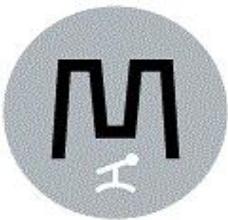




MURRAY
CITY COUNCIL

**Council Meeting
January 6, 2026**



Murray City Municipal Council

City Council Meeting Notice

January 6, 2026

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Murray City Municipal Council will hold a City Council meeting beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 6, 2026 in the Murray City Council Chambers located at Murray City Hall, 10 East 4800 South, Murray, Utah.

The public may view the Council Meeting via the live stream at www.murraycitylive.com or <https://www.facebook.com/Murraycityutah/>.

Meeting Agenda

6:30 p.m. **Council Meeting** – Council Chambers
Pam Cotter conducting.

Opening Ceremonies

Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

Council Meeting – November 25, 2025
Council Meeting – December 9, 2025

Citizen Comments

Comments will be limited to three minutes, step to the microphone, state your name and city of residence, and fill out the required form.

Special Recognition

None scheduled.

Consent Agenda

None scheduled.

Public Hearing

Staff, sponsor presentations and public comment will be given prior to Council action on the following matter.

1. Consider an ordinance enacting Section 17.76.165 of the Murray City Municipal Code relating to residential ponds. Zachary Smallwood presenting.

Business Items

1. Consider a resolution approving the Mayor's appointment of representatives to Boards of Interlocal Entities and to a Community Development Corporation. Mayor Hales presenting.
2. Consider a resolution appointing the Chair and Vice Chair for the Murray City Municipal Council

for calendar year 2026. Pam Cotter presenting.

3. Consider a resolution appointing the Chair and Vice Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee of the Murray City Municipal Council for calendar year 2026. Pam Cotter presenting.
4. Consider a resolution approving the City Council's appointment of representatives to a Board and a Committee. Pam Cotter presenting.

Mayor's Report and Questions

Adjournment

NOTICE

Supporting materials are available for inspection on the Murray City website at www.murray.utah.gov.

Special accommodations for the hearing or visually impaired will be made upon a request to the office of the Murray City Recorder (801-264-2663). We would appreciate notification two working days prior to the meeting. TTY is Relay Utah at #711.

Council Members may participate in the meeting via telephonic communication. If a Council Member does participate via telephonic communication, the Council Member will be on speaker phone. The speaker phone will be amplified so that the other Council Members and all other persons present in the Council Chambers will be able to hear all discussions.

On Friday, January 2, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., a copy of the foregoing notice was posted in conspicuous view in the front foyer of the Murray City Center, Murray, Utah. Copies of this notice were provided for the news media in the Office of the City Recorder. A copy of this notice was posted on Murray City's internet website www.murray.utah.gov, and the state noticing website at <http://pmn.utah.gov>.



Jennifer Kennedy
Council Executive Director
Murray City Municipal Council



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Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance



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Council Meeting Minutes

**MURRAY CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING**

Minutes of Tuesday, November 25, 2025

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
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
GL Critchfield	City Attorney	Joey Mittelman	Fire Chief
Kim Sorensen	Chief Administrative Officer	Rob White	IT Director
Jeff Martin	Parks Director	Brooke Smith	City Recorder
Craig Burnett	Police Chief	Chad Wilkinson	Community and Economic Dev. Director
Aaron Frisk	Public Works	Zac Smallwood	Planning Manager
Ben Grey	IT Support	Erica Brown	Chief Communications Officer
Laverne Snow	Mosquito Abatement District	Dan McBride	Mosquito Abatement District
Jen Leitner	Parks & Recreation	Robert Wyse	Murray Theater
Flip Nielson	Parks & Recreation	Katie Lundquist	Murray Theater
Citizens and Guests		Bruce Holyoak	Park Superintendent

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

Citizen Comments:

Dustin Lewis - Murray Resident

Mr. Lewis thanked the Council and Mayor Hales for their work, congratulated recently re-elected officials and expressed appreciation for improvements to 700 West and Winchester. He was grateful for his six years on the Library Advisory Board and working with various city staff. He also acknowledged Doug Hill for being a good mentor.

Dan Lundwall – Murray Resident

Mr. Lundwall spoke about the Murray Amateur Radio Club, founded in 2019 and its ongoing support for the City. He mentioned unique ham radio classes, working with the Fire Department, involvement in the Fourth of July parade and that the organization is growing with a membership of 81 people.

Special Recognition:

1. **Murray City Employees of the Month, Murray Theater Staff Katie Lindquist, Bethany Tucker and Robert Wyse.** Paul Pickett, Mayor Hales and Kim Sorensen presented Katie Lindquist, Bethany Tucker and Robert Wyse with certificates and \$50 gift cards. All employees were recognized for their dedication and hard work leading up to the Theater's grand opening and following events.

Public Hearings:

1. a. **Accept public comment and express sentiment regarding a request by the South Salt Lake Valley Mosquito Abatement District to increase property taxes.** Laverne Snow introduced District Manager Dan McBride, who confirmed that the Truth in Taxation process and any proposed tax increase must be

presented to the City's legislative body to ensure accountability. Mr. McBride stated that MAD (Mosquito Abatement District) would be proposing a \$320,000 increase for the year 2026, that would bring their total property tax revenue to \$1.42 million. The increase would cost about \$0.77 per year for a \$600,000 home and \$1.40 for businesses. The increase was needed for stabilization due to inflation and for operational upgrades including drone technology. He noted that MAD had not implemented an increase in 20 years, except for a temporary one in 2010 to construct a new facility, which has since been reduced. A public hearing for the tax increase was scheduled for December 8, 2025, at their district office.

b. Consider a resolution acknowledging receipt of a report from a member of the South Salt Lake Valley Mosquito Abatement District on a proposed property tax increase.

The public hearing was open for public comments. There were no comments and the public hearing was closed.

MOTION: Mr. Hock moved to approve the resolution and acknowledged receipt of the report. Ms. Cotter **SECONDED** the motion.

Council Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Cotter Aye
Mr. Goodman Aye
Ms. Turner Aye
Mr. Hock Aye
Mr. Pickett Aye
Motion passed: 5-0

2. Consider 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. Planning Manager Zac Smallwood presented the proposal for the zone change request, displayed the Future Land Use Map to confirm that the request was in line with planning objectives of the GP (General Plan) and outlined zoning regulations of the R-1-8 compared to the R-N-B zone. Mr. Smallwood confirmed that notice was given to the surrounding public and discussed findings to confirm why staff and the PC recommended approval to the City Council.

The public hearing was open for public comments. There were no comments and the public hearing was closed.

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

Council Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Cotter Aye
Mr. Goodman Aye
Ms. Turner Aye
Mr. Hock Aye
Mr. Pickett Aye
Motion passed: 5-0

3. Consider an ordinance related to land use; amends the General Plan to adopt and add the Murray City Water Use and Preservation Element. Mr. Smallwood stated that the Water Use and Preservation Element would be a new chapter to the GP, which was required by the State of Utah in 2022. City planners began working with the Murray City Water Division to draft the new Code last spring. Mr. Smallwood explained the overall goal of implementing the ordinance and outlined five objectives along with related strategies. He reported that the PC voted unanimously in favor to recommend that the City Council adopt the Water Use and Preservation Element and confirmed that staff also recommended its adoption.

The public hearing was open for public comments. There were no comments and the public hearing was closed.

MOTION: Ms. Turner moved to adopt the ordinance. Mr. Hock **SECONDED** the motion.

Council Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Cotter Aye
Mr. Goodman Aye
Ms. Turner Aye
Mr. Hock Aye
Mr. Pickett Aye

Motion passed: 5-0

Business Items:

1. **Consider a resolution providing advice and consent to the Mayor's appointment of Jeff Martin as the Murray City Parks and Recreation Director.** Mayor Hales introduced Jeff Martin and believed he was qualified for the position, highlighting Jeff's likeable and kind personality and willingness to learn as top reasons. He noted Jeff's 15 years of service with Murray City stating that Jeff was respected by many employees and coworkers.

MOTION: Ms. Turner moved to adopt the resolution. Mr. Hock **SECONDED** the motion.

Council Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Cotter Aye
Mr. Goodman Aye
Ms. Turner Aye
Mr. Hock Aye
Mr. Pickett Aye

Motion passed: 5-0

2. **Consider a resolution approving an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Murray City (“City”) and Murray City School District (“District”) for mutual use of facilities** Chief Administrative Officer Doug Hill stated that the proposed resolution would amend an agreement that the City has had with the Murray City School District for several decades. The resolution was related to the mutual use of facilities, where the agreement allows the City to use school districts facilities for mostly recreational programs without paying a fee to the school district. The agreement conversely allows the school district to use Murray City facilities at no cost for sporting activities like baseball and golf. It also allows the Murray Education Foundation to use the Murray City golf course for an annual golf tournament without paying fees. In return the school district would allow the City to use their marketing program to market City recreation programs, at no cost, in all of their schools.

