Members Present:

Dave Nicponski, Council District 1
Blair Camp, Council District 2
Jim Brass, Council District 3
Diane Turner, Council District 4/Council Chair
Brett Hales, Council District 5

City Staff Present:

Ted Eyre, Mayor
Jennifer Kennedy, City Recorder
Frank Nakamura, City Attorney
Janet Lopez, Council Administrator
Janet Towers, Executive Assistant to the Mayor
Craig Burnett, Police Chief
Gil Rodriguez, Fire Chief
Doug Hill, Public Services Director
Justin Zollinger, Finance Director

Mr. Camp called the meeting to order at 6:36 pm.

5. Opening Ceremonies

5.1 Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Micah Black, Boy Scout.

5.2 Approval of Minutes

5.2.1 None scheduled.

Mr. Camp recognized the scouts that were in attendance and welcomed State Representative Bruce Cutler.

5.3 Special Recognition

5.3.1 Consider a Joint Resolution of the Mayor & Municipal Council of Murray City, Utah, to proclaim and recognize March 27th through April 1st as Boys and Girls Club Week.

Mayor Eyre read the Joint Resolution.

MOTION: Ms. Turner moved to adopt the Joint Resolution. The motion was SECONDED by Mr. Nicponski.

Council roll call vote:

Mr. Brass	Aye
Ms. Turner	Aye
Mr. Hales	Aye
Mr. Nicponski	Aye
Mr. Camp	Aye

Motion passed 5-0

Bob Dunn, Boys and Girls Club stated the Boys and Girls Club's 50th anniversary is this year. He invited everyone to Boys and Girls Club week which is being held the week of March 27th. Mr. Dunn and some of the kids from the Boys and Girls Club spoke about the daily activities they will be holding throughout the week. The kids presented Mayor Eyre with a Community Partner plaque and thanked him for his support.

5.3.2 Consider a Joint Resolution of the Mayor and Municipal Council of Murray City, Utah, in support of the Murray Exchange Club by recognizing and declaring April 2017 as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Mayor Eyre read the Joint Resolution.

MOTION: Mr. Brass moved to adopt the Joint Resolution. The motion was

SECONDED by Mr. Hales.

Council roll call vote:

Mr. Brass	Aye
Ms. Turner	Aye
Mr. Hales	Aye
Mr. Nicponski	Aye
Mr. Camp	Aye

Motion passed 5-0

Jennifer Brass, Murray Exchange Club, thanked the Mayor and Council for assisting the Exchange Club in raising awareness of this horrible problem in our society. She invited everyone to join them on April 1st, as the Exchange Club places the ribbons and pinwheels on the grounds at Murray City Hall.

The Council recognized the members of the Exchange Club and the youth from the Murray Youth Government that were in attendance.

6. Citizen Comments (Comments are limited to 3 minutes unless otherwise approved by the Council.)

Matthew Hepworth – Murray City, Utah

Mr. Hepworth said he has lived in Murray for a long time. He has enjoyed his neighborhood and the people he has met along the canal trail. He is not a very conventional person, but he is a very old fashioned person. He is in support of the canal trail because that area has actually been used as a trail since around 2005. He and his neighbors use the trail to walk their dogs, exercise and just have a green space to enjoy in the city. Mr. Hepworth said in 2005 some gates were put up to prevent people from walking the complete distance of the trail. When the gates went up the first incidents of graffiti appeared. There had never been graffiti there until after the gates went up. They found alcohol bottles, which they had never seen before, needles, and there were a few incidents of people dumping yard waste over fences onto the trail.

Mr. Hepworth said he is passionate about having a city supported public space for citizens to enjoy the canal. He stated that when you keep the good people out, the bad people are going to get in. He believes that when you have a publicly supported trail, you are choosing how you want to have on that trail. Do you want it to be people that don't have the best intentions for the neighborhood and community use it or would you rather have your neighbors use it. He said having a public space would bring a stronger sense of community among the neighbors. Mr. Hepworth believes a trail would improve the community and raise property values.

Susan Cohen – Murray City, Utah

See Attachment 1 for Ms. Cohen's comments.

7. Consent Agenda

7.1 None scheduled.

8. Public Hearings

8.1 Public Hearing #1

8.1.1 Staff and sponsor presentations and public comment will be given prior to Council action on the following matter:

Consider an ordinance amending the City's Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget.

