

# Murray City Municipal Council Chambers Murray City, Utah

**Tuesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022**

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The Murray City Municipal Council met on Tuesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022, 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](http://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
Pamela Cotter	District #2 - Conducting
Rosalba Dominguez	District #3
Diane Turner	District #4 - Excused
Garry Hrechkosy	District #5
Jennifer Kennedy	Council Director
Patti Johnson	Council Office Administrator III
Crystal Brown	Officer Administrator

## **Administrative Staff in Attendance:**

Kim Sorensen	Mayor Pro-Tempore (Parks and Recreation Director)
Tammy Kikuchi	Chief Communication Officer
Briant Farnsworth	Deputy City Attorney
Brooke Smith	City Recorder
Brenda Moore	Finance and Administration Director
Kip Davies	Police Lieutenant
Rebecka Potter	Police Sergeant
Joey Mittelman	Fire Chief
Cory Plant	Senior Center Director
Blaine Haacke	General Manager of Power
Chris Zawislak	Senior Civil Engineer
Jared Hall	Community and Economic Development Director
Russ Kakala	Public Works Director
Camron Kollman	IT Technician

**Others in Attendance:**

Triston Smith	Sayler Smith	Dustin Rodeback	Isaiah Johnson
Amber Gustaveson	Frank Angle	Sheryl Angle	Coy Humphrey
Dorian Frank	Levi Allen	Chandra Garrett	Mick Christopherson
Jenelle Klingler	Vince Klinger	Dave Carr	Loran Pasalich
Pam Sanders	Daniel Olsson	Matt Hawks	Timothy Riggs
Cindy Sorensen	Donnetta Mitchell	Janice Strobell	Robert Smith
Isabella deMie	Joshua Sumsion	Sheri VanBibber	Bob VanBibber
James Riennert	Wendy Riennert	Jay S.	Shawn Delliskave
Austin Woodhall	Shara Baxter	Roveena Jansan	Sandra Johnson
Goud Maragani	Siddarth Gopagani	Remington Sorenson	Jenn Kikel-Lynn
Kace Johnson	Clark Bullen		

**Opening Ceremonies**

Call to Order – Councilmember Cotter called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Councilmember Turner, Mayor Hales, and Attorney G.L. Critchfield were excused.

The audience was invited to recite the Pledge of Allegiance led by Janice Strobell.

**Approval of Minutes**

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**MOTION:**

Councilmember Martinez moved to approve the minutes. The motion was SECONDED by Councilmember Hrechkosy.

*All in Favor Vote*

*Ayes: Councilmember Dominguez, Councilmember Hrechkosy, Councilmember Martinez, Councilmember Cotter*

*Nays: None*

*Abstentions: None*

*Absent: Councilmember Turner*

*Motion passed 4-0*

## Special Recognition

### 1) Murray City Council Employee of the Month, Flip Nielson, Parks Lead

Due to a conflict, the special recognition for Flip Nielson was postponed.

## Citizen Comments

The meeting was open for public comment.

Timothy Riggs

The owner of Dead City Haunted House expressed concerns about code violations issued by Murray City Fire. He would like some help and support to make sure they can operate during their busy season.

Sheryl Angle

An employee of Dead City Haunted House. She expresses support for the business to be able to operate.

Donnetta Mitchell

Feels unsafe in her neighborhood and would like additional police resources in the Shamrock area.

Robert Smith

Supports Dead City Haunted House being able to open and operate.

Goud Maragani

Goud introduce himself and shared that he is running to be the next Salt Lake County Clerk and invited the audience to support him in his campaign.

Triston Smith

An employee of Dead City Haunted House. He supports the business being able to open and operate.

Skylar Smith

A Make-up Director and Lead Actor for Dead City Haunted House. She supports the business being able to open and operate.

Remington Sorenson

Supports Dead City Haunted House being able to open and operate.

Daniel Olsson

Daniel introduced himself as a representative of Lannie Chapman. Lannie Chapman is the current Deputy County Clerk at the Salt Lake County Elections Office and invited the audience to support her during the campaign.

Joshua Sumsion

Supports Dead City Haunted House being able to open and operate.

Isabelle DeMie

Supports Dead City Haunted House being able to open and operate.

Siddarth Gopagani

Supports his cousin Goud's campaign for Salt Lake County Clerk.

Austin Woodhall

An Operation Lead for Dead City Haunted House. He supports the business being able to open and operate.

Levi Allen

Supports Dead City Haunted House being able to open and operate.