MOTION: Ms. Cotter moved to adopt the resolution. Ms. Turner **SECONDED** the motion.

Council Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Cotter Aye
Mr. Goodman Aye
Ms. Turner Aye
Mr. Hock Aye
Mr. Pickett Aye

Motion passed: 5-0

3. **Consider a resolution authorizing the execution of an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Murray City School District (“District”) and Murray City (“City”), relating to school resource officers provided by the City to the District.** Mr. Hill said the agreement with the Murray City School District was related to providing school resource officers. The proposal was to extend the time period for the City to provide them

at Murray High and the two junior high schools for no cost. Mr. Hill confirmed that other minor changes were reviewed with Council Members in a previous work session. He confirmed that both agreements with the school district financially benefit Murray and its residents by covering costs that would otherwise fall on taxpayers. The agreements also help the school district save millions in having to build facilities for events and they help the City save money from having to build gymnasiums and soccer fields.

MOTION: Mr. Hock moved to adopt the resolution. Ms. Cotter **SECONDED** the motion.

Council Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Cotter	Aye
Mr. Goodman	Aye
Ms. Turner	Aye
Mr. Hock	Aye
Mr. Pickett	Aye

Motion passed: 5-0

4. **Consider an ordinance amending Sections 3.52.060, 3.54.060, and 3.56.070 of the Murray City Municipal Code relating to no fault utility and golf ball claims.** City Attorney G.L. Critchfield stated that there were situations when property damage occurred that was not the City's fault. For this reason the City has an existing ordinance allowing the City to apply a certain amount of money to help cover damages. For example, if a flying golf ball from the City golf course creates damage, the City will pay up to \$300 to cover it. The proposed amendment would increase the amount to \$500. Mr. Critchfield noted that the existing ordinance was passed in 2008 and with current inflation, staff believed the proposed increase was a fairer amount. To mitigate repair costs for power, water, and sewer damages, the proposal was to increase the current maximum amount of \$5,000 to \$10,000.

MOTION: Mr. Goodman moved to adopt the ordinance. Ms. Cotter **SECONDED** the motion.

Council Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Cotter	Aye
Mr. Goodman	Aye
Ms. Turner	Aye
Mr. Hock	Aye
Mr. Pickett	Aye

Motion passed: 5-0

Mayor's Report and Questions: Mayor Hales announced that the Murray City Christmas Tree Lighting event would be held Saturday, November 29, 2025 which would include many new festivities. He also reported about a successful food drive initiated by the CED where food was provided to the Children's Food Pantry.

Adjournment: 7:27 p.m.

Pattie Johnson
Council Office Administrator III

MURRAY CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes of Tuesday, December 9, 2025
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
Scott Goodman	District #3 – Excused
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
Rob White	IT Director	Brenda Moore	Finance Director
Russ Kakala	Public Works Director	Aron Frisk	Public Works
Craig Burnett	Police Chief	Chad Wilkinson	Community & Economic Dev. Director
Jeff Martin	Parks Director	Joey Mittelman	Fire Chief
Greg Bellon	Power Director	Jeff Puls	Fire Marshall
Citizens and Guests		Ben Gray	IT Support

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

Approval of Minutes: Council Meeting. November 18, 2025.

MOTION: Mr. Pickett moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Hock seconded the motion.

Voice vote taken, all “Ayes.” Approved 4-0

Citizen Comments:

Cathy Burton – Murray Resident

Murray Senior Center Advisory Board Member Ms. Burton shared about the senior center being 45 years old and how it evolved over time. She described classes and programs that benefit seniors and expressed gratitude for the City’s support. She also encouraged the City to consider expanding the building.

Robyn Simper – Murray Resident

Ms. Simper a life time Murray resident spoke about an issue with her neighbor and requested help from the City to resolve the matter.

Public Hearings:

1. Consider an ordinance related to land use; amends, updates, and renames the existing Fashion Place West Small Area Plan to the Fashion Place West Station Area Plan as an element of the General Plan. Planning Manager Zac Smallwood stated that a discussion about the updates occurred in the prior Committee of the Whole meeting and confirmed that staff and the Planning Commission recommended approval of the amendment to the City Council. Landscape Architect Mark Morris with VODA Landscaping and Planning offered the draft plan containing updates required by the State of Utah. He stated that the Fashion Place West Small Area Plan was adopted in 2021 and that for the last several months he worked with an in-house steering committee and conducted outreach to major stakeholders. The vision of the plan was to look at how the City can implement specific steps in the area to solve local

issues related to housing, transportation access and infrastructure investments from the City. Mr. Morris said implementation was the focus of the updates and noted conceptual tasks that should be looked at over the next five years to ensure that major changes occur to the area.

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

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

Council Roll Call Vote

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

2. Consider an ordinance enacting Section 12.28.070 of the Murray City Municipal Code relating to collection fees for outstanding balances owed to the city and amending Sections 7.04.030, 12.30.010, 13.04.040 and 13.48.050 of the Murray City Municipal Code relating to the same. Finance Director Brenda Moore explained that the amendment would allow the City to add late fees to various past due balances owed to the City. It would also allow the collection agency to add their own collection fee to an outstanding balance, so that if collected, the City would now receive the entire amount due and not just a percentage.

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. Mr. Pickett SECONDED the motion.

Council Roll Call Vote

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

Business Items:

1. Consider a resolution finding that adopting the Utah Wildland Urban Interface Code to apply within Murray City is impracticable. Fire Chief Joey Mittelman explained that the proposed resolution was related to Utah House Bill 48, which required all cities to analyze whether they have any WUI (Wildland Urban Interface) areas within their boundaries. He stated that the bill was meant for places like Park City and along the summit in mountainous areas, and not necessarily in a urban suburban area like Murray City. Chief Mittelman read the resolution that formally recognized the absence of a WUI within Murray City's geographical boundaries and confirmed that the City has no current or anticipated areas that meet the criteria for a WUI designation.

MOTION: Mr. Hock moved to adopt the resolution and Mr. Pickett SECONDED the motion.

Council Roll Call Vote:

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

2. Consider an ordinance enacting Section 2.11.030 and Amending Sections 2.28.040, 17.67.060, 17.172.010 and 17.172.020 of the Murray City Municipal Code relating to Code Enforcement. CED (Community & Economic Development) Director Chad Wilkinson explained that the proposed ordinance would create the new Code Enforcement Division within the department and provide related changes that would facilitate a new code enforcement program.

MOTION: Mr. Pickett moved to adopt the ordinance and Mr. Hock **SECONDED** the motion.

Council Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Turner Aye

Mr. Hock Aye

Ms. Cotter Aye

Mr. Pickett Aye

Motion passed: 4-0

3. Consider an ordinance enacting Title 11 of the Murray City Municipal Code establishing the Administrative Code Enforcement Program. Mr. Wilkinson stated that the ordinance would establish the Administrative Code Enforcement program and create a new chapter, Title 11 in Murray City Municipal Code. The new program would give the City additional tools as part of a new process where Code Enforcement officers would be able to issue administrative citations and notices of violations. He clarified that a citation would be issued for fairly easy to resolve matters like illegal street parking; a notice of violation would be used in situations where good cooperation was lacking and issues took longer to resolve.

Mr. Wilkinson explained how the established process would also include the hiring of an administrative law judge. Fine amounts would be discussed and established in the future and adopted in relationship to the consolidated fee schedule of the City. He noted that the City's philosophy has always been that enforcement is best handled with voluntary compliance, but the new program would provide staff and the City with important tools to resolve matters more efficiently.

MOTION: Mr. Hock moved to adopt the ordinance and Ms. Turner **SECONDED** the motion.

Council Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Turner Aye

Mr. Hock Aye

Ms. Cotter Aye

Mr. Pickett Aye

Motion passed: 4-0

4. Consider a Joint Resolution adopting the Murray City Privacy Program Policy. City Recorder Brooke Smith stated that the City must comply with Utah Code Section 63A-9-41 by adopting a privacy policy and program by December 31, 2025. Her work with the Mayor's office, the City Attorney's office, and the I.T. department would ensure the program followed the City's operational needs and legal standards and that the proposed Joint Resolution adopts a privacy policy that meets State expectations and deadlines.

MOTION: Ms. Turner moved to adopt the joint resolution and Mr. Hock **SECONDED** the motion.

