

MURRAY CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Work Session Minutes of Tuesday, May 5, 2026

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

Attendance:

Council Members:

Paul Pickett District #1 – Excused
Pam Cotter District #2
Clark Bullen District #3
Diane Turner District #4 – Excused
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	Russ Kakala	Public Works Director
Jeff Martin	Parks Director	Chad Wilkinson	Community and Economic Dev. Director
Brenda Moore	Finance Director	Greg Bellon	Power Director
Brooke Smith	City Recorder	Matt Youngs	Assistant Power Director
Ryan Madsen	IT Supervisor	Erica Brown	Chief Communications Officer
Citizens & Guests		Camron Kollman	IT Support

Conducting: Council Chair Hock called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Committee of the Whole April 7, 2026. Ms. Cotter moved to approve. Mr. Bullen seconded the motion. All in favor 3-0.

Discussion Items:

- **Update on the Downtown Block Party.** Jenn Kikel Lynn stated that she would begin advertising for the upcoming Murray Downtown Block Party, scheduled for June 13, 2026, provided an update on last year's inaugural block party, and shared plans for this year's event.
- **Discussion on an ordinance amending Section 12.24.175(B) and enacting Section 12.24.185 of the Murray City Municipal Code related to Murray Armory rental fees.** Mr. Hock recapped about a recent Council discussion related to the existing Code not having language or guidelines regarding who would oversee fee schedules for the armory or the Murray Theater. He confirmed that, in a previous meeting, Council Members decided they would oversee armory rental fees. Mr. Hock confirmed that the draft ordinance would implement the proposed fee schedule and allow the Council to oversee those fees.
- **Discussion on an ordinance renumbering Sections of Chapter 2.32 and amending Sections 2.32.020, 2.32.040, 2.32.050, and 2.32.070 and enacting Section 2.32.060 of the Murray City Municipal Code relating to the Public Works Department.** City Attorney G.L. Critchfield explained that the wastewater superintendent position was created within the Wastewater Division in 2020 when the Public Services Department changed its name to the Murray City Public Works Department. The proposed Code would reflect that update, clean up language, renumber existing sections of the chapter, and add the Wastewater Division to the Murray Public Works Department ordinance.
- **Discussion on a request for classification of a new or unlisted business use and designating an appropriate zone for the use pursuant to Utah Code Section 10-20-507.** Community and Economic Development Director Chad Wilkinson explained that due to a change to State law in 2025, applicants may ask the legislative body of a municipality to review new or unlisted uses and designate an appropriate zone for that use. He reported that the process to implement that framework was underway and that the new method of classifying land uses or new or unlisted businesses would be presented to the Council

fairly soon. He clarified that if a city has a use that was not listed in Code, an applicant may request that use and after analysis by staff, it may be brought before the legislative body for adoption of the new or unlisted business use.

Mr. Wilkinson explained that during the 2026 Legislative Session, another update was made to the State law restricting cities from taking requests for new or unlisted uses to the Planning Commission. This was why the current request did not need to be presented to the Murray Planning Commission, confirming again that the new process would not apply to a land use that already existed.

Mr. Wilkinson confirmed that the proposed request for a veterinary dentistry business did not exist in Code and that although veterinary uses were currently not allowed in the GO (General Office) zone, there was enough distinction between the use that was proposed and the veterinary use in City Code. This was why staff felt this was a unique service, particularly because the land use did not allow overnight stays, boarding options or outside kenneling. Animals would be dropped off by owners, for a focus on dentistry alone and so components of ordinary veterinary services would not be practiced at this business.

Mr. Wilkinson explained that two separate ordinances would be necessary. One would add the land use of veterinary dentistry as a standard land use; the other would allow this land use in the GO zone.

The applicant confirmed that the veterinary dentistry business would serve companion animals only. Mr. Wilkinson stated that specific definitions and restrictions would be included in the proposed Code to address potential concerns, risks, and impacts on surrounding properties. He explained that the proposed process would also include parameters identifying who could apply for this type of land use classification.

Adjournment: 6:00 p.m.

**Pattie Johnson
Council Administrator III**