

**MURRAY CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

Work Session Minutes of Tuesday, January 20, 2026  
Murray City Hall, 10 East 4800 South, Poplar Meeting Room, Murray, Utah 84107

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**Attendance:**

Council Members:

Paul Pickett	District #1 – Telecom 6:01 p.m.
Pam Cotter	District #2
Clark Bullen	District #3
Diane Turner	District #4 – Council Vice Chair
Adam Hock	District #5 – Council Chair

**Others:**

Brett Hales	Mayor	Jennifer Kennedy	City Council Executive Director
Kim Sorensen	Chief Administrative Officer	Pattie Johnson	Council Administrator
GL Critchfield	City Attorney	Brooke Smith	City Recorder
Stephen Olsen	Assistant Fire Chief	Chad Wilkinson	Community and Economic Dev. Director
Ben Ford	Wastewater Superintendent	Elvon Farrell	Economic Development Specialist
Jeff Martin	Parks Director	Brenda Moore	Finance Director
Ryan Madsen	IT Support Supervisor	Rob White	IT Director
Russ Kakala	Public Works Director	Camron Killman	IT Support
Greg Bellon	Power Director	Erica Brown	Chief Communications Officer
Bruce Holyoak	Park Superintendent	Josh Hill	Public Works
Aron Frisk	Water Superintendent	Citizens and Guests	

**Conducting:** Council Chair Hock called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Discussion Items:**

- **Reports from Interlocal Boards and Committees:**
  - **TJL (TransJordan Landfill)** – Public Works Director Russ Kakala reported that budget revenue was at 53%, operating expenses were at 43% and the largest accomplishment was getting the new STS (Sandy Transfer Station) up and running successfully. He also mentioned that planning was underway for the construction of another transfer station to address the closure of TJL in eight years.
  - **CVW (Central Valley Water)** – Wastewater Superintendent Ben Ford said the rebuild project was finally coming to an end and that the majority of the new treatment process had started. The grand opening of the new facility would be scheduled sometime in either April or May of this year and the plant would be offering tours throughout the year.
  - **UIA (Utah Infrastructure Agency)** – Finance Director Brenda Moore noted that UIA and UTOPIA (Utah Telecommunication Open Infrastructure Agency) were one in the same and reported that both entities combined now have approximately 80,000 subscribers. Currently UTOPIA’s biggest competitor in Murray is Quantum Fiber so UTOPIA has implemented some very low key targeted marketing strategies to address the competitor in hopes of preventing people from switching from UTOPIA to Quantum.

- **NeighborWorks** - Economic Development Specialist Elvon Farrell discussed Murray's partnership with NeighborWorks that began in 2010. Mr. Farrell said five downpayment assistance loans and six home improvement grants have been awarded so far, this fiscal year. The Tripp Lane project was ongoing to provide a total of 12 single family residential homes Mr. Farrell confirmed the houses would sell for approximately \$800,000, they were not starter homes and that revenue generated from the home sales could be reinvested back into programs that did support low income housing.
- **Murray Chamber of Commerce** – Mr. Farrell provided an organizational update, reviewed focus areas of the Chamber, outlined all 2026 events and noted all business programs and support activities.
- **JRC (Jordan River Commission)** – Park Superintendent Bruce Holyoak discussed the framework of the JRC, noting the purpose and seven documents that guide the JRC. He encouraged Council Members to visit the JRC website to study various groups that make up the JRC and reviewed ongoing tasks like weed management and restoration. He explained how a public safety work group was recently implemented to conduct a community survey regarding various concerns on the Jordan River trail.

**Announcements:** Council Chair Hock recommended moving the March 24, 2026 Council Meeting to March 17, 2026 to align with the first and second Tuesday Council Meeting practice, noting that no Council Members would be attending the National Conference this year on March 24, 2025. He also proposed that a Council Initiatives Workshop be scheduled and there was consensus to hold it on February 5, 2026 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**Adjournment:** 6:28 p.m.

**Pattie Johnson  
Council Administrator III**