

**MURRAY CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING**

Minutes of Tuesday, July 23, 2024

Murray City Hall, 10 East 4800 South, Council Chambers, Murray, Utah 84107

Attendance:

Council Members:

Paul Pickett	District #1
Pam Cotter	District #2 – Council Chair
Rosalba Dominguez	District #3
Diane Turner	District #4
Adam Hock	District #5 – Council Vice-Chair

Others:

Brett Hales	Mayor	Jennifer Kennedy	City Council Executive Director
Doug Hill	Chief Administrative Officer	Pattie Johnson	Council Administration
Ben Gray	IT	Laura Bown	Deputy Recorder
Phil Markham	CED Director	Joey Mittelman	Fire Chief
Elvon Farrell	Economic Development Specialist	Stacey Hansen	Miss Murray
Anthony Semone	NeighborWorks	Lindsey Smith	Miss Murray Competition
Bill Wright	Murray Ballet Center	Adelaide Disch	Murray Farmers Market
Susan Write	Murray Ballet Center	Amanda Hughes	CEO Murray Boys & Girls Club
Michelle Willis	Murray Symphony	Bob Dunn	Murray Boys & Boys Club
Chad Davis	Murray Symphony	Bill Marsh	Murray Concert Band
Sheri VanBibber	MYCC/Murray Exchange	Robert Murreall	Murray Boys & Girls Club
Dorie Olds	Murray Chamber of Commerce	Michelle Armstrong	Murray Ballet Center
Kathy While	Murray Chamber of Commerce	Charmon Henderson	Murray Chamber of Commerce
Mike Henderson	Murray Chamber of Commerce	Jeannette Bowen	Murray Education Foundation
Citizens			

Call to Order: 5:00 p.m. – Council Member Adam Hock

Citizen Comments: None.

Public Hearings: City Council Executive Director Jennifer Kennedy presenting:

- 1. Consider a resolution authorizing donations of nonmonetary assistance to or waiving fees for local nonprofit entities.** Ms. Kennedy said organizations requesting nonmonetary donations and fee waivers were Utah Community Forest Council, Murray Parkway 8-Man Senior Team, the American Legion Department of Utah, Murray Education Foundation, the Murray Exchange Club, Murray Babe Ruth Baseball and the Utah Farm Bureau Federation.

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

MOTION: Ms. Dominguez moved to approve the resolution. Ms. Turner SECONDED the motion.

Council Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Pickett	Aye
Ms. Cotter	Aye
Ms. Dominguez	Aye
Ms. Turner	Aye

Mr. Hock Aye
Motion passed: 5-0

Mr. Hock said before moving to the next item, he would entertain any other motions from the Council:

MOTION: Ms. Turner moved to adjust the agenda, by moving item number six, a presentation from the Miss Murray organization, up to item number two on the agenda. Ms. Cotter SECONDED the motion. A voice vote was taken. All “Ayes” 5-0.

MOTION: Mr. Pickett moved to adjust the agenda, by combining the Ballet Center of Utah, Murray Symphony, Murray Concert Band, Utah Farm Bureau and the Boys and Girls Club donation requests, as one public hearing item. Ms. Dominguez SECONDED the motion. A voice vote was taken. All “Ayes” 5-0.

- 2. Consider a resolution approving the appropriation of money for corporate purposes based on findings pursuant to Section 10-8-2 of the Utah Code for the Miss Murray Scholarship Organization.** Director Lindsay Smith of the Miss Murray Scholarship Organization explained how the program helps young women build life skills and prepare for competitions. She reviewed a year of service for a reigning Miss Murray, explained how women can prepare for the Miss Utah competition, noted scholarships totaling approximately \$6,500, shared operational costs and budget needs, and expressed hope for a future generation of women in community.

Mr. Pickett expressed admiration for what the pageant does for women. Ms. Cotter shared budgetary concerns regarding the City facing a future tax revenue reduction in 2030 and discussed the importance of fundraising, noting that no fundraising information was provided. Ms. Smith said fundraising money came from the pageant tickets sales and the summer camp program which came in after she submitted the application, reporting that only a few hundred dollars was raised. Ms. Turner expressed full support and appreciated how all the women represented Murray in a professional manner. Mr. Hock asked if space was donated for workshops. Ms. Smith said she had rented space and also had it donated in the past. Mr. Pickett asked about future efforts to fundraise. Ms. Smith agreed to be more creative in the future.

