

# **Murray City Municipal Council Chambers Murray City, Utah**

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The Municipal Council of Murray City, Utah, met on Tuesday, the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2017 at 6:30 p.m., for a meeting held in the Murray City Council Chambers, 5025 South State Street, Murray, Utah.

The meeting was conducted by Diane Turner

Council Members Present:

Dave Nicponski, Council District 1  
Blair Camp, Council District 2  
Jim Brass, Council District 3  
Diane Turner, Council District 4/Council Chair  
Brett Hales, Council District 5

City Staff Present:

Ted Eyre, Mayor  
Jennifer Kennedy, City Recorder  
Frank Nakamura, City Attorney  
Janet Lopez, Council Administrator  
Janet Towers, Executive Assistant to the Mayor  
Craig Burnett, Police Chief  
Joe Tarver, Deputy Police Chief  
Gil Rodriguez, Fire Chief  
Mike Dykman, Assistant Chief/Fire Marshal  
Chad Pascua, Battalion Chief  
Doug Hill, Public Services Director  
Danny Astill, Water Superintendent  
Justin Zollinger, Finance Director  
Brenda Moore, Controller  
JoAnn Miller, Payroll Coordinator  
Tim Tingey, Administrative and Development Services Director  
Blaine Haacke, Power Department General Manager  
Mike Terry, Human Resources Director

Ms. Turner called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**5. Opening Ceremonies**

**5.1 Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jared Woodland.

**5.2 Approval of Minutes**

**5.2.1 Council Meeting – April 4, 2017**

MOTION: Mr. Brass moved to approve the minutes with changes. The motion was SECONDED by Mr. Hales. Voice vote taken, all “ayes.”

**5.3 Special Recognition**

Ms. Turner asked the scouts in attendance to introduce themselves and state their troop number and the badge they are working on.

**5.3.1 Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.**

Staff Presentation: Mayor Ted Eyre

Mayor Eyre said the city’s Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for fiscal year 2016 has qualified for this Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association. He congratulated Justin Zollinger, Finance Director and his staff on this achievement. Mr. Zollinger introduced his staff.

**5.3.2 Swearing in new Murray City Police Officer, Brandon Hoyne.**

Staff Presentation: Craig Burnett, Police Chief

Chief Burnett introduced Mr. Hoyne. The swearing-in ceremony was conducted by Jennifer Kennedy and Mr. Hoyne introduced his family.

**5.3.3 Presentation of the Murray Heritage Award.**

Staff Presentation: Syanna Madsen, History Advisory Board Chair

Ms. Madsen gave an update of some of the projects the History Advisory Board has done over the past year. She said she was here tonight to present the Murray Heritage Award to Bunny Ankeny who is a former employee of Murray City.

Ms. Ankeny began working in the Murray City Museum in August of 2006, becoming a key history resource for Murray City. Ms. Ankeny took on the

task of maintaining an extensive collection of artifacts, photos and other documents while providing assistance to many individuals across the country who were seeking information related to their family history. For ten years, Ms. Ankney organized school tours, transcribed oral histories, helped create new exhibits and provided the base work for new listening stations and a walking tour mobile app.

Ms. Madsen thanked Ms. Ankney for sharing her expertise and positive attitude as she served the Murray community. Ms. Madsen presented Ms. Ankeny with a certificate.

Ms. Ankney said her job meant a lot to her and she misses it. She introduced her friends and family.

**5.3.4 Consider a Joint Resolution of the Mayor and Municipal Council of Murray City, Utah to designate and support Emergency Medical Services Week.**

Staff Presentation: Mayor Ted Eyre

MOTION: Mr. Brass moved to adopt the Joint Resolution. The motion was SECONDED by Mr. Camp.

Council roll call vote:

Mr. Hales	Aye
Mr. Nicponski	Aye
Mr. Camp	Aye
Mr. Brass	Aye
Ms. Turner	Aye

Motion passed 5-0

Mayor Eyre read the Joint Resolution and presented it to Mike Dykman, Assistant Chief/Fire Marshal

Mr. Dykman said Emergency Medical Services (EMS) are important to the community and none of this would happen without the support of the Mayor and the Council. He introduced Chad Pascua, Battalion Chief.