Staff Presentation: Justin Zollinger, Finance Director.

Mr. Zollinger went over the following budget amendments:

- Increase the General Fund by \$26,500 from General Fund Reserves and appropriate \$26,500 to replace the public works generator.
- Increase the General Fund by \$1,101 as revenue from Wildland Fire State Fund and appropriate \$1,101 for the Fire Department wildland fire response.
- Increase the Drug Enforcement Administration Fund by \$135,756 as revenue from the Drug Enforcement Administration Grant and Restitution Fund.
- Increase the Drug Enforcement Administration Fund by \$60,000 from the Drug Enforcement Administration Reserves and appropriate \$60,000 to change vehicle leases to purchases.
- Increase the Drug Enforcement Administration Fund by \$130,000 as revenue from the HIDTA grant.
- Increase the Capital Projects Fund by \$100,000 from the Capital Projects Reserves and appropriate \$100,000 for property purchase.

The City received a rebate from the Public Employees Health Plans (PEHP) of just over \$88,000 that will be distributed back to the employees as an incentive to continue to use our health insurance responsibly. The following funds will be appropriated money for the PEHP dividend payment to employees:

- General Fund – \$59,048
- Library Fund – \$2,598
- Water Fund – \$3,307
- Waste Water Fund – \$1,890
- Power Fund – \$10,156
- Parkway Golf Fund – \$1,417
- Solid Waste Fund – \$472
- Storm Water Fund by \$1,653
- Fleet Fund by \$709

- Retained Risk Fund by \$472
- Drug Enforcement Administration Fund by \$236

The Public Hearing was open for public comment. No public comments were given and the Public Hearing was closed.

8.1.2 Council consideration of the above matter.

MOTION: Mr. Hales moved to adopt the ordinance. The motion was SECONDED by Ms. Turner.

Council roll call vote:

Mr. Brass	Aye
Ms. Turner	Aye
Mr. Hales	Aye
Mr. Nicponski	Aye
Mr. Camp	Aye

Motion passed 5-0

9. Unfinished Business

9.1 None scheduled.

10. New Business

10.1 Consider an ordinance amending Chapter 12.30 of the Murray City Municipal Code relating to fees for the Murray City Park Center

Staff presentation: Doug Hill, Public Services Director

Mr. Hill summarized the fee changes that are being recommended to the Park Center fee ordinance. Staff would like to include fitness classes and daycare with the annual membership fee and allow children under the age of three to enter the Park Center at no charge with a paying adult. They would like to reduce the cost of the daily admission fee by \$1.00 for all age categories and eliminate the non-resident fee. They would like to eliminate the family and couple membership category and implement an add-on fee to the individual memberships. In addition to veterans, active military will also be able to receive a discount.

Mr. Hill stated currently the Park Center does not offer group discounts but staff is recommending offering group discounts for groups of ten or more. They would also like to give anyone who pays their annual membership up front a 5% discount. Finally, the definition of household membership is changing from having to be a related family member. The proposed definition would state that any person living within the residence can be a member of the same household.

Mr. Hill said if this is approved tonight, the new fee structure will go into effect on

May 1, 2017.

Mr. Camp noted that the Council had a discussion at the last Committee of the Whole meeting about this ordinance change. The Council appreciates the detail that Mr. Hill provided them during that meeting.

MOTION: Ms. Turner moved to adopt the ordinance. The motion was SECONDED by Mr. Brass.

Council roll call vote:

Mr. Brass	Aye
Ms. Turner	Aye
Mr. Hales	Aye
Mr. Nicponski	Aye
Mr. Camp	Aye

Motion passed 5-0

10.2 Consider an ordinance amending Section 12.24.230 of the Murray City Municipal Code relating to fees for use of the Murray Park Outdoor Swimming Pool.

Staff presentation: Doug Hill, Public Services Director

Mr. Hill said because the outdoor swimming pool is connected to the Park Center, staff felt there needed to be some minor changes to those fees also. They would like to change the age of a senior from 55 to 60; increase the cost of an adult daily admission fee from \$3.50 to \$4.00, and eliminate seasonal memberships. Instead of memberships, punch cards will be available and people can get a discount by purchasing a punch card.

MOTION: Mr. Brass moved to adopt the ordinance. The motion was SECONDED by Mr. Hales.

