

Murray City Municipal Council Chambers

Murray City, Utah

Tuesday, March 1st, 2022

The Murray City Municipal Council met on Tuesday, March 1st, 2022, 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
Pamela Cotter	District #2 – Conducting
Rosalba Dominguez	District #3
Diane Turner	District #4 - Excused
Garry Hrechkosy	District #5
Jennifer Kennedy	Council Director
Patti Johnson	Council Office Administrator III

Administrative Staff in Attendance:

Brett Hales	Mayor
Doug Hill	Chief Administrative Officer
Tammy Kikuchi	Chief Communication Officer
GL Critchfield	City Attorney
Laura Bown	Deputy City Recorder
Emily Barton	Controller
Kim Sorensen	Park and Recreation Director
Jennifer Stout	<i>future</i> City Treasurer
Phyllis Wall	Treasurer Clerk
John Pearson	Golf Professional
Joey Mittelman	Fire Chief
Danny Astill	Public Works Director
Jared Hall	Community Development Supervisor
Rob White	IT Director
Danny Hansen	Senior IT Technician

Others in Attendance:

Lawrence Horman	Kathy Stout	Wendell Coombs	Jonathan Oliver
Sue Liljegren	Ron Liljegren	Shaun Delliskave	

Opening Ceremonies

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

Pledge of Allegiance – The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Danny Hansen.

Approval of Minutes

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MOTION: Councilmember Dominguez moved to approve the minutes with one update to the “Others in Attendance” section. The motion was SECONDED by Councilmember Hrechkosy.

Council roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilmember Dominguez, Councilmember Hrechkosy, Councilmember Martinez, Councilmember Cotter

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Excused: Councilmember Turner

Motion passed 4-0

Special Recognition

1. Mayor Brett Hales' 2022 State of the City Address.

Presenting: Brett Hales, Mayor

Mayor Hales expressed his appreciation to the staff and the council. During the Address to the City he shared a few highlights and defining moments of the last year:

Your personal safety is always a top concern. The Police Department hired 12 new officers to help with the number of calls that grew by more than 25%. They still need a few more officers to be fully staffed.

Fire Department calls also increased 10% from the previous year. But thankfully, the crews were ready, having logged more than 7,000 hours in training. Fire also supported wildfire suppression efforts, traveling to three, out-of-state fires for 49

days in the past year.

The city has also been focused on the things that you hopefully take for granted. For instance, keeping the lights on. A storm blew through in July causing multiple outages for 6,000 Murray customers for up to eight hours. Everyone from line workers to office personnel pitched in to help restore power. Natural gas prices doubled during the summer, but Power ran turbines almost continually to generate power, saving more than \$1(m).

You may not realize that more than 100 miles of sewer line were cleaned. But you might know if such cleanings did not take place. Crews also replaced a mile-and-a-half of the damaged sidewalk. More than 5,000 tripping hazards were removed, and 724 potholes were filled.

During this current ongoing drought, we're very proud of our Murray residents who reduced their water use by more than 130-million gallons, which resulted in a \$600-thousand cost savings to residents.

Some of the other ways the city has tried to improve your life include:

- *Created an online container reservation system for 20-yard and 30-yard trailers and green waste containers.*
- *Referred hundreds of critically ill or aging customers to various assistance programs like HEAT or CAP for help with paying their bills.*
- *Provided drive-up window service at the library during COVID for convenient and efficient curbside service.*
- *Created a book bike in the park to provide an easy means of checking out and returning books.*
- *Replaced 5 pavilions at Murray Park, increasing capacity and improving the experience for patrons.*

There were also other efforts that are underway to make the city even better!

- *The old Murray Theater, with the help of Salt Lake County and the state legislature, is being restored and renovated.*
- *The Murray Mansion is getting a 'facelift' to include a new elevator and restroom.*
- *The City received a clean audit report which ensures that federal funds were spent correctly.*
- *Construction of the new City Hall is moving along with completion set for March 2023.*

What would this State of the City report be if it did not include some interesting tidbits of information?

- *The Murray Parkway Trail saw a record-breaking 276,448 people in 2021.*

- *There was an 11% decrease in the number of customer service calls to our Finance Department. But there were still more than 32,000.*
- *For decades, the basement of City Hall has collected old documents and supplies. Now, after more than 300 round trips to the basement, the extra items have been removed, much of it sold as surplus garnering \$8,044!*
- *Public information included 195 Public notices, 45 Public hearings, and monthly e-newsletters.*

A copy of the full State of the City address is posted on the city website in the “Latest from the Mayor” section:

<https://www.murray.utah.gov/DocumentCenter/View/12854/Mayors-Message-March-2022?bidId=>

Councilmembers thanked Mayor Hales for his report.

Citizen Comments

The meeting was open for public comment.

Lawrence Horman

Shared information about homeless issues and assist with the county’s Medical Vulnerable Housing Program.