Council Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Turner Aye

Mr. Hock Aye

Ms. Cotter Aye

Mr. Pickett Aye

Motion passed: 4-0

5. Consider a resolution of the Municipal Council (the "Council") of Murray City, Utah (the "City"), authorizing the execution of a Second Supplemental Indenture of Trust in connection with the City's Electric Revenue Bonds, Series 2025; authorizing the taking of all other actions necessary to the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this resolution; and related matters. Ms. Moore confirmed that the proposed resolution would authorize a second indenture in connection with bond payments. She clarified that in the general indenture, a clause called the 1/6th 1/12th would no longer apply, which required the City to make monthly payments to a trust fund, that would then make bond payments twice a year for the City. She confirmed that all parties involved agreed to the proposal and that if approved the City would now make a bond payment every six months, an interest payment every six months and an interest payment with a principal payment once a year.

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

Council Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Turner	Aye
Mr. Hock	Aye
Ms. Cotter	Aye
Mr. Pickett	Aye

Motion passed: 4-0

6. Consider a resolution adopting and approving the Murray City Investment Policy. City Treasurer Mindy Stacy said the City was looking to update the City's investment policy to match the Utah Money Management Act. The update would allow the City to invest in certificate of deposits and change how the City would select investment advisors and institutions.

MOTION: Ms. Turner moved to adopt the resolution and Mr. Hock **SECONDED** the motion.

Council Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Turner	Aye
Mr. Hock	Aye
Ms. Cotter	Aye
Mr. Pickett	Aye

Motion passed: 4-0

Mayor's Report and Questions: Mayor Hales announced a retirement party for Doug Hill who worked for Murray City for 35 years, that included eight years as Chief Administrative Officer.

Adjournment: 7:15 p.m.

Pattie Johnson
Council Office Administrator III



MURRAY
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Citizen Comments

Limited to three minutes, unless otherwise approved by Council



MURRAY
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Public Hearing



MURRAY

Council Action Request

Community and Economic Development

Residential Pond Regulations Text Amendment

Committee of the Whole

Meeting Date: December 9, 2025

Department Director Chad Wilkinson	Purpose of Proposal Amend Chapter 17.76 Supplementary Development Standards to enact Section 17.76.165 related to Residential Ponds.
Phone # 801-270-2427	Action Requested Adoption of the proposed text addition
Presenters Zachary Smallwood	Attachments Slides
Required Time for Presentation 15 minutes	Budget Impact None Anticipated
Is This Time Sensitive No	Description of this Item At the July 15, 2025 City Council meeting, a citizen requested that the city consider adopting regulations related to the construction of ponds in residential zones. At the request of the Mayor and Council, staff conducted research into the ordinances and policies of surrounding communities with regard to ponds. At a subsequent meeting, staff presented a summary of pond regulations from surrounding communities in Salt Lake County. After reviewing the information presented, Council directed staff to draft potential regulations for ponds and bring them forward for formal consideration.
Mayor's Approval	The Planning Commission conducted a public hearing on October 16, 2025 and voted 4-1 recommending that City Council adopt the proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance with a modification to remove any requirement for a building permit.
Date January 31, 2018	

MURRAY CITY CORPORATION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 6th day of January, 2026, at the hour of 6:30 p.m., in the City Council Chambers of the Murray City Hall, 10 East 4800 South, Murray, Utah, the Murray City Municipal Council will hold and conduct a Public Hearing on and pertaining to text amendments to enact section 17.76.165 of the Murray City Municipal Code relating to residential ponds.

The purpose of this hearing is to receive public comment concerning the proposed text amendments as described above.

DATED this 4th day of December 2025.



MURRAY CITY CORPORATION

A handwritten signature in black ink.

Brooke Smith
City Recorder

DATES OF POSTING: December 26, 2025
PH25-49 (Updated)

LOCATIONS OF POSTINGS – AT LEAST 10 CALENDAR DAYS BEFORE THE PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Utah Public Notice Website
2. Murray City Website
3. Posted at Murray City Hall
4. Mailed to Affected Entities

ORDINANCE NO. 25-_____

AN ORDINANCE ENACTING SECTION 17.76.165 OF THE MURRAY CITY MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO RESIDENTIAL PONDS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE MURRAY CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL:

Section 1. Purpose. The purpose of this ordinance is to enact Section 17.76.165 of the Murray City Municipal Code relating to residential ponds.

Section 2. Enactment of Section 17.76.165 of the Murray City Municipal Code. Section 17.76.165 of the Murray City Municipal Code relating to residential ponds shall be enacted to read as follows:

17.76.165: RESIDENTIAL PONDS:

A pond is defined as any artificial basin of water that is not intended or designed with the primary purpose of wading or swimming.

- A. Ponds are allowed in all residential zoning districts as an accessory use.
- B. All ponds shall be setback a minimum of five feet (5') from any property line.
- C. All ponds shall have a liner composed of a natural or synthetic material designed to retain water within the pond.
- D. Electrical permits shall be required for any pumps or lighting as determined by adopted building and electrical codes.

Section 3. Effective date. This Ordinance shall take effect upon first publication.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Murray City Municipal Council on this _____ day of _____, 2025.

MURRAY CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

Pam Cotter, Chair

ATTEST:

Brooke Smith, City Recorder

Transmitted to the Office of the Mayor of Murray City on this _____ day of
_____, 2025.

MAYOR'S ACTION: Approved

DATED this _____ day of _____, 2025.

Brett A. Hales, Mayor

ATTEST:

Brooke Smith, City Recorder

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION

I hereby certify that this Ordinance, or a summary hereof, was published
according to law on the _____ day of _____, 2025.

Brooke Smith, City Recorder

Land Use Ordinance Amendment - Project #25-099 - Add Section 17.76.165 related to Residential Ponds

Chad Wilkinson presented this agenda item. The request is for an amendment Chapter 17.76 Supplementary Development Standards to enact Section 17.76.165 related to Residential Ponds. Mr. Wilkinson provided context for the origins of the request. He said that a citizen requested that the city look at adopting regulations for private residential ponds. The citizen is motivated by a potential pond that will be built on the property adjacent to him. Mr. Wilkinson conducted research on pond regulations within surrounding communities. He drafted some regulations for The Planning Commission to review and recommend for approval or denial to the City Council. He said Murray City has not historically required permits for ponds and pointed out that many cities do not. He said that all the cities he researched do require an electrical permit for hard-wired pumps for ponds. Plug-in pumps that are plugged into approved outlets do not need permits. Thresholds for permits being required vary per city. Some are based upon depth and/or volume of the pond or the amount of excavation that occurs. He said these standards are based on above ground water tanks or prefabricated pools, because there are no set standards for permitting for ponds. He noted that, although Herriman previously had a permitting process for ponds, they've retracted it based on a change to the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code that clarifies that the standards of the codes related to pools and spas should only be used to regulate structures that are specifically designed for swimming, bathing and wading. Mr. Wilkinson said he attempted to keep the proposed standards fairly basic, without being overly regulatory. He pointed out the five-foot setback requirement and the requirement for the pond to have a liner. He said he worked with a member from the Utah Pond & Garden Association who indicated that installed ponds should almost always have a liner. He said this is universally required by all the cities that have pond ordinances. He said they've included requirements regarding site plans, size threshold, soil stability, erosion control, liner details, electrical details and slope details. Mr. Wilkinson provided some background on how residential ponds are made, as well as a description of suitable materials that can be used as liners. He gave examples of sizes of standard pools and dimensions to provide context for the size and volume of a resident pond. He provided the example of the diameter of a trampoline to provide reference for pond size. He pointed out that the challenge with ponds is that they aren't a consistent shape, and it would be difficult to measure the gallon size. Mr. Wilkinson said that enforcing a standard based solely on pond depth would be difficult because some of the ponds are built to provide refuge for fish during the winter and may exceed an imposed standard. Staff have proposed a standard that uses both depth and volume to determine size. He said these ponds are only designed for aesthetics and to keep ornamental fish, these are not designed for swimming. He said that a variety of mosquito abatement measures can be implemented. He expressed concern in implementing a pond ordinance relating to the pond structure but said it makes sense to require a permit for the electrical features. He said that requiring a permit for the structure itself would require design professionals to be involved, which would increase the cost substantially for residents. Mr. Wilkinson said they need to be careful in adopting a pond ordinance that is restrictive of land ownership rights. He said Murray City has never had a previous issue with ponds, so they want to apply an ordinance that is not onerous to property owners. Staff recommends that the Planning Commission forward a recommendation of approval to the City Council.

Commissioner Hildreth asked how much extra work the requirement of a permit might create for staff. Mr. Wilkinson said he doesn't think it will be very much. Most ponds won't meet the threshold of the proposed 5,000 gallons required for a permit.

Vice Chair Hristou confirmed that the city hasn't had a lot of issues with ponds in the past. Mr. Wilkinson said there have actually been no issues that current staff could recall.

