

**MURRAY CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL  
COUNCIL MEETING**

Minutes of Tuesday, August 13, 2024

Murray City Hall, 10 East 4800 South, Council Chambers, Murray, Utah 84107

**Attendance:**

Council Members:

Paul Pickett	District #1
Pam Cotter	District #2 – Council Chair
Diane Turner	District #4
Adam Hock	District #5 – Council Vice-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	Brooke Smith	City Recorder
Brenda Moore	Finance Director	Emily Barton	Finance Controller
Courtney Moore	NeighborWorks SLC	Joey Mittelman	Fire Chief
Danny Hansen	IT	Phil Markham	Community and Economic Dev. Director
Citizens			

Excused: Rosalba Dominguez – District #3

**Call to Order:** 6: 30 p.m. – Council Member Paul Pickett

**Approval of Minutes:** Council Meeting – July 16, 2024

**MOTION:** Ms. Cotter moved to approve, and Ms. Turner SECONDED the motion.  
Voice vote taken, all “Ayes.” Approved 4-0

**Citizen Comments:**

Harry C. Hankins – Murray Resident

Mr. Hankins expressed concern about the numerous apartment complexes being built in Murray related to water requirements. He questioned how Council Members consider approving big projects due to water shortage concerns. He noted last year's heavy snowfall provided lots of water for now, but questioned how the City could supply water to so many big apartments, expressing worry about running out of water.

**Public Hearings:**

1. **Consider an ordinance adopting the rate of tax levies for the Fiscal Year commencing July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.** Finance Director Brenda Moore explained what Truth in Taxation is, when the statue started, why it was implemented, how it is calculated and the process to increase property taxes.

She highlighted that in 2022 the tax rate was 0.001513. With a taxable property value of \$7,207,277,338, this generated \$10.9 million in property tax revenue.

In 2023 the property tax rate remained the same, resulting in an additional \$351,000 in revenue. Along with the \$10.9 million collected in 2022 and revenue from new growth, a total of \$11.4 million was generated in property taxes.

This year, property values increased to \$8.3 billion. The 2023 revenue of \$11.4 million, combined with substantial new growth that generated an additional \$332,791 in property tax revenue and the requested amount in property tax of \$583,777, brought the total property tax revenue to \$12,367,740.

This led to a reduced tax rate of 0.001483. Ms. Moore said that Truth in Taxation is based on the total property tax revenue, plus new growth.

She compared Murray's 2024 property tax rate and increased revenue total with 17 other Salt Lake County cities. Proposed property tax rates for 2025 were noted. Ms. Moore discussed where property tax funding is applied and how much the City actually receives from property taxes. She said Murray City was not proposing a 4.9% increase on a property owner's entire property tax bill. The 4.9% increase affects only the portion Murray collects from each dollar, which is 18 cents if a resident lives in the Murray School District and 14 cents if the residence is in the Granite School District.

Ms. Moore explained why the increase was needed, how the City would utilize the funding and pointed out that for the average city residence assessed at \$565,000, the tax increase would be \$21.75 per year or \$1.81 per month. For commercial property valued at \$565,000 the tax increase will be \$39.55 per year or \$3.29 per month.

The public hearing was open for public comments. No comments were given, and the public hearing was closed.

**MOTION:** Ms. Cotter moved to approve the ordinance. Mr. Hock SECONDED the motion.

**Council Roll Call Vote:**

Ms. Cotter	Aye
Ms. Turner	Aye
Mr. Hock	Aye
Mr. Pickett	Aye
Motion passed:	4-0

2. **Consider an ordinance adopting the final 2024-2025 Fiscal Year budgets for Murray City including the Library Fund Budget.** Ms. Moore said the budget had not changed since the time Council Members received the revised budget for that included new growth revenue and various small changes. In addition the proposed budget had been available for public view on the City's website for the last two months and the City had been operating on the proposed budget since July 1, 2024.

The public hearing was open for public comments. No comments were given, and the public hearing was closed.

**MOTION:** Ms. Turner moved to approve the ordinance. Ms. Cotter SECONDED the motion.

**Council Roll Call Vote:**

Ms. Cotter	Aye
Ms. Turner	Aye
Mr. Hock	Aye
Mr. Pickett	Aye
Motion passed:	4-0

**Mayor's Report and Questions:** None

**Adjournment:** 6:46 p.m.

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