Council roll call vote:

Mr. Brass	Aye
Ms. Turner	Aye
Mr. Hales	Aye
Mr. Nicponski	Aye
Mr. Camp	Aye

Motion passed 5-0

11. Mayor

11.1 Report

Mayor Eyre went over the following items:

- The Heritage Center is holding an Alzheimer's symposium on April 11, 2017 from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. The cost is \$8.00 and includes lunch.
- The parks department is having difficulty filling two maintenance worker positions. These positions will remain open until they are filled.
- The 44-year old annual Murray High School alumni basketball tournament is on the verge of being cancelled because there are only enough players to form one team.
- The City is bidding out two re-pavement projects. One is on 6100 South and the other is on Wesley Road.
- There is a development interest around Vine Street and Commerce Drive that would require the city to upgrade its storm drain system.
- Questar has notified the city of plans to install a new gas line between 700 West and Clay Park Drive.
- There was a tour of the smelter site overlay district today. The Korea group was there to look over a site and understand ways to clean up the properties of major environmental contaminated facilities.

11.2 Questions for the Mayor

Mr. Camp asked of the 6100 South project would be east of State Street. Mayor Eyre confirmed the project is on the east side of State Street.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 pm.

Jennifer Kennedy, City Recorder

Attachment 1

Susan Cohen

Good evening Mayor, Council members, and gallery,

After attending the planning meeting on the idea of paved walkway through the Fountain Bleu neighborhood. ... I walked away with mixed emotions.

Our home is on the route and backs up to the proposed walkway. Our patio is high enough that we have a wonderful view of the mountains and the existing walkway. We chose our property nine years ago because of the calm and serenity it offered. Occasionally people from the community would walk along the dirt access road that follows the Salt Lake City canal. We enjoyed the company of our neighbors looking for a quiet moment outside.

A few years ago, Salt Lake City built a bridge over its canal that disrupted the serenity. The bridge attracts people who play loudly on the bridge. It provides access for people who cross the canal and approach the back yards of the residents. It provides access to teens who hide in the cover of Tanner Ditch, and occasionally smoke pot. In the spring, kids jump from the bridge into the high water – certainly a public health risk. The people who frequent the area now are not our neighbors, and don't build a sense of community!

This is what I fear from the proposed walkway: that it would attract more people, and people who won't be considerate of the residents of the area. We worry about people parking along Fountain Bleu Drive, and people having access to our back yards.

And yet, I heard at the recent planning meeting that there is a proposal to turn several acres of farm land about 1630 Vine Street into a park. That would be a benefit to the community. A park would provide a healthy place for families to gather; controlled parking; and a buffer to the community. It is important that the City begin discussions on obtaining that property now, rather than waiting until the landowner dies, setting up a bidding war with developers.

We are left with a Catch 22 for the future – a possible park or potential development of residential housing on what now is a farm. A park would bring noise and commotion – not the best option – but better than seeing development there. Our neighborhood needs green space, and a park would be our preference. I would support the trail *if and only if*, it is a precursor to building a park on the farm property at 1630 Vine St.

If the trail must be built – and it seems as if the City is going to steamroll any opposition – I would ask that the City:

- Take steps to protect the privacy of residents along the trail – and not necessarily by fencing the area. Perhaps shrubbery borders would be a better option.
- Preserve the natural feel area, by improving the greenery along the trail, and by using gravel (or other natural materials) instead of asphalt.
- Provide regular **monthly** maintenance along the trail and levees. ***This must be done by Murray City.*** Salt Lake City cannot be counted on to maintain its property.
- Provide regular daily police patrols of the area, with emphasis on enforcing a strict noise ordinance, and protecting the property of residents along the trail.
- Set strict hours of 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. on weekdays and 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. on weekends to protect the privacy of the residents along the trail. Also, set a strict policy of no motorized vehicles, powered

bicycles, hoverboards, or powered skateboards on the trail. Erect "no parking" signs along Fountain Bleu Drive and other streets, as needed.

- Demand the removal of the bridge over the Salt Lake City canal behind Monaco Circle. It has proven a hazard. Placing a gate on the bridge – especially a large "flag gate" – would be an eyesore, and will aggravate the problem, not fix it. Also, the City must demand that Salt Lake City and Tanner Ditch Company repair the damage to the back yard and fence at 1608 Monaco Circle.

I understand progress is inevitable, but the residents harmed by this change must be considered!

Susan Goffen 

