



**MURRAY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**
Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, March 8, 2022
Murray City Center**

5025 South State Street, Conference Room #107, Murray, Utah 84107

Attendance: Council Members and others:

Kat Martinez – Chair District #1
Diane Turner – Vice Chair District #4
Garry Hrechkosy District #5
Pam Cotter District #2
Rosalba Dominguez District #3 – Remotely via phone.

Brett Hales	Mayor	Jennifer Kennedy	City Council Executive Director
Doug Hill	Chief Administrative Officer	Pattie Johnson	Council Administration
Tammy Kikuchi	Chief Communications Officer	Russ Kakala	Streets/Solid Waste Superintendent
G.L. Critchfield	City Attorney	Joey Mittelman	Fire Chief
Jaren Scott	Trans-Jordan Landfill	Brooke Smith	City Recorder
Danny Astill	Public Works Director	Camron Kollman	IT

Conducting: Ms. Martinez called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Committee of the Whole – February 15, 2022. Mr. Hrechkosy moved to approve. Ms. Turner seconded the motion. All in favor 5-0.

Discussion Items:

- **TJL (Trans-Jordan Landfill) Presentation.** – Mr. Kakala invited TJL Executive Director, Jaren Scott to give the Trans-Jordan 2022 organizational update. Mr. Scott discussed past, present, and future matters related to the landfill and Murray’s solid waste disposal membership:
 - The landfill was created in 1958; membership cities started in 1960 and Trans-Jordan was formed in 1968 when Murray joined. Now TJL services seven-member-cities in the south end of Salt Lake County that includes 500,000 residents and commercial entities. Member-cities receive some of the lowest tipping fees in the nation.
 - For 15 years TJL has been producing energy for powering 4,000 Murray homes with their own power plant. A gas collection system is used to create methane from 60 years of waste that is still there.
 - Long term, TJL will transition from landfilling at the current location, to owning a new facility and operating transfer stations. Mr. Scott said with a current economic growth projection of 3%, the current landfill space available is 5-million tons that should last until about 2031. After closing, the site will be maintained as a transfer station, with continued gas collection to provide Murray with energy for another 30+ years.
 - In November 2023 TJL will stop accepting green-waste and producing compost due to local growth,

loss of land and there is no longer a market for green waste. Other alternatives to resolve the issue are being explored like putting green waste back into the landfill which would produce more methane. This leaves the lowest carbon footprint for green waste disposal. Murray's own green waste recycling/woodchips program at the public works facility will not be affected.

- The 110 feet deep landfill is heavily layered before any trash is placed in it. Once an area is full, the same layering occurs on top that is drilled vertically to create wells that hold perforated pipe, regulated by a vacuum system that prevents methane from escaping into the atmosphere. Methane is cleaned, water is removed and then burned in three large generators that produce 1.6 megawatts of power each.
 - Bayview Landfill was purchased by TJL and partners in 2017 to secure long-term solid waste disposal. With no public access, trash will be hauled 44 miles to Bayview from transfer stations. Staffing will be minimal so operation costs will be kept low and tipping fees will be the lowest in the nation. The new modernized landfill will accommodate Murray for the next 100 years.
 - Two transfer stations will receive inbound loads of commercial and residential waste; Sandy Transfer Station will open in 2024 to serve primarily the eastside, and South Jordan Transfer Station opening in 2031, will serve the westside. Both will transfer trash to Bayview.
 - TJL contracted with IHC (Intermountain Health Center) to generate more revenue. This spring, Zipline, a new medical supply service will begin delivering products via fixed wing drone; IHC medicine is dropped from the air to residential patients. Unused property on TJL will be used for a landing pad to conduct business approved by the Federal Aviation Administration.
 - Waste is handled properly by TJL to ensure compliance to State and Federal laws. The landfill to gas energy partnership exists between Murray, TJL and EDL. EDL is based in Australia whose worldwide goal is to convert dirty methane into clean green energy. Unlike solar, TJL engines have an operating online time of 99%, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.
 - Daily procedures at the public convenience center were reviewed. Annual landfill statistics regarding number of customers, transactions and tonnage received from collection trucks and residential customers was noted for Murray. There was a general discussion about recycling procedures for all items including household hazardous waste.
- **Ordinance amending the City's FY 2021-2022 Budget** – Ms. Moore provided the draft ordinance requiring changes to the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 budget with Council approval; the following five items were highlighted.
 - **GF (General Fund):**
 1. Receive from the Utah Department of Public Safety, grant funding of \$5,000 to purchase in-car cameras for the police department.
 2. For the building division, transfer \$160,000 from personnel expenditures to operating expenditures for professional services. The plan is to hire an outside firm to help fill much needed building inspector positions.
 - **CIP (Capital Improvement Projects) Fund:**
 3. Allocate \$200,000 from reserves to replace bench seating to stadium seats at the amphitheater.
 - **Wastewater Fund:**
 4. Allocate \$60,000 to salaries and benefits and increase the Impact Fee budget by \$60,000. The increase is needed for scheduled retirements; and to payout accrued sick, vacation and compensated time.
 5. Receive \$1,000,000 of ARPA grant funding allocated for wastewater infrastructure projects.

Ms. Moore said the proposed budget amendment also calls for language that will allow her to adjust

the transfer budget accordingly and make transfers at the end of the fiscal year for: transportation sale tax money, existing ARPA grant funds not yet allocated, and any amounts necessary to keep the GF fund balance between 25% and 26% of revenue. A public hearing is scheduled for April 5, 2022 when Council Members will hear the formal request and consider the ordinance.

Adjournment: Ms. Martinez adjourned the meeting at 6:03 p.m.

Pattie Johnson
Council Office Administrator III