

MURRAY CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Work Session Minutes of Tuesday, January 6, 2026

Murray City Hall, 10 East 4800 South, Poplar Meeting Room, Murray, Utah 84107

Attendance:

Council Members:

Paul Pickett	District #1
Pam Cotter	District #2 – Council Chair
Clark Bullen	District #3
Diane Turner	District #4
Adam Hock	District #5 – Council Vice Chair

Others:

Brett Hales	Mayor	Jennifer Kennedy	City Council Executive Director
Kim Sorensen	Chief Administrative Officer	Pattie Johnson	Council Administrator
GL Critchfield	City Attorney	Craig Burnett	Police Chief
Joey Mittelman	Fire Chief	Chad Wilkinson	Community and Economic Dev. Director
Brooke Smith	City Recorder	Ryan Madsen	IT Director
Amandah Maudsley	Deputy Recorder	Brenda Moore	Finance Director
Russ Kakala	Public Works Director	Ben Gray	IT Support
Aron Frisk	Water Superintendent	Citizens and Guests	

Conducting: Council Chair Cotter called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Committee of the Whole, November 25, 2025 and Committee of the Whole December 9, 2025. Ms. Turner moved to approve both sets of minutes. Mr. Hock seconded the motion. All in favor 5-0

Discussion Items:

- **A resolution authorizing the execution of a Subrecipient Agreement between Salt Lake County and Murray City, relating to a Community Development Block Grant provided by Salt Lake County to the City for replacement of the Murray City Senior Center roof.** Chief Administrative Officer Kim Sorensen reported that the City was awarded \$400,000 in CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) funding to cover costs to replace the roof, fascia and soffit at the Murray Senior Center. Mr. Sorensen confirmed that the senior center met all criteria to receive the funding and expressed confidence that the City would utilize the center for at least five more years. The bidding process was underway and the project would move forward as soon as the agreement was considered by the Council.
- **A resolution approving an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Murray City and the Central Utah Water Conservancy District for funding for the City to participate in a three-year pilot water conservation program.** Public Works Director Russ Kakala said the proposed agreement would provide funding to support a three-year pilot program called Yoppify. The program allows the City's AMI (Advanced Metering Infrastructure) to monitor water usage in an effort to conserve water and detect infrastructure leaks. If a constant flow was found for a consistent 24-hour period, Yoppify would flag the AMI and report the constant flow of water to the City. Customers would be contacted about a constant flow by text, phone or email. Mr. Kakala noted that the program was no cost to the City during the three-year pilot program.

Water Superintendent Aron Frisk confirmed CUWCD (Central Utah Water Conservancy District) would provide guidance and the billing grant funding, which was already approved by the Division of Natural Resources. Mr. Frisk agreed the program was helpful for water conservation and explained that Yoppify would supply the communication tools and the program would not target Murray's broad base of water customers, but only residents who participated. He ensured that the City would maintain privacy protection by retaining control of the collected data. Mr. Kakala noted that Murray water customers may

opt out if they didn't want to participate in the pilot program.

Mr. Hock noted ongoing costs of \$7,600 after the three-year period and \$9,500 by year five. He asked if these were fixed costs and could the City continue the program after the three years on its own, if CUWC did not want to continue it. Mr. Frisk said CUWCD currently had yet to determine what rebate incentive programs were working for them so future cost estimates could change, which would be related to the collected data from the pilot program. Once the pilot period ended, both entities would decide whether to continue the program permanently by splitting future costs. It could also be decided to end the agreement once results were analyzed. Mr. Kakala felt it was a worthwhile program for conserving water and if residents decided the program was useful the City could continue the program on its own.

- **A resolution authorizing the execution of an Ambulance Donation Agreement between Murray City and Tooele County.** Fire Chief Joey Mittelman explained that the MFD (Murray Fire Department) received two new ambulances in 2025 giving them a total of seven ambulances. Chief Mittelman recapped that in 2012 Sandy City donated a 2005 ambulance to the MFD, with the understanding that the MFD would pass it on when no longer needed. Without use for the old ambulance the hope was to donate the vehicle to Tooele County who expressed interest in receiving it. The proposed resolution would allow staff to complete the necessary documentation including a donation agreement that would complete the transfer in accordance with City policy.
- **An ordinance amending the City's Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget.** Finance Director Brenda Moore reviewed the proposed adjustments that included requests to receive and allocate several grants to both the GF (General Fund) and the CIP (Capital Improvement Program). She would also roll forward items from FY (Fiscal Year) 2024-2025 to the FY 2026 budget. Ms. Moore outlined various grant funding allocations and highlighted money from Zoo, Arts and Parks and America 250. The ordinance would allow the CIP to receive and appropriate funding for various CIP projects.

Ms. Moore noted that the funding of four projects was overlooked in FY 2025. To address the oversight she would roll forward \$4,410 this year from the GF to pay Utah Transportation Authority for art work panel installations at various bus stops. From the CIP she would appropriate \$608,000 in total to fund three Murray park projects involving concessions, maintenance and an upgrade to the leisure pool.

She pointed out that an appropriation of \$20,000 to the Water Fund was not included in her budget amendment memo. She explained that equipment purchases authorized for FY 2026 were \$20,000 higher than anticipated. To offset the overage, she proposed allocating \$20,000 from the sale of an old camera van that occurred in FY 2025. The van sold for \$138,510, so the remaining \$118,510 would roll into reserves at the end of FY 2026.

Ms. Moore highlighted a new appropriation of \$20,000 from reserves to fund a software project, which was to move current Tyler Enterprise data to the SAS Cloud. A new version of Tyler would also need to be purchased because the current version was at end of life. The new version would have required upgrades that affect the finance system for utility billing, payroll and human resources finances and would cost \$100,000 more annually. Ms. Moore stated that she was able to find funding to pay for most of the project this year, except \$20,000 that would need to come from reserves. She confirmed the project was supposed to occur in three years, as scheduled in the five-year plan; and the reason to move it forward now was to avoid a larger cost increase anticipated in the future. The cost to move Tyler information to the Cloud was \$12,000 and the anticipated annual increase was \$100,000. Mr. Hock asked what the total cost per year would be for Tyler, including the increase. Ms. Moore said approximately \$286,000 per year.

- **Reports from Interlocal Boards and Committees:**

- **LPC (Legislative Policy Committee)** – Ms. Cotter shared information from November 2025 called Successful ULCT Ideas. She also encouraged Council Members to watch LPC videos on the ULCT website to stay informed throughout the 2026 Legislative Session.
 - **WFWRD (Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling District)** – Ms. Turner reported that Evan Tyrrell would be the new General Manager and Chief Executive Officer for WFWRD. She also confirmed that Herriman City would no longer be a member of WFWRD and would join Trans Jordan Landfill.
 - **AMC (Association of Municipal Councils)** – Ms. Turner had no updates to report and expected AMC to continue meeting at Murray City Hall this year.
 - **VECC (Valley Emergency Communications Center)** – Mr. Sorensen gave an overview of the 9 1 1 service, discussing its history, annual call statistics, participating municipalities, public safety departments and staffing. He shared call count data for Murray Police and Fire Departments, discussed VECC's current challenges and their 2025 Disaster Management Needs and Analysis Report. He provided VECC's 2024 budget information, noted how the City would spend a total of \$950,000 this year for both police and fire service calls and said a 25% cost increase was likely this year.
- **Adjournment:** 5:47

Pattie Johnson
Council Administrator III