

Murray City Municipal Council Chambers

Murray City, Utah

Tuesday, November 16th, 2021

The Murray City Municipal Council met on Tuesday, November 16th, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. (or as soon as possible thereafter) for a meeting held in the Murray City Council Chambers, 5025 South State Street, Murray, Utah.

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

Council in Attendance:

Kat Martinez	District #1
Dale Cox	District #2 - Conducting
Rosalba Dominguez	District #3
Diane Turner	District #4 – Council Chair (Excused)
Brett Hales	District #5 – Council Vice-Chair
Jennifer Kennedy	Council Director
Patti Johnson	Council Office Administrator III

Administrative Staff in Attendance:

Blair Camp	Mayor
Doug Hill	Chief Administrative Officer
Jennifer Heaps	Chief Communication Officer
Brooke Smith	City Recorder
GL Critchfield	City Attorney
Brenda Moore	Finance and Administrative Director
Caren Lopez	Customer Service Supervisor
Craig Burnett	Police Chief
Jon Harris	Fire Chief
Melinda Greenwood	Community & Economic Development Director
Jared Hall	Community Development Director
Zach Smallwood	Associate Planner
Danny Hansen	Senior IT
Rob White	IT Director

Others in Attendance:

Jann Cox	Pam Cotter	Adam Hock	Dorothy McDonough
Kathryn Lichfield	Brent Barnett	Janice Strobell	Mark McDonough

Lawrence Horman	Gary Weston		
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Opening Ceremonies

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

Pledge of Allegiance – The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Pamela J. Cotter.

Approval of Minutes

Council Meeting – October 19, 2021

MOTION: Councilmember Martinez moved to approve the minutes. The motion was SECONDED by Councilmember Dominguez.

Council roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Abstentions: Councilmember Turner

Motion passed 4-0

Special Recognition

1. Murray City Council Employee of the Month, Caren Lopez, Customer Service Supervisor

Presenting: Brett Hales, Councilmember, and Brenda Moore, Director of Finance & Administration

Councilmember Hales said the Council started the Employee of the Month Program because they felt it was important to recognize the City's employees. He stated that Caren Lopez would receive a certificate, a \$50 gift card and told her that her name would appear on the plaque located in the Council Chambers. Caren Lopez has worked for the city for the past twenty-six (26) years, and he expressed his appreciation to Lopez for all she does for the City.

Brenda Moore, Director of Finance & Administration said Caren Lopez has worked for the city for twenty-six years and received the first Employee of the Month recognition in 2013. She was instrumental in getting the new utility billing software up and running, all while managing staff during COVID-19. She truly cares about the people who work with and for her. She cares about the city and is meticulous in her work. As a supervisor, she patiently diffuses situations with angry customers and resolves complex problems. Caren put her staff before herself, especially when it comes to taking time off. Caren is the type of supervisor employees like to have and the type of employee employers hope for. She provides great service to Murray City and our citizens.

Caren Lopez introduced some of her family and friends and said in the past couple of years she was faced with the three "C": Cancer, Covid, and the Munis Software "Conversion". She appreciated the love and support she has received during these trials. She said it is a joy and expressed

gratitude for the opportunity to work at Murray City. She also expressed her gratitude to supervisor, Brenda Moore and all she has done for her in the past couple of years.

Councilmembers thanked Lopez for her service, and they appreciate her being a part of Murray City.

Citizen Comments

Lawrence Horman

Shared information about homeless issues in each city and town. He encourages the city council to create a safe place for homeless people to live. They need safe places to live so they can focus on getting themselves into better situations.

Janice Strobell

Spoke about homelessness and affordable housing. She encourages the council to look at the Utah Housing Preservation Fund that is available for cities to use to rehabilitate existing housing units without moving out tenants or raising rents. She also would like to expand the role of the City's Planning Department to look at the existing use of buildings in Murray. Ms. Strobell also spoke about Mixed-Use and the importance of utilizing areas in appropriate ways and she would like more citizen engagement besides planning commission and public hearings.

Brent Barnett

Thanked the Mayor and Planning Department for the downtown tour that occurred a few weeks ago. In addition, he requested additional opportunities to interact and give input with City Council. He thanked Councilmember Dominguez for her zoom meeting before council meetings and requested other councilmembers consider hosting zoom calls as well.

Lawrence Horman

Mr. Horman came back up to the mic in response to Mr. Barnett's request to have more interaction with the council and suggested the council members host an open house or town hall type of meeting so individuals could share their concerns with them one-on-one.

Gary Weston

Spoke about the proposed Boyer property and his concerns about the zoning request for the location. He would like some property to have conditional use approvals instead of complete zoning changes. He said, some properties in Murray are too important to be rezoned and the zoning codes are too broad of a

definition. Instead, he requested a conditional use zone that the council would be able to review and approve for each project proposed rather than overall zone change for that area.

