

# Murray City Municipal Council Chambers Murray City, Utah

## Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021

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The Murray City Municipal Council met on Tuesday, May 18, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. (or as soon as possible thereafter) for a meeting held electronically without an anchor location in accordance with Utah Code 52-4-207(4), due to infectious disease COVID-19 Novel Coronavirus. The Council Chair determined that conducting a meeting with an anchor location presents a 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.

The public was able to view the meeting via the live stream at [www.murraycitylive.com](http://www.murraycitylive.com) or <https://www.facebook.com/Murraycityutah/>. A recording of the City Council meeting can be viewed [HERE](#).

### **Council Members in Attendance:**

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

### **Others in Attendance:**

Blair Camp	Mayor	Jennifer Kennedy	Council Director
Doug Hill	Chief Administrative Officer	Patti Johnson	Council Office Administrator III
G.L. Critchfield	City Attorney	Brooke Smith	City Recorder
Brenda Moore	Director of Finance & Administration	Jennifer Heaps	Chief Communication Officer
Ed Gulick	Inventory Control Specialist	Blaine Haacke	General Manager of Power
Chad Pascua	Assistant Fire Chief	Bill Francis	Utah VOD
Danny Astill	Public Works Director	Pam Roberts	Executive Director of Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling District

### **Opening Ceremonies**

Call to Order – Councilmember Martinez called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance – The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Turner.

## Approval of Minutes

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*MOTION: Councilmember Turner moved to approve the minutes. The motion was SECONDED by Councilmember Hales.*

*All in favor voted Aye:*

*Councilmember Cox, Councilmember Turner, Councilmember Hales, Councilmember Martinez*

*Nays: None*

*Abstentions: Councilmember Dominguez*

*Motion passed 4-0*

## Special Recognition

### 1. Murray City Council Employee of the Month, Ed Gulick, Inventory Control Specialist

Staff Presentation: Brett Hales, Councilmember and Blaine Haacke, General Manager of Power

The Employee of the Month Program started because the council felt it was important to recognize the City's employees. Mr. Gulick will receive a certificate, a \$50 gift card, and his name would appear on the plaque located in the Council Chambers.

Mr. Gulick expressed his thanks for all the hard work that Mr. Gulick does for the city. Mr. Gulick has been a steady Inventory Control Specialist since 2008. During this past year, during the pandemic, Mr. Gulick has procured masks, hand sanitizers, gloves, and cleaning supplies not only for the Power Department but several other City departments as well.

Mr. Gulick expressed his appreciation for the recognition, and he is grateful for the opportunity to work for Murray City.

The councilmembers thanked Mr. Gulick for his hard work and the service he provided Murray City for the past 13 years.

### 2. Consider a Joint Resolution of the Mayor and Municipal Council of Murray City, Utah to Designate and Support the Week of May 16-22, 2021 as Emergency Medical Services Week

Staff Presentation: Mayor Camp, Chad Pascua

Emergency Medical Service (EMS) week is an annual recognition that is presented at the city council meeting. Mayor Camp read Resolution 21-12 into the meeting.

*MOTION: Councilmember Turner moved to adopt the Joint Resolution. The motion was SECONDED by Councilmember Hales.*

Council roll call vote:

*Ayes: Councilmember Cox, Councilmember Turner, Councilmember Hales, Councilmember Martinez*

*Nays: None*

*Abstentions: Councilmember Dominguez*

*Motion passed 4-0*

Chad Pascua, Assistant Fire Chief, spoke about the importance of the emergency medical service teams and shared the following message:

*Mayor, Members of the Murray City Council, and citizens of Murray, it is my honor to share a few words with you tonight as we celebrate EMS week. The theme for 2021 EMS Week is "This is EMS: Caring for our Communities". It is a great honor for me to work alongside the great men and women of Murray Fire.*

*Each day during long shifts these men and women use their skills, knowledge, and training to provide life-saving medical treatment to our community members. Each day, they comfort the sick, offer a helping hand to sick or injured patients, and ease pain and suffering during moments of trauma and tragedy. I have witnessed their work and can attest that Murray Fire sets the standard for pre-hospital medical care in the Salt Lake Valley.*

*I want to personally thank each and every member of the Murray Fire. They are wonderful people who are courageous, kind, and compassionate. I am grateful for the support given by the Mayor and City Council and for your continued work to provide our crews with the right equipment, training, and facilities to be able to deliver the best care possible.*

Murray City Fire is celebrating this week but sharing social media posts online.

Councilmembers thanked our emergency responders and shared their appreciation for all their hard work and service.

