

**MURRAY CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

Work Session Minutes of Wednesday, December 6, 2023  
Murray City Hall, 10 East 4800 South, Poplar Meeting Room, Murray, Utah 84107

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**Attendance:**

Council Members:

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

Others:

Brett Hales	Mayor	Jennifer Kennedy	City Council Executive Director
Doug Hill	Chief Administrative Officer	Pattie Johnson	Council Administration
G.L. Critchfield	City Attorney	Brenda Moore	Finance Director
Phil Markham	CED Director	Brooke Smith	City Recorder
Ben Ford	Wastewater	Joey Mittelman	Fire Chief
Jeff Puls	Fire Marshal	Ella Olsen	City Journals
Phil Markham	CED Director	Russ Kakala	Public Works Director
Ben Gray	IT	Priscilla Kowalski	CED
Citizens			

**Conducting:** Council Member Hrechkosy called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

**Approval of Minutes:** Committee of the Whole – November 14, 2023.

Council Member Rodgers moved to approve, and Council Member Cotter seconded the motion.  
All in favor 4-0.

**Discussion Items:**

- Updated multi-jurisdictional automatic aid, mutual aid, fire, training, emergency medical, and other services agreement.

Chief Mittelman reported that the MFD (Murray Fire Department) Auto-Aid Agreement was last updated in 2018. Proposed changes include adding a few outliner cities, bringing the total of participant cities to 17. It also updates how first responders are dispatched and adds a new IMT (Instant Management Team). He said Murray attorneys were involved in helping to restructure the agreement, make corrections and implement positive legal changes.

Chief Mittelman reviewed in detail three types of aid provided within the agreement that are Automatic-aid, Mutual-aid, and aid from the IMT. The IMT is the one major change within the Salt Lake Valley which is a group of chief officers that serve as an expert group of qualified individuals to assist with emergency operations on large scale disasters.

He explained that MFD participates in monthly trainings, utilizing specific equipment, so the proposed agreement also includes liability insurance for MFD to host some of the training events. The contract

for the Auto-Aid Agreement is for five years and will automatically renew. He displayed a heat map reflecting scene locations of computer-aided dispatch incident areas and discussed MFD call and case volumes this year. The Council is slated to consider the updated Auto-Aid Agreement in January 2024.

- **An ordinance amending Sections 15.24.010 and 15.24.020 of the Murray City Municipal Code relating to the International Fire Code and collected permit fees.**

Chief Mittelman read the new International Fire Code adoption, discussed how textual changes were made and confirmed that the amendment was adopted by the State this year. He explained that to be in compliance the City would need to update Murray's Fire Code. The Council would consider the ordinance in a council meeting.

He explained a second part to the proposed ordinance that would bring clarity about the fire code and related to the Fee Structure Code. He said that in reviewing wages for Murray's fire prevention staff and all fire prevention and recovery costs, the current fee schedule did not come close to covering the total cost. He discussed cost related details about conducting plan reviews, construction inspections, new business inspections, false fire alarm calls, education programs and standby costs to confirm that the proposed fee structure would provide for all the related services and employee wages.

**Adjournment:** 6:10 p.m.

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