The public comments were closed.

Consent Agenda

None scheduled.

Public Hearings

Staff, sponsor presentations, and public comments will be given prior to Council action on the following matter. The Council Meeting Agenda Packet can be found [HERE](#).

- 1. Consider an ordinance relating to land use; amends the Zoning Map for the properties located at 5829 and 5837 South Majestic Pine Drive, Murray City, Utah from R-M-10 (Low-Density Multi-Family) to R-1-8 (Low-Density Single Family)**

Presentation: Jared Hall, Community Development Supervisor
PowerPoint Presentation Attachment A- Zone Map Amendment (Hansen and McDonough)
Committee of the Whole Presentation on [November 16, 2021](#)
Planning Commission Presentation on [September 2, 2021](#)

Presentation

Jared Hall shared that Mr. and Mrs. Hansen and Mr. McDonough have requested a zone map amendment for the properties addressed 5829 and 5837 South Majestic Pine Drive.

The subject properties are located in the Erektion Place Subdivision and do not have frontage on a public street. The current owners of the property would like to change the zoning from R-M-10 (Low-Density Multiple Family) to R-1-8 (Low-Density Single Family) to facilitate the development of the vacant lot located to the south to the remnant landlocked parcels.

The zoning change will clean up landlocked remnant parcels and allow the adjacent property owners to improve and maintain the property. The two parcels extend into Little Cottonwood Creek on the north and are accessible only to the adjacent property owners.

Citizen Comments

The public hearing was open for public comment.

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

MOTION

Councilmember Hales moved to adopt the ordinance considering McDonough zone map amendment from R-M-10 to R-1-8 for 5829 & 5837 S. Majestic Pine Drive. The motion was

SECONDED by Councilmember Dominguez.

Council roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Abstentions: Councilmember Turner

Motion passed 4-0

Business Item

1. Consider a resolution adopting the regular meeting schedule of the Murray City Municipal Council for calendar year 2022

Presentation: Jennifer Kennedy, Council Executive Director

Presentation

Jennifer Kennedy said the normal City Council meeting days are the first and third Tuesdays of each month. She noted a few date adjustments. In August 2022, the dates have been adjusted to accommodate a Power Conference that most of the City Council attend and the dates have been adjusted in December 2022 to hold one meeting (instead of two) that month due to the holidays.

MOTION

Councilmember Dominguez moved to adopt the resolution. The motion was SECONDED by Councilmember Hales.

Council roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Abstentions: Councilmember Turner

Motion passed 4-0

Mayor's Report and Questions

Mayor Camp shared the following:

- Residents may have noticed workers walking up and down the sidewalk throughout the city pushing a small machine. The machine documents sidewalk conditions and helps the city determine which sidewalks need to be replaced or repaired.
- The Park Center is offering recreation programs over the holiday break. If you are looking for ways to keep your kids active while they are out of school, contact the park office or park center to learn more.
- The city is currently looking to hire lifeguards. Due to staff shortage, there have been some pool hour changes. Citizens are encouraged to check Facebook to see the hours of operation.

- The road in Murray park will be closed near the bridge while the city installs a new “tabletop” crosswalk. Visitors can still access the park and all the amenities but may have to park their vehicles and walk a little further to their destination. This closure is scheduled through November 29.
- The new city hall site is being worked on and steel is currently going up.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Brooke Smith, City Recorder

Attachment A

Murray City Council

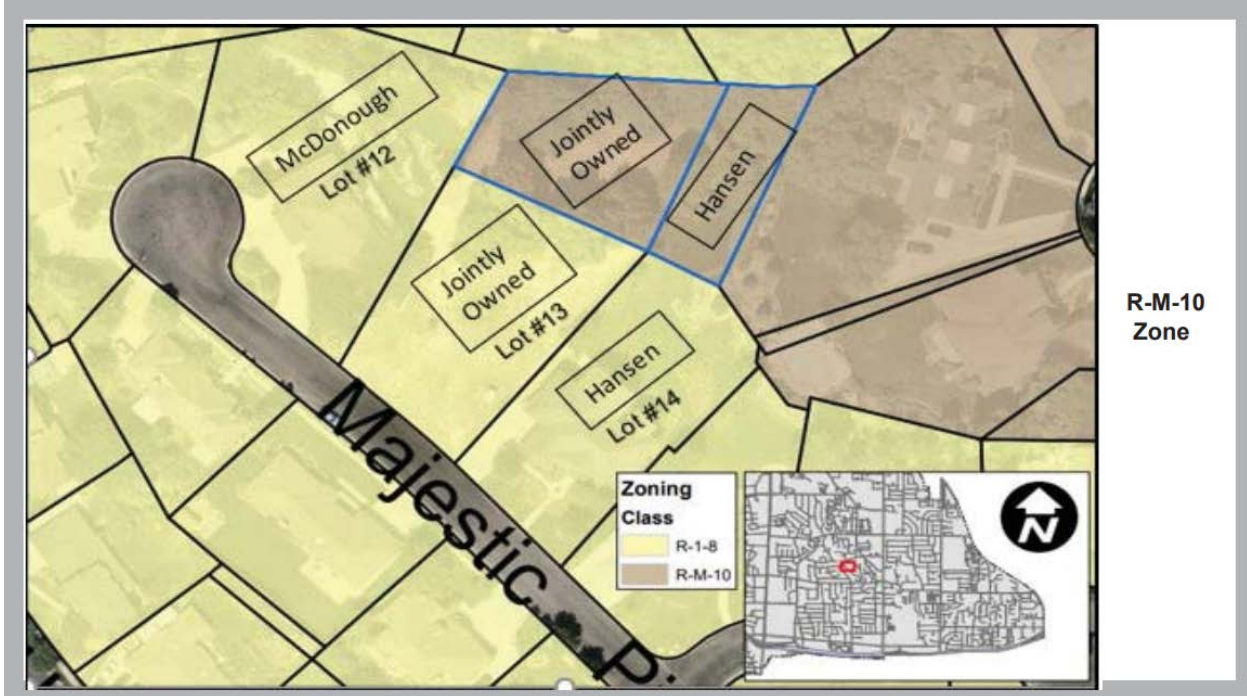
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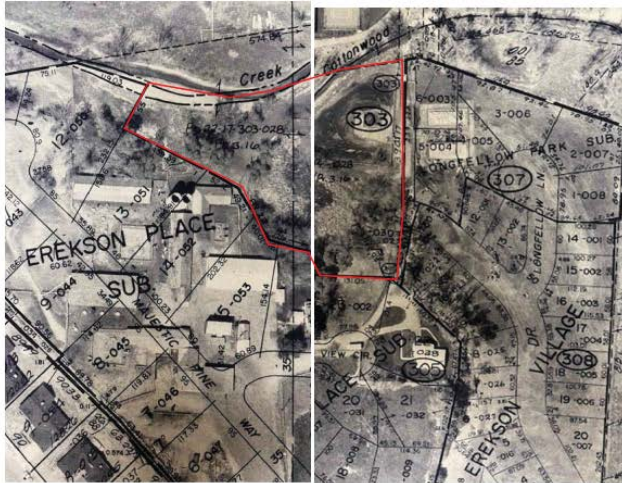


Applicants: Alma and Karen Hansen & Mark McDonough
Request: Zone Map Amendment
Address: 5829 & 5837 South Majestic Pine Drive
Existing Zone: R-M-10
Requested Zone: R-1-8
Parcel Size: .31 and .17 acres

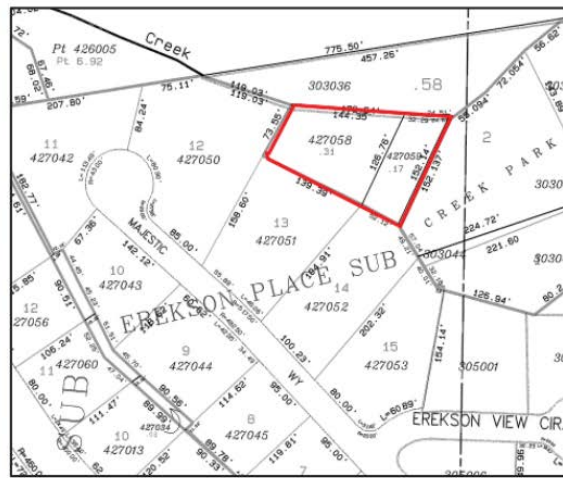


5829 & 5837 So
Majestic Pine Drive





Prior to Creek Park Subdivision development



After Creek Park Subdivision development

Planning Commission

September 2, 2021 – Public Hearing

- 65 notices were mailed
- No public comments were received
- 6-0 vote to recommend approval

Findings

1. The General Plan provides for flexibility in the implementation and execution of goals and policies based on individual circumstances.
2. The requested zone change has been carefully considered based on the characteristics of the site and surrounding area, and on the policies and objectives of the 2017 Murray City General Plan.
3. The proposed Zone Map Amendment from R-M-10 to R-1-8 is supported by the General Plan and Future Land Use Map designation of the subject property.

Recommendation

Staff and the Planning Commission recommend **APPROVAL** to the amendments to the Zoning Map designation of the properties located at 5829 & 5837 South Majestic Pine Drive from R-M-10, Low density multiple family to R-1-8, Low density single family.