### **Citizen Comments**

Brent Barnett– Read into the record by Jennifer Kennedy

*This current proposal for downtown Murray is, frankly, a complete embarrassment to the city of Murray.*

*Gerding-Edlen has a good reputation. Yet this Murray proposal is mundane and wasteful of this crucial block in Murray's downtown.*

*This is about vision. Any firm -- is worthless to Murray city without a vision of how this block fits in our city. They must articulate the **vision** of what this downtown block should be.*

*1. We Need a Real Downtown Murray Commercial Center*

*This block is the heart of downtown Murray. It should be designed as a gathering place, with open space for public gathering. It should create interesting streetscapes with interesting pedestrian space.*

*This proposal fails to understand that this block should draw crowds from the entire city. To do this it needs unique public features that bring in crowds on evenings and weekends.*

*40,000 cars go by this block every day. We only have to pull in a small fraction of these people.*

## *2. We Need Active Public Space*

***The teeny corner of public space in their design is laughable.** We need a plan that includes real public space where the public can gather for outdoor events and music.*

*Seriously. Give us some real public gathering space.*

*If Gerding-Edlen had taken time to talk with the planners of **Millcreek's new city center** or Holladay they would see how a public events in a commercial center can bring people downtown from all around the city.*

*If Gerding Edlen can design good public space, why haven't they produced something of this quality for Murray?*

## *3. We Need Early Public Feedback*

*Murray city has little expertise in including citizens in a design process. This is why we need an outside design firm.*

*We need feedback on **alternative conceptual options for public consideration.** This gets the citizens excited and ensures that the final design has great features and beauty.*

*So far, Gerding-Edlen hasn't done this. If they can't do this, then they won't do a good job for us.*

## *4. We Need **the Option** to Include Historic Buildings.*

*It violates the public trust to tear down historic buildings. It is only natural that any proposal should include one design that integrates the historic buildings along with any proposal that destroys the historic buildings. Then the two options should be evaluated by experts and by citizens.*

## *CONCLUSION*

*In conclusion, the current proposal is simply an embarrassment to the city – Just look how stupid we look compared to what Millcreek and Holladay have.*

*If Gerding-Edlen can't handle this, then we need to find someone who can.*

*The citizens can only hope that Mayor Camp will listen to these issues. Mayor Camp hasn't shown the citizens that he has any ability to engage with their concerns. **This may be his last chance.** If this block is not developed to its potential, the good citizens of Murray will have nobody to blame but Blair Camp.*

Beverly Crangle– Read into the record by Pattie Johnson

*Comments by Jenny Greenwood at the April 6, 2021 City Council meeting, about school children's safety involving heavy traffic, were of great concern. Similarly, the push to make Vine Street into a HIGHWAY will cause statistically-certain accidents to occur.*

*Children and parents from 3 schools and 2 churches, along with other pedestrians and bikers, will be greatly impacted since many vehicles already travel at 50 and 60 mph now. Only 3 crosswalks exist between 900 East and Highland Drive/Van Winkle, over 1 1/2 miles in length. Statistics show that recovery from accidents is greatly reduced in proportion to increasing speeds; they become fatal over 80% of the time at 40 mph.*

*Under the FHWA "Bicycle and Pedestrian Program," Section 1404 of the SAFETEA-LU , "Safe Routes to School" was created for both the health and safety of school children. The statutory purposes for the "Safe Routes to School" program are*

- 1. to enable and encourage children, including those with disabilities, to walk and bicycle to school;*
- 2. to make bicycling and walking to school a safer and more appealing transportation alternative, thereby encouraging a healthy and active lifestyle from an early age; and*
- 3. to facilitate the planning, development, and implementation of projects and activities that will improve safety and reduce traffic, fuel consumption, and air pollution in the vicinity of schools.*

*The revised plans to make Vine Street into a HIGHWAY will both thwart and undermine all of the purposes of the "Safe Routes to School" program, as well as NEPA, the National Environmental Protection Act, which requires citizen involvement. Because the Vine Street Widening Project will necessarily affect "air, noise,..." and have a significant impact on "travel patterns" the categorical exclusion 23 CFR 771 117 claimed is not applicable.*

*During the same meeting, April 6, 2021, Arbor Day was discussed, along with Murray City's "Tree City USA" designation and the request for citizens "to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands..." Pedestrians and bikers using Vine Street are being told that we must exchange many trees and greenery, and the shade and oxygen they produce, for both concrete with 7' wide sidewalks and asphalt with a middle turn lane. With I-215 on the South and Van Winkle Expressway on the North, the need for a HIGHWAY in between is non-existent.*

*This recent re-design needs to be changed with citizen input.*

## Consent Agenda

None scheduled.

## Public Hearings

None scheduled.

