

**MURRAY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 15, 2022

Murray City Center - 5025 South State Street, Council Chambers, Murray, Utah 84107

Attendance:

Council Members and others:

Kat Martinez – Chair	District #1
Diane Turner – Vice Chair	District #4 - Excused
Pam Cotter	District #2
Rosalba Dominguez	District #3
Garry Hrechkosy	District #5

Brenda Moore	Mayor Pro Tem	Jennifer Kennedy	City Council Executive Director
G.L. Critchfield	City Attorney	Pattie Johnson	Council Administration
Tammy Kikuchi	Chief Communications Officer	Jared Hall	CED Director
Pam Roberts	WFWRD – General Manager	Paul Korth	WFWRD – Finance Director
Meg Reilley	Citizen	Mary Evans	Citizen
Kristen Reardon	Police Department Administration	Ben Gray	ITT

Conducting: Council Member Martinez called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Committee of the Whole – October 18, 2022.

Council Member Hrechkosy moved to approve, and Council Member Cotter seconded the motion.
All in favor 4-0.

Discussion Items:

WFWRD (Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling District) 2023 Tentative Budget and Fee Increase Report:

Ms. Roberts said WFWRD held a public hearing on November 14, 2022, where board members adopted the 2023 tentative budget and all fee increases associated with it. There was minimal public comment and lots of understanding about why they must raise rates.

Ms. Roberts discussed 2023 budget priorities, reviewed all WFWRD services and noted there has not been a fee increase since 2018. However, due to current inflation affecting competitive salaries, fuel, maintenance shop rates, and purchases for trucks and cans, staff and the board decided it was best to increase rates rather than reduce weekly services. To help manage increasing costs for sustaining the business, a 15% fee increase would be implemented on January 1, 2023. Each home would see a \$2.50 per month fee increase, equal to \$30 per year. Price increases are also planned for all programs and services like green waste, bulk cleanup, and trailer rentals.

Mr. Korth, WFWRD Finance Director, explained how the fee increase amount was determined, and spoke about expenses like wages and overtime, fuel, maintenance, disposal fees and increasing recycling costs. He said WFWRD is currently five drivers short, which stems from a national CDL driver shortage. He explained that WFWRD usually sets a target to purchase eight new side-loading trucks each year, in addition to buying other pickup trucks needed for hauling trailers. However, WFWRD was recently notified that the truck order placed last year, to receive vehicles this year, cannot be filled because no trucks are available at all. Therefore, much of the budget has not been spent regarding capital

expenditures. The hope is to purchase more vehicles next year.

Ms. Dominguez asked about the curbside glass recycling program. Ms. Roberts confirmed the service is provided by subscription only and residents must opt-in with Momentum Recycling to receive it.

Mr. Korth continued with reviewing cash projections and investment balances for 2022 – 2026 that included the new fee increase and adjustments for anticipated side load truck purchases. The estimated ending cash and investment balance for 2022 was \$10.3 million. The WFWRD board policy is to maintain 20% of the total budget for year-end cash balance, which is approximately three months of operating expenditures. Ms. Roberts pointed out that Mr. Kroth's analysis was based on WFWRD expending 94% of the budget and historically WFWRD has always been underbudget.

An ordinance amending the GP (General Plan) from Low Density Residential to Neighborhood Business and amends the Zoning Map from R-1-8 to R-N-B for the property located at 97 West Winchester Street:

Mr. Hall explained the request made by property owner Paul Henderson to amend the GP and the future land use map accordingly. An aerial map was displayed to pinpoint the half-acre parcel located on the south side of Winchester Street at 97 West. The proposed R-N-B (Residential Neighborhood Business) zone and Residential Business category would accommodate a new property management business.

Mr. Hall said the property owner's intent is to remodel the existing home into an office building for his staff of seven people and provide parking. The Residential Business future land use designation supports the corresponding R-N-B zone that was specifically created to function as a buffer between high traffic corridors and residential neighborhoods. All of the frontage on Winchester Street has been general planned to become residential businesses that allow for light duty businesses not taller than 30 feet, with limited business hours, which is not a standard commercial zone.

Ms. Cotter asked if a restaurant could be placed on the parcel once amended to R-N-B. Mr. Hall agreed, that would require a conditional use review by the planning commission, however he felt the parcel was too small for such a business and hours would be limited, and that was not the owners intent.

Zoning regulations were analyzed for the proposed R-N-B related to height, setbacks, landscaping, parking, fencing and hours of operation. There was a brief conversation about the buffering requirement that means neighboring homes would be buffered by 10 feet with a six- or eight-foot wall. Mr. Hall confirmed that any new construction and all site plans require planning commission approval. City staff recommended approval and the planning commission voted to recommend approval to the City Council who would consider the ordinance on December 6, 2022 during the council meeting.

Adjournment: 5:51 p.m.

**Pattie Johnson
Council Office Administrator III**