

Murray City Municipal Council Chambers

Murray City, Utah

Tuesday, October 5th, 2021

The Murray City Municipal Council met on Tuesday, October 5th, 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:

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

Administrative Staff in Attendance:

Blair Camp	Mayor
Doug Hill	Chief Administrative Officer
GL Critchfield	City Attorney
Brooke Smith	City Recorder
Brenda Moore	Finance and Administrative Director
Craig Burnett	Police Chief
Melinda Greenwood	Community & Economic Development Director
Blaine Haacke	General Manager of Power
Joseph Mittelman	Assistant Fire Chief
Russ Jensen	Captain
Paul Adams	Paramedic/Firefighter
Richard Carver	Fire Engineer
Kim Sorensen	Parks and Recreation Director
Danny Astill	Public Works Director
Camron Kollman	Senior IT Technician
Rob White	IT Director

Others in Attendance:

Matt Dugdale	Lawrence Horman	Pam Cotter	Daren Rasmussen	Charles Turner
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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 Daren Rasmussen.

Approval of Minutes

None Scheduled

Special Recognition

- 1. Consider a Joint Resolution of the Mayor and Municipal Council of Murray City, Utah Declaring October 11-15, 2021 as Public Power Week**

Presenting: Mayor Camp and Blaine Haacke, General Manager of Power

Mayor Camp read the Joint Resolution R21-25 into the record.

MOTION

Councilmember Dominguez moved to adopt the Joint Resolution. The motion was SECONDED by Councilmember Hales.

Council roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Abstentions: Councilmember Martinez

Motion passed 4-0

PRESENTATION

General Manager of Power Blaine Haacke expressed appreciation to the Mayor and City Council. Typically, Public Power Week is celebrated in September however they delayed it so it could be hosted in Pavilion 5, which was under construction last month. Murray City power has been in business since 1913. Public Power Week is an annual event that allows Murray City to educate its power customers on safety and conservation, and share information about the services the city provides through the power department. This year the celebration event will be on Thursday, October 14th from 4 to 6 p.m. in honor of the 108 years of public power in Murray. Boxed lunches will be provided and there will be several giveaways online and in-person throughout the week.

- 2. Consider a Joint Resolution of the Mayor and Municipal Council of Murray City, Utah to Designate and Support the Week of October 3-9, 2021 as Fire Prevention Week**

Presenting: Mayor Camp and Joseph (Joey) Mittelman, Assistant Fire Chief

Mayor Camp read the Joint Resolution R21-26 into the record.

MOTION

Councilmember Cox moved to adopt the Joint Resolution. The motion was SECONDED by Councilmember Dominguez.

Council roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Abstentions: Councilmember Martinez

Motion passed 4-0

PRESENTATION

Assistant Chief Joey Mittelman spoke about some of the activities that take place during Fire Prevention Week. Mittelman also spoke about fire prevention and the education and training the Fire Department does throughout the community to help prevent fires. Mittelman shared the five key safety lessons they teach all second graders:

- Test your smoke alarms
- Learn the sounds of safety
- Memorize your address
- Never play with fire “It’s a tool, not a toy”
- Buckle up and wear bicycle helmets

Citizen Comments

Lawrence Horman

Shared information about homeless issues in each city and town. He encourages the city council to create a safe place for homeless people to live. They need safe places to live so they can focus on getting themselves into better situations.

Consent Agenda

None scheduled.

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. **Public Hearing to receive comments regarding the issuance by the City of not to exceed \$6,750,000 Sales Tax Revenue Bonds**

Presentation: Brenda Moore, Director of Finance and Administration

Business Item presentation during City Council on [September 7, 2021](#)

Committee of the Whole Presentation on [August 24, 2021](#)

Presentation

Brenda Moore Director of Finance and Administration recapped the parameters for the House Bill (HB) 244 transportation bond that was passed on September 7, 2021. The Par Value of the Bond amount is not to exceed \$6,750,000.

