

Murray City Municipal Council Chambers

Murray City, Utah

Tuesday, August 24th, 2021

The Murray City Municipal Council met on Tuesday, August 24, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. (or as soon as possible thereafter) for a meeting held in the Murray City Council Chambers, 5025 South State Street, Murray, Utah.

The public was able to view the meeting via the live stream at www.murraycitylive.com or <https://www.facebook.com/Murraycityutah/>. A recording of the City Council meeting can be viewed [HERE](#).

Council in Attendance:

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| Kat Martinez | District #1 |
| Dale Cox | District #2 |
| Rosalba Dominguez | District #3 – Conducting |
| Diane Turner | District #4 – Council Chair |
| Brett Hales | District #5 – Council Vice-Chair |
| Jennifer Kennedy | Council Director |

Administrative Staff in Attendance:

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| Blair Camp | Mayor |
| Doug Hill | Chief Administrative Officer |
| Jennifer Heaps | Chief Communication Officer |
| Brooke Smith | City Recorder |
| GL Critchfield | City Attorney |
| Brenda Moore | Finance and Administrative Director |
| Kim Sorensen | Parks and Recreation Director |
| Lori Edmunds | Cultural Arts Director |
| Melinda Greenwood | Community & Economic Development Director |
| Jared Hall | Community Development Supervisor |
| Danny Astill | Public Works Director |
| Trae Stokes | City Engineer |
| Jon Harris | Fire Chief |
| Craig Burnett | Police Chief |
| Kristin Reardon | Records Supervisor |
| Robyn Colton | Human Resource Director |
| Robert White | IT Director |
| Danny Astill | Senior IT Technician |
| Chris Zawislak | Engineer |

Others in Attendance:

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| Lawrence Horman | Spencer Howell | Peter Klinge | Dean O. Edmunds |
| Clark Bullen | Daniel Prorok | Ned Hacker | Peter Hauza |
| Janice Strobell | Ray Fitzgerald | Cindy Haler | Jeff Evans |
| Daren Rasmussen | Martha Fitzgerald | Charles Turner | |
| Shum Delliskave | Christy Anderson | Robert Wyss | |

Opening Ceremonies

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

Pledge of Allegiance – The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Patti Johnson.

Approval of Minutes

Council Meeting – July 6, 2021

Council Meeting – July 20, 2021

MOTION: Councilmember Turner moved to approve the minutes. The motion was SECONDED by Councilmember Hales.

Council roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Motion passed 5-0

Special Recognition

1. Murray City Council Employee of the Month, Lori Edmunds, Cultural Arts Director

Presenting: Brett Hales, Councilmember, and Kim Sorensen, Parks and Recreation 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 Lori Edmunds 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 Mrs. Edmunds for all she does for the City.

Mr. Sorensen said Ms. Edmunds is wonderful to work with. Ms. Edmunds oversees Murray's Cultural Arts Division. Her areas of responsibility include overseeing the Arts and History Advisory Boards, coordinating outdoor amphitheater events, coordinates and oversees community arts, heritage programs, and the city museum. She is in charge of several programs throughout the year in Murray City and does a wonderful job.

Ms. Edmunds introduced her husband Dean, she expressed gratitude for the opportunity to work at Murray City and the wonderful people she gets works with. Ms. Edmunds expressed thanks for Mr. Sorensen and shared that it is a great honor to serve the people of Murray.

Councilmembers thanked Lori Edmunds for her service the past five years, and they appreciate her being a part of Murray City.

2. Presentation of the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting (CAFR) to Brenda Moore, Director of Finance and Administration.

Presenting: Mayor Camp

Mayor Camp presented Brenda Moore, Director of Finance and Administration the Certificate of Achievement of Excellence in Finance. This is awarded by the Government Finance Officer's Association and is considered one of the highest awards in government financial reporting.

Mrs. Moore thanked the finance staff and department directors, AP clerks, and executive assistance who continue to make sure we are doing things correctly. She shared that the City Finance Department has received this award for the past 30 plus years and the award means the city is adhering to program standards and is continually improving.

Citizen Comments

Lawrence Horman – In person

Mr. Horman spoke about homeless issues. He suggested the city create an authorized campground for the homeless.

Jeff Evans – In person

Mr. Evans shared his appreciation to Lori Edmunds and the Cultural Art's Program that Murray City has. In the past, he has volunteered on the Planning Commission, and now he has transitioned to the Murray Art's Advisory Board. He shared his deep appreciation for the amount of work that it takes to pull off community events and for what Lori Edmunds does. He is happy to see Lori get employee of the month.

