



**MURRAY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 18, 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
Pam Cotter District #2
Rosalba Dominguez District #3
Garry Hrechkosy District #5

Brett Hales	Mayor	Jennifer Kennedy	City Council Executive Director
Doug Hill	Chief Administrative Officer	Pattie Johnson	Council Administration
Tammy Kikuchi	Chief Communications Officer	Kim Sorensen	Parks & Recreation Director
G.L. Critchfield	City Attorney	Joey Mittelman	Fire Chief
Stephen Olsen	Fire Department	Brenda Moore	Finance Director
Loran Pasalich	Murray Chamber of Commerce	Brooke Smith	City Recorder
Ben Horsley	Granite School District	Steve Hogan	Granite School District
Rachel Morot	Historical Murray 1 st Foundation	Rob White	IT Director

Conducting: Council Member Martinez called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm.

Approval of Minutes: Committee of the Whole – September 20, 2022.

Council Member Cotter moved to approve, and Council Member Hrechkosy seconded the motion.
All in favor 5-0.

Discussion Items:

GSD (Granite School District) Population Analysis Study results:

Mr. Horsley, Communications and Community Outreach Director for GSD, provided an update of the 2022 Population Analysis Study. The study is related to closing multiple elementary schools in their district over the next few years. He explained the yearlong process was almost complete, recommendations are being considered and all data has been shared with the public. He displayed the GSD webpage where all information can be found including a boundary map study, feeder flow charts, public feedback from open house school meetings and the full presentation that was given publicly. As a result of the study, three proposed options were created for school closures that are still under review.

The Option Summary page also located on the GSD website was analyzed regarding what schools were studied, how capacities are changing, how schools were ranked for physical building condition and current enrollment totals. He said no final decision has been made yet about which schools will be closing, although Springlane and Twin Peaks elementary schools were noted in each proposed option. The Population Analysis Committee will make a final recommendation soon, which will be announced

publicly and addressed during their 2022 November board meeting.

There was a brief discussion about how the problem of low enrollment would not be resolved if the Murray School District were to annex GSD schools into the Murray School District; and what happens to elementary school properties and buildings after they are closed. Mr. Horsley explained most vacated buildings would be utilized for continued school use like housing other educational programs, school supply warehousing, or office space for nonprofit groups or they could be slated for open green space. Empty GSD school buildings are well maintained and kept in orderly fashion until a use is found and would not sit as a nuisance, subject to vandalism.

Prepaying for a new fire apparatus:

Ms. Moore informed Council Members that a new fire apparatus would be ordered by the end of October 2022 to save money and time. The aerial truck the fire department is currently using will reach the end of its 15-year lifecycle in 2025 and the build time for a new vehicle is two years.

Chief Mittelman said they will finalize exact specifications over the next 12 months for the All-Steer ladder truck they have chosen that is roughly \$1.7 million. The apparatus will have a 107-foot ladder to access taller buildings in areas like Fireclay and new apartment buildings being constructed in Murray. Photos, schematics, and a video of the fire truck were shown.

Ms. Moore explained it is best to order the vehicle now because Pierce Manufacturing, who makes custom fire trucks, anticipates two price increases within the next year. A budget opening would not be necessary at this time because the item will be part of the fiscal year 2025 fire department budget.

Adjournment: 5:59 p.m.

Pattie Johnson
Council Office Administrator III