The public hearing was open for public comments:

Ashlyn Talcott – Murray Resident: Ms. Talcott shared that after moving to Murray a year ago she faced her fears and decided to compete for Miss Murray. From the pageant experience she gained many new friendships, learned about community focus and involvement and gained professional development that changed her life.

Stacey Hansen Van Roosendaal – Draper City, Utah: Ms. Roosendaal said her desire to change the world started in 1998 when she met Miss Murray Jenny Jones who visited her second-grade class encouraging young girls to succeed. After three attempts she won the Miss Murray pageant where her platform “Pay It Forward” also encouraged children to serve and love. The opportunity led her to public speaking, setting goals and dreams, and becoming a mother and a business owner employing two women. She attributed her success to the mentorship of the late Lisa Lloyd and believed new Director Smith would fill her shoes beautifully. She said lives are changed even when the crown is not won and added that all fundraising goes towards the platform of a contestant.

Amanda Hughes - Murray Resident: CEO of the Boys and Girls Club, Ms. Hughes expressed support for the Miss Murray Pageant saying that their values align with those of the Boys and Girls Club. She understood the struggles of non-profit agencies and the need for rental space. She offered to

collaborate with the Miss Murray organization, by offering the Boys and Girls Club facility for future workshops when needed.

Camilla Larsen – Salt Lake City Resident: Miss Murray’s Judge Chairperson, Ms. Larsen said the organization has a vast impact on the community. She explained that each contestant’s social initiative allows them to visit and speak to Murray citizens about bettering the community. She said it was incredible that all 10 contestants this year were focused on communities because of their love for Murray City, even without having won the crown.

Laura Bowers – Murray Resident: As the mother of the current Little Miss Murray, Ms. Bowers expressed emotional gratitude for the fantastic program. She said the organization changed her little girl who once struggled with high anxiety but has now grown in confidence and is more outgoing. Ms. Bowers looked forward to watching her child grow and learn more in the coming year as she will help her classmates and others in the community. Ms. Bowers expressed appreciation to Director Smith for the Little Miss Summer Camp program that she believed helped her daughter better herself.

Allysa Sullivan – Miss Murray 2024: Ms. Sullivan said at age 12 she met the reigning Miss Murray who inspired her to be more confident, brave, kind and caring. Looking back she felt extreme gratitude because she was able to accomplish those things, even though she did not win the pageant during high school. Those attributes helped her to become her better self, and she returned to compete again winning the crown. She said the program truly helps to change the lives of women and the community as young women work to better themselves.

The public hearing was closed.

MOTION: Ms. Dominguez moved to approve the resolution. Ms. Turner SECONDED the motion.

Council Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Pickett	Aye
Ms. Cotter	Nay
Ms. Dominguez	Aye
Ms. Turner	Aye
Mr. Hock	Aye
Motion passed:	4-1

3. Public hearings combined. Mr. Hock clarified the amended agenda by saying the Council would consider resolutions for the Murray Symphony, the Murray City Concert Band, Ballet Center of Utah, Utah Farm Bureau and the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Salt Lake, as one combined public hearing.

- **Consider a resolution approving the appropriation of money for corporate purposes based on findings pursuant to Section 10-8-2 of the Utah Code for the Murray Symphony.**
- **Consider a resolution approving the appropriation of money for corporate purposes based on findings pursuant to Section 10-8-2 of the Utah Code for the Murray Concert Band.**
- **Consider a resolution approving the appropriation of money for corporate purposes based on findings pursuant to Section 10-8-2 of the Utah Code for Ballet Center Utah.**
- **Consider a resolution approving the appropriation of money for corporate purposes based on findings pursuant to Section 10-8-2 of the Utah Code for the Utah Farm Bureau.**

- **Consider a resolution approving the appropriation of money for corporate purposes based on findings pursuant to Section 10-8-2 of the Utah Code for the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Salt Lake.**

Each representative proceeded to give a detailed presentation sharing information regarding vision and purpose, staff information, volunteer and community involvement, function related to community outreach, service and responsibility, total budget income and expenses, and various needs and fund-raising efforts. Upcoming and ongoing community events, projects and productions were shared.

