

MURRAY CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Work Session Minutes of Tuesday, November 18, 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
Doug Hill	Chief Administrative Officer	Pattie Johnson	Council Administrator
Joey Mittelman	Fire Chief	Brooke Smith	City Recorder
GL Critchfield	City Attorney	Chad Wilkinson	Community and Economic Dev. Director
Russ Kakala	Public Works Director	Aron Frisk	Water Superintendent
Brenda Moore	Finance Director	Erica Brown	Chief Communications Officer
Jeff Martin	Facilities	Ben Gray	IT Support
Citizens and Guests			

Excused: Paul Pickett – District #1

Conducting: Council Chair Cotter called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Committee of the Whole, October 7, 2025 and Committee of the Whole, October 21, 2025. Ms. Turner moved to approve both sets of minutes. Mr. Hock seconded the motion. All in favor 4-0

Discussion Items:

- **The drilling location for the new Winchester Well.** Water Public Works Director Russ Kakala said with support from Mayor Hales, Chief Administrative Officer Doug Hill and Golf Course Superintendent Jason Lundberg, the new Winchester Well would now be located on 1200 West Winchester Street. An aerial map was analyzed depicting the location. Superintendent Aron Frisk confirmed there were reasons for relocating the well, besides avoiding disruption of the new park's construction. Mr. Frisk explained that the site near the golf course maintenance building already had utility and roadway connections, it offered better security, access and improved water quality because it was located in the Wasatch Mountain watershed rather than the Oquirrh Mountain watershed west of the Jordan River. Information on water minerals was reviewed, along with the layout and design of the Winchester wellhouse that would be similar to the wellhouse in Murray Park. Mr. Frisk confirmed that moving the location did not affect federal funding the City would receive for constructing the well.
- **An ordinance relating to land use; amends the Zoning Map from R-1-8 (Single Family Low-Density Residential) to R-N-B (Residential Neighborhood Business) for the property located at 6446 South 900 East, Murray City.** Community and Economic Development Director Chad Wilkinson displayed an aerial map of the parcel noting that because the request complied with the Future Land Use Map, a General Plan amendment was not required. He compared the two zoning standards to highlight that the height regulation in the R-N-B was lower than the existing R-1-8 allowance, making it compatible to the residential area nearby. Mr. Wilkinson outlined the findings to confirm why staff and the Planning Commission recommended approval to the City Council and also confirmed that the plan was to keep the existing driveway the same and renovate the existing building for a small business.
- **An ordinance related to land use; amends the General Plan to adopt and add the Murray City Water**

Use and Preservation Element. Mr. Wilkinson explained that the amendment was needed to comply with Utah Senate Bill 110 which was passed in 2022, requiring certain cities to include a water use and preservation element in their General Plan. He said Mr. Frisk and Planning Manager Zac Smallwood began drafting the General Plan chapter in April of 2025 that would build upon Murray's Water Conservation Plan that was adopted in 2024.

Mr. Wilkinson reviewed objectives, strategies and subobjectives already underway, confirming that the water use and preservation elements met all state law requirements, including implementation and specific timelines. The overall goal was to create policies, ordinances and funding strategies that would provide the resources for supply, infrastructure and conservation goals to be met.

Mr. Frisk discussed how the City would partner with CUWCD (Central Utah Water Conservancy District) to use the platform Yoppify. CUWCD would cover all Yoppify costs for the first three years. Following that, the City would pay 50% of the cost, and after that the City's ongoing annual cost would be \$8,000. Yoppify would allow the City to communicate digitally with residents about high usage and possible water leaks with a text, email or phone call, which would help cut wasted water and reduce stress on the system. Mr. Wilkinson noted that on October 16, 2025 the Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend approval to the City Council.

- **An ordinance relating to no fault utility and golf ball claims.** City Attorney G.L. Critchfield discussed a proposal to raise the maximum payout for no-fault insurance claims related to damages caused by the City's power, water and sewer systems, as well as any golf ball-related incidents originating from the City's golf course. He confirmed that the City's current policy for paying up to \$5,000 for power, water and sewer incidents was passed in 2012 and the golf ball ordinance paying up to \$300 was passed in 2008.

Mr. Critchfield noted that all related policy amounts were found to be outdated and all were less than what other cities pay. The proposed ordinance would raise the amount up to \$10,000 for power, water and sewer incidents and up to \$500 for golf ball incidents. Mr. Critchfield believed the increases would align the City's no-fault ordinances with the rising costs residents and visitors face to mitigate and repair damages, and with the levels of other cities that also pay no-fault claims.

- **A resolution approving an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Murray City and Murray City School District for mutual use of facilities.** Chief Administrative Officer Doug Hill stated that the City and the school district first agreed to share their buildings and facilities in 1980, which has changed many times over the years. The goal was always to use each other's facilities at the lowest cost possible and only charge for certain services. For example currently the City can use a school auditorium for free, but the school district would charge the City for a lighting or sound technician for the event. Also when the school district uses the City's indoor swimming pool, the City bills the school district for the lifeguard services.

Mr. Hill said the process to track various costs became more complicated, as the City had been using school facilities much more than the school district was using Murray City facilities. For example, if the City had been charged a normal fee to use school district soccer fields and gymnasiums for sports programs. the City would have paid the school district \$200,000. Had the school district been charged to use the City's facility, the cost to them would have been approximately \$71,000. Realizing the imbalance, a meeting occurred with Murray School District Superintendent Jennifer Covington to discuss complex outside billing costs. She agreed there should be a more balanced process.

Mr. Hill said the hope was to simplify the money exchange process between the school district and the City and bring various costs closer together. The proposed changes to the mutual use of facilities agreement includes eliminating all service fees, allowing the Murray Education Foundation to use the Murray golf course at no charge for one annual golf tournament, and having the school district provide free advertising for City recreation programs in its weekly e-newsletter.

- **A resolution authorizing the execution of an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Murray City School District and Murray City relating to school resource officers provided by the city to the district.** Mr. Hill stated that for years the City has had an agreement with the school district to provide SRO's (school resource officers) and because the agreement was expired, it should be updated to a better standard. Currently the school district pays the City \$25,000 for three SROs, which was significantly less than what other Salt Lake County junior high and high schools pay other police departments. The reason the City discounted the cost over the years, was due to the mutual use of facilities agreement and the complex money exchange related to other fees and services between the two entities.

Mr. Hill outlined changes to the SRO agreement that included providing the SRO to the school district for no charge, allowing brief time periods for an SRO to leave a campus for various trainings and other responsibilities and for the Murray Police Department to provide a substitute officer at no charge if needed.

- **A resolution adopting the regular meeting schedule of the Murray City Municipal Council for calendar year 2026.** City Council Executive Director Jennifer Kennedy reviewed the proposed meeting schedule for 2026.
- **Adjournment:** 5:35 p.m.

Pattie Johnson
Council Administrator III