Commissioner Pehrson asked if the city's current pool code only applied to permanent structures, not above ground pools. Mr. Wilkinson said there is some discretion regarding the requirement of a permit. Generally, permanent structures above 24 inches in depth, intended for swimming or bathing, require a permit.

Commissioner Pehrson asked what the applicant would be required to do for soil stability and erosion control. Mr. Wilkinson said they'll have to use a third party to provide a soil analysis. He pointed out that even for other structures, such as small sheds, that don't require permits it's still required to use best practices, and build in accordance with city codes and ordinances.

Commissioner Pehrson pointed out that having ponds with proper mosquito control reduces the number of mosquitoes in an area.

Commissioner Hacker asked if staff is adding limitations to the code by stating that it's for residential zoning, not including commercial zoning. He also asked if staff found safety concerns in their research. Mr. Wilkinson said there are many unfenced ponds located throughout the city and there have been no safety concerns reported.

A discussion was had regarding the question of requiring permits for ponds in commercial zones. Mr. Wilkinson said the commission can add a clarification to the code that it also applies to commercial zoning.

Chair Richards asked why the city needs to regulate ponds and why not simply rely on civil remedies as needed. He referred to a public comment email that was included in the packet. It stated that if ponds are not properly engineered, they would cause soil erosion and threaten nearby structures. He asked if that was a legitimate concern. Mr. Wilkinson said, for ponds below the 5,000-gallon threshold, there is very little concern. He said staff anticipates that nearly all ponds will have liners.

Commissioner Hildreth asked if an incident occurred that prompted staff develop this ordinance. Mr. Wilkinson said a resident raised the issue because his neighbor is excavating for a pond in his yard.

Chair Richards opened the agenda item for public comment.

Colby Oliverson spoke. He is the resident who made the request for the city to develop a pond ordinance for residents who want to build a big pond. He made the request out of a concern for public safety. He said if his neighbor wants to build a pond, he wants to make sure it's done safely. He said there are many other cities with pond ordinances. He disagrees that there aren't safety issues. He provided an example of a pond that leaked and caused nearby townhomes to sink. He said he easily found safety issues upon performing a basic Google and AI search for incidents Nationwide. He said he sees inconsistencies in what the Planning Commission chooses to regulate, citing the example of a recent patio ordinance, but then argues about having a pond ordinance. He said that, just because there haven't been issues doesn't mean there shouldn't be an ordinance. He said that he and his neighbors are requesting the ordinance requirement should be lowered

from 5,000-gallon ponds to 2,000-gallon ponds. He said they aren't asking to prohibit ponds, just for ponds of a certain size be regulated.

Sheri VanBibber spoke. Her property is adjacent to the neighbor who is building the pond. She said she is concerned about unintended consequences if there are no regulations. She cited concerns about crawdads causing damage. She also expressed concerns that the pond could cause flooding. She doesn't feel her neighbor should be allowed to have the pond.

Nick Skolmoski spoke. He said he supports the requirements of the regulations. He was pleased to hear about the ways that mosquito abatement can be implemented.

Chair Richards closed the public comment period for this agenda item.

A discussion was had about the appropriate threshold required to have a permit. A suggestion was made to split the difference and require a permit for anything bigger than 3,000 gallons. Mr. Wilkinson said there needs to be a threshold, but it's difficult to determine the deciding factor in the number of gallons that must be permitted. Some commissioners felt the number of gallons required was arbitrary and not based on anything that was useful. Mr. Wilkinson used the standard of above ground tanks used by other communities to come up with the threshold of 5,000 gallons. He said the threshold may not be entirely applicable to ponds, but it's at least a standard that's based on code.

A discussion was had regarding the potential difficulty in obtaining a pond permit. Mr. Wilkinson said they need third-party analysis, or they have nothing to review. The challenge is that every pond has a unique shape and slopes that are difficult to quantify. Having a report of soil analysis is a tangible attribute that can be reviewed, along with electrical details. He said they need to ask what's the burden on a property owner who has to get the permit. The requirements of the ordinance need to be reasonable to comply with. He also doesn't want to see overregulation occur for small ponds. He acknowledged that this is a difficult balance to strike.

Some commissioners felt the ordinance was overly restrictive by requiring ponds to meet both a 5,000-gallon capacity threshold and a 24-inch depth requirement. The commissioners discussed the option of striking that section of the ordinance (section E).

The Planning Commissioners discussed whether or not the new ordinance would make having a residential pond safer for children. Some commissioners felt it did not.

Mr. Wilkinson addressed Mr. Oliverson's comments. He said that safety is a primary concern for staff and the Planning Commission. He said there's a lot of work the public doesn't see regarding the process of implementing regulations. He understands that it would be tragic if something happened to a resident, a child, as the result of not having strict regulations. He also knows that regulations must be balanced with property owner rights.

Commissioner Hacker said that another challenge to consider is the size of land the pond is on. It changes the perspective of the size of the pond in reference to the piece of land it's on.

Chair Richards said he's concerned about imposing extra costs and burden on property owners prevent a future safety incident. He said it may be reasonable to do so, but there is no history of issues.

Commissioner Pehrson asked if Mr. Wilkinson found in his research that other cities had issues with pond leakage or any other issues come up. Mr. Wilkinson said many of the cities he researched don't have pond ordinances and haven't seen the need to regulate them. For those cities that do require a permit, it's often discretionary. He said there is certainly no clear consensus on how to regulate ponds.

A discussion was had regarding the conditions outlined in the proposed ordinance. Some commissioners felt it was reasonable to pass conditions A through D and to strike condition E. Some commissioners felt it isn't necessary to implement an ordinance at this time. It was determined that, even implementing those four conditions, would be helpful. The commissions discussed their options for a vote. They discussed their concerns with omitting condition E. The consensus was they would send the ordinance to the City Council for approval, striking condition E.

Chair Richards commented that he struggled with this agenda item. He said he could see both sides of the issue.

Commissioner Pehrson made a motion that the Planning Commission forward a recommendation of approval to the City Council for the proposed amendments to 17.76 Supplementary Development Standards enacting Section 17.76.165 Residential Ponds as reviewed in the Staff Report, striking condition E.

Seconded by Commissioner Hildreth. Roll call vote:

<u>A</u>	Hacker
<u>A</u>	Hildreth
<u>N</u>	Hristou
<u>A</u>	Pehrson
<u>A</u>	Richards

Motion passes: 4-1



AGENDA ITEM # 05 Residential Ponds Regulations

ITEM TYPE:	Text Amendment		
ADDRESS:	Citywide	MEETING DATE:	October 16 th , 2025
APPLICANT:	Murray City	STAFF:	Chad Wilkinson, CED Director
PARCEL ID:	N/A	PROJECT NUMBER:	25-099
REQUEST:	The request is for an amendment Chapter 17.76 Supplementary Development Standards to enact Section 17.76.165 related to Residential Ponds.		

I. STAFF REVIEW & ANALYSIS

History & Background

At the July 15, 2025 City Council meeting, the Council received a request from a citizen to consider adopting regulations related to the construction of ponds in residential zones. The request was made relative to a potential pond being constructed on a neighboring property. At the request of the Mayor and Council, staff conducted research into the ordinances and policies of surrounding communities with regard to ponds. At a subsequent meeting, staff presented a summary of pond regulations from surrounding communities in Salt Lake County. After reviewing the information presented, Council directed staff to draft potential regulations for ponds and bring them forward for formal consideration.

The construction of private ponds has not historically been regulated by Murray City. In the past the City has only required a permit if ponds included pumps or lighting that proposed hard-wired connections to electricity. However, there have not been any standards regulating the size of ponds, distance from property line, materials or similar standards related to placement or construction. Ponds associated with large developments have been regulated via the grading and drainage plans for those projects.

Review of Proposed Changes

The adoption of regulations for ponds would mean adding additional regulations to the Code. The proposed changes would include the following language added as Section 17.76.165:

17.76.165: RESIDENTIAL PONDS:

A pond is defined as any artificial basin of water that is not intended or designed with the primary purpose of wading or swimming.

- A. Ponds are allowed in all residential zoning districts as an accessory use.
- B. All ponds shall be setback a minimum of five feet (5') from any property line.
- C. All ponds shall have a liner composed of a natural or synthetic material designed to retain water within the pond.
- D. Electrical permits shall be required for any pumps or lighting as determined by adopted building and electrical codes.
- E. A building permit is required for ponds that are greater than twenty-four inches (24") in depth and contain more than 5,000 gallons.
 - a. Submittal requirements for the building permit will be established by the Murray City Building Official and shall include but not be limited to the submittal of a site plan, information related to soil stability, erosion control measures, pond liner details, electrical details and slope details.

