



**MURRAY CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024**

Tuesday, May 16, 2023

Budget Reconciliation - Meeting Minutes

Murray City Center, 5025 South State Street, Conference Room #107, Murray, Utah 84107

Attendance: Council Members and others:

Pam Cotter - Chair	District #2
Garry Hrechkosy –Vice Chair	District #5
Phil Markham	District #1
Rosalba Dominguez	District #3- Arrived at 4:05 p.m.
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	Joey Mittelman	Fire Chief
Crystal Brown	Council Administration	Zac Smallwood	CED Senior Planner
Brooke Smith	City Recorder	G.L. Critchfield	City Attorney
Russ Kakala	Public Works Director	Kim Sorensen	Parks and Recreation Director
Brenda Moore	Finance Director	Craig Burnett	Police Chief
Loran Pasalich	Murray Chamber of Commerce		

Conducting: Ms. Cotter called the Budget and Finance Committee Meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

Meeting Agenda:

- **Approval of Minutes:**
 - Budget and Finance Committee – April 25, 2023
 - Budget and Finance Committee – April 26, 2023
 - Budget and Finance Committee – May 2, 2023Ms. Turner moved to approve all three sets of minutes, and Mr. Markham seconded the motion. All in favor 4-0.
- **Discuss Contingency List - Old ice rink architecture plans:**

Mr. Hrechkosy discussed a CIP (Capital Improvements Project) allocation of \$500,000 for the Parks Department which was meant to address the old ice-skating rink in Murray Park. He favored the amount of funding and wondered if architectural plans could be completed within two to six months and not delay the project any further. He acknowledged the suggestion from Mr. Markham about getting a more holistic view of Murray Park facilities and not just the ice rink.

Mr. Markham explained his idea to implement a needs assessment and feasibility study for three areas all in need of repair, which is the Ken Price ball field, the outdoor pool, and the ice rink. Ms. Turner agreed much work needs to be done on those existing facilities. Mr. Markham said a new ice rink and splashpad combo might not fit onto the existing site of the old ice rink; so before architectural plans are made for the ice rink, he thought a thorough study of the area might result in putting it in a different location. He wondered if a study of all three areas would be less than the CIP request of \$500,000, and a budget opening could occur later if more funding was needed.

Ms. Dominguez asked how the existing Parks Master Plan would guide these decisions. Mr. Sorensen explained the existing plan encompassed the entire park system of Murray City, but

there has never been a specific feasibility study done for the outdoor pool or the ice rink. A study was completed two years ago by an architectural and engineering firm for Ken Price ball field where it was strongly suggested that the old grandstand should be rebuilt. And in 2017 a feasibility study was conducted specifically for a splashpad in the old ice rink area, but nothing became of it.

Mr. Markham shared concerns about spending \$500,000 on just architectural plans for the ice rink, only to find afterwards that it should have been located someplace else in the park. He thought having those geotechnical details first would dictate the size and type of ice-rink/splashpad facility. Mr. Hrechkosy asked if geotechnical studies were included in architectural planning and agreed a comprehensive plan is necessary. He questioned whether \$50,000 was enough to get the answers needed.

Mr. Sorensen reported contacting an architect two weeks ago who confirmed that a simplistic feasibility study could be conducted for \$50,000 on all three areas, but that did not include important factors. Without an architect, a more in-depth study could be conducted by a geotechnical firm, where high-water table problems related to digging could be better understood. He explained the biggest challenge about Murray Park is the high-water table. A geotechnical study would take at least 6 months and be more costly, but it would include more information related to parking needs, where to relocate the outdoor pool if necessary and best locations for new facilities like the splashpad and ice-skating rink.

Mr. Hrechkosy suggested keeping the initial funding of \$500,000 but rewording the CIP line-item text to reflect funding would be for a Murray Park Facilities study.

Mr. Sorensen confirmed the Council would approve the \$500,000 CIP funding, but City staff would decide what would be designed under the direction of the Mayor's office. Mr. Hrechkosy agreed funding would remain the same for a comprehensive study, and decisions about design would not be made by the Council. Ms. Cotter noted the consensus to leave \$500,000 in the Parks CIP fund and turn the matter back over to the administration.

Adjournment: 4:15 p.m.

**Pattie Johnson
Council Office Administrator III**