Jenn Kikel-Lynn

Owns a business next to Dead City and supports the business being able to open and operate. She also mentioned concerns about the Shamrock area and the homeless and public safety issues in that area.

Sheri Van Bibber

Runs the Murray City Haunted Woods during October and the owner of Dead City is a huge support. She also supports Dead City Haunted House being able to open

and operate.

Amber Gustaveson

Supports Dead City Haunted House being able to open and operate.

Kace Johnson

An EMT for Dead City Haunted House. He supports the business being able to open and operate.

Dustin Rodeback

Security Staff and trained First Responder for Dead City Haunted House. He supports the business being able to open and operate.

Clark Bullen

Supports Dead City Haunted House being able to open and operate and hopes the city can find a solution.

No additional comments were given, and the open public comment period was closed.

Councilmembers thanked the audience for their comments and clarified that several of the issues brought up tonight would be addressed at the Administrative level.

## **Consent Agenda**

- 1) Consider confirmation of the Mayor's appointment of Sharon Baxter to the Senior Recreation Center Advisory Board for a term from August 2022 to January 2025.**
- 2) Consider confirmation of the Mayor's appointment of Wendy Richart to the History Advisory Board for a term from September 2022 to September 2025.**

Presenting: Mayor Pro Tem Sorensen

Mayor Pro Tem Sorensen introduced the candidates being recommended to the Senior Recreation Center Advisory Board and History Advisory Board. He mentioned Sharon Baxter (Senior Rec) will fill the place of Max Derrick, and Wendy Richart (History Advisory) will be taking the place being vacated by Janice Blanchard.

Sharon Baxter and Wendy Richart were invited to the podium. They both thanked the Mayor and council for the opportunity to serve.

Mayor Pro Tem and Council appreciate the volunteers for their service and time.

**MOTION:**

Councilmember Hrechkosy moved to approve the Mayor's appointments. The motion was SECONDED by Councilmember Martinez.

*Council roll call vote:*

*Ayes: Councilmember Dominguez, Councilmember Hrechkosy, Councilmember Martinez, Councilmember Cotter*

*Nays: None*

*Abstentions: None*

*Absent: Councilmember Turner*

*Motion passed 4-0*

**Public Hearings**

**1. Consider a resolution approving the Mid-Valley Active Transportation Plan.**

Presenting: Chris Zawislak, Senior Civil Engineer

Proposed Resolution: R22-37

Chris Zawislak shared an overview of the resolution to approve the Mid-Valley Active Transportation Plan.

The MidValley Active Transportation Plan was a cooperative, led by Wasatch Front Regional Council (WFRC), between the cities of Murray, Midvale, Taylorsville, Millcreek, Holliday, and Cottonwood Heights. Avenue Consultants acted as a contract facilitator for public outreach, meetings, and the municipalities.

The vision of the plan was to create a backbone network of active transportation facilities between each of the partner cities. In total, 244 projects were identified network, fourteen (14) of those 244 projects are located in Murray as part of the City's proposed backbone network. These projects coincide with our recently approved 2021 Transportation Master Plan but expand further by creating a commitment to connecting with our neighbors.

The main purpose of the MidValley plan is to help communicate between neighboring cities and create better funding opportunities for active transportation improvements. The goal is to create a safe place for cyclists and pedestrians.

## Discussion

Councilmember Dominguez asked about the survey that was conducted in 2021.

Chris Zawislak responded that a public survey was done in 2021 and the comments received were incorporated in creating the recommended backbone network Mid-Valley Active Transportation Plan.

Councilmember Dominguez asked what the proposed plan was for the 4800 South area.

Chris Zawislak responded that the proposed plan is to create a buffered bike lane with double stripes along 4800 South and would connect with the city of Holiday and Taylorsville (Redwood Road area).

Councilmembers thanked Chris Zawislak for his presentation and hard work.

## Citizen Comments

The meeting was open for public comment.

No comments were given, and the open public comment period was closed.

Councilmember Martinez reminded the audience that a copy of the [Active Transportation Plan](#) can be found on August 23, 2022, Final Council Packet (Page 67-167) and online ([www.midvalleyatp.com](http://www.midvalleyatp.com)).

## MOTION:

Councilmember Martinez moves to approve the recommendations to approve the Mid-Valley Active Transportation Plan. The motion was SECONDED by Councilmember Dominguez.

