

**NOTICE OF MEETING**  
**MURRAY CITY – SCHOOL COORDINATING COUNCIL**

**Electronic Meeting Only**

**April 14, 2021**

Public Notice is hereby given that this meeting will occur electronically without an anchor location in accordance with Utah Code 52-4-207(4), due to infectious disease COVID-19 Novel Coronavirus. The City School Coordinating Council Chair has determined that conducting a meeting with 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. (See attached Chair determination.)

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

**Meeting Agenda**

**5:00 p.m.** Kat Martinez conducting

- 1. Approval of Minutes – January 13, 2021**
- 2. Business Items**
  - 2.1 Economic Development Report – Melinda Greenwood
  - 2.2 Police Report - Chief Burnett
  - 2.3 Mayor’s Report – Mayor Blair Camp
  - 2.4 School District Report – Superintendent Jennifer Covington
  - 2.5 Other Items from School Board or City Council Members
- 3. Internal Business Items**
  - 3.1 Next Meeting Date – October 13, 2021
- 4. Adjournment**

NOTICE

**SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS FOR THE HEARING OR VISUALLY IMPAIRED WILL BE MADE UPON A REQUEST TO THE OFFICE OF THE MURRAY CITY RECORDER (801-264-2663). WE WOULD APPRECIATE NOTIFICATION TWO WORKING DAYS PRIOR TO THE MEETING. TTY is Relay Utah at #711.**

On Thursday, April 8, 2021 at 2:00 p.m., a copy of the foregoing notice was posted in conspicuous view in the front foyer of the Murray City Center, Murray, Utah. Copies of this notice were provided for the

news media in the Office of the City Recorder. A copy of this notice was posted on Murray City's internet website [www.murray.utah.gov](http://www.murray.utah.gov) and the state noticing website at <http://pmn.utah.gov> .

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jennifer Kennedy".

Jennifer Kennedy  
Council Executive Director  
Murray City Municipal Council



**Murray City Council Chair Determination  
Open and Public Meeting Act  
Utah State Code 52-4-207(4)  
April 1, 2021**

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 2020-15 dated October 26, 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.

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Citizen comments or public hearing comments may be made live through the Zoom meeting process or read into the record by sending an email to [city.council@murray.utah.gov](mailto:city.council@murray.utah.gov).

*Kat Martinez*

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Murray City School Coordinating Council Chair

**MURRAY CITY-SCHOOL COORDINATING COUNCIL  
MINUTES**

The Murray City School Coordinating Council met virtually due to the Covid19 pandemic on Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

**Board Members Present:**

**Murray City**

Kat Martinez – Coordinating Council Chair  
Dale Cox  
Diane Turner  
Brett Hales

**School Board**

Jaren Cooper – President  
Glo Merrill  
Elizabeth Payne  
Kami Anderson

**Others Present:**

Mayor Camp  
Melinda Greenwood  
Doug Hill  
Chief Burnett  
Jennifer Heaps  
Jan Lopez  
Jennifer Kennedy

**Welcome – Approval of Minutes**

Ms. Martinez started the meeting at 5:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Ms. Martinez asked for approval of the minutes from October 14, 2020. Mr. Hales moved to approve the minutes, and Mr. Cooper seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**Business Items**

**Economic Development Report** – Ms. Greenwood spoke about housing units approved within the last year and reviewed a five-year history. Graphs were displayed to reflect that in 2020 a total of 527 various housing units were approved, which was mostly a steady climb from 2016; of those a total of 144 were single-family homes. Accessory dwelling units took a dip from 2018 with only seven added in 2020. The majority of new housing was noted as multifamily units, which has been trending upward the last five years. She noted that most recently, 376 units were approved to be constructed at the old Kmart parcel.

A *2020 Approved Residential Units* chart was reviewed depicting where all 527 new housing project applications were submitted in the City; not all would be approved. Two additional charts were shown to reveal where zone changes occurred in 2019 and 2020. Ms. Greenwood confirmed all zone change requests were intended to increase density. She said the trend to increase density in existing zones was becoming more common, and she expected to see more of these types of applications come through.

Ms. Greenwood reported demolition permits were issued to tear down the old Kmart structure, and new construction would begin in spring of 2021. Construction of the Abbington Assisted Living facility on State Street and 5300 South is coming along well, as is Town Place Suites.

Ms. Johnson noted increasingly more congested traffic around 5300 South and State Street; she asked with new developments to the area, were there plans to mitigate traffic on these roads. Ms. Greenwood noted State Street as a State road is under the guidance of Utah Department of Transportation, therefore, new construction applications would require coordination with them; however, a Murray City engineer would determine if a traffic study is necessary. She said the impact of single-family residential units actually creates a higher traffic impact than what is seen with a multifamily project. Ms. Greenwood would email all charts and documents to board members for further analysis.