These regulations would affect the construction of ponds in all residential zoning districts. In drafting potential regulations for ponds, staff have considered the requirements and processes from surrounding Cities. Regulations for ponds vary significantly among the various jurisdictions in Salt Lake County. Several cities including Millcreek, Sandy, West Jordan, West Valley City, regulate pond construction in a similar way to current Murray City practices. These municipalities only require electrical permits for components of the pond regulated by electrical code. Of those municipalities that require permits for ponds, most include a threshold that triggers the need for a permit. Typical thresholds include 24 inches in depth or 5000 gallons or some combination of these standards. Other cities require permits based on the size of excavation for the pond. Many of the regulations are based on regulations for pools found in adopted building codes.

While there are some similarities between pools and ponds there are some notable differences. First, ponds are not typically constructed for the purpose of swimming or wading. Most ponds are ornamental and may include aquatic plants, fish, and sometimes vertical water features such as waterfalls or fountains. Ponds are generally integrated into landscaped areas with surrounding vegetation, rock work or other ornamental features. Ponds vary greatly in size and depth depending on their purpose. Ponds may be constructed of prefabricated plastic liners or a rated pliable liner that follows the contours of the ground. Ponds may also be lined with concrete or clay to prevent water leakage. Pools, in contrast, generally include a reinforced structure that is either above or below ground. These structures are designed to hold large amounts of water at depths appropriate for swimming or wading. As an example, a pool size of 20 feet X 40 feet with an average depth of 4.5 feet would hold approximately 27,000 gallons (based on the formula length x width x depth x 7.5 =

volume in gallons). In drafting the proposed changes, staff have attempted to provide appropriate standards that do not overly impact the construction of small ponds while providing for adequate protections for adjacent property owners for the construction of larger ponds. The proposed regulations include standards that apply to all ponds regardless of size including minimum setback requirements from adjacent properties and requirements for a liner for all ponds. With relation to the triggers for requiring a permit, solely basing requirements on a certain depth of pond may be overly burdensome for small pond construction. For example, a relatively small pond may be constructed at a depth greater than 24 inches in order to provide sufficient depth for ornamental fish to winter over or to provide protection from predators. For this reason, the triggers for a pond building permit are proposed to include both a depth and volume component to allow for construction of small ornamental ponds while still appropriately regulating large ponds.

The proposed standards do not include a requirement for fencing around ponds. In reviewing the various existing private and public ponds throughout the City, staff have noted that there are many large ponds relatively close to residential use that are not fenced. Requiring a fence around private ponds would be creating a standard for private property owners that is not currently applied to many private and public ponds. Because there are fundamental differences between ponds and pools, it is appropriate to treat these uses differently in application of fencing requirements.

II. DEPARTMENT REVIEWS

The proposal has been reviewed by the City Building Official and City Engineer. The Building Official has provided input on the types of information that should be included in a building permit submittal for large ponds which are included in the proposed standards. In addition, the proposed Code provides discretion for the building official to require additional information as needed for the review of large ponds.

III. PUBLIC INPUT

Notices were sent to Affected Entities and posted on City and State Public Meeting website for these amendments. As of the date of this report, no comments have been received.

IV. FINDINGS

Based on the analysis of the proposed amendment and review of applicable sections of the Murray City General Plan, staff concludes the following:

1. Ponds are an appropriate use in residential zones and can provide aesthetic and other benefits for residents.
2. Regulations for ponds should not be overly burdensome for small ornamental pond construction.
3. Regulations for larger ponds are appropriate in order to mitigate impacts to adjoining properties.

V. CONCLUSION/RECOMMENDATION

The Planning Commission may choose to either recommend approval, approval with modifications or denial of the proposed amendment to the zoning ordinance. The Commission may also choose to continue the item to a future meeting in order to consider additional information.

Based on the background, analysis, and the findings within this report, Staff recommends that the Planning Commission forward a recommendation of APPROVAL to the City Council for the proposed amendments to 17.76 Supplementary Development Standards enacting Section 17.76.165 Residential Ponds as reviewed in the Staff Report.



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

October 16th, 2025, 6:30 PM

The Murray City Planning Commission will hold a public hearing in the Murray City Municipal Council Chambers, located at 10 East 4800 South, Murray, UT to receive public comment on the following applications:

Amendments to Chapter 17.76 Supplementary Development Standards to implement section 17.76.165 Residential Ponds. This provides regulations around ponds in residential areas and when a permit is required.

General Plan Amendment to enact the Water Use and Preservation Element as required by Utah State law.

To make comments regarding this proposal, the public may speak at the meeting, call the Murray City Planning Division at (801) 270-2430, or email pc@murray.utah.gov.

The meeting will be streamed online, at www.murraycitylive.com or www.facebook.com/MurrayCityUtah/.

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Land Use Ordinance Amendment Residential Ponds

Land Use Ordinance Amendment Project
#25-099 Add Section 17.76.165 related to
Residential Ponds



SUMMARY OF POND PERMITTING IN SALT LAKE COUNTY

Cities that do not currently require permit for a pond*

- Murray, Millcreek, Salt Lake City, South Salt Lake, Taylorsville, West Jordan, West Valley City, Herriman**
- *All listed cities would require an electrical permit for any kind of hard-wired pump
- **Herriman has recently discontinued requiring a permit for ponds

Cities that require a “pond permit” at a certain threshold

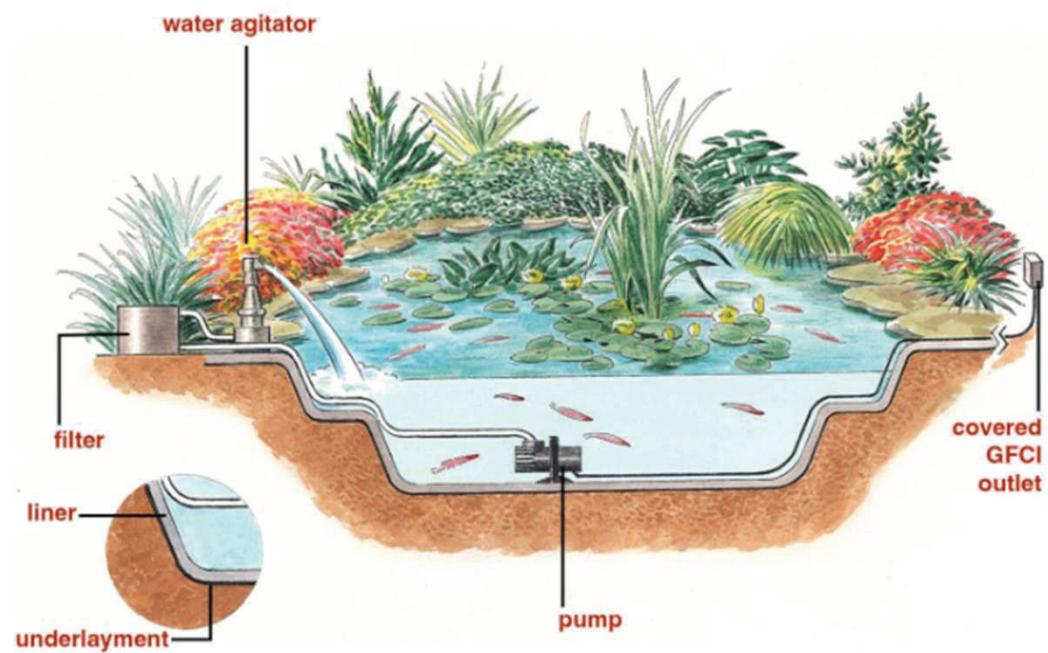
- MSD cities/towns, Midvale, Sandy, Riverton, South Jordan, Holladay
- Frequent thresholds: ponds greater than 24 inches in depth, 5000 gallons or combination, sometimes based on the amount of material removed.
- Submittal requirements vary depending on City, some require building permit others grading or excavation permit