The public comments were closed.

Consent Agenda

1. Consider confirmation of the Mayor's appointment of Robert Wyss to the Murray City Arts Advisory Board to fulfill the remainder of a term that will expire on January 1, 2023.

Presenting: Mayor Camp

Mayor Camp requested Robert Wyss to be appointed as a member of the Arts Advisory Board from August 24, 2021, to January 1, 2023. Robert Wyss will be filling the position that was vacated by Lily Ellingson. Robert Wyss has an impressive resume and has already started volunteering at

several Murray City events.

2. Consider confirmation of the Mayor's appointment of Jessica Miller to the Library Board to fulfill the remainder of a term that will expire June 30, 2023.

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Presenting: Mayor Camp

Mayor Camp requested Jessica Miller to be appointed as a member of the Library Board to complete a term from August 24, 2021, to June 30, 2023. Jessica will be filling the position that was vacated by Nicholas Skene. Mayor Camp had the opportunity to interview Jessica and is impressed with her Ph.D. in English Literature and her involvement with many universities and higher education.

MOTION

Councilmember Martinez moved to approve the ordinance. The motion was SECONDED by Councilmember Hales.

Council roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Motion passed 5-0

Public Hearings

Staff, sponsor presentations, and public comments will be given prior to Council action on the following matter. The Council Meeting Agenda Packet can be found [HERE](#).

1. Consider a resolution approving the Transportation Master Plan.

Presentation: Trae Stokes, City Engineer

See Planning Commission Minutes - May 20th, 2021

See Committee of the Whole Minutes - July 20, 2021

Presentation

Trae Stokes shared with the council that Murray City's last transportation plan was completed in 1993 and updated in 2006. Since that time, the city has experienced growth in several areas resulting in new demands and impacts on the roadways. The updated master plan is a fundamental resource to help the city manage its existing transportation needs and prepare for future demands. Mr. Stokes also shared that a few projects mentioned in the Transportation Plan have been started but because of funding constraints, some long-term projects may need to be reprioritized or skipped.

Ms. Dominguez asked Mr. Stokes about wildlife and eco-friendly phasing during projects.

Mr. Stokes said that it may not be specifically expressed in the Transportation Plan however when a major project application does come in, they do look at wildlife and complete an environmental study before the project is started. In addition, when new applications come in, they coordinate water quality improvements to areas like stormwater and storm drains.

Citizen Comments

Kim Anderson, In Person

Mr. Anderson said he has concerns with several areas mentioned in the Transportation Plan. Specifically, about projects that widen streets for sidewalks and potentially taking property away from landowners.

Trae Stokes came up and shared that the transportation plan is a long-term 30-year plan and many of the areas that Mr. Anderson brought up are long-term goals identified in a Countywide initiative and that is why it was included in the Transportation Plan. However, they could be changed or skipped.

Peter Klinge – In Person

Mr. Klinge shared his concerns about the Transportation plan in the Murray City Center District ([MCCD](#)) area. Specifically, the area of “Block 1” and the Murray City Theater. He has concerns about parking and walkways to accommodate the MCCD Development.

Daniel Prorok- In Person

Mr. Prorok shared concerns about the Transportation Plan. He shared that Murray recently made the news when a bus was caught in a flooded area and he has concerns about potential liability and communication issues. Mr. Prorok thanked the Mayor for his service and Councilmember Hales and Clark Bullen for coming to his house to speak to him as candidates running for Murray City Mayor.

The public hearing was closed.

Discussion

Councilmember Dominguez invited Trae Stokes to come back up to the podium.

Trae Stokes spoke about the Transportation Plan and how sidewalk additions and/or improvements were brought up in many of the surveys they collected.

Councilmember Dominguez asked Mr. Stokes to explain the survey process.

Mr. Stokes responded that part of preparing a new transportation plan was to get public involvement and learn where the problem areas were and what the priorities are. The City collected feedback on a website and through social media. His department

consistently heard that the public wanted more sidewalks, better sidewalks, bike facilities, and trails. The last transportation plan addresses growth and traffic issues and this transportation plan addresses growth, traffic issues, and sidewalk improvement areas because of the feedback collected from the public. Mr. Stokes also addressed the cost to make these improvements and shared that there are a lot of grant funds available to help with payment.

