

Murray City Municipal Council

Chambers

Murray City, Utah

The Municipal Council of Murray City, Utah, met on Tuesday, the 3rd day of April, 2018 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 Diane Turner

Council Members Present:

Council District 1 – Dave Nicponski
Council District 2 – Dale Cox
Jim Brass, Council District 3 – Excused
Diane Turner, Council District 4/Council Chair
Brett Hales, Council District 5

City Staff Present:

Doug Hill, Mayor Pro-Tem/Chief Administrative Officer
Jennifer Kennedy, City Recorder
G.L. Critchfield, City Attorney
Janet Lopez, Council Administrator
Jennifer Heaps, Communications and Public Relations Director
Mike Obrey, Police Lieutenant
Gil Rodriguez, Fire Chief
Jon Harris, Deputy Fire Chief
Matt Boulden, Fire Captain
Stephen Olson, Fire Captain
Jordan Petersen, Battalion Chief
Travis Bodtcher, Paramedic/Firefighter
Jeff Puls, Paramedic/Firefighter
Spencer Finlinson, Paramedic/Firefighter
Steve Ellefson, Fire Engineer
Oliver Webb, Firefighter
Gary Bean, Paramedic/Firefighter
Rick Best, Paramedic/Firefighter
Tyson Green, Paramedic/Firefighter
Amy Krug, Fire Engineer
Pat Killion, Deputy Fire Marshal
Russ Blank, Battalion Chief
Jim McNulty, Development Services Manager

Other's in Attendance:

Citizens

Ms. Turner called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

6. Opening Ceremonies

6.1 Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by – Mike Obrey, Police Lieutenant

6.2 Approval of Minutes

6.2.1 Council Meeting – March 6, 2018

6.2.2 Council Meeting – March 20, 2018

MOTION: Mr. Nicponski moved to approve the minutes. The motion was SECONDED by Mr. Hales. Voice vote taken, all “ayes.”

6.3 Special Recognition

6.3.1 Consider a Joint Resolution of Mayor Camp and the Municipal Council of Murray, Utah to proclaim, recognize and support April 2018 as Fair Housing Month.

Staff Presentation: Doug Hill, Mayor Pro-Tem

Mr. Hill read the Joint Resolution and presented it to Jim McNulty, Development Services Manager.

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

Council roll call vote:

Mr. Hales	Aye
Mr. Nicponski	Aye
Mr. Cox	Aye
Ms. Turner	Aye

Motion passed 4-0

6.3.2 Swearing-In of Murray City Fire Department Battalion Chief Jordan Petersen and Captain Stephen Olson.

Staff Presentation: Gil Rodriguez, Fire Chief

Chief Rodriguez spoke about Mr. Petersen and Mr. Olson’s time and experience with the city.

The Swearing-In Ceremony was conducted by Jennifer Kennedy, City Recorder.

7. Citizen Comments – Comments are limited to 3 minutes unless otherwise approved by the Council.
Damian Dayton – Preserve Murray
See Attachment 1 for Mr. Dayton’s comments.

8. Consent Agenda

8.1 None scheduled.

9. Public Hearings

9.1 Public Hearing #1 - POSTPONED

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

Consider a resolution declaring property located at approximately 6550 South 700 West, Murray, Utah, as surplus and authorizing the exchange of the surplus real property for real property owned by Wynwood Investments located in the Immediate vicinity of the surplus real property.

9.2 Public Hearing #2

9.2.1 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 2017-2018 Budget.

Staff Presentation: Danyce Steck, Finance Director

Ms. Steck said the city will receive the Sales Tax Revenue Bond proceeds, \$5,800,000, which will be used to construct the new fire station. This money will be transferred to the CIP Fund which is where the construction will be funded out of.

The Legislature changed the way that emergency 911 fees are distributed. They are now distributed directly to VECC, so the city will no longer receive and redistribute them.

The city received three small public safety grants: the Emergency Management Performance Grant for \$5,500, the Utah Department of Health EMS Grant for \$6,030, and the Utah Highway Safety Office Grant for \$7,243.

The Capital Projects Fund will receive \$3,000,000 for the purchase of land adjacent to city hall and \$2,800,000 for a contribution to the city's reserves.

The public hearing was opened for public comment. No public comments were given and the public hearing was closed.

9.2.2 Council consideration of the above matter.

MOTION: Mr. Nicponski moved to adopt the ordinance. The motion was SECONDED by Mr. Cox.

Council roll call vote:

Mr. Hales	Aye
Mr. Nicponski	Aye
Mr. Cox	Aye
Ms. Turner	Aye

Motion passed 4-0

10. Unfinished Business

10.1 None scheduled.

11. New Business

11.1 None scheduled.

12. Mayor

12.1 Report

Mr. Hill said the Engineering Division of the Public Works Department is bidding out the overlay reconstruction of 5300 South between State Street and Vine Street. In addition to the overlay, the road will be restriped and will include the addition of a right turn lane at State Street as you head westbound.

Mr. Hill said that many citizens have received letters from the State of Utah Division of Water Rights regarding water rights that may be owned by property owners. The state is attempting to determine how many water rights are out there. The Division of Water Rights will be holding public meetings and are encouraging people who own water rights to submit that information to the State, so the State can account for those water rights.

Mr. Hill recognized the police for the good job they did in handling the homicide and suicide that took place last weekend. He also noted that the D.A.R.E graduations are currently underway in the schools. The Police Department are conducting those graduations ceremonies for the fifth-grade students that participate in the D.A.R.E. Program.

Mr. Hill stated next week is National Library Week. The Murray Library will be recognizing this event by hosting a Fairy Tale Festival next Saturday.

12.2 Questions for the Mayor

13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Attachment 1

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Preserve Murray is currently working to preserve some of the historic buildings that give Murray its distinctive character, but we would be remiss if we didn't speak up to preserve more than just the architectural character of Murray. We seek to also preserve a sense of a living and breathing community, a destination rather than another city to pass through on your way somewhere.

In the discussion on density and zoning, we ask the City to take a closer look at the factors that make a city center more accessible for bikers, pedestrians and people arriving by train and light-rail. We ask that any changes considered continue to facilitate the development of frontage for small restaurants and retail. We also continue to encourage allowing for mixed-use zoning where residential buildings have frontage for shops and local businesses. Additionally, we would strongly encourage reducing minimum parking requirements for businesses that promote foot traffic, and porous boulevard-style streets with outdoor seating. While Preserve Murray is indeed interested in preserving the history of Murray, we are also interested in human scale zoning that encourages organic growth around a thriving community.

Density, as a word, is an abstract quantitative measure that is ineffective in describing the appearance, form or function of a city, neighborhood or district. We believe that density, or the lack thereof should not be the focus of the discussion. Any discussion of the regulations governing development in the downtown should focus on what our downtown should look like, how it should function and what uses or activities it should foster. Once the physical parameters of this vision such as streets, open spaces, building height, setbacks and lot coverage are established, the regulation of density becomes unnecessary and sometimes even counterproductive. Considering this, we hope to pursue a qualitative, as well as a quantitative discussion. We hope to preserve a city that you want to spend time in rather than one you wish to pass through.