PROPOSED STANDARDS FOR PONDS IN RESIDENTIAL ZONES

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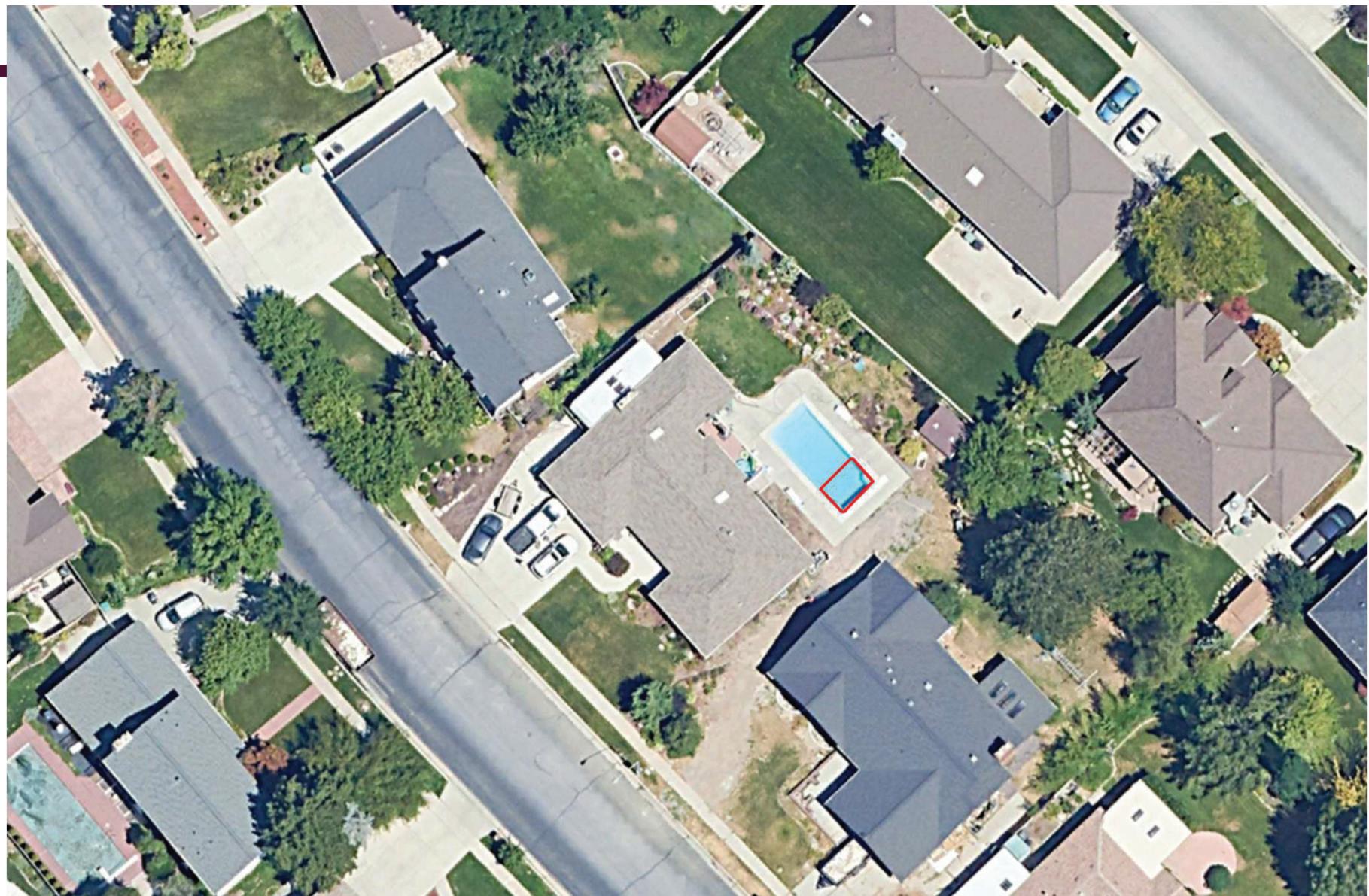


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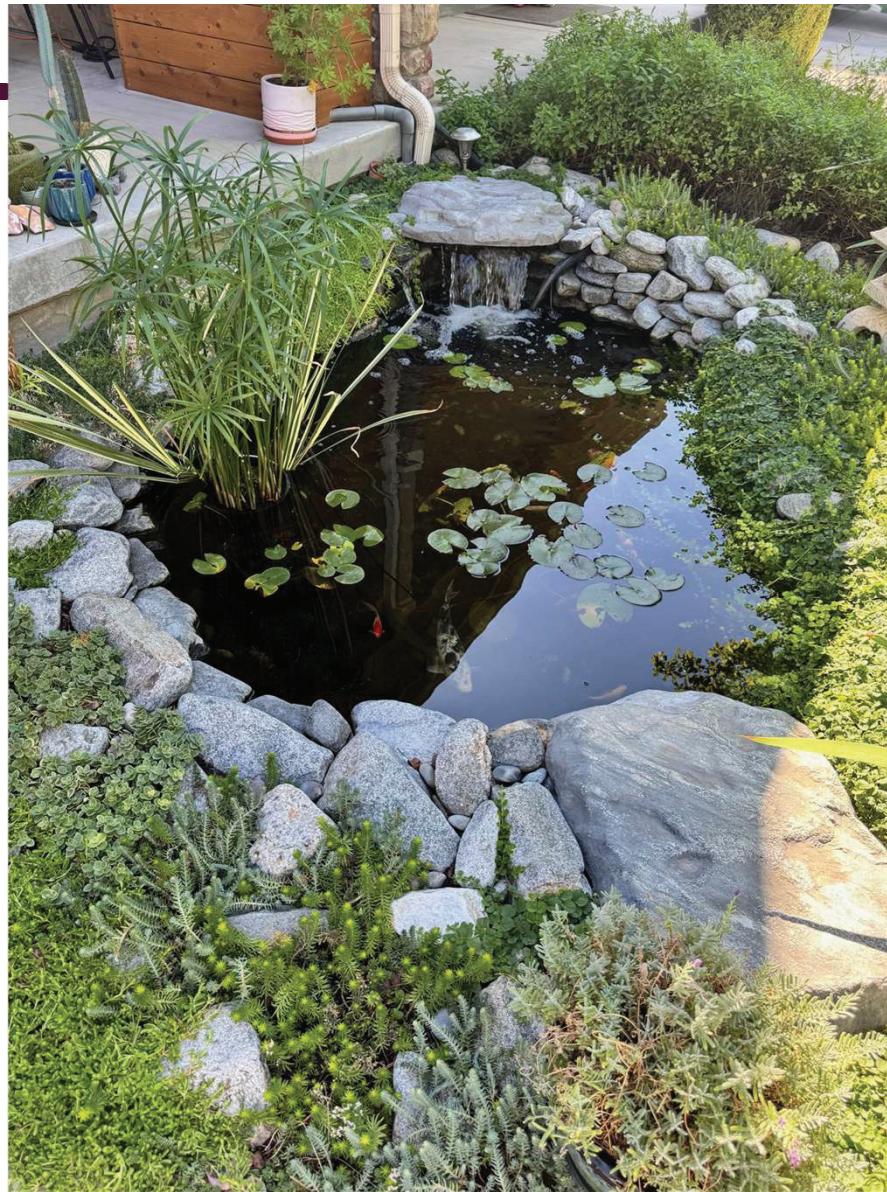












ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- Although there are some similarities between pools and ponds, there are notable differences including use of vegetation, fish, landscape materials, etc.
- DWR and Mosquito Abatement District currently regulate fish and mosquito issues
- Unlike a pool, there is not typically a “structure” to review making it difficult to determine submittal requirements other than reports and documents prepared by design professionals
- Building permits for ponds will require, by necessity, the use of third-party consultants for soils and stability analysis increasing costs for homeowners
- Not a frequent issue of concern. Caution should be exercised when drafting ordinances to address individual/infrequent circumstances because of potential for unintended consequences
- If the City does not adopt standards specific for pond regulation, civil remedies are still available

Planning Commission Action

The Murray City Planning Commission held a public hearing on October 16th, 2025 and voted 4-1 to forward a recommendation of approval for the proposed text amendment with a modification removing letter E. from the text that states:

E. A building permit is required for ponds that are greater than twenty-four inches (24") in depth and contain more than 5,000 gallons.

- Submittal requirements for the building permit will be established by the Murray City Building Official and shall include but not be limited to the submittal of a site plan, information related to soil stability, erosion control measures, pond liner details, electrical details and slope details.

Staff Recommendation

The City Council may choose to either approve, approve with modifications or deny the proposed amendment to the zoning ordinance. The Council may also choose to continue the item to a future meeting in order to consider additional information.

Based on the background, analysis, and the findings within this report, The Murray City Planning Commission and staff recommends that the City Council **APPROVE** the proposed amendments to 17.76 Supplementary Development Standards enacting Section 17.76.165 Residential Ponds as reviewed in the Staff Report.



A scenic park with a willow tree, a gazebo, and a bridge.

THANK YOU!





