

**MURRAY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, September 12 2023**

Murray City Hall, 10 East 4800 South, Poplar Meeting Room, Murray, Utah 84107

**Attendance:**

Council Members and others:

Garry Hrechkosy – Chair	District #5
Rosalba Dominguez – Vice Chair	District #3
David Rodgers	District #1
Pam Cotter	District #2
Diane Turner	District #4

Brett Hales	Mayor	Jennifer Kennedy	City Council Executive Director
Doug Hill	Chief Administrative Officer	Pattie Johnson	Council Administration
Tammy Kikuchi	Chief Communications Officer	Jeff Puls	Fire Department
G.L. Critchfield	City Attorney	Kim Sorensen	Parks and Recreation Director
Brenda Moore	Finance Director	Zach Smallwood	City planner
Loran Pasalich	Chamber of Commerce	Joey Mittelman	Fire Chief
Rob White	IT Director	Phil Markham	CED (Community & Economic Dev.) Director
Anthony Semone	NeighborWorks	Adam Hock	Citizen
Paul Pickett	Citizen		

**Conducting:** Council Member Hrechkosy called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes:** Special Joint Meeting – August 21, 2023 and Committee of the Whole – August 22, 2023. Council Member Cotter moved to approve both sets of minutes, and Council Member Dominguez seconded the motion. All in favor 5-0.

**Discussion Items:**

- Parks and Recreation Department Report.

Parks and Recreation Director Kim Sorensen displayed visual photos and shared concepts about upcoming projects. He stated that the new toddler playground in Murray Park was finished, and a new playground will be installed at Valley Center Park. He gave updates on the Murray Mansion, the Murray Theater, and the Creekside Cottage (formerly the armory) renovations and noted that footings had been poured for the new Murray Park Maintenance Facility. He also said his staff has applied for a TRCC grant to help with improvements that are needed at Riverview Park.

- **Murray Park Feasibility Study** – MGA Design Studio was hired to complete a study in Murray Park for specifically the outdoor pool area, the old outdoor ice rink and existing nearby playground, Ken Price baseball field, and proposed parking. Staff met with MGA once the study was completed, who indicated they could provide different planning options. Mr. Sorensen provided findings and suggestions for each study area and noted MGA would need direction for moving forward eventually.

- Outdoor Pool - Mr. Sorensen reported the leak was currently stopped and if it remains repaired the pool can be maintained at its existing location for years to come. The outdoor pool was studied by Water Design, Inc., who concluded that the high-water table under the pool is not a problem for its location. As a result, the plan suggests leaving the pool in place unless the City desires to build a new pool in a different location.

- Splash Pad – Mr. Sorensen said by sharing existing infrastructure at the outdoor pool, a splash pad could be located within the outdoor pool area for less cost than constructing new infrastructure, and no additional water would be needed. Use of the splash pad would be part of a general

- admission for swimming. The other option is to locate a splash pad someplace else in the park where admission would be free to everyone. There was discussion about whether the City should have a large splash and no outdoor pool at all and how many residents in the City would like one. There was consensus that the outdoor pool is important to Murray Park.
- Old Ice Rink – The study indicated a splash pad could be placed at this location which would be more costly upfront but options for recycling water could be made. Water could also be filtered into a holding tank and used to water nearby grass in the park. This study also suggested a large destination playground with or without a splash pad. There was a discussion about an ice rink, splash pad combo, which would be costly. Mr. Sorensen confirmed maintenance costs would be much less with a new larger playground, sensory type play area.
  - Ken Price Ball Park – Options include keeping it but since the Murray School District uses the ball field 70% of the time, it was felt the district should contribute to the improvement costs. Another suggestion was to demolish it and relocate a new outdoor pool there, or create an entire new recreation use for the area. Ms. Cotter wondered if the school district expected the City to pay for all restoration costs at Ken Price ball field. Mr. Sorensen said a meeting with the school district would be held soon to discuss the matter with them.

Mr. Hrechkosy asked Council Members to email any additional suggestions, concepts, or ideas to Mr. Sorensen. Mr. Hrechkosy ask if Council Members would be interested in having another survey conducted that would include citizen input. He felt since there was a despairing view on what the pathway should be moving forward, citizen involvement would provide a better a pulse for what is wanted in Murray Park. There was consensus to move forward with a new public survey.

- Amend Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with various cities relating to the conduct of the CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) Program, Emergency Solution Grant Program, and the Home Investment Partnership Program.  
City Attorney G.L. Critchfield said a few changes occurred since his last presentation, so an amendment was needed to the agreement with the Urban County entities for the CDBG program. Herriman City decided to pull out of the agreement which was the basis for the amendment to the agreement, and new language was also proposed by the HUD attorney depicting that cities can renew automatically. He said Murray still believes it is best to stay with the County by deferring entitlement status and continue to participate as part of the Urban County.
- An ordinance amending the City's Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget.  
Finance Director Brenda Moore gave a presentation to discuss details of a budget amendment to the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 budget. She said Utah State law does not allow for multi-year budgets, or automatic carry forward budgets. With the City in the middle of construction season on June 30, 2023, projects approved by the City Council in the 2023 budget were delayed until spring. Those projects are now underway so money that was allocated, and not yet spent would need to roll forward into the next budget cycle. She discussed how the amendment included grant disbursements, changes in benefit budgets due to health insurance made during open enrollment, and roll forward totals from restricted funds, project funding for projects in progress and CIP (Capital Improvement Project) savings; allocations for a few new items from reserves and additional revenue were also noted. She pointed out that street overlay projects are prioritized based on survey results. She reviewed new money transfers from reserves which was \$104,000 more for equipment in the streets division due to underbudgeting; adjustments in CED wages for a salary adjustment and payout to the former director, and a salary adjustment in the Water Fund due to a personnel change.

- Amend Section 17.72.070 of the Murray City Municipal Code relating to parking requirements for Beauty and Barber Shops and Business and Professional Offices.

CED Senior Planner Zach Smallwood said the request was made by the owner of a beauty salon in east Murray. Because the existing parking lot was a decent size to the building, the salon owner wanted to increase the parking allowance. Mr. Smallwood confirmed that currently parking stalls for salon services are calculated as per current Code which is three parking spaces for each chair inside the salon, per hair dresser. However this was found to be excessive after comparing the amount to what other municipalities allow so they decided to recalculate the amount based on square feet. As a result, the proposed language to amend City Code is one parking space per every 200 square feet of net usable floor area. The planning commission voted in favor of this change and recommended the Council consider it as well.

- UAMPS Conference Reports.
  - Ms. Cotter, Ms. Turner, Ms. Dominguez, and Ms. Kennedy gave a summary of the UAMPS Conference they attended in August 2023.

**Adjournment:** 6:00 p.m.

**Pattie Johnson**  
**Council Office Administrator III**