

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

Work Session Minutes of Tuesday, May 13, 2025

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

Attendance:

Council Members:

Paul Pickett	District #1 – Arrived at 4:21 p.m.
Pam Cotter	District #2 – Council Chair
Scott Goodman	District #3
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	Joey Mittelman	Fire Chief
Russ Kakala	Public Works Director	Eric Brown	Chief Communications Officer
Camron Kollman	IT Support	Ben Ford	Wastewater Superintendent
Brenda Moore	Finance Director	Brooke Smith	City Recorder
Citizens			

Conducting: Council Chair Cotter called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Committee of the Whole, April 15, 2025. Mr. Goodman moved to approve, and Mr. Hock seconded the motion. All in favor 4-0.

Discussion Items:

- **Murray Senior Recreation Center Report.** Hal Luke Murray Senior Center Board Member. Hal Luke discussed recent events like the St. Patrick's Day celebration, a Spring Fling social event and a Bridge Tournament. Mr. Luke made one suggestion regarding the facility which was to add a wall to separate a busy hallway from an adjacent classroom.
- **A resolution of the Murray City Municipal Council giving notice of intent to adjust specified portions of its wastewater service boundaries which it has in common with the Midvalley Improvement District.** Wastewater Superintendent Ben Ford clarified that the resolution was approved once before by the City Council in December of 2023, however, due to improper filing of paperwork, it failed to meet the required deadline. This oversight required a full restart of the process and the resolution to be presented again for approval.

Mr. Ford recapped that the Midvalley Improvement District boundary needed to be adjusted with Murray City's boundary because Midvalley's boundary had not been updated since 1947. A map was shared to pinpoint the boundaries that would be affected. Mr. Ford confirmed that the municipal boundaries of Murray City would not change with this process and the adjustment would clarify the legal description affecting two properties. The proposed resolutions only mean that the City is accepting the plat and the new boundary description.

Mr. Ford explained there would be one public hearing for both of the resolutions and that each resolution would be voted on separately in a council meeting scheduled for July 15, 2025.

- **An ordinance amending Section 2.66.020 of the Murray City Municipal Code relating to elections.** City Recorder Brooke Smith explained that the City needed to update City Code to be in compliance with State Code regarding Elections. Ms. Smith reviewed in detail four required changes that involved publication methods for declaring candidacy, adding language for disclosing a conflict of interest, correcting one clerical error and publication methods after the period for filing a declaration expires. The Council would consider the amendment on June 3, 2025 in a City Council meeting to ensure that City Code aligns with the State Code.
- **A resolution amending the Murray City Municipal Council Guidelines and Policy relating to Municipal Elections.** Council Executive Director Jennifer Kennedy proposed that new language be added to the Municipal Elections Section of the City Council Policy and Procedures Handbook. Updates would outline what council staff can and cannot do during municipal elections for existing council members seeking reelection. Ms. Kennedy clarified that council staff may not assist with campaigns that includes conducting research, scheduling appointments, holding campaign related meetings or events and organizing fundraising activities. Staff must remain neutral throughout the election process.

Adjournment: 4:39 p.m.

Pattie Johnson
Council Administrator III