Mr. Hock called for discussion on the requests.

Ms. Turner asked CEO and President of the Murray Boys and Girls Club Ms. Hughes to provide a staffing document that reflected the wage amount of each staff member. Ms. Hughes agreed to send that information to Ms. Kennedy.

Mr. Pickett asked why the Boys and Girls Club was no longer called the Murray Boys and Girls Club on the organization's website. Ms. Hughes said a capital campaign was conducted in 2017 to raise funding for expanding the facility, which also came with a naming opportunity. The Miller family submitted funding so the official name was changed to the Miller Family Boys and Girls Club. She said they were open to finding other ways to better recognize Murray's support through visibility or signage or possibly call it the Murray campus or the Murray Club. She noted that on the local level the club is still affectionately called the Murray Boys and Girls Club, and that Murray City had been their longest financial supporter.

The public hearing was open for public comments:

Bob Dunn – Murray Resident: Mr. Dunn said he worked for the Murray Boys and Girls Club for 40 years and during that time the annual budget was between \$12,000 and \$18,000; and for the past six years he has been a volunteer. He expressed appreciation to the Council for years of support and shared about new programing and technology that makes a difference in teaching today's youth.

Chad Davis – Murray Symphony Board President: Mr. Davis expressed enthusiasm for Murray's arts programing saying he played the tuba for 40 years. He said Murray is a unique community in Utah by having a ballet group, orchestra and band, and ongoing musical and theatrical performances. All of the arts programs supported by the City are what make Murray a gem of all Utah cities, because volunteers serve out of love to make Murray better. Murray Symphony fundraising efforts are in connection with the American Association of Orchestras where sponsorship opportunities allow the symphony to give back to the community.

Sheri VanBibber – Murray Resident: Ms. VanBibber said she helped at the Boys and Girls Club for 10 years, developing lasting relationships with the kids. The club is a big family with great impact even after children grow up and leave the club they are still connected to Murray. The Murray Youth City Council stemmed from kids showing interest in Council affairs, many have learned about operating a business, and others have gone on to have successful jobs. She expressed appreciation to the Council for their support.

Robert Morrell – Salt Lake City Resident: Mr. Morrell said he is a grant writer for the Boys and Girls Clubs. He shared about growing up in the Kiwanis after school program, being a Boy Scout and being raised by a single mom with health problems. He had fond memories of playing ball at Murray Ken Price stadium as a child, noting improvements to the area. He addressed Ms. Cotters concerns related to

possible funding restrictions in 2030 by saying that he believes when young people and the community are inspired and empowered, they return to those cities and people who inspired them.

The public hearing was closed.

MOTION: Ms. Dominguez moved to approve all of the resolutions. Mr. Pickett SECONDED the motion.

Council Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Pickett	Aye
Ms. Cotter	Aye
Ms. Dominguez	Aye
Ms. Turner	Aye
Mr. Hock	Aye
Motion passed:	5-0

4. Consider a resolution approving the appropriation of money for corporate purposes based on findings pursuant to Section 10-8-2 of the Utah Code for the Murray Chamber of Commerce.

President Kathy White explained how the chamber networks, educates and bridges gaps between government, businesses, community, and education. She shared the vision and spoke about why a chamber is essential for a city, why funding is important, the benefits of a chamber and noted other cities that network with the Murray Chamber. An outline of current projects and goals were explained related to membership, policy and bylaws, classes, social events and trips, partnerships, and internships. Future goals and plans were noted.

Ms. White discussed weekly duties of chamber volunteers, current membership statistics and community feedback about the organization. The financial request of \$60,000 includes an allocation of \$5,000 for the Murray Youth City Council. She explained how funding would be invested to support the Chamber's initiatives and services and the benefits of each allocation. Questions from former Council Member Garry Hrechkosy, Ms. Cotter and Ms. Turner were reviewed along with explanatory answers.