Mr. Pascua went over some of the highlights the Fire Department had over the past year which included hiring a new medical director, Dr. Adam Balls, and refurbishing one of their ambulances. He said that he believes Murray City provides some of the top EMS services in the state. The EMS responders are well trained and show compassion to the people they serve.

Mr. Nicponski asked Mr. Pascua how much the Fire Department saved by

refurbishing their ambulance instead of purchasing a new one.

Mr. Pascua replied he did not know the exact figure but believed it was around \$50,000.

Mr. Camp commented on how the EMS and fire service has evolved over the years. He remembers when all the firefighters were trained in basic first aid and there were a few emergency medical technicians. It has now evolved to a first rate emergency medicine program. He admires the fire service for adapting to the changes over the years.

Mr. Pascua introduced Dr. Adam Balls.

Dr. Balls spoke about his experience in the medical field. He stated the Murray City Fire Department provides the best care to the citizens of Murray.

6. **Citizen Comments** (Comments are limited to 3 minutes unless otherwise approved by the Council.)

No citizen comments were given.

7. **Consent Agenda**  
7.1 **None scheduled.**

8. **Public Hearings**  
8.1 **Public Hearing #1**

**8.1.1 Staff and sponsor presentations and public comment will be given prior to Council action on the following matter:**

**Consider an ordinance amending the City's Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget.**

Staff Presentation: Justin Zollinger, Finance Director

Mr. Zollinger went over the following budget amendments:

Increase the General Fund by \$30,000 as revenue from sales tax and appropriate \$30,000 to fund increased costs for Utah State Medicare transport assessments.

Transfer \$500,000 from the Capital Projects Fund in the Fire Department to the Capital Projects Transfers.

Transfer \$500,000 from the Capital Projects Fund to the Redevelopment Agency Fund and appropriate \$500,000 for UTA property acquisition.

Increase the General Fund by \$7,500 as revenue from sales tax and appropriate \$7,500 to be used to join the State Trust Fund for fallen Police Officers in the line of duty.

Increase the General Fund by \$5,900 as revenue from sales tax and appropriate \$5,900 to be used to join the State Trust Fund for fallen Fire Officers in the line of duty.

Increase the Wastewater Fund by \$1.8 million from the Wastewater Fund Reserves and appropriate \$1.8 million to pay off the 2005 Central Valley Water Loan.

Increase the General Fund by \$55,000 from the General Fund Reserves and appropriate \$55,000 to replace the boiler at City Hall.

Increase the General Fund by \$30,000 as revenue from sales tax and appropriate \$30,000 to the Finance Department's payroll for a position transition.

Increase the Capital Projects Fund by \$50,000 from the Wheeler Farms Foundation award and appropriate \$50,000 for the amphitheater renovation.

Increase the General Fund by \$110,000 from the General Fund Reserves and appropriate \$110,000 to replace the city's underground fuel storage tanks.

Mr. Zollinger noted that the city would not be receiving the \$200,000 from the State Fund for the amphitheater remodel this year so that item was taken out of this budget amendment.

Mr. Nakamura noted the Council had received a revised draft of this ordinance in which the line item for the \$200,000 for the amphitheater remodel was taken out.

Mr. Camp stated the money being spent on the Medicare transports is not just a liability. The city also receives revenue from those transports.

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

#### **8.1.2 Council consideration of the above matter.**

MOTION: Mr. Nicponski moved to adopt the ordinance, omitting the line item for \$200,000 for the amphitheater remodel. The motion was SECONDED by Mr. Brass.

