

**MURRAY CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL  
COUNCIL MEETING**

Minutes of Tuesday, April 15, 2025

Murray City Hall, 10 East 4800 South, Council Chambers, Murray, Utah 84107

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**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 Administration
G.L. Critchfield	City Attorney	Brooke Smith	City Recorder
Craig Burnett	Police Chief	Joey Mittelman	Fire Chief
Brenda Moore	Finance Director	Emily Barton	Finance
Don Jacobs	Senior Center	Bruce Holyoak	Parks Superintendent
Margaret Jacobs	Senior Center	Susan Hatcher	Senior Center
Catherine Burton	Senior Advisory Board	Ross Romero	Salt Lake County Council
John /Collings	Murray City Power	Laura Collings	Murray City Power
Cory Plant	Senior Center Director	Susan Plant	Senior Center
Marci Williams	Senior Center	Vince Badger	Senior Center
Chad Wilkinson	CED Director	Rob White	IT Director
Greg Bellon	Power Director	Ben Gray	IT
Kim Sorensen	Parks and Recreation Director	Jake Parkin	Rockworth Companies
Citizens & Guests			

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

**Approval of Minutes:** Council Meeting, March 18, 2025.

**MOTION:** Mr. Pickett moved to approve, and Ms. Cotter SECONDED the motion.

Voice vote taken, all “Ayes.” Approved 5-0

**Citizen Comments:**

Ross Romero – Salt Lake County Council – District #4.

Mr. Romero announced that he was elected in November 2024 to represent District 4 on the Salt Lake County Council and welcomed Council Members to contact him as a resource.

Vince Badger – Murray Resident

Mr. Badger expressed gratitude for having a street light repaired quickly. He said the Murray Senior Center was a gem the City should be proud of, he commended Senior Center staff for being friendly and uplifting and he attributed his new quality of life to new friendships made since attending the center.

**Special Recognition:**

1. **Murray City Employee of the Month, Cory Plant, Senior Center Recreation Director** – Council Member Diane Turner, Mayor Hales and Parks and Recreation Director Kim Sorensen presented Mr. Plant with the Employee of the Month certificate and a \$50 gift card. Mr. Plant was commended for 40 years of

dedicated service to the City.

2. **Consider a Joint Resolution of the Mayor and the Municipal Council of Murray City, Utah recognizing April 22, 2025 as Earth Day and encouraging environmental stewardship through community action and sustainable practices.** Ms. Turner read the joint resolution recognizing April 22, 2025 as Earth Day.

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

**Council Roll Call Vote:**

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

Motion passed: 5-0

**Special Presentations:**

1. **Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget Address.** Mayor Hales gave a thorough review of the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget and turned it over to the City Council for continued review and study.
2. **Consider a resolution acknowledging receipt of the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 tentative budget from the Mayor and the Budget Officer and referring the Mayor's tentative budget for review and consideration to the Budget and Finance Committee of the Murray City Municipal Council.**

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

**Council Roll Call Vote:**

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

Motion passed: 5-0

**Business Items:**

1. **Consider a resolution of the Municipal Council (the "Council") of Murray City, Utah authorizing the issuance and sale of not more than \$25,000,000 aggregate principal amount of Electric Revenue Bonds, series 2025; (the "Series 2025 Bonds") fixing the maximum aggregate principal amount of the Series 2025 Bonds, the maximum number of years over which the Series 2025 Bonds may mature, the maximum interest rate which the Series 2025 Bonds may bear, and the maximum discount from par at which the Series 2025 Bonds may be sold; authorizing the publication of a notice of public hearing and bonds to be issued; providing for the running of a contest period; authorizing the execution by the Council of a general indenture of trust, a supplemental indenture of trust, a bond purchase contract, and other documents required in connection with the Series 2025 Bonds.** Finance Director Brenda Moore reviewed the Power Department's project list.

She said the power projects include the purchase of new transformers totaling \$7.2 million; the reconstruction of the Central Substation, involving \$500,000 for planning and \$3.5 million for construction and the reconstruction of three natural gas turbines at the City's power plant, which includes a new \$2.4 million control system and \$1 million in related maintenance. Additional projects include \$1.5 million for a covered storage building for vehicles, \$2 million to reline the penstock at the City's hydro plant and \$600,000 to upgrade the Sandy City Siphon. Another needed project would utilize cash of \$3 million, bringing the overall total to \$19 million to account for inflation.

