

# **Murray City Municipal Council**

## **Chambers**

### **Murray City, Utah**

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The Murray City Municipal Council met on Tuesday, March 16, 2021, at 6:30 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 a 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 (Conducting)
Brett Hales	District #5

#### **Others in Attendance:**

Blair Camp	Mayor	Jennifer Kennedy	Council Director
G.L. Critchfield	City Attorney	Brooke Smith	City Recorder
Kim Sorensen	Parks & Recreation Director	Ben Ford	Wastewater Superintendent
Tricia Cooke	Senior Center Director	Sheri VanBibber	Murray Exchange Club
April Callaway	Office Administrator Supervisor	Jennifer Heaps	Chief Communication Officer

#### **Opening Ceremonies**

Call to Order – Councilmember Turner called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance – The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dale Cox.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Council Meeting – February 2, 2021

Council Meeting – February 16, 2021

MOTION: Councilmember Dominguez moved to approve both minutes. The motion was SECONDED by Councilmember Martinez.

Council roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilmember Hales, Councilmember Martinez, Councilmember Cox,

Councilmember Dominguez, Councilmember Turner

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Motion passed 5-0

**Special Recognition**

1. Consider a Joint Resolution of the Mayor and the Municipal Council of Murray City, Utah in Support of the Murray Exchange Club by Recognizing and Declaring April 2021 as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Councilmember Turner read the Joint Resolution into the record.

Presentation: Sheri VanBibber

Sheri VanBibber shared a personal story of how someone in her family was personally affected by child abuse and the importance of the Joint Resolution of the Mayor and the Municipal Council of Murray City. The Joint Resolutions in support of the Murray Exchange Club will recognize and declare April 2021 as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

The Murray Exchange Club will host a gathering in front of City Hall, on Monday, March 29, 2021, at 6:30 pm to kick-off their month-long effort by tying 217 Blue Ribbons on the trees, and placing 217 Blue and Silver Pinwheels in the grass and flower beds, representing the number of the all-encompassing cases of Child Abuse and Neglect. The flags will be flown from April 1<sup>st</sup> through April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. VanBibber shared that child abuse is a serious and growing problem affecting over 3 million of our nation's children annually, with over 29,000 cases of Child Abuse and Neglect reported statewide, and 217 cases right here in our City.

The National Exchange Club has adopted this cause as its National Project and is supporting parent aide programs, parenting classes, educational programs, and community service activities, and is helping to make significant progress in stopping this crime against families and children.

Councilmember Martinez shared that Prevent Child Abuse Utah (<https://pcautah.org/>) offers a great education, engagement, and empowerment resources online.

Councilmembers and the Mayor expressed thanks to Ms. VanBibber and the Murray Exchange Club for adopting this cause and bring awareness and support to the council and city.

MOTION: Councilmember Dominguez moved to approve the Joint Resolution. The motion was SECONDED by Councilmember Hales.

Council roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilmember Hales, Councilmember Martinez, Councilmember Cox,

Councilmember Dominguez, Councilmember Turner

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Motion passed 5-0

2. Murray City Council Employee of the Month, April Callaway, Office Administrative Supervisor

Staff Presentation: Brett Hales, Councilmember, Kim Sorensen, Parks and Recreation Director, and Tricia Cooke, Senior Center 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. Callaway 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. Callaway for all she does for the City.

Mr. Sorensen both expressed his thanks for all the hard work that April does for the city and expressed his appreciation for her stepping up and doing the work of multiple people.

Ms. Callaway expressed her appreciation for the recognition, and she is grateful for the opportunity to work for Murray City.

The councilmembers thanked Ms. Callaway for her hard work and service she provides for Murray City.

3. 2021 State of the City Address

Staff Presentation: Mayor Blair Camp

A recording of the Mayor's State of the City Address was played on the record. Mayor Camp shared a brief recap of defining moments in the last year and future plans and developments happening in the city. At the end of the presentation Mayor Camp reiterated these three main points:

- 1) During the uncertain financial condition created by the pandemic, all city departments were able to reduce their budgets while continuing to provide quality municipal services to its residents and businesses, demonstrating fiscal responsibility as no lay-offs were necessary and all financial obligations of the city were met.
- 2) Murray City was adaptable and prepared to respond during crisis situations, and willing and able to assist neighboring communities.
- 3) Murray City has demonstrated once again that we are resilient and self-reliant during trying times.

A copy of the recording is posted on the city website:

(<https://www.murray.utah.gov/CivicMedia?VID=82>).

## Citizen Comments

William Cotter – Read into the record by Jennifer Kennedy

*I just wanted to email you to let you know that I'm on board with the townhomes on Bullion Street.*

*My daughter, Lisa, lived in a neighborhood of townhomes in West Jordan and they were actually nicer than the homes around them!*

*Traffic is always going to be a problem on this street and we knew that when we bought a house here. That's why it was cheaper than living in the middle of Walden Hills.*

*It really won't make much difference if there are 80 townhomes or somebody put in 30 single family detached homes in the same space. Both will add cars.*

*Traffic increased when Walden Ridge was developed and again when the Ivory Homes went in by the Fish and Game area. Our kids grew up on this street and they learned that you don't go into the street when they were very young. That's not a tough concept for them.*

*I don't think we should do the red curb on the south side of the street because any overflow parking that might occur would then be on the north side.*

*I would like the townhomes to be styled a little better to fit in with the neighborhood houses around them - nothing dramatic, just aesthetic. As to those who think drug activity and other crime will occur in the park areas, how do we know now what's going on by the vacated satellite dishes?*

*Somebody brought up using the park areas as RV and boat storage areas, but that will look horrible and what would keep out drug dealers from that area? What about theft and vandalism to the RVs and boats? I can just imagine if all the catalytic converters were to go missing from all the RVs.*

*The Zoom meeting seemed to be all hostile when the whole purpose was to learn about what was planned. I felt sorry for the developer as he was overwhelmed with such negative comments, especially from those who don't even live near here.*

*Anyway, those are just a few of my thoughts.*

## Consent Agenda

1. Consider confirmation of the Mayor's appointment of Connie Fong to the Shade Tree Commission for a term to expire on June 30, 2022.

Staff Presentation: Mayor Blair Camp

Connie Fong will serve as an appointed member of the Shade Tree Commission from March 16, 2021, to June 30, 2022.

MOTION: Councilmember Hales moved to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was SECONDED by Councilmember Cox.

Council roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Motion passed 5-0

**Public Hearings**

No Public Hearings Scheduled.

**New Business**

No New Business

**Mayor's Report and Questions**

Mayor Camp shared the following updates:

- The city has received payment of \$77,156.00 from Utopia which is a partial repayment for the operating expense loan the city provided to them. The other half will be re-paid next budget year.
- The Library is now accepting walk-in customers using an “on-the-spot” reservation system. Only 20 people are allowed in at a time however appointments, if available, can be made in real-time.
- The Leisure Pool at the Parks Center is temporarily closed due to a maintenance issue.
- The Park restrooms will be open this Saturday for public use. Due to the nice weather, the restrooms are opening earlier than usual.

Councilmember Martinez asked the Mayor about the Governors lifted Covid restrictions on April 10 and the end-of-mask wearing mandate and if the mask will still be required for city employees and locations (like the library). The Mayor shared with the council that discussions are currently being held and they are watching what happens very closely.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.