Councilmember Dominguez read an email she received into the record from Brent Barnett- District 3

I don't have much time, but I just wanted to quickly mention something to you that goes to the heart of the difficulties the citizens have with city government. I hope we can talk more about it and brainstorm how things could be changed.

The city keeps doing the same thing over and over and not understanding that they are not connecting with the citizens.

The Design Guidelines on the agenda today are just this kind of thing. Instead of starting by talking with the citizens and figuring out what citizens would actually like, the staff develops this huge package and then brings it to the planning commission and city council in a so-called public hearing.

This is a huge part of getting a good downtown and yet the staff just does things without the citizens.

The project is just so far down the road that the citizens can't do anything about it. As we keep learning over and over, the planning commission and city council

just don't give you good interaction with the public.

This way of doing things is what people hate about the city.

The open house in the fall was a good start at doing things differently. The main problem was that it was so late in the process.

I don't know how we get everyone to see this more clearly. The city has been so cut off from the citizens for so long. We just need things to be presented to the citizens, so we get their views and ideas and participation.

These are just some rough thoughts. I hope we can talk about it later. I think there is a lot we could do and maybe we can help the mayor understand that if you want citizens to be involved you have to work at it.

Thanks for everything you do. I just want to support you in any way I can. Let me know what I could do to help.

No additional comments were given, and the open public comment period was closed.

Consent Agenda

- 1. Consider confirmation of the mayor's reappointment of Max Derrick to the Senior Recreation Center Advisory Board.**
- 2. Consider confirmation of the mayor's appointment of Ronald Liljegren to the Senior Recreation Center Advisory Board.**

Presenting: Mayor Hales

Mayor Hales introduced the two individuals on the consent agenda:

- Max Derrick is recommended for re-appointment on the Senior Recreation Center Advisory Board from February 2022 to January 2025.
- Ronald Liljergren is recommended for appointment on the Senior Recreation Center Advisory Board from February 2022 to January 2025. Liljergren will take the place of Edward Houston.

MOTION:

Councilmember Hrechkosy moved to approve the Consent Agenda Item one and two. The motion was SECONDED by Councilmember Dominguez.

Council roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilmember Dominguez, Councilmember Hrechkosy, Councilmember Martinez, Councilmember Cotter

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Excused: Councilmember Turner

Motion passed 4-0

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 appointing Laverne A. Snow to the South Salt Lake Valley Mosquito Abatement District Board.

Presentation: Kat Martinez, Council Chair

Resolution 22-06

Presentation

Kat Martinez introduced Laverne Snow. Snow will be appointed to the South Salt Lake Valley Mosquito Abatement District Board for a four-year term.

Citizen Comments

The public hearing was open for public comment.

No comments were given, and the public hearing was closed.

MOTION

Councilmember Dominguez moves to adopt the resolution. The motion was SECONDED by Councilmember Hrechkosy.

Council roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilmember Dominguez, Councilmember Hrechkosy, Councilmember Martinez, Councilmember Cotter

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Excused: Councilmember Turner

Motion passed 4-0

2. Consider an ordinance amending sections 12.28.030 AND 12.28.040 of the Murray City Municipal code related to golf course fees.

Presentation: Kim Sorensen, Parks and Recreation Director

Ordinance O22-09

Committee of the Whole Presentation on [February 15, 2022](#)

Presentation

Kim Sorensen shared the proposed changes are intended to amend sections 12.28.030 AND 12.28.040 of the Murray City Municipal codes related to golf course fees.

The staff has completed a fee survey of other golf courses that resemble our golf course and the changes requested tonight reflect the average of those golf courses. The increase tonight is approximately 12 percent to 15 percent on average with one exception. The Golf Cart rentals increase to 25 percent to pay for the cost of the new golf cards, maintenance, and electricity.

Citizen Comments

The public hearing was open for public comment.

No comments were given, and the public hearing was closed.

MOTION

Councilmember Hrechkosy moves to adopt an ordinance. The motion was SECONDED by Councilmember Martinez.

Council roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilmember Dominguez, Councilmember Hrechkosy, Councilmember Martinez, Councilmember Cotter

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Excused: Councilmember Turner

Motion passed 4-0

Business Item

1. Consider a resolution approving the mayor's appointment of Jennifer Stout as the City Treasurer.

Presentation: Mayor Brett A. Hales

Resolution Number: R22-07

Mayor Hales introduced Jennifer Stout as his appointed City Treasurer. Stout was selected from twelve highly qualified candidates by an interview committee and also interviewed by Mayor Hales. Mayor Hales believes she is fully capable and prepared to be the City Treasurer and will be a great addition to the Finance Staff.

MOTION: Councilmember Dominguez moved to adopt the resolution. The motion was SECONDED by Councilmember Martinez.

Council roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilmember Dominguez, Councilmember Hrechkosy, Councilmember Martinez, Councilmember Cotter.