Ms. Moore explained that if all projects were completed without borrowing, there would be no available cash and no reserves by the year 2029. The same result would occur even with a 2.5% rate increase in 2027. This meant there would be no cash to address a crisis. Ms. Moore pointed out that if bond money was deposited to the Power Fund, the projected cash flow combined with a 2.5% rate increase in 2027 would provide cash to cover the debt service.

Ms. Moore discussed the financing process, outlined bond parameters and confirmed that the proposed resolution would allow them to bond for a maximum of \$25 million, with an interest rate of up to 7%, for a 30-year term with a maximum discount of 2%. Ms. Moore clarified that a majority of the money must be spent within six months and depending on Council approval, a public hearing would follow on May 6, 2025 to start the bonding process.

Mr. Hock asked why the interest rate was changed from 6.5% as presented in a previous work session to 7%. Ms. Moore said 7% was instituted by the City's financial advisor.

Ms. Cotter asked how many bonds were held by the City. Ms. Moore said the proposed bond would bring the total to 10 bonds. Ms. Moore said the overall total in bonds was \$71 million.

Ms. Moore said if all were to agree that the proposed projects were necessary, a large power rate increase would be implemented. Increased revenue would help to ensure that Power Fund cash reserves do not fall below the required 25%, and a readily available cash cushion would be created for any given moment.

Mr. Hock asked what the rate increase amounted to in terms of percentage. Ms. Moore thought the minimum would be 30%, as the amount collected would equal \$45 million to generate \$19 million in three years; and contribute to the \$65 million budget of the Power Department.

**MOTION:** Mr. Pickett moved to approve the resolution. Ms. Cotter SECONDED the motion.

**Council Roll Call Vote:**

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

2. Consider an ordinance amending Section 2.24.050, the Heading of Chapter 2.38, and Sections 2.38.010, 2.38.020, and 2.40.020 of the Murray City Municipal Code, changing all references from the Heritage Center to the Senior Recreation Center. City Attorney G.L. Critchfield said the proposed amendments would be textual clean up to update heading names on existing ordinances to reflect Senior Recreation Center. The previous name L. Clark Cushing Heritage Center was changed in 2018 to the L. Clark Cushing Senior Recreation Center, so a shortened title, Senior Recreation Center would be reflected in City Code references.

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

**Council Roll Call Vote:**

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

Ms. Turner      Aye  
Motion passed: 5-0

3. **Consider a resolution approving a Real Estate Disposition Agreement with Rockworth Companies for .76 Acres of Real Property Located at 48 East 4800 South Located in Murray, Salt Lake County, Utah.** Community and Economic Development Director Chad Wilkinson explained that the proposed resolution was a continuation of the previous RDA (Redevelopment Agency) meeting for the City to surplus City owned property.

Mr. Wilkinson clarified that because the parcel was not owned by the RDA and it was needed to complete an RDA project at Block One, Utah State Code required the Real Estate Disposition Agreement be approved by the City Council as well. The passing of the resolution would allow the City to continue to implement a Development Agreement with Rockworth to make Block One ready for development.

Mr. Wilkinson said the City's development staff recommended approval to the City Council to dispose of the parcel as part of the Block One development.

**MOTION:** Mr. Pickett moved to approve the resolution. Mr. Hock SECONDED the motion.

**Council Roll Call Vote:**

Mr. Hock      Aye  
Mr. Pickett      Aye  
Ms. Cotter      Nay  
Mr. Goodman      Aye  
Ms. Turner      Aye  
Motion passed: 4-1

**Mayor's Report and Questions:** Mayor Hales said a new program called Showpass was now available on the Parks and Recreation Department website. Showpass is a new online ticketing portal designed to streamline the process of purchasing tickets for all concerts and events held at Murray's various event centers.

**Adjournment:** 7:31 p.m.

**Pattie Johnson**  
**Council Office Administrator III**