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Business Items



MURRAY
CITY COUNCIL

Business Item #1



MURRAY

Mayor's Office

Interlocal Entities Board Representatives

Council Action Request

Council Meeting

Meeting Date: January 6, 2026

Department Director Mayor Brett Hales	Purpose of Proposal Consider a Resolution approving Mayor's Appointments of Representatives to Boards of interlocal Entities
Phone # 801-264-2600	Action Requested Actionable
Presenters Brett Hales	Attachments Resolution
Required Time for Presentation 5 Minutes	Budget Impact NA
Is This Time Sensitive No	Description of this Item Mayor Hales needs to make appointments to the governing boards of interlocal entities and to a community development corporation (Neighbor Works). The Mayor is requesting approval of the appointments by the City Council
Mayor's Approval Kim Sorensen Date	Digital signature of Kim Sorensen Digitally signed by Kim Sorensen Date: 2025.12.18 13:41:41 -07'00'
December 18, 2025	

RESOLUTION NO. R26-0

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF
REPRESENTATIVES TO BOARDS OF INTERLOCAL ENTITIES AND TO
A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.

WHEREAS, the Mayor needs to make annual appointments to the governing boards of the Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems (UAMPS), Central Valley Water Reclamation Facility, Salt Lake Valley Emergency Communications Center (VECC), TransJordan Cities, Utah Telecommunication Open Infrastructure Agency (UTOPIA), Utah Infrastructure Agency (UIA), Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling District, Intermountain Power Agency, Intermountain Power Project, Metro Fire Agency, Jordan River Commission (collectively "Interlocal Entities"), and to NeighborWorks Salt Lake; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has made appointments to the governing boards of the Interlocal Entities and to the Community Development Corporation; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor wants approval by the Murray City Municipal Council of the appointments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Murray City Municipal Council that it hereby approves the following appointments:

1. Greg Bellon as the City's representative to the Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems (UAMPS) Board with Matt Youngs as the alternate representative.
2. Mayor Brett Hales as the City's representative to the Central Valley Water Reclamation Facility Board with Ben Ford as the alternate representative.
3. Kim Sorensen as the City's representative to the Salt Lake Valley Emergency Communications Center (VECC) Board with Craig Burnett as the alternate representative.
4. Russ Kakala as the City's representative to the TransJordan Cities Board with Josh Hill as the alternate representative.
5. Kim Sorensen as the City's representative to the Utah Telecommunication Open Infrastructure Agency (UTOPIA) Board with Brenda Moore as the alternate representative.

6. Brenda Moore as the City's representative to the Utah Infrastructure Agency (UIA) Board with Kim Sorensen as the alternate representative.
7. Councilmember Clark Bullen as the City's representative to the Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling District Board.
8. Greg Bellon as the City's representative to the Intermountain Power Agency Board with Matt Youngs as the alternate representative.
9. Greg Bellon as the City's representative to the Intermountain Power Project Purchaser Representative with Matt Youngs as the alternate representative.
10. Kim Sorensen as the City's representative to the Metro Fire Agency Board.
11. Mayor Brett Hales as the City's representative to the Jordan River Commission with Bruce Holyoak as the alternate representative.
12. Elvon Farrell as the City's representative to NeighborWorks Salt Lake Board.

These appointments shall take effect immediately.

DATED this 7th day of January 2025.

MURRAY CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

Pam Cotter, Chair

ATTEST:

Brooke Smith, City Recorder



MURRAY
CITY COUNCIL

Business Item #2



MURRAY

Murray City Council

City Council Chair and Vice-Chair Elections for Calendar Year 2026

Council Action Request

Council Meeting

Meeting Date: January 6, 2026

Department Director Jennifer Kennedy	Purpose of Proposal Election of leadership positions for the Murray City Council for calendar year 2026.
Phone # 801-264-2622	Action Requested Nominations and elections.
Presenters Pam Cotter	Attachments Resolution and summary of council chair and vice-chair duties.
Required Time for Presentation	Budget Impact No budget impact.
Is This Time Sensitive Yes	Description of this Item A summary of the council chair and council vice-chair duties from the Murray City Council Policies and Procedures Handbook is included. 2025 Council Chair - Two consecutive year term limit. Pam Cotter (Second Term) 2025 Council Vice-Chair - No term limit. Adam Hock
Mayor's Approval	
Date December 15, 2025	

RESOLUTION NO. R26-0

RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR FOR THE MURRAY CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Utah Code Ann. § 10-3b-203, Murray Municipal Code § 2.04.060 and Rules II A and B of the RULES OF THE MURRAY CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, Murray City Corporation, the City Council must elect a Chair and Vice-Chair for each calendar year by majority vote of the Council in the first regular Council meeting in January; and

WHEREAS, a vote was taken on Tuesday, January 6, 2026 electing Councilmember _____ as Chair and Councilmember _____ as Vice-Chair.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Murray City Municipal Council that;

1. Councilmember _____ shall serve as Chair of the Murray City Municipal Council for calendar year 2026.
2. Councilmember _____ shall serve as Vice-Chair of the Murray City Municipal Council for calendar year 2026.
3. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Murray City Municipal Council, this day of January 2026.

MURRAY CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

_____, Chair

ATTEST:

Brooke Smith, City Recorder

Council Leadership

At the first Council meeting of each year, the Council will elect a council chair and a council vice-chair as well as a Budget and Finance Committee chair and vice-chair for the calendar year.

Chair and Vice-Chair Election Process

Upon reaching the agenda item for conducting Council elections, whichever councilmember is conducting the meeting will call for nominations from councilmembers for each Council leadership position.

Nominations need not be seconded. After nominations have concluded, councilmembers proceed to voting. Traditionally, voting is by roll call, but other methods found in the Robert's Rules of Order may be used as determined by the council chair. Elections take effect immediately after the vote is finalized.

Council Chair and Vice-Chair

Council chair – A councilmember may not serve more than two consecutive calendar years as the council chair.

The council chair's responsibilities are as follows:

- Presides at all council meetings, except upon delegating or sharing limited responsibilities with the other four councilmembers. The presiding officer at council meetings shall be rotated monthly among councilmembers according to district.
- Sets the council meeting agendas.
- Signs all ordinances, resolutions, and other official documents on behalf of the council.
- Communicates official position statements that have been approved by the council and is the spokesperson to the media, public, and for official publications.
- Acts as a liaison to the mayor on the council's behalf.
- Disseminates information from the mayor.
- Conducts Committee of the Whole and workshop meetings.
- Supervises council staff as detailed in the Handbook.

Council Vice-Chair – The council vice-chair shall be the presiding council officer in the temporary absence of the council chair in the event that the council chair is incapacitated due to illness or is otherwise unable to attend council meetings and shall sign as the council chair on all ordinances, resolutions, and official correspondence.

Vacancy in Office of Council Chair

In the event that the council chair shall vacate their office for any reason before the term has expired, the council vice-chair shall become council chair for the remainder of that term.

Vacancy in the Office of Vice-Chair

In the event that the council vice-chair shall vacate their office for any reason before their term has expired, the councilmembers, by a simple majority vote, shall elect a council vice-chair to complete the term at the first regular council meeting following the vacancy announcement.

Budget and Finance Committee Chair and Vice-Chair

Budget and Finance Committee Chair – Councilmembers may not serve more than two consecutive calendar years as the Budget and Finance Committee chair.

The Budget and Finance Committee chair's responsibilities are as follows:

- Presiding officer of the Budget and Finance Committee meetings.
- Approves the agenda for the Budget and Finance Committee meetings.
- Coordinates the review and recommendations for annual budget meetings, and financial reports.
- May serve on the Capital Improvement Program Committee.
- Serves on the Audit Committee.
- Other responsibilities relating to budget and finance.

The Budget and Finance Committee vice-chair serves in the absence of the Budget and Finance Committee chair.

Vacancy in the Office of Budget and Finance Committee Chair

In the event that the Budget and Finance Committee chair shall vacate their office for any reason before their term has expired, the Budget and Finance Committee vice-chair shall become Budget and Finance Committee chair for the remainder of that term.

Vacancy in the Office of Budget and Finance Committee Vice-Chair

In the event that the Budget and Finance Committee vice-chair shall vacate their office for any reason before their term has expired, the Budget and Finance Committee members, by a simple majority vote, shall elect a Budget and Finance Committee vice-chair to complete the term at the first regular Budget and Finance Committee meeting following the vacancy announcement.