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Excused: Councilmember Turner

Motion passed 4-0

Jennifer Stout was invited to the podium and said she has worked for Murray City for a year and is excited about this new opportunity. Stout introduced her parents and boyfriend who were present in the audience.

Laura Bown, Deputy City Recorder administered the Oath of Office to Jennifer Stout in a swearing-in ceremony.

Councilmembers congratulated Jennifer Stout on the promotion.

2. Consider a resolution approving a public entity resolution authorizing certain employees to access and transact with city Public Treasurer's Investment Fund (PTIF) accounts.

Presentation: Emily Barton

Resolution Number: R22-08

Emily Barton shared that the proposed resolution is required to allow City Treasurer, Jennifer Stout, and City Finance and Administration Director, Brenda Moore to access and transact with the city Public Treasurer's Investment Funds (PTIF) accounts.

The State treasurer requires that when a change is made to the authorized administrators of the City's PTIF investment account, the changes must be confirmed by the governing body through a resolution. We are changing the authorized individuals to Brenda Moore, and Jennifer Stout. Wendell Coombs was removed as an Administrator in January when he retired. The PTIF requires at least two individuals have this authority. To maintain

internal control the City Controller, who has no authority to transact business with the PTIF, reconciles the PTIF accounts monthly, and has read-only access to the PTIF accounts.

MOTION: Councilmember Dominguez moved to adopt the resolution. The motion was SECONDED by Councilmember Martinez.

Council roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilmember Dominguez, Councilmember Hrechkosy, Councilmember Martinez, Councilmember Cotter.

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Excused: Councilmember Turner

Motion passed 4-0

3. Consider an ordinance amending Chapter 2.68 of the Murray City Municipal Code relating to the Murray City Center District Design Review Committee.

Presentation: Danny Astill, Public Works Director, and Jared Hall, Community Development Supervisor

Ordinance Number: O22-10

Committee of the Whole – [March 1, 2022 \(same day\)](#)

Jared Hall shared the purpose of the proposed changes tonight is intended to amend Chapter 2.68 of the Murray City Municipal Code relating to the Murray City Center District Design Review Committee.

Applications for development in the Murray City Center District zone (MCCD) must be approved by the Planning Commission. Before they can be reviewed by the Planning Commission, they must be reviewed by the Murray City Center District Design Review Committee (MCCD DRC). Changes to the MCCD Zone as in Chapter 17.170 of the Land Use Ordinance have been made which include a re-naming of the MCCD DRC. It is now referred to as the "Murray City Center District Review Committee". The Committee is established in Chapter 2.68 of the Murray Municipal Code. The amendment proposed here is simply to rename the Committee in Chapter 2.68 as well. Through most of the chapter, it is simply noted as "the committee". Two references need to be changed and are noted in strikeout on the attachment.

Hrechkosy asked for clarification on the committee meeting annually, instead of quarterly.

Hall clarified that they would hold meetings as applications come in.

MOTION: Councilmember Dominguez moved to adopt the resolution with the meetings being held quarterly. The motion was SECONDED by Councilmember Hrechkosy.

Council roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilmember Dominguez, Councilmember Hrechkosy, Councilmember Martinez, Councilmember Cotter.

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Excused: Councilmember Turner

Motion passed 4-0

4. Consider a resolution approving the City Council's appointment of representatives to Boards and Committees.

Presentation: Kat Martinez

Resolution Number: R22-09

Previous City Council Discussion: [January 4, 2022](#), continued to Committee of the Whole on [January 18, 2022](#).

Councilmember Martinez shared the purpose of the request is to appoint a City Council member to the Capital Improvement Program.

On January 18, 2022, the council met during the Committee of the Whole meeting and appointed:

- 1) Councilmember Diane Turner to the Association of Municipal Councils.
- 2) Councilmember Pam Cotter to the Capital Improvement Program.
- 3) Councilmember Rosalba Dominguez to the Utah League of Cities and Towns Legislative Policy Committee.
- 4) Councilmember Pam Cotter to the Chamber of Commerce Board.

At the time, Council seat 5 was vacant and they wanted to wait until that position was filled to finalize the appointments. Councilmember Martinez shared the nomination of Garry Hrechkosy to fill the second seat as the Capital Improvement Program Committee member.

MOTION: Councilmember Dominguez moved to adopt the resolution. The motion was SECONDED by Councilmember Cotter.

Council roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilmember Dominguez, Councilmember Martinez, Councilmember Cotter

Nays: None

Abstentions: Councilmember Hrechkosy

Excused: Councilmember Turner

Motion passed 3-0

Councilmembers congratulated Garry Hrechkosy on the appointment.

Mayor's Report and Questions

Mayor Hales shared the following announcements:

- Jared Hall was announced as the new Community and Economic Development Director. He is replacing Melinda Greenwood who left back in December.

Council members shared thanks to the presenters and staff.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.



Brooke Smith, City Recorder

