

**MURRAY CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL  
COUNCIL MEETING**

Minutes of Tuesday, June 18, 2024  
Murray City Hall, 10 East 4800 South, Council Chambers, Murray, Utah 84107

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**Attendance:**

Council Members:

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| Pam Cotter   | District #2 – Council Chair      |
| Diane Turner | District #4                      |
| Adam Hock    | District #5 – Council Vice-Chair |

Others:

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| Brett Hales           | Mayor                        | Jennifer Kennedy | Council Executive Director |
| G.L. Critchfield      | City Attorney                | Pattie Johnson   | Council Administration     |
| Doug Hill             | Chief Administrative Officer | Calvin Atchley   | Records Officer            |
| Brooke Smith          | City Recorder                | Brenda Moore     | Finance Director           |
| Phil Markham          | CED Director                 | Zac Smallwood    | CED Planning Manager       |
| David Rodgers         | City Planner                 | Wendy Saunders   | Passports                  |
| Citizens and Visitors |                              |                  |                            |

Excused:

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| Paul Pickett      | District #1 |
| Rosalba Dominguez | District #3 |

**Call to Order:** 6:30 p.m. – Council Member Diane Turner

**Approval of Minutes:** Council Meeting – May 21, 2024

**MOTION:** Mr. Hock moved to approve, and Ms. Cotter SECONDED the motion.  
Voice vote taken, all “Ayes.” Approved 3-0

**Special Recognition: Murray City Employee of the Month, Calvin Atchley, Records Officer.**

Presentation: Mayor Hales, Ms. Turner and City Recorder Brooke Smith presented Calvin Atchley with a certificate, a \$50 gift card and commended him for all he does as the City’s Records Officer.

**Citizen Comments:**

Delynn Barney – Murray Resident

Mr. Barney thanked the Council, Mayor Hales and City staff for a nice Centennial Celebration on June 15, 2024, and congratulated Calvin Atchley for receiving the Employee of the Month award.

Lacey Parker – Murray Resident

Ms. Parker raised concerns about cars speeding out of the parking lot that is located near the Murray Park toddler playground. She suggested planting trees in the parking lot for shade and installing raised solar panels to provide shade and energy for the park. She then requested recycling bins in the public lobby of City Hall.

**Consent Agenda:**

- **Confirmation of the Mayor’s appointment of Alex Motro to the Shade Tree Commission for a term beginning June 30, 2024 through June 30, 2027.** Mayor Hales said Alex Motro was very qualified to serve on the Shade Tree Commission and requested approval from the Council.

**MOTION:** Ms. Cotter moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Hock SECONDED the motion.

**Council Roll Call Vote:**

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| Mr. Hock | Aye |
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Ms. Cotter      Aye  
Ms. Turner      Aye  
Motion passed: 3-0

**Public Hearings:**

1. **An ordinance relating to land use; amends the General Plan from General Commercial to High Density Residential and amends the Zoning Map from C-D (Commercial Development) to R-M-20 (Multiple Family High Density Residential) for the property located at 5425 South Vine Street, Murray City.** City Planner Zac Smallwood discussed the rezone request, shared an ariel map, reviewed the Future Land Use map and noted reasons that the General Commercial zone was no longer fitting for the property. He outlined permitted uses related to High Density Residential and standards of the R-M-20 stating that the R-M-20 is largely meant for residential use. He said the Planning Commission voted 7-0 to forward a recommendation of approval for both applications on May 2, 2024, where no public comments were made and staff fully supported the requests to amend both the General Plan and the Zoning Map. Applicant Mr. Reynolds, of Brad Reynolds Construction said he was happy to build another project in Murray, where his previous projects have sold out successfully. He believed the proposed project will address a real need for quality affordable housing in Murray, improve the lot, and transition well with the surrounding area.

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

**MOTION:** Ms. Cotter moved to adopt the ordinance. Mr. Hock SECONDED the motion and expressed concerns related to the continuous practice of flipping commercial properties to residential. He said the project was a good development but felt caution should be exercised in preserving commercial areas in the City.

**Council Roll Call Vote:**

Mr. Hock              Aye  
Ms. Cotter            Aye  
Ms. Turner            Aye  
Motion passed:    3-0

2. **An ordinance amending the City's Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget.** Finance Director Brenda Moore reviewed financial transactions to amend and cleanup the current budget. In the GF (General Fund), Interest Revenue of \$243,000 would be used to offset expenses not covered by grant funding. The allocation would cover a retirement payout of \$19,000 in the Planning and Zoning division, software and equipment maintenance purchases totaling \$174,000 in Information Technology; and in the Streets division \$50,000 for plow blades and other equipment. A \$9,000 increase would occur in the Justice Court budget to pay for salaries and benefits. Other grant money of \$7,145 would be used to purchase fire equipment; and a transfer of \$20,000 would be made from the Personnel account to the Professional Services account in the Prosecution division. The GF would also receive a total of \$105,000 in grant money for water conservation grants to flip some of the City's non-essential turf to water wise vegetation.

In the Capital Project Fund, \$695,000 would be appropriated for police vehicles, equipment and accessories. Ms. Moore explained that two sets of cars were received last year instead of one due to a back-order issue and the original delivery time getting pushed back to April 2023.

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

**MOTION:** Mr. Hock moved to adopt the ordinance. Ms. Cotter SECONDED the motion.

**Council Roll Call Vote:**

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| Mr. Hock       | Aye |
| Ms. Cotter     | Aye |
| Ms. Turner     | Aye |
| Motion passed: | 3-0 |

**Mayor's Report and Questions**

Mayor Hales thanked citizens for making comments in a kind and polite manner and confirmed that recycling bins would be placed in the lobby of City Hall. He said there was a great turnout for the June 15, 2024 Centennial Celebration expressing gratitude to all City staff involved for a job well done.

**Adjournment:** 7:09 p.m.

**Pattie Johnson**  
**Council Office Administrator III**