

RESOLUTION NO. R23-16

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE DONATION OF CITY SERVICES AND/OR NONMONETARY ASSISTANCE TO THE NAVAJO TRIBAL UTILITY AUTHORITY'S "LIGHT UP NAVAJO" INITIATIVE PROJECT

WHEREAS, in accordance with section 10-8-2 of the Utah Code the City Council may authorize municipal services and/or nonmonetary assistance to be provided to nonprofit entities regardless of whether the City receives consideration in return; and

WHEREAS, the Navajo Nation is the largest Native American territory in the United States. Among the 55,000 homes located on the 27,000 square mile reservation, about 15,000 do not have electricity; and

WHEREAS, the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority (NTUA), a nonprofit entity created by the Navajo Nation, has launched the "Light Up Navajo" initiative (the "Initiative"), in which it is seeking volunteer crews and in-kind donations of expert labor and the use of power truck equipment in order to help expedite electrification projects within the Navajo Nation; and

WHEREAS, under the Initiative, volunteer crews would be working with NTUA crews to help build electric lines to serve homes for the first time; and

WHEREAS, the American Public Power Association (APPA) has asked member utilities to assist with the Initiative and is helping to approve volunteer registrations; and

WHEREAS, as a member of the APPA, the City wants to be responsive and assist the NTUA with the Initiative by (1) providing a crew, (2) paying the crew a per diem, and (3) covering the cost of transporting the power trucks to and from the Navajo Nation; and

WHEREAS, the NTUA will provide all materials for the electrification projects, as well as food and lodging for City crews; and

WHEREAS, City crews would volunteer in the Navajo Nation from June 17, 2023 through June 24, 2023; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 10-8-2 of the Utah Code, the City Council held a public hearing on March 21, 2023 to receive and consider public comment on the City's proposed donations to assist with the Initiative.

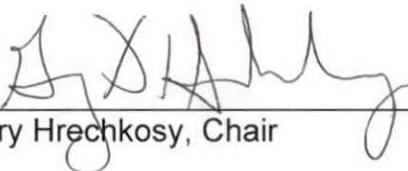
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Murray City Municipal Council as follows:

1. It hereby approves and authorizes the donation of City services and/or monetary assistance to the NTUA in support of the Light Up Navajo initiative.
2. It authorizes the Mayor to execute any documents required to implement the City's participation in the Initiative.

DATED this 21st day of March, 2023.



MURRAY CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL


Garry Hrechkosy, Chair

ATTEST:



Brooke Smith, City Recorder