**Police Report** - Chief Burnett said as COVID-19 concerns continue, and schools not as full as they traditionally are, it was a quiet school year so far.

The DARE program remains on hold; it is still questionable whether they will start the program again this year, or just wait till next year.

There have been less issues with students crossing streets to and from schools; and although incidents are on a lesser scale comparatively, usual occurrences are still seen. Vaping challenges remain the same at Murray High School with an increase in neighborhood complaints, notably at the park west of Murray High. The Chief felt that due to less structured attendance requirements, students have more free time to roam neighborhoods than in the past. Things are going well at Riverview Jr. High School with little to no issues at all. The greatest concern at Hillcrest Jr. High School is still vaping.

Mr. Hales led a discussion about vaping in comparison to cigarette smoking; he wondered if students felt vaping was healthier. Chief Harris felt the smell of vaping was less bothersome, so students get away with it easier; most probably believe it is less harmful than cigarettes; he thought educating parents about vaping age limits and health risks would be helpful. He thought it was apparent students no longer leave school grounds to hide smoking habits and are more comfortable vaping in school classrooms and restrooms where they are confronted.

Ms. Merrill pointed out the vaping store next to Murray High where students purchase vaping items; she asked how this could be prevented. Chief Burnett said there was nothing they can do about the legal proximity of the store, or legal businesses. He confirmed they receive complaints that some Murray vaping shops sell to underage customers. If illegal sales are reported officers visit stores to try to witness a sale in progress. In that instance a citation is issued, which goes against a business license. He noted the legal age of 19; and when illegal sales occur it is sometimes by a store clerk who personally knows a customer, so it goes unrecognized and is hard to prove. He said there was no difference in illegal sales that happen in vaping shops than in other types of stores. He assured, once they know illegal sales are happening in Murray vaping shops, they do all they can legally to prevent them.

**Mayor's Report** – Mayor Camp confirmed the City continues to deal with COVID-19; even though there was a slight increase in the number of those infected among City staff, the amount remains low. He felt staff was winning the battle to fight the virus.

Construction of the new city hall is underway; older and most recent pictures of the construction site were displayed. The existing cell tower still remains in place, although the site has been cleared around it. Issues regarding the cell tower have been resolved and construction of the new cell tower was described in a photo, located south of the fire station. An aerial photo reflected prep work of the Hanauer Street extension; and more recent photos showed the completed concrete Hanauer Street, including sidewalks, and a recent aerial photo echoed Fourth Avenue connecting to the new Hanauer Street, through to Poplar

Street. Early progress portrayed unique design features related to the council chambers radius, ground footings and foundations, stairwell, and elevator shaft walls. City hall parking lot areas, and a general footprint of the entire facility was made clear. Completion is estimated in the Fall of 2022.

**School District Report** – Superintendent Covington reported 240 school employees received COVID shots; vaccines would be available to educators at the district office every Wednesday from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

Ms. Covington noted the 2nd term was over after months of at-home learning with a number students returning to the classroom for 3rd term. She said it was a positive change because many struggled with learning from home for a variety of reasons. Comparatively, there were approximately 600 elementary students at home during the 2nd term; and 200 would remain online during the 3rd term. She reported online learning worked well for many families and students, however, others did not have support to help navigate the on-line process. She expressed excitement to welcome students back to school.

She announced that the Murray City School District would be the first in the world to have its own LTE (Long-Term Evolution) Broadband Network. She explained all Murray school students would benefit greatly, in that they can use Chrome Books at home and directly connect to their school's on-line learning programs for free. Mayor Camp inquired about operating functions of the new LTE network and asked if it was provided by a local carrier. Ms. Covington confirmed the Murray School District has its own broadband network on the LTE frequency, which is similar to cell phone LTE frequencies. She explained her IT staff worked creatively with several carriers and the Utah Education Network to tap into it; attained Federal Communications Commission approval, and the network was not in competition with agencies like Comcast, or UTOPIA. The opportunity was only available in certain areas of the east and west coasts; however, nobody was utilizing it. Mayor Camp was amazed and congratulated them on the achievement for all Murray students. A kick-off event to turn the network on would be held January 14, 2021 at 9:00 a.m., along with a press conference attended by the Associated Press, and Utah Governor Cox. Ms. Covington noted national NBC affiliates, and Wired Magazine featured the Murray School District in new reports for a first-time great accomplishment.

**Other Items from School Board or City Council Members:** Ms. Martinez spoke about her incredible experience sitting in on the Equity Council for the Murray City School District. She commended them for the wonderful work they have done so far.

**Internal Business Items:** Ms. Martinez said the next meeting will be held April 14, 2021.

**Adjournment:** Ms. Martinez adjourned the meeting at 5:37 p.m.

**Pattie Johnson**  
**Council Office Administrator II**