

MURRAY CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Work Session Minutes of Tuesday, June 16, 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
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	Craig Burnett	Police Chief
GL Critchfield	City Attorney	Crystal Brown	Council Administrator
Stephen Olson	Assistant Fire Chief	Brenda Moore	Finance Director
Emily Barton	Finance Controller	Russ Kakala	Public Works Director
Brooke Smith	City Recorder	Chad Wilkinson	Community and Eco. Dev. Director
Greg Bellon	Power Director	Chris Niemann	Engineering Manager
DJ Didericksen	Sr. Utility Planner	Ryan Madsen	IT Director
Citizens & Guests		Isaac Zenger	IT Support

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

Approval of Minutes: Committee of the Whole May 19, 2026. Mr. Bullen moved to approve and Ms. Turner seconded the motion. All in favor 5-0.

Discussion Items:

- **An ordinance vacating two municipal utility easements located at approximately 4950 South Galleria Drive, Murray City, Salt Lake County, State of Utah.** Senior Utility Planner DJ Mr. Mr. Didericksen discussed a project area map to point out the location of two Murray Power utility easements located in the center of the Galleria project site. Mr. Didericksen noted that currently the easements were serving various facilities in the area, and those facilities would need to be relocated before the City could vacate the easements. Engineering Manager Chris Niemann reviewed the steps involved in removing a transformer and all electrical equipment and then reinstalling them at a different location on the site determined by the contractor, who was coordinating with Murray Powerline crews.

Mr. Niemann noted that another easement would still power the large billboard sign also located on the site and explained that the reason for vacating these two utility easements was for the construction of a new townhome development that would be situated over the existing easements.

Power Director Greg Bellon requested that an additional item mentioned in his memo to the Council be omitted from the details, involving an agreement to receive grant funding for a new easement at another location in the City.

City Attorney G.L. Critchfield agreed the additional reference of a new easement agreement should be omitted from the memo, and a new memo should be written; however the Council would still proceed to vote in the Council meeting on vacating the two municipal utility easements, as written in the ordinance. He clarified that the memo was simply additional information, not affecting the Council's decision to vacate the utility easements, that allowed for an alternative way to power the billboard sign. Mr. Bellon confirmed that an updated memo would be provided to the Council omitting the mention of an additional easement agreement for the documentation record.

- **A resolution adopting the Murray City Consolidated Fee Schedule.** Finance Director Brenda Moore said that the 33-page CFS (Consolidated Fee Schedule) may contain some typos and that since the document was compiled some fees may have changed. It was their best effort to consolidate every fee charged by the City into one document and once approved by the Council, the CFS would become part of the annual budget process moving forward. It would be posted on the City's website and updated annually as fee prices change. Ms. Moore highlighted fees set at each department's discretion, fees that could be changed by the Administration without City Council approval, fees set by the federal government, and utility fees approved by the Council. Ms. Moore believed fees were accurate to date and she did not anticipate any changes.

Mr. Hock asked why the new FBC (Form Based Code) was not included in the Master Site Plan Review fees list on page 8; was it an error or was it the practice to have no site plan reviews for FBC projects. Ms. Moore believed the cost would be \$1,000, like other zones, and assured the Council that FBC projects would receive site plan reviews. Mr. Hock asked her to look into the matter before the Council considered adopting the CFS.

Mr. Hock questioned Power Impact Fees on page 12, stating that two graphs appeared confusing and not connected, making it difficult to understand Connection Types and Phases related to either the Residential or Commercial title categories. He asked if something had happened to the second graph because it lacked information and wondered if the City was still implementing Residential or Commercial Power Impact Fees. Ms. Moore agreed the graph was not clear, stated that it was pulled from the City's website, but she believed the bottom chart applied to large commercial projects. It was confirmed that much of the information on the page applied to commercial projects. Mr. Hock requested the page be cleaned up. Mr. Hock asked if Junior Jazz fees were current, as they appeared to be lower than what he had previously been aware of. Ms. Moore said all departments provided their own fee information and could not confirm.

Mr. Hock explained the reason for his meticulous review of the CFS, stating that it was due to his concern that the City could look confused or half-baked if residents or others attempting to find various fees were not provided with accurate information. He felt the CFS was an important document, so it should be cleaner and easier to understand.

Mr. Hock discussed the After Hour Private Pool Party rental fee chart for the outdoor pool, noting that it did not specify that the number of people and associated cost was only for two hours. He pointed out that the chart did show the cost for each additional hour and confirmed that the City's website did show the timeframe of two hours and asked if it could be updated to reflect the two hour window.

Mayor Hales felt that if the Council had this many discrepancies and did not want to vote on the CFS as presented, they should not vote on it at all. He did not like the apparent direction of the CFS review and stated that rather than continue going through each item for the rest of the meeting, any additional changes should be sent to him. He would decide what changes to make and take care of cleaning up the CFS. Ms. Kennedy noted that the CFS was scheduled to be adopted in the Council meeting. There was consensus to hold off on the vote, and Mayor Hales agreed the Council could review it as long as needed.

Adjournment: 6:18 p.