Ms. Turner said having a city chamber of commerce was one more part of having independence. Ms. Dominguez expressed gratitude for great leadership, cohort and hard work. Mr. Pickett asked how the chamber measures a successful year. Ms. White said membership totals help measure success where the goal to increase memberships by 10% was already reached. Mr. Gibbons said success is also measured when a plethora of members provide feedback about how the chamber has helped to increase business success significantly. Ms. Cotter asked if any grant funding was received this year. Ms. White explained there was no success in that because their grant writer moved away abruptly.

Ms. Cotter continued with several questions about the entrepreneurial program, how the Chamber benefits Murray residents, and noted membership totals by highlighting that only five of the 361 new businesses have joined since 2023. She asked why only two board members live in Murray, why Murray business owners are not on the board and if past board members resigned due to burnout. Ms. White explained they have tried to get local board members, but people aren't interested. She did not know why others stepped down.

The public hearing was open for public comments:

Mike Henderson – Sandy Utah: Mr. Henderson said as a current Ambassador for the Murray Chamber he learned to free up 10 hours of work and improve his business after joining the Murray Chamber and attending a community referral class. The quality of people who serve with him on the Murray Chamber

Board are outstanding; and the positive changes made to the Chamber in the past three years have been drastic. He shared that Mr. Gibbons puts in great time and effort for a rather low paycheck agreeing that burnout can happen, but benefits are worthwhile. He felt with the changes made and the current leadership, the Murray Chamber will become the top Chamber in the State.

Dorie Olds – Murray business owner: Ms. Olds said as a Chamber member she has watched the Chamber grow and change for the better since 2018. In 2020 she received help during the pandemic when businesses were shutting down but Murray Chamber members were learning how to stay open and in business. She appreciated experts in the community who have saved her thousands of dollars by teaching the entrepreneurial training that was valuable to her.

The public hearing was closed.

MOTION: Ms. Dominguez moved to approve the resolution, with an amendment stating that the Murray Chamber should always invite separately the Murray City Council and the administration to any and all events including the golf tournament and the gala. Ms. Turner SECONDED the motion.

Mr. Pickett expressed concern with the level of funding. Ms. Cotter reiterated concerns about budget challenges coming in 2030 and encouraged all non-profit agencies to seek grant funding and increase fundraising efforts.

Council Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Pickett	Aye
Ms. Cotter	Aye
Ms. Dominguez	Aye
Ms. Turner	Aye
Mr. Hock	Aye
Motion passed:	5-0

Business Item:

- **Consider an ordinance establishing a temporary land use regulation pursuant to Utah Code Annotated Section 10-9A-504 relating to short term rentals. G.L. Critchfield presenting.** City Attorney G.L. Critchfield and CED Director Phil Markham explained that the City previously discussed short-term rentals and the impact they have on the City. Mr. Critchfield said that a proposed ordinance was drafted in 2021, it was ultimately tabled and the City has taken a position that short-term rentals are not allowed in Murray ever since.

Mr. Critchfield said the courts have defined single-family residential housing as a place where only one family can live, but the definition does not indicate how long a family can stay there. For this reason staff would like the ability to take some time to draft an ordinance with Council direction. A new ordinance would define whether the City either wants to prohibit short-term rentals or allow them.

Because short-term rentals are unregulated, the proposed ordinance places a six-month moratorium on short-term rentals in the City, serving as a temporary regulation to freeze such rentals. This would give staff time to bring an actual Code forward for Council consideration.

Ms. Dominguez asked if existing short-term rentals and Airbnb throughout the City would be held in violation. Mr. Critchfield said right now they are not in violation but could be in the future depending

on what direction the City takes.

MOTION: Ms. Cotter moved to approve the ordinance, Mr. Pickett SECONDED the motion.

Council Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Pickett	Aye
Ms. Cotter	Aye
Ms. Dominguez	Aye
Ms. Turner	Aye
Mr. Hock	Aye
Motion passed:	5-0

Mayor's Report and Questions: Mayor Hales said the Murray Firefighters who assisted with wildfires in the south returned home safely and three more were deployed to fight other wildfires in Oregon. The Murray Park Farmers Market would start this weekend.

Adjournment: 7:44 p.m.

Pattie Johnson
Council Office Administrator III