Council roll call vote:

Mr. Hales	Aye
Mr. Nicponski	Aye
Mr. Camp	Aye
Mr. Brass	Aye
Ms. Turner	Aye

Motion passed 5-0

**8.2 Public Hearing #2**

**8.2.1 Staff and sponsor presentations and public comment will be given prior to Council action on the following matter:**

**Consider a resolution approving the 2016 Municipal Wastewater Planning Program Report.**

Staff Presentation: Doug Hill, Public Services Director

Mr. Hill said this public hearing is required by the State of Utah as part of the city's annual permit. Each year the state asks the city to complete a self-assessment report of how the city is doing with wastewater in the areas of operation, finance, and long-term planning. The report must be approved by the City Council. It is then returned to the State of Utah to comply with the city's permit requirements. The report also plays into any loans that the city may want to apply for in the future.

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

**8.2.2 Council consideration of the above matter.**

MOTION: Mr. Hales moved to adopt the resolution. The motion was SECONDED by Mr. Brass.

Council roll call vote:

Mr. Hales	Aye
Mr. Nicponski	Aye
Mr. Camp	Aye
Mr. Brass	Aye
Ms. Turner	Aye

Motion passed 5-0

**8.3 Public Hearing #3**

**8.3.1 Staff and sponsor presentations and public comment will be given prior**

**to Council action on the following matter:**

**Consider a resolution approving the Wastewater Collection System Master Plan as part of the Wastewater Impact Fee Facilities Plan**

Staff Presentation: Doug Hill, Public Services Director.

Mr. Hill said the last time the city updated the Wastewater Master Plan was in 2009. Recently, Hansen, Allen, & Luce completed an update of the city's Waste Water Collection System Master Plan and the results were presented at a Committee of the Whole meeting in April 2017.

Mr. Hill explained the report looks at the city's waste water system, measures the flows in the pipes and looks at any deficiencies there might be. The report also recommends projects the city should undertake in order to stay ahead of any deficiencies or future growth. The report recommended four projects that the city should undertake as soon as funding is available. It also cautioned that there are three areas that need to be watched and the city should be ready to react if any problems occur.

Tonight, the Council is being asked to approve this Master Plan. The fee study will look at what the city's fees should be in order to improve these deficiencies. The study will also look at the city's impact fees for new developments that come into the city. The fee study and recommendation will be brought before the Council in the next few months. Mr. Hill noted that State Law requires that the Master Plan, also known as the Capital Facilities Plan, is adopted first and is part of the impact fee study.

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

**8.3.2 Council consideration of the above matter.**

MOTION: Mr. Camp moved to adopt the resolution. The motion was SECONDED by Mr. Hales.

Council roll call vote:

Mr. Hales	Aye
Mr. Nicponski	Aye
Mr. Camp	Aye
Mr. Brass	Aye
Ms. Turner	Aye

Motion passed 5-0

**9. Unfinished Business**

**9.1 None scheduled.**

**10. New Business**

**10.1 Consider a resolution providing advice and consent to the Mayor's appointment of Danyce Steck as the City's Finance Director.**

Staff presentation: Mayor Ted Eyre

Mayor Eyre read the resolution.

MOTION: Mr. Brass moved to adopt the resolution. The motion was SECONDED by Mr. Nicponski.

Council roll call vote:

Mr. Hales	Aye
Mr. Nicponski	Aye
Mr. Camp	Aye
Mr. Brass	Aye
Ms. Turner	Aye

Motion passed 5-0

Ms. Steck introduced herself and her family. The Council welcomed Ms. Steck to Murray City.

**10.2 Presentation of the Mayor's Budget Address.**

Staff presentation: Mayor Ted Eyre

*"Good Evening, members of the Murray City Council, fellow residents, employees and staff. Thank you for allowing me time tonight to present my budget recommendations for the fiscal year 2017-2018.*

*This is my fourth and last budget presentation, and I will always be grateful for the opportunity to understand, in great detail, what has made our city so financially sound over the years.*

*Each year I have gained a greater appreciation for our department heads and their wise decisions in establishing and managing their individual department budgets. Their efforts have resulted in over \$1 million being contributed to our Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) fund.*