## Business Item

### 1. Consider a resolution of the City Council of Murray City consenting to the reorganization of the Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling District as a Local District

Presentation: Councilmember Diane Turner and Pam Roberts

Councilmember Turner shared a resolution that has been recommended regarding the reorganization of Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling District (WFWRD). The resolution's purpose is to formalize the cities support in the reorganization.

Time was turned over to Pam Roberts. Ms. Roberts said Murray City will be the final township that will adopt the resolution before they move on to Salt Lake City for adoption.

Ms. Roberts asked if there were any questions. No questions were asked.

Councilmembers expressed their appreciation for Ms. Roberts and all her hard work.

*MOTION: Councilmember Turner moved to adopt the Resolution. The motion was SECONDED by Councilmember Cox.*

Council roll call vote:

*Ayes: Councilmember Cox, Councilmember Turner, Councilmember Hales, Councilmember Martinez.*

*Nays: None*

*Abstentions: Councilmember Dominguez*

*Motion passed 4-0*

### 2. Consider a resolution adopting the City's tentative budget, as amended, for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022 and scheduling a hearing to receive public comment before the final budget is adopted

Presentation: Brenda Moore, TITLE

Brenda Moore shared the City's tentative budget, as amended, for the fiscal year 2021-2022. Ms. Moore updated the council that the changes the council has requested have been updated and the amended tentative budget has been posted on our website to be viewed by the public.

A public hearing to approve the tentative budget will be on June 1, 2021, during City Council and the adoption is scheduled for June 15, 2021.

*MOTION: Councilmember Hales moved to adopt the Resolution. The motion was SECONDED by Councilmember Turner.*

Council roll call vote:

*Ayes: Councilmember Cox, Councilmember Turner, Councilmember Hales, Councilmember Martinez.*

*Nays: None*

*Abstentions: Councilmember Dominguez*

*Motion passed 4-0*

**3. Consider a Joint-Resolution of the Taylorsville-Bennion Improvement District and of Murray City Municipal Council declaring an intent to adjust their common service area Boundary**

Presentation: Danny Astill

Danny Astill shared that the purpose of a joint resolution is to adjust the service area boundary for the Taylorsville-Bennion Improvement District.

The Taylorsville-Bennion Improvement District provides a water and sewer service area in Salt Lake County. Over the years there have been several development projects proposed near Winchester Street and 1300 West. There are challenges with water infrastructure in this area related to the river and slope of the land, as well as the meeting of Taylorsville, West Jordan, and Murray City boundaries. The City has worked with Taylorsville-Bennion Service District to coordinate water and wastewater services.

For clarification moving forward, and to ensure fees and taxes are applied appropriately, Taylorsville-Bennion recently requested that the common service boundaries be formalized through a joint resolution. The municipal boundaries of Murray will not change.

Councilmember Martinez reiterated that the resolution does not change the boundaries of Murray City. The purpose is to adjust the service area boundaries for utilities.

The floor was opened for questions. No questions were asked.

Councilmembers expressed their appreciation to Mr. Astill for his presentation during Committee of the Whole.

*MOTION: Councilmember Cox moved to adopt the Joint-Resolution. The motion was SECONDED by Councilmember Hales.*

Council roll call vote:

*Ayes: Councilmember Cox, Councilmember Turner, Councilmember Hales, Councilmember Martinez.*

*Nays: None*

*Abstentions: Councilmember Dominguez*

*Motion passed 4-0*

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

Mayor Camp shared the following updates:

- The outdoor pool is scheduled to open Saturday, May 29 which is Memorial Day weekend.
- The Library plans to allow patrons into the Library on June 1. There will be requesting patrons to check in when they arrive and there will be a time limit of 30 minutes. Computers will be available by reservation.
- There are multiple street and water projects currently going on. The public can get updates on these projects by subscribing to the City's e-newsletter (<https://www.murray.utah.gov/1844/Read-the-Murray-City-E-Newsletter>) or by following Murray City's Public Work's Department Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/MurrayCityPublicWorks/>).
- There is a vacancy in District 4 for the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. If you know someone who resides in District 4 who has an interest in Parks and Recreation, please have them contact the Parks office.
- The Power Department was able to turn on one of the Hydro units today in Little Cottonwood Canyon and they are generating 2.4 megawatts.
- In the RDA meeting, Melinda Greenwood spoke about the timing of the cell tower removal at the new city hall site. The cell tower was initially reported to be removed by May, but due to complications, it may not complete until August.

The meeting was open for questions to the Mayor. Councilmember Turner mentioned she has someone in mind for Parks and Recreation Advisory Board position and will reach out to them. No additional questions were asked.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

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Brooke Smith, City Recorder