

MURRAY CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Work Session Minutes of Tuesday, September 2, 2025

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

Attendance:

Council Members:

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
Mark Richardson	Deputy Attorney	Pattie Johnson	Council Administration
Joey Mittelman	Fire Chief	Brooke Smith	City Recorder
Kim Sorensen	Parks Director	Camron Kollman	IT Support
Brenda Moore	Finance Director	Chad Wilkinson	Community and Economic Dev. Director
Zachery Smallwood	Planning Manager	David Rodgers	Senior Planner
Citizens and Guests			

Excused: Paul Pickett - District #1

Conducting: Council Chair Cotter called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Workshop, July 28, 2025 and Committee of the Whole, August 5, 2025. Mr. Hock noted one grammatical correction on page six of the Workshop minutes. Mr. Goodman moved to approve with changes. Ms. Turner seconded the motion. All in favor 4-0.

Discussion Item:

- **Power Department Report.** Power Department Director Greg Bellon discussed membership information presented at the 2025 UAMPS (Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems) Annual Member Conference. UAMPS will soon have two membership options; an All-Requirements membership where cities will be part of all UAMPS projects or a Project-Based membership where cities can pick what projects they are part of.

Mr. Bellon explained agreements for the membership options are currently being worked on and once they are complete, they will be distributed to all the member cities. At that time, each city will be able to determine which membership option is better for them. Once Murray City receives an agreement, a more in-depth discussion may take place with the City Council.

Mr. Youngs explained the energy markets and noted that PacifiCorp is the load balancing entity for Murray Power. He explained that CAISO (California Independent System Operator), WEIM (Western Energy Imbalance Market) and EDAM (Extended Day-Ahead Market) are the entities controlling all energy in the western interconnection and their goal was to ensure all loads are balanced between different utility companies.

Mr. Youngs said UAMPS was now training board members in understanding resource adequacy, reliability and cost savings, which are required goals of the CAISO, WEIM and EDAM network. Because scheduling power has become a huge endeavor for UAMPS, they partnered with TEA (The Energy Authority) to help schedule power according to the resource adequacy requirement.

Mr. Youngs said energy changes in the short-term would not apply to Murray Power's natural gas

turbines or hydro plant, but landfill resources would be included in the CAISO, WEIM and EDAM network.

Mr. Hock asked if the City's natural gas turbines were upgraded, could they be included in the network model. Mr. Youngs said Murray Power would have to build new generation for them to be included.

- **An ordinance amending sections 17.24.050, 17.96.020, 17.100.020, 17.104.020, 17.108.020, 17.112.020, 17.116.020, 17.120.020, 17.124.020, AND 17.128.020 of the Murray City Municipal Code relating to the maximum number of children permitted at a licensed in-home daycare.** Planning Manager Zac Smallwood said staff had returned with updated information regarding the proposal to amend City Code.

Ms. Turner asked what other nearby cities follow State Code allowing 16 children in in-home daycares. Mr. Smallwood noted that among the cities he researched, three cities aligned with State Code. Ms. Cotter asked if the applicant was following State guidelines. Mr. Smallwood said the business license was issued through the State which allowed 16 children, however the daycare should not be operating that way in Murray. This was the reason for the request.

Ms. Turner said 16 was a lot of children for two caregivers, considering babies would be enrolled. Mr. Hock said according to State Code, two of the 16 children must be 18 months or older. He felt four to six year olds in a daycare was similar to six year olds in kindergarten classes that can total up to 20 children with one teacher. Ms. Turner reiterated her concern that 16 children was too many, since babies require more attention than older children.

Ms. Cotter supported the increased due to a shortage of daycares and felt parents needed more options. Mr. Hock asked if the applicant had any prior complaints from neighbors about parking or traffic flow. Mr. Smallwood said no. Ms. Cotter referred to the petition favored by neighbors and noted that the Planning Commission approved the request. Mr. Smallwood confirmed staff also vetted the request thoroughly with approval. Mr. Smallwood said that although State Code did not include children attending public school during the day, Murray City would.

- **An ordinance amending the City's Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget.** Finance Director Brenda Moore explained that the first budget amendment of the fiscal year would be lengthy as funds for several construction projects would need to be carried forward to the new budget. Ms. Moore provided thorough and detailed information outlining the budget amendment.

Ms. Moore said she anticipated that larger projects would not be completed by the end of fiscal year 2025, so she allowed funding to remain in accounts. Instead of reallocating \$20 million to the Public Works Department for the rebuild project, the budget amendment would only reflect a roll forward amount of \$3 million. Ms. Moore highlighted grant funding transactions, various unspent grant money and new grant award allocations. She noted changes to health insurance costs due to City employees opting into the health coverage benefit and wage adjustments due to a retirement. Ms. Moore reviewed enterprise fund adjustments related to a land trade transactions not involving cash.

Ms. Moore pointed out financial adjustments in the Facilities Division involving \$255,000 that would roll forward for unrelated expenses for the Murray Armory remodel project. A decrease was noted in funding for the Murray Mansion remodel project. She discussed maintenance, paving and overlay street projects funded by Class C Road funding, pointed out allocations for new business licensing software needed for online access and confirmed that after all adjustments and allocations the GF reserves would

remain at 26%.

Mr. Hock asked about \$15,000 in funding for Municipal Building Authority projects at City Hall. Ms. Moore confirmed that auto recording capabilities would be added to the Cottonwood Conference room. She also pointed out that from the Capital Projects Fund reserves, \$615,000 was for the purchase of a building on Vine Street, that would be demolished for a city owned parking lot.

- **Adjournment:** 6:24 p.m.

Pattie Johnson
Council Administrator III