*I'd like to acknowledge the expertise and dedication of our Finance Director Justin Zollinger and his staff. As many of you know, this is the final budget Justin will help us prepare for Murray City. We have appreciated his wisdom, his fiscal responsibility to the City and his friendship. As hard as it is to see him leave, we*



*want him to know we value the work that has been accomplished under his leadership, and the secure financial position he has established for Murray City. Best of luck to you and your wonderful family, Justin.*

*At this time, I'd like to recognize our newly appointed Finance Director Danyce Steck. We look forward to working with you and continuing the Murray legacy of being an independent, financially stable city. I'd like to extend a warm welcome to you and your family as you join, what we fondly refer to, as the Murray family.*

*I am once again very proud to present to the City Council a balanced budget for 2017-2018. The budget is a financial plan that summarizes the present financial health and the direction we have chosen for future projected expenditures and revenues of upcoming projects. Our budget is a reflection of the priorities of Murray City, and it reflects the direction and goals for the coming year. Murray is an independent and self-reliant city which provides the majority of the needed services to our residents. In a perfect world, all requests of citizens and departments would be granted, but that just isn't possible. Although we are a land-locked city, our services are still expanding, and we strive to stay ahead of the growth we are experiencing.*

*While preparing the budget, we consider three major areas: the day-to-day operation budgets - which include the enterprise funds; compensation for all of our valued employees, and the prioritized projects contained in the CIP. We then look at the projected revenue availability and prepare a balanced budget to where we provide all of the services possible while, at the same time, living within our means. We maintain a very conservative posture when estimating future revenues. This year the projections indicated a 2.98 percent increase. Though the projections we use show a gradual increase, we always err on the cautionary side in forecasts. This gives us a buffer and protection in the event of future economic changes. We feel we have a personal responsibility to create an environment with new ideas and expanding services while continuing to be financially stable and not leave problems for future generations and elected officials.*

*As we are considered a full-service city, we, therefore, place a high priority on providing top-notch services to our 49,000 residents. For our citizens who pay property taxes, this chart shows how each dollar is distributed. As you can see, Murray City receives less than 15 percent of each dollar. It is imperative we make the best use of this money. Contained within our budget, there are 16 different funds. The General Fund contains the largest part of the city departments. It encompasses revenue and expenditures dealing with taxes and operating costs. Seven funds are Enterprise funds, which are run as individual businesses and each has a solid financial foundation. The Capital Improvement Plan Fund has been reviewed by the CIP Committee, and they have compiled a list of prioritized projects to be considered.*

*The rebuilding of our downtown area remains a major focus, and there are several*

*items budgeted to help with this project. They are contained within our CIP budget, and I would like to highlight just five examples. They are:*

- *\$1.8 million is proposed to be added to last year's \$4.2 million to complete the relocation of Fire Station #81 to the corner of 4800 South/Box Elder.*
- *We have planned \$1,440,000 for the design of our new city hall. If approved, this will save in additional bonding costs.*
- *Also \$1.5 million for the purchase of the Murray Mansion. The mansion will serve as an important historical feature for the new open space area in our downtown development.*
- *There is a Certified Local Government Grant available for matching funds, and \$20,000 is dedicated from Murray City for the Murray Theater feasibility study and schematic design to utilize the funds provided through this grant.*
- *\$100,000 is earmarked for demolition and preparing our downtown area for future development.*

*Many of our citizens and most all of our employees realize how important it is for us to build a new City Hall as soon as possible. This existing building is not only unsafe but is costing us tens of thousands of dollars in additional maintenance costs each year. Therefore, the building of a new City Hall has become the focal point of our downtown redevelopment project. However, I want to ensure our citizens and our employees that there is no money being diverted out of the General Fund, or any of our other funds towards the construction of this building. We have secured a revenue neutral sales tax bond to cover the cost and in no way will it affect services to our residents or the compensation to our employees. The paying off of other bonds early, along with Murray's history of sound financial footings, has resulted in a bond rating that has made this possible.*

*Many departments will be getting new machinery and equipment to replace aging items. Our employees work hard to keep the equipment in good repair, but eventually, items wear out when used so frequently. As an example;*

