# Murray City Municipal Council Chambers
# Murray City, Utah

# Tuesday, July 19, 2022

The Murray City Municipal Council met on Tuesday, July 19th, 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:

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| Kat Martinez | District #1- Conducting |
| Pamela Cotter | District #2 |
| Rosalba Dominguez | District #3 |
| Diane Turner | District #4 |
| Garry Hrechkosy | District #5 |
| Jennifer Kennedy | Council Director |
| Patti Johnson | Council Office Administrator III |

## Administrative Staff in Attendance:

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| Brett Hales | Mayor |
| Doug Hill | Chief Administrative Officer |
| Tammy Kikuchi | Chief Communication Officer |
| GL Critchfield | City Attorney |
| Brooke Smith | City Recorder |
| Craig Burnett | Police Chief |
| Kristin Reardon | Police Records Supervisor |
| Joey Mittelman | Fire Chief |
| Jeff Puls | Fire Marshal |
| Steven Roberson | Deputy Fire Marshal |
| Jared Hall | Community and Economic Development Director |
| Russ Kakala | Interim Public Works Director |
| Lynn Potter | Storm Water Supervisor |
| Corey Hogan | Leadworker |
| Chris Hale | Maintenance Worker |
| Fred Benson | Leadworker |

| Kim Sorensen | Parks & Recreation Director |
| Kim Fong | Library Director |
| Rob White | IT Director |
| Camron Kollman | Library IT Technician |

**Others in Attendance:**

| Katie Gardner | Loran Pasalich | Lawrence Horman | Rachel Morat |
| Josh Hill | Maryn Murdock | Mathew Murdock | Sara Neal |
| Brent B. | Doug R. | | |

**Opening Ceremonies**

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

The audience was invited to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Minutes**

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**MOTION:**

Councilmember Cotter moved to approve the minutes. The motion was SECONDED by Councilmember Dominguez.

*Council roll call vote:*

*Ayes: Councilmember Cotter, Councilmember Dominguez, Councilmember Turner, Councilmember Hrechkosy, Councilmember Martinez.*
*Nays: None*
*Abstentions: None*

*Motion passed 5-0*

**Special Recognition**

1. **Murray City Council Employee of the Month, Joshua Wadsworth, Patrol Officer.**

   Presenting: Councilmember Kat Martinez and Chief Craig Burnett

   Chief Burnett introduced Officer Joshua Wadsworth as July 2022 Employee of the Month. Officer Wadsworth has been a police officer for Murray City for three and a half years.

On May 31, 2022, Officer Wadsworth responded to a call where a male was in crisis and after having cut his face and arms with a knife, sat on the railing of the 4th-floor balcony of an apartment building. Wadsworth attempted to de-escalate the male. While the girlfriend of the male stood next to him. The male intentionally dropped himself backward off the balcony railing and began to fall. As the male's girlfriend held onto his arm, Wadsworth quickly and calmly reacted to his action and was able to grab onto his legs, preventing him from falling to the ground below.

After calling for responding officers to expedite, Officer Wadsworth pulled the male by his feet back over the railing and successfully saved the male from his suicide attempt. Once the male was back on the balcony Wadsworth calmly and compassionately talked with him about his crisis and ensured that he received the needed mental health care.

Councilmembers and the Mayor thanked Officer Wadsworth for his service, and they appreciate him being a part of Murray City.

Officer Wadsworth thanked the Mayor and Councilmembers for the recognition.  He has enjoyed the career and the opportunities he had as he served the community.

## Citizen Comments

The meeting was open for public comment.

Sarah Neal

Murray resident for twelve (12) years and shared her appreciation for the Vine Street project being worked on.

Lawrence Horman

Shared information about homeless issues.

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

## Consent Agenda

None scheduled.

## Public Hearings

None scheduled.

**Business Item**

1. **Election of a City Council Member to serve as Budget and Finance Committee Vice-Chair for the remainder of the calendar year 2022.**

   Presenting: Kat Martinez, Councilmember chair

   Councilmember Martinez shared that due to a vacancy in the position of Budget and Finance Committee, the council will need to elect a City Council Member to serve as Budget and Finance Committee Vice-Chair for the remainder of the calendar year 2022.

   **MOTION:**

   Councilmember Dominguez moves to nominated councilmember Hrechkosy to the Vice Chair position for the Budget and Finance Committee. The motion was SECONDED by Councilmember Turner.

   > *Council roll call vote:*
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   > *Ayes: Councilmember Cotter, Councilmember Dominguez, Councilmember Turner, Councilmember Hrechkosy, Councilmember Martinez.*
   > *Nays: None*
   > *Abstentions: None*
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   > *Motion passed 5-0*

2. **Consider a resolution providing advice and consent to the Mayor's appointment of Russ Kakala as the City's Public Works Department Director.**

   Presenting: Mayor Hales

   Mayor Hales introduced Russ Kakala to the Council and requested Russ Kakala be appointed as the new Public Works Department Director for Murray City. Mayor Hales shared that Russ Kakala has worked for Murray City Public Works Division for 34 years.

   **MOTION**

   Councilmember Cotter moves to appoint Russ Kakala as the City's Public Work Director. The motion was SECONDED by Councilmember Dominguez.

   > *Council roll call vote:*
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   > *Ayes: Councilmember Cotter, Councilmember Dominguez, Councilmember Turner, Councilmember Hrechkosy, Councilmember Martinez.*

*Nays: None*
*Abstentions: None*

*Motion passed 5-0*

Russ Kakala was invited to the podium. Russ Kakala introduced his family members and thanked the council and mayor for the opportunity.

Brooke Smith, City Recorder invited Russ Kakala to repeat the oath of office.

Councilmembers shared their congratulations and they look forward to seeing what Russ Kakala will do.

## Mayor's Report and Questions

Mayor Hales thanked the council for their hard work.

## Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

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Brooke Smith, City Recorder