

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

Work Session Minutes of Tuesday, July 16, 2024

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

Attendance:

Council Members:

Paul Pickett	District #1
Pam Cotter	District #2 – Council Chair
Rosalba Dominguez	District #3 – Arrived at 4:04 p.m.
Diane Turner	District #4
Adam Hock	District #5 – Council Vice-Chair

Others:

Brett Hales	Mayor	Jennifer Kennedy	Council Executive Director
Doug Hill	Chief Administrative Officer	Pattie Johnson	Council Administration
G.L. Critchfield	City Attorney	Brenda Moore	Finance Director
Rob White	IT	Russ Kakala	Public Works Director
Ben Gray	IT	Kim Sorenson	Parks and Recreation Director
Bruce Holyoak	Park Superintendent	Brooke Smith	City Recorder
Phil Markham	CED Director	Elvon Farrell	Economic Development Specialist
Anthony Semone	NeighborWorks Salt Lake	David Foster	NeighborWorks Salt Lake
Citizens			

Conducting: Council Chair Ms. Cotter called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Committee of the Whole – June 18, 2024

Ms. Turner moved to approve, and Mr. Pickett seconded the motion. All in favor 4-0.

Discussion Items:

Reports from Interlocal Boards and Committees:

- Trans-Jordan Landfill (TJL) – Public Works Director Russ Kakala said TJL as a whole is doing well and doing well financially. Construction continues on the new Trans-Jordan Waste Transfer Station located in Sandy City which is expected to open in March of 2025. He said Salt Lake County opened a new Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center near the Sandy Transfer Station, and Murray's Antifreeze, Batteries, Oil and Paint Collection Center was now closed as of July 8, 2024. Regarding the budget a 3.5% Cost of Living Adjustment and a 4% Merit increase would be given to all employees this year; tipping fees for member cities would increase from \$24 to \$26 per ton and commercial rates would go from \$39 to \$41 per ton. Once the new Sandy Transfer Station is open in May 2025, TLJ membership rates will increase again to \$36 per ton and commercial rates will rise to \$51 per ton, both fees are \$10 higher than TJL.
- NeighborWorks and Chamber of Commerce – Economic Development Specialist Elvon Farrell said regarding NeighborWorks, 14 down payment assistance loans were issued this year, three home improvement loans are pending and two employee down payment assistant loan applications were received. Currently the down payment assistance and home improvement program is out of funding. The Paint Your Heart Out program will take place on August 9, 2024; and underground utility infrastructure and construction of the street at the Tripp Lane housing project is complete.

Mr. Farrell explained that the Murray Chamber of Commerce offers networking opportunities, chamber directory access to the Chamber website, ribbon cuttings, open houses, grand openings, specific promotions, event marketing and a discount rate to appear on Good Things Utah for all members. Other

benefits include community involvement, access to Chamber events, seminars and workshops. He said thanks to Murray City's membership payment, new member businesses can claim a one-year free membership with the Chamber. He noted all monthly and weekly events for members, as well as annual and community events for the coming year.

- Association of Municipal Councils (AMC) – Ms. Turner said in April the group received a legislative report from Utah State House Representative Carol Moss, Senator Nate Blouin and Senator Wayne Harper about the 2024 Legislative Session. In May the Wasatch Front Regional Council and the Department of Environmental Air Quality came to give reports. In June the AMC learned about water conservation.

Legislative Policy Committee (LPC) – Ms. Cotter said she was not able to attend the last LPC meeting. She would be attending the 2024 Annual Utah League of Cities and Towns Convention this September.

- Jordan River Commission (JRC) – Park Superintendent Bruce Holyoak said the JRC has been heavily involved in strategic planning to save the Great Salt Lake to ensure that the lake is a viable water system. The Jordan River is one of the tributaries flowing to the lake that provides 25% of the water flowing the lake. Homeless encampments are still problematic so the JRC continues to find solutions in mitigating the issue. The annual Get To The River Festival will be ongoing throughout the month of September where 43 events are scheduled and Murray will celebrate on September 14, 2024 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Germania Park. On September 16, 2024, the JRC is sponsoring Walk and Talk, an event held throughout the entire trail. Murray's festivities will be held at Winchester Park. Mr. Holyoak discussed other community events throughout the year sponsored by the JRC.

Finance on the Fraud Risk Assessment – Finance Director Brenda Moore said the annual worksheet related to assessing risk of fraud was State required. This year the City received the same score as last year, which was 355 out of 395 points. She reviewed ways the City has good internal control, reviewed various answers to questions on the assessment sheet and said that due to good financial policies and good internal controls, the City was placed in the very low risk category for fraud. She noted that as part of the assessment all elected officials are required by ordinance to train once every four years in ethical policy training.

Adjournment: 4:22 p.m.

Pattie Johnson
Council Office Administrator III