

Murray City Municipal Council Chambers Murray City, Utah

The Municipal Council of Murray City, Utah, met on Tuesday, the 19th day of September, 2017 at 5:00 p.m., for a special meeting held in the Murray City Council Chambers, 5025 South State Street, Murray, Utah.

The meeting was conducted by David Nicponski

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:

Diane Turner, Acting Mayor
Jennifer Kennedy, City Recorder
Frank Nakamura, City Attorney
Janet Lopez, Council Administrator
Pattie Johnson, Council Office
Janet Towers, Executive Assistant to the Mayor
Rondi Knowlton, Mayor's Office
Craig Burnett, Police Chief
Doug Hill, Public Services Director
Danyce Steck, Finance Director
Brenda Moore, Controller
Tim Tingey, Administrative and Development Services Director
Blaine Haacke, Power Department General Manager
Bruce Turner, Power Department Operations Manager
John Galanis, Power Department

Other's in Attendance:

Scouts
Citizens

1. Call to Order – Dave Nicponski, City Council Vice-Chair

Mr. Nicponski called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. Interim Mayor Process – Frank Nakamura, City Attorney

Mr. Nakamura described the process for selecting an Interim Mayor. He stated that a vacancy occurred in the office of the Mayor on August 25, 2017. Diane Turner, who is the Chair of the City Council, has been serving as Acting Mayor since that date. Utah Law requires that within 30 days from the vacancy date, the City Council must make an appointment for an Interim Mayor to serve until January 2, 2018, at which time a newly elected Mayor will be sworn-in.

On August 31, 2017, the city published a notice indicating the following:

- There was a vacancy in the office of the City Mayor;
- The City Council needed to appoint an Interim Mayor;
- The City Council would accept applications from qualified registered voters until September 8, 2017;
- The applications would be submitted to the City Council office;
- The candidates would be interviewed in a public meeting on September 19, 2017;
- Following the interviews, the City Council would vote to appoint an Interim Mayor to serve until January 8, 2018.

Mr. Nakamura said on or before September 8, 2017 there were four applications for Interim Mayor: Douglas Blair Camp, David Nielson Sundwall, Kathleen Barnett Stanford and Diane Turner. On September 11, 2017, Diane Turner withdrew her name from consideration. He explained that the City Council would be conducting interviews with the remaining three candidates during this meeting. They will then vote. The first round of voting will be to narrow the candidates down to two. The top two will then be considered in a second vote.

3. Interim Mayor Candidate Interviews

3.1 Kathleen Barnett Stanford

Ms. Stanford withdrew her application for Interim Mayor.

3.2 David Nielson Sundwall

Mr. Sundwall was not present at the meeting.

3.3 Douglas Blair Camp

Mr. Hales asked Mr. Camp – What do you feel is the most important issues that are facing Murray City?

Mr. Camp responded there are so many issues that are intertwined together. Providing services is the city's number one priority. To do that, budget issues which include sales tax issues and property tax issues, require a good working relationship with Legislators at the state level.

Redevelopment is also a huge issue right now. The current City Hall building

needs to be replaced which will be one of Mr. Camp's many number one priorities. He summarized that providing services, dealing with budgets and redevelopment of the city's downtown are three of the major issues that need to be addressed.

Ms. Turner asked Mr. Camp - Why are you interested in serving as Interim Mayor?

Mr. Camp replied there are several reasons. Most importantly, he would like to see a continuity of leadership. Having worked closely with Mayor Eyre over the last four years and knowing what his vision is and what he wanted to see accomplished along with what the Council wants to accomplish, will provide a very smooth continuity of leadership. Mr. Camp said he has a lot to offer in keeping the city on track and moving things along in the initiatives that the Council has started. He would have a lot to offer by being able to do that on the executive side.

Mr. Camp added that on a personal note, it was Mayor Ted Eyre's desire for him to finish his term. That was in the back of Mr. Camp's mind as he thought about putting in for the Interim Mayor. Mr. Camp believes the reason Mayor Eyre wanted him to finish out his term was because the continuity of leadership would be able to continue with what he started.

Mr. Brass asked Mr. Camp – Why do you feel qualified to fill the office?

Mr. Camp responded that he knows the city; he has been around for a long time. He worked for the Fire Department for 26 years and spent the last four years on the Council. He feels he is just as, if not more qualified as anyone to take the reins and move the city forward. He has a strong leadership background and believes he is qualified to take over.

4. City Council Vote

Mr. Nakamura explained since there are now only two candidates for consideration, there would only be one roll call vote, unless there is a tie.

4.1 First Roll Call Vote

Council roll call vote:

Mr. Camp	Recused from the vote
Mr. Brass	Douglas Blair Camp
Ms. Turner	Douglas Blair Camp
Mr. Hales	Douglas Blair Camp
Mr. Nicponski	Douglas Blair Camp

Total vote: - 4-0 with one recusal, in favor of Douglas Blair Camp becoming Interim Mayor.

4.2 Second Roll Call Vote

Mr. Nakamura explained there was no need for a second roll call vote.

5. Consider a resolution appointing an Interim Mayor City Mayor pursuant to Section 20A-1-510 of the Utah Code to serve until January 2, 2018.

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

Council roll call vote:

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

Motion passed 5-0

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:13 p.m.

Jennifer Kennedy, City Recorder