Councilmember Dominguez asked Mr. Stokes to discuss 4800 and State Street (Block One) in MCCD.

Mr. Stokes said that improvements are being made to the area right now with the new Hanauer Street and future developments will be required to make improvements in that area that will follow city code which will include pedestrian elements such as sidewalks, park strips, bike lanes, and paths.

MOTION

Councilmember Turner moved to adopt the resolutions. The motion was SECONDED by Councilmember Cox.

Council roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Motion passed 5-0

2. Consider an ordinance amending sections **13.30.030, 13.30.070, and 13.30.150 of the Murray City Municipal Code relating to restricting geothermal wells in recharge areas and protection zones.**

Presentation: Danny Astill, Public Works Director

See Committee of the Whole Minutes - July 20, 2021

Presentation

Danny Astill shared that Murray City's water system is made up of 20 wells and eight springs that represent a significant investment for the city and water supply. To protect the water from outside influences they have established a Ground Water Protection Ordinance which needs to be modified from time to time as new technologies or sources of contamination are identified. The City and hydrology experts have identified geothermal heat pumps that people and businesses are installing as potential contamination due to harmful chemicals used. Therefore, the city is asking that areas designated in the water protection zone limit and/or restrict the use of geothermal wells to protect the city's water resources from sources of contamination.

Councilmember Turner asked where the wells are.

Danny Astill clarified that many of the Murray City wells and springs are outside of Murray

corporate area however if our Ground Water Protection Ordinance is updated, the city will work with Salt Lake County and Cottonwood heights to make sure their ordinances are updated as well.

Citizen Comments

Spencer Howell – In Person

He is a licensed professional engineer who works in Murray and is aware of ground heat exchangers and is aware of the challenges and potential problems with installing a geothermal system. He is in support of the ordinance, but his main comment is that he wants to make sure he is complying with what the city wants. He wants to see a clear process and if they do use chemicals, they make sure they are installed correctly. He is not against the ordinance, but he is in favor of a clear defined permit process so he knows how to move forward when applying.

Kim Anderson

Mr. Anderson shared that he lives in the Cottonwood Improvement District and he feels frustrated that his area is not included in the many Murray resources including garbage, water, utilities, and school district.

The public hearing was closed.

Discussion

Councilmember Dominguez asked Mr. Astill to come back up and explain the application process for citizens.

Mr. Astill says in the ordinance is spelled out. The system works well, and this ordinance is an amendment, and protection zones are available on the website.

Mr. Astill clarified his response to Councilmember Turner's question about where the wells are located, and he indicated that we do not provide water above 9th East, but our water does come through those pipes.

Ms. Dominguez asked if the wells outside our area would be protected.

Mr. Astill says we would be allowed to protect our water sources that are outside our corporate boundaries and he would be communicating this ordinance change with those agencies.

MOTION

Councilmember Cox moved to approve the ordinance. The motion was SECONDED by Councilmember Hales.

Council roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilmember Turner, Councilmember Hales, Councilmember Martinez,

Councilmember Cox, Councilmember Dominguez
Nays: None
Abstentions: None

Motion passed 5-0

3. Consider a resolution approving the city's application for a grant from the Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG).

Presentation: Craig Burnett, Police Chief

Presentation

Chief Burnett request the council approve a grant from the Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG). Part of the application process is to hold a public hearing and share what the funds will be used for. This year, the police department plans to purchase six (6) HD in-car digital camera systems for \$32,824.00.

Citizen Comments

No public comments were made.

The public hearing was closed.

Discussion

No Discussion

MOTION

Councilmember Hales moved to approve the resolution. The motion was SECONDED by Councilmember Turner.

Council roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Motion passed 5-0

Business Item

None scheduled.

Mayor's Report and Questions

- The Redevelopment Agency and Edlen & Company are co-hosting a public open house tomorrow, September 25, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Senior Recreation Center. Public

comment will be taken through September 17.

- The outdoor pool will be closed after Labor Day.
- Murray City sent a wildland firefighter crew to assist in fighting the Dixie fire in California. That crew is scheduled to return home tomorrow and a new crew will be dispatched on Thursday. The Dixie fire has burned 725,000 acres and is only 40% contained.
- Gary Ferraro, a Murray City former Council Member and 1st Murray City Justice Court Judge passed away yesterday (September 23rd) in his home.

Councilmembers shared their appreciation to the mayor, staff, and audience.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Brooke Smith, City Recorder