

**MURRAY CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL  
COUNCIL MEETING**

Minutes of Tuesday, July 1, 2025

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

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**Attendance:**

Council Members:

Paul Pickett District #1  
Pam Cotter District #2 – Council Chair  
Diane Turner District #4  
Scott Goodman District #3 – Telecom

Others:

Brett Hales	Mayor	Jennifer Kennedy	City Council Executive Director
G.L. Critchfield	City Attorney	Pattie Johnson	Council Administration
Doug Hill	Chief Administrative Officer	Chad Wilkinson	Community and Economic Dev. Director
Rob White	IT Director	Brooke Smith	City Recorder
Ben Gray	IT Support	Kim Sorensen	Parks Director
Jaren Scott	Trans-Jordan Cities	Russ Kakala	Public Works Director
Chris Harding	Salt Lake County Auditor	Greg Bellon	Power Director
Citizens			

Excused: Adam Hock – District #5 – Council Vice Chair

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

**Citizen Comments:**

Catherine Burton – Murray Resident

Ms. Burton spoke positively about joining the Murray Senior Recreation Center two years ago. She mentioned classes that have enriched her life, delicious meals, various activities and new friends she made since becoming a volunteer. Ms. Burton said the Center was a vital part of the community.

Chris Harding – Salt Lake County

Mr. Harding introduced himself as the new Salt Lake County Auditor and informed the Council that a Notice of Evaluation would soon be going out to all County residents. The notice for educational purposes will include information about property taxes, property values, property tax increases, an on-line appeal system and access to a new fraud hotline. A QR code would be included for an electronic version of the information.

LeAnn Parker-Reed – Murray Resident

Ms. Reed expressed gratitude for the successful Meet the Candidates event, thanked citizens for attending, noted she is running for District #3 and reminded Murray citizens to vote in the primary election on August 12, 2025. She asked whether City staff could assist in resolving a UTOPIA service issue more quickly for residents near 4800 South, as they had not had quick results from UTOPIA.

Robyn Simper – Murray Resident

Ms. Simper reported a disturbing encounter with Doug Bench, a Murray City contractor, who nearly hit her with his vehicle, stating he would run her down if she did not get out of his way. She requested that his contract with the City be cancelled due to his behavior and he should not represent the City she grew up in.

Mike Hlavaty – Murray Resident.

Mr. Hlavaty noted that Mayor Hales and the City Council were already aware of escalating issues near Hidden Village Park linked to a specific house in his neighborhood. He thanked the City for investigating serious concerns where felons now reside which were reported like drug use, stalking, sexual assault, trespassing, and threatening behavior toward his wife. He mentioned that a convicted kidnapper, William Clyde Shepherd was seen in the area at the park and soccer field. Mr. Hlavaty has reported incidents to the police and will continue to urge his neighbors to do the same and is organizing community efforts to address the ongoing problems.

**Business Items:**

1. **Consider an ordinance amending Chapter 2.68 of the Murray City Municipal Code changing the name of the MCCD Review Committee to the Form Based Code Architectural Review Committee and making minor adjustments to the review committee's duties.** Community Economic Development Director Chad Wilkinson recapped about the recent adoption of the new FBC (Form Base Code) and clarified that this proposed ordinance would amend a different section of Code not related to Land Use but to the organization. The amendment would update Code language by changing the text MCCD and Murray City Center District Review Committee to FBC Architectural Review Committee. Mr. Wilkinson also confirmed there was no cost to the City for having the volunteer committee.

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

**Council Roll Call Vote:**

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

2. **Consider a resolution authorizing the approval of an amendment to the second amended and restated interlocal agreement creating Trans-Jordan Cities dated December 1, 1995.** Public Works Director Russ Kakala recapped about the proposal to amend the original agreement of Trans-Jordan Cities to add Herriman City. With a thorough presentation in the previous Committee of the Whole meeting, Mr. Kakala confirmed that Council Members had no further questions.

**MOTION:** Ms. Turner moved to approve the resolution. Mr. Pickett **SECONDED** the motion.

**Council Roll Call Vote:**

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

**Mayor's Report and Questions:** Mayor Hales reported that construction at 700 West and Winchester Street would improve traffic flow and traffic calming measures on 4800 South and Atwood Boulevard were helping to make street crossing easier. He noted that the Murray Armory had hosted dozens of events since its grand opening on June 2, 2025. He expressed excitement about the new Love, Murray campaign, saying it was milestone, mentioned tours at the Murray Mansion had slowed slightly and that work on the Murray Theater was ongoing with its grand opening scheduled for September 27, 2025.

**Adjournment:** 6:57 p.m.

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