

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

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**Murray City Council Chair Statement  
Open and Public Meeting Act  
Utah State Code 52-4-207(4)  
September 1, 2020**

The Murray City Municipal Council met on Tuesday, September 1, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. for a meeting held electronically. In accordance with, Utah Code 52-4-207(4), due to infectious disease COVID-19 Novel Coronavirus, I have determined that meeting in an anchor location presents substantial risk to the health and safety of those who may be present at the anchor location because physical distancing measures may be difficult to maintain in the Murray City Council Chambers.

Federal, state and local leaders have all acknowledged the global pandemic. Salt Lake County Public Health Order 2020-13 dated August 19, 2020, recognizes that COVID-19 is a contagion that spreads from person to person and poses a continuing and immediate threat to the public health of Salt Lake County residents.

It is my intent to safeguard the lives of Murray residents, business owners, employees and elected officials by meeting remotely through electronic means without an anchor location.

The public may view the meeting via the live stream at [www.murraycitylive.com](http://www.murraycitylive.com) or <https://www.facebook.com/Murraycityutah/>.

Citizen comments or public hearing comments may be submitted by sending an email in advance or during the meeting to [city.council@murray.utah.gov](mailto:city.council@murray.utah.gov). Comments are limited to less than three minutes, include your name and contact information, and they will be read into the record.



Rosalba Dominguez  
Murray City Council Chair

**Council Members in Attendance:**

Kat Martinez	District #1
Dale Cox	District #2 – Council Chair
Rosalba Dominguez	District #3 – Council Vice-Chair
Diane Turner	District #4 - Excused
Brett Hales	District #5

**Others in Attendance:**

Blair Camp	Mayor	Jan Lopez	Council Director
G.L. Critchfield	City Attorney	Jennifer Kennedy	City Recorder
Doug Hill	Chief Administrative Officer	Jennifer Heaps	Chief Communications Officer
Pattie Johnson	Council Office	Brenda Moore	Finance Director
Matt Erkelens	Forestry Supervisor	Dr. Janice Evans	Shade Tree Commission
Darin Bird	Shade Tree Commission	Judith Payne	Shade Tree Commission
Geneal Nelson	Shade Tree Commission		

**Opening Ceremonies**

Call to Order – Councilmember Dominguez called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. She excused Councilmember Turner from the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance – The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jan Lopez, Council Director.

**Special Recognition**

1. Presentation of Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting (CAFR) to Brenda Moore.

Staff Presentation: Mayor Blair Camp

Mayor Camp said he is pleased that the City was recognized by the Government Finance Officers Administration (GFOA) for our Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2019. This Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting. Its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management. When a Certificate of Achievement is awarded to a government, an Award of Financial Responsibility is also awarded. These awards have been presented to the Finance Department. Mayor Camp recognized the members of the Finance Department for their achievement.

Brenda Moore, Finance Director, thanked her staff for all the work they do.

2. 2020 Jim and Jean Hendrickson Beautification Awards. Matt Erkelens presenting with Dr. Janice Evans, Darin Bird, Geneal Nelson, Judith Payne, and Jim Hendrickson of the Shade Tree and Beautification Committee.

Staff Presentation: Matt Erkelens, Forestry Supervisor

Mr. Erkelens introduced the members of the Shade Tree and Beautification Committee: District 1

represented by Judith Payne, District 2 represented by Darin Bird, District 3 represented by Geneal Nelson, District 4 represented by Jim Hendrickson and District 5 represented by Dr. Janice Evans. He noted that Jim Hendrickson was unable to be with the Committee tonight. The Committee announced the awards.

#### District Awards

District 1 Winner: Haslam Residence – 6184 South Eagle Nest Drive

District 2 Winner: Mills Residence – 611 West Anderson Avenue

District 3 Winner: Jacobsen Residence – 4636 South Atwood Boulevard

District 4 Winner: McFarlane Residence – 1121 East 5730 South

District 5 Winner: Timothy Residence – 520 East Bridlewalk Lane

#### Specialty Awards

Residential Xeriscape: Scoffield Residence – 5335 South Castlegate Drive

Multi-Family Residential: Maple Ridge Condos HOA – 5535 South 1300 East

Commercial Xeriscape: EMI Health – 5101 South Commerce Drive

Commercial: Village Inn – 5941 South State Street

#### Mayor's Award

City-Wide Award: Kessimakis Residence – 4520 South Atwood Boulevard

**Citizen Comments** – Comments are limited to 3 minutes unless otherwise approved by the Council.

No citizen comments were given.

#### **Public Hearings**

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

1. Consider an ordinance amending the City's Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget.

#### Staff Presentation: Brenda Moore, Finance Director

Ms. Moore said most of these items are carryovers from projects that did not get finished during the last fiscal year that ended on June 30, 2020. In addition, the City has received a few grants that need to be added to the budget. Another amendment is to take money out of reserves to cover some employee benefits that were added during open enrollment.

Ms. Moore added that she has earmarked \$1.2 million for the Murray Theater in case the County comes up with the Tourism, Recreation, Cultural and Convention (TRCC) funds and that project is able to start again.

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

MOTION: Councilmember Hales moved to adopt the ordinance. The motion was SECONDED by Councilmember Cox.

#### Council roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilmember Hales, Councilmember Martinez, Councilmember Cox, Councilmember

Dominguez  
Nays: None  
Abstentions: None

Motion passed 4-0

### **Mayor's Report and Questions**

Mayor Camp reported on the following items:

- The software transition in utility billing is ongoing. The utility billing office was closed yesterday and today to allow staff to implement the program. They will also be closed for at least half the day tomorrow.
- The two firefighters that were sent to the Williamsport, Colorado fire returned home on Sunday
- Sign-ups for the virtual Gift to the River 5K are now open. Participants have until September 7, 2020 to complete the course.
- There will be a chalk art contest at Germania Park on Saturday September 12, 2020. Pre-registration is required.
- The food trucks are very popular and will be in the park on Tuesday nights through September.
- Applications for the Public Safety Advisory Board are now being accepted.

Councilmember Dominguez asked for an update on the New City Hall.

Mayor Camp said the agreement is being held up somewhere within Verizon. The deal has been approved and signed by ATC and the City. As soon as the agreement is signed, the City can sell the bonds and start the project.

Councilmember Dominguez asked about flu shots for the City employees.

Mayor Camp replied as far as he knows, flu shots will be offered this year.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

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Jennifer Kennedy, City Recorder