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Business Item #3



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Murray City Council

Budget & Finance Committee Chair and Vice-Chair Calendar Year 2026

Council Action Request

Council Meeting

Meeting Date: January 6, 2026

Department Director Jennifer Kennedy	Purpose of Proposal Election of Budget and Finance Committee leadership positions for calendar year 2026.
Phone # 801-264-2622	Action Requested Nominations and elections.
Presenters Pam Cotter	Attachments See duties of each position.
Required Time for Presentation	Budget Impact No budget impact.
Is This Time Sensitive Yes	Description of this Item A summary of the Budget and Finance Committee chair and vice-chair duties from the Council Rules and Council Handbook are included.
Mayor's Approval	2025 Budget Chair - Two consecutive year term limit. Paul Pickett (Second Term)
Date	2025 Budget Vice-Chair - No term limits. Adam Hock
December 15, 2025	

RESOLUTION NO. R26-0

RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR OF THE
BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE MURRAY CITY
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026

WHEREAS, pursuant to Rule II(G)(2) of the RULES OF THE MURRAY CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL MURRAY CITY CORPORATION, the City Council must elect a Chair and Vice-Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee for each calendar year by majority vote of the Council in the first regular Council meeting in January; and

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Murray City Municipal Council that;

1. Councilmember _____ shall serve as Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee of the Murray City Municipal Council for calendar year 2026.
2. Councilmember _____ shall serve as Vice-Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee of the Murray City Municipal Council for calendar year 2026.
3. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Murray City Municipal Council, this day of January 2026.

MURRAY CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

_____, Chair

ATTEST:

Brooke Smith, City Recorder

Council Leadership

At the first Council meeting of each year, the Council will elect a council chair and a council vice-chair as well as a Budget and Finance Committee chair and vice-chair for the calendar year.

Chair and Vice-Chair Election Process

Upon reaching the agenda item for conducting Council elections, whichever councilmember is conducting the meeting will call for nominations from councilmembers for each Council leadership position.

Nominations need not be seconded. After nominations have concluded, councilmembers proceed to voting. Traditionally, voting is by roll call, but other methods found in the Robert's Rules of Order may be used as determined by the council chair. Elections take effect immediately after the vote is finalized.

Council Chair and Vice-Chair

Council chair – A councilmember may not serve more than two consecutive calendar years as the council chair.

The council chair's responsibilities are as follows:

- Presides at all council meetings, except upon delegating or sharing limited conducting responsibilities with the other four councilmembers. The presiding officer at council meetings shall be rotated monthly among councilmembers according to district.
- Sets the council meeting agendas.
- Signs all ordinances, resolutions, and other official documents on behalf of the council.
- Communicates official position statements that have been approved by the council and is the spokesperson to the media, public, and for official publications.
- Acts as a liaison to the mayor on the council's behalf.
- Disseminates information from the mayor.
- Conducts Committee of the Whole and workshop meetings.
- Supervises council staff as detailed in the Handbook.

Council Vice-Chair – The council vice-chair shall be the presiding council officer in the temporary absence of the council chair in the event that the council chair is incapacitated due to illness or is otherwise unable to attend council meetings and shall sign as the council chair on all ordinances, resolutions, and official correspondence.

Vacancy in Office of Council Chair

In the event that the council chair shall vacate their office for any reason before the term has expired, the council vice-chair shall become council chair for the remainder of that term.

Vacancy in the Office of Vice-Chair

In the event that the council vice-chair shall vacate their office for any reason before their term has expired, the councilmembers, by a simple majority vote, shall elect a council vice-chair to complete the term at the first regular council meeting following the vacancy announcement.

Budget and Finance Committee Chair and Vice-Chair

Budget and Finance Committee Chair – Councilmembers may not serve more than two consecutive calendar years as the Budget and Finance Committee chair.

The Budget and Finance Committee chair's responsibilities are as follows:

- **Presiding officer of the Budget and Finance Committee meetings.**
- **Approves the agenda for the Budget and Finance Committee meetings.**
- **Coordinates the review and recommendations for annual budget meetings, and financial reports.**
- **May serve on the Capital Improvement Program Committee.**
- **Serves on the Audit Committee.**
- **Other responsibilities relating to budget and finance.**

The Budget and Finance Committee vice-chair serves in the absence of the Budget and Finance Committee chair.

Vacancy in the Office of Budget and Finance Committee Chair

In the event that the Budget and Finance Committee chair shall vacate their office for any reason before their term has expired, the Budget and Finance Committee vice-chair shall become Budget and Finance Committee chair for the remainder of that term.

Vacancy in the Office of Budget and Finance Committee Vice-Chair

In the event that the Budget and Finance Committee vice-chair shall vacate their office for any reason before their term has expired, the Budget and Finance Committee members, by a simple majority vote, shall elect a Budget and Finance Committee vice-chair to complete the term at the first regular Budget and Finance Committee meeting following the vacancy announcement.

Committees

Committees

The council shall have two standing committees: (1) Committee of the Whole and (2) Budget and Finance Committee. Councilmembers will also participate in a number of other committees.

1. Committee of the Whole – Made up of the entire membership of the council.
 - Less formal venue typically used as an educational forum.
 - Questions of the presenter are encouraged.
 - Direction may be requested of the council.
 - Presentations are first heard in a Committee of the Whole meeting before consideration is given in a council meeting.
 - Council committee appointments may be discussed in a Committee of the Whole meeting.
2. Budget and Finance Committee – Made up of the entire membership of the council.
 - Convenes to review the annual budget appropriations and revenue for the City.
 - May convene for other budgetary reports and explanations.
3. Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Committee – The Capital Improvement Program identifies and prioritizes capital projects, equipment purchases, maintenance, and provides a planning schedule which also identifies financing options for infrastructure and assets.
 - Adopted as part of the annual budget process.
 - Committee meets in the spring to review requests and prioritize capital projects.
 - Two Council Members are assigned annually to a five member CIP committee. The Mayor, the Mayor's Chief of Staff, and the Finance Director make up the other members of the CIP committee.
4. Other Committees – Other committees may be formed as necessary by majority vote of the council. Membership, responsibilities, and goals shall be assigned when a committee is formed.
5. Municipal Building Authority (MBA) – Made up entirely of councilmembers. An annual meeting is usually held in November each year to elect officers for the ensuing year. Other meetings may be called as necessary.
6. Redevelopment Agency (RDA) – Councilmembers serve as the Board of the RDA. The mayor is the executive director of the RDA and may delegate responsibilities. The RDA meets on the third Tuesday of every month.
7. Board of Canvassers – The mayor and council are the Board of Canvassers for Murray City. The canvassing of returns from a municipal election shall be done no sooner than seven (7) days and no later than fourteen (14) days after an election. A simple majority constitutes a quorum.



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Business Item #4



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Murray City Council

Council Boards and Committees

Council Action Request

Council Meeting

Meeting Date: January 6, 2026

Department Director Jennifer Kennedy Council Director	Purpose of Proposal Appointment of Council Member's to Boards and Committees for calendar year 2026.
Phone # 801-264-2622	Action Requested Approval of attached resolution
Presenters Pam Cotter	Attachments Proposed Resolution and Approved 2025 Resolution
	Budget Impact None
Required Time for Presentation	Description of this Item Appointment of Council Member's to Boards and Committees
Is This Time Sensitive No	
Mayor's Approval	
Date December 15, 2025	

RESOLUTION NO. R26-0

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY COUNCIL'S APPOINTMENT
OF REPRESENTATIVES TO A BOARD AND A COMMITTEE.

WHEREAS, the City Council ("Council") annually appoints Council members to the Association of Municipal Councils and the Utah League of Cities and Towns Legislative Policy Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Council has discussed appointments to this board and committee; and

WHEREAS, the Council wants to formally approve the appointments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Murray City Municipal Council that it hereby approves the following appointments:

1. Councilmember _____ to the Association of Municipal Councils.
2. Councilmember _____ to the Utah League of Cities and Towns Legislative Policy Committee.

These appointments shall take effect immediately.

DATED this day of January 2026.

MURRAY CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

_____, Chair

ATTEST:

Brooke Smith, City Recorder

RESOLUTION NO. R25-07

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY COUNCIL'S APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO A BOARD AND A COMMITTEE.

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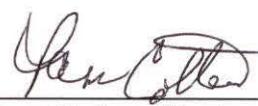
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Murray City Municipal Council that it hereby approves the following appointments:

1. Councilmember Diane Turner to the Association of Municipal Councils.
2. Councilmember Pam Cotter to the Utah League of Cities and Towns Legislative Policy Committee.

These appointments shall take effect immediately.

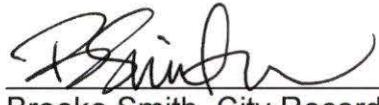
DATED this 7th day of January 2025.

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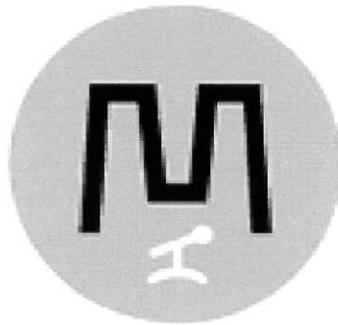
Pam Cotter, Chair

ATTEST:



Brooke Smith, City Recorder





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Mayor's Report And Questions



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Adjournment