The bond parameter includes:

- Maximum Principal amount: \$6,750,000
- Maximum Interest Rate: 5%
- Maximum Maturity in Years: 16 years (15 payments)
- Maximum Discount Rate: 2% (Sales Price: 98% meaning no discount more than 2%)
- Designated Officers: Mayor, Mayor Pro-tempore, and Finance & Administration Director

The State of Utah code dictates the City pass the bond parameters and then have a public hearing to receive comments concerning issuing debt. The public hearing was open for public comment. No comments were given, and the public hearing was closed.

Business Item

1. Consider a resolution of the Municipal Council of Murray City, Utah authorizing a Preliminary Official Statement and an Official Statement required in connection with the issuance and sale of not more than \$6,750,000 aggregate principal amount of Sales Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2021; and other documents required in connection therewith; authorizing the taking of all other actions necessary to the consummation of the transactions contemplated by the resolution; and related matters

Presentation: Brenda Moore, Director of Finance and Administration

Brenda Moore Director of Finance and Administration presented a resolution approving the Preliminary Official Statement for the issuance of bonds for transportation projects. Normally when bond parameters are approved, the Preliminary Official Statement and other documents are included and approved for the same time. Because the city hopes to sell the bonds before interest rates rise, the parameters were approved before the Preliminary Official Statements were written. The resolution approves the Preliminary Official Statement and reiterates who is authorized to make changes to the statement and complete the sale of the bonds.

The Preliminary Official Statement is a document that is released to investors to tell them about Murray City and the bond offering to encourage investment interest.

Councilmember Dominguez asked what the process is like to create the Preliminary Official Statement?

Moore responded the city hired Gilmore Bell (bond attorneys) to help write the initial Preliminary Official Statement and then in collaboration with the city's attorney office and finance department they go through the document thoroughly before it's released.

Councilmember Dominguez asked what happens after the Preliminary Official Statement is

approved?

Moore responded that next week the city will be getting a bond rating. After that, the cities underwriter will take it to market, and it will become a Published Official Statement (no longer Preliminary). The underwriter will sell the Official Statement on October 25 and then the city will close on (or near) November 30, 2021.

Councilmember Cox asked what the state's role is in these funds and how we will pay the funds back?

Moore responded that the State determined that several road construction projects need additional funds to be completed. HB244 says for the next 15 years, starting in July, they will give us \$500,000 a year for transportation projects. The city will then use that \$500,000 to make a payment on the bond.

MOTION

Councilmember Hales moved to adopt the resolution. The motion was SECONDED by Councilmember Dominguez.

Council roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Abstentions: Councilmember Martinez

Motion passed 4-0

2. Consider an ordinance enacting Section 03.04.095 of the Murray City Municipal Code relating to provisions allowing for government or nonprofit utility payment assistance

Presentation: Brenda Moore, Director of Finance and Administration

Brenda Moore, Director of Finance and Administration requested a section be added to the City Code allowing for utility payment assistance. Multiple government agencies and nonprofit entities provide utility assistance for low-income households. The proposed ordinance modifications would enable the city to work with these organizations by authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement and allowing the finance director to waive the deposit requirements. The finance staff does not anticipate that waiving deposits occasionally would significantly increase utility write-offs.

MOTION

Councilmember Dominguez moved to adopt an ordinance. The motion was SECONDED by Councilmember Cox.

Council roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Abstentions: Councilmember Martinez

Motion passed 4-0

Mayor's Report

- Monday, October 11 the Annual Pumpkin Race will be held at 5:30 p.m. on the hill on Murray Park Lane.
- Monday, October 11 leave drop-off starts in Murray Park in the large parking lot west of the Parks office.
- There is currently a trend from a Tic-Toc Challenge that encourages kids to vandalize parks and public buildings. The city is increasing patrol in our parks and city buildings to prevent further and future vandalism.
- Salt Lake City will start to replace water lines on Vine Street from 13th East to Van Winkle starting next week.
- Equal Pay Program for utility billing will be recalculated during October and will be updated in the future billing cycle so there may be increase calls for staff and council if rates changed for citizens.

Council members shared their appreciation to the staff and audience.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Brooke Smith, City Recorder