*Council roll call vote:*

*Ayes: Councilmember Dominguez, Councilmember Hrechkosy, Councilmember Martinez, Councilmember Cotter*

*Nays: None*

*Abstentions: None*

*Absent: Councilmember Turner*

*Motion passed 4-0*

## Business Item

- 1. Consider a resolution authorizing the Red Mesa Tapaha Solar Project to amend and restated the transaction schedule under the Power Supply Agreement with Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems; and related matters.**

Presenting: Blaine Haacke, General Manager of Power

Proposed Resolution: R22-28

Previous Resolution: R19-37

Referenced Council Meeting Discussion: August 27, 2019, and August 23, 2022

Blaine Haacke shared an overview and brief history of the request to authorize the Red Mesa Tapaha Solar Project. This agreement will allow Murray City Power to enter into an updated agreement with the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority (NTUA) for energy to be received from the Red Mesa Tapaha Solar project. This agreement will bring solar energy into the city on a 25-year agreement at a set price for the life of the project.

In January 2019, Murray City submitted a solicitation of interest to Utah Associated Municipal Power System (UAMPS) in the NTUA solar project. At that time, the City indicated a 5,000 kW interest (7.5758%) in the 66 mW project. The original pricing mechanism for that project commenced with a base of \$23.15/MWh in Year One with a 2% sliding escalator annually for 25 years. The average cost of power over the 25-year agreement would be around \$29-30/MWh.

Due to Covid- 19, labor, transportation, supply chain, and photovoltaic issues, both overseas and domestically, and increased costs along the entire construction line, the project was brought to a halt.

Recently, NTUA approached UAMPS about the possibility of re-open and re-negotiate the NTUA 2019 agreement. UAMPS Board of Directors approved the adoption of a new NTUA Tapaha Red Mesa agreement. The request needs to go before City Council by all of the participating cities, like Murray, to ratify, modify and /or amend the transaction schedule and power supply agreement including the introduction of the new price of \$37/MWh set price for the 25-year contract life.

Power Department staff recommend that the Council adopt the Resolution that allows the city to enter into a new, revised power supply agreement.

## Discussion

Councilmember Dominguez asked for clarification of the amendments being proposed tonight from the original agreement:

Blaine Haacke explained that when you look at the previous contract and extended



the price over 25 years, it would average around \$30 kW including the 2% sliding escalator clause. The updated contract will now be set at \$37 kW but will be consistent for all 25 years of the contract life.

The location of this solar project is in the South East Corner of Utah in the Navajo Nation near Bluff.

Councilmember Dominguez thinks that this is a great addition to our Power Portfolio.

Councilmember Hrechkosy clarified that the cost of the new contract lines up in the middle of our Power Portfolio.

**MOTION:**

Councilmember Hrechkosy moves to approve the resolution authorizing the execution of the amended power agreement. The motion was SECONDED by Councilmember Dominguez.

*Council roll call vote:*

*Ayes: Councilmember Dominguez, Councilmember Hrechkosy, Councilmember Martinez, Councilmember Cotter*

*Nays: None*

*Abstentions: None*

*Absent: Councilmember Turner*

*Motion passed 4-0*

Councilmembers thanked the Power Department for all their hard work.

**Mayor's Report and Questions**

Mayor Pro Tem Kim Sorensen reminded the audience of the following events:

- The Aquatic Center Outdoor Pool is open two (2) more weekends.
- Murray Amphitheater will be hosting "Toast – the Ultimate Brad Experience!" in concert on Friday, August 26, 2022, at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are available at the Murray Parks & Recreation Office (296 E Murray Park Ave.) or the Murray Senior Recreation Center (10 E 6150 S) or online through Regtixs ([www.murraycity.smashpass.com/](http://www.murraycity.smashpass.com/))
- Murray Amphitheater will be hosting "One Voice Children Choir" in concert on Saturday, August 27, 2022, at 8 p.m. Tickets are available at the Murray Parks & Recreation Office (296 E Murray Park Ave.) or the Murray Senior Recreation Center (10 E 6150 S) or online through Regtixs ([www.murraycity.smashpass.com/](http://www.murraycity.smashpass.com/))
- Every Tuesday evening in the summer (5:00 to 8:00 p.m.) Murray City hosts Food Trucks in the Park.

- Every Friday and Saturday in the summer from July to October Murray City host a Farmers Market on the south side of Murray Park near the Park Center Facility building.

Councilmember Hrechkosy formally requested a full account of when the systems went down for the city.

Mayor Pro Tem Sorensen let the council and audience know that Mayor Hales is collecting information and will distribute that info as soon as it is ready.

Councilmembers thanked city staff for their hard work.

### **Adjournment**

Councilmember Hrechkosy motioned to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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Brooke Smith, City Recorder