- *The Police Department will be able to replace and equip nine new patrol vehicles and purchase a code enforcement truck.*
- *The Fire Department will refurbish their third ambulance - the refurbishing saves \$40,000 compared to a new ambulance and will be able to utilize the additional ambulance to help with the increased medical calls we see on a monthly basis.*
- *In the Parks Department, the budget includes an irrigation central control system and a new backhoe. Last year we were able to lease a backhoe at a very reasonable charge, but the price for leasing almost tripled this year, so it is necessary to purchase instead of renewing the lease.*
- *A replacement traffic control truck was also budgeted for the Street Department.*

*There is always an ongoing need for money for road improvements. Each year we try to dedicate around 20 percent of the CIP budget towards road projects. This year, with the combined funds from Class C and CIP monies we will be able to devote almost \$2 million to road projects with anticipated improvements on Vine Street, Bullion and Topowa.*

*Although department heads were asked to stay flat when preparing their budgets, employee compensation, for the great services provided by our employees, is a large part of our budget. It is also important to be able to hire qualified people and retain those who have provided years of service and have an institutional knowledge of the city. In the past three years, we have been able to offer substantial increases in our employee compensation and correct many inconsistencies resulting from compression and other factors. Employee compensation is not “one-time” money but has to be maintained by projecting revenues for a long period of time. A detailed study of the future “long term” revenues has resulted to where I am proposing a 1 percent cost-of-living (COLA) increase and up to a 1 percent merit increase based on employee evaluations. There are a few employee salary adjustments and a \$500 bonus for our red-lined employees. Insurance costs are always of concern; our insurance increase was 2.7 percent this year, and the city will continue to cover these costs as it has in subsequent years. I am also recommending one new position – Engineer Technician in the Engineering Department. The workload has reached a critical point, and another employee is needed in this department.*

*Since Murray City is a service organization, our employees are our number one resource, and it is a privilege to work with such dedicated and knowledgeable people. To keep our employees well equipped and current in an ever-changing workplace environment, we have placed a \$10,000 line item, paid out of the Risk Fund, for training. Although department heads and supervisors provide day-to-day employee training, there is a need to keep updated on the latest issues. The Human Resource Department will be arranging city-wide trainings for our employees with these funds.*

*I'd like to thank our City Council Members. It is an honor to work with you. I think we have a great balance in the responsibilities placed upon us. I know you take the budget as seriously as I do and I thank you for your hard work to meet the needs of the City and allocate money where we can make the biggest impact and provide the best services along with supporting the safest environment for our citizens to enjoy.*

*As many of you know, I like reading and learning about Abraham Lincoln. I'd like to end by sharing one of his quotes:*

*“I like to see a man proud of the place in which he lives.  
I like to see a man live so that his place will be proud of him.”*

*I love Murray City, and I have been honored to serve in this position for the last*

*three and one-half years. I am proud of how we have all worked together to ensure that Murray remains a “City Without Equal.” I hope the residents will be proud of how we have prioritized their funds for a balanced budget in the upcoming 2017-2018 fiscal year.*

*It is with great respect for each of you that I propose this budget for your consideration. Thank you. “*

**10.3 Consider a resolution acknowledging receipt of the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Tentative Budget from the Mayor and the Budget Officer, and referring the Mayor’s Tentative Budget for review and consideration to the Budget and Finance Committee of the Murray City Municipal Council.**

Staff presentation: Mayor Ted Eyre

MOTION: Mr. Brass moved to adopt the resolution. The motion was SECONDED by Mr. Nicponski.

Council roll call vote:

Mr. Hales	Aye
Mr. Nicponski	Aye
Mr. Camp	Aye
Mr. Brass	Aye
Ms. Turner	Aye

Motion passed 5-0

**11. Mayor**

**11.1 Report**

No Mayor’s report was given.

**11.2 Questions for the Mayor**

Mr. Camp acknowledged the passing of Robbie Robertson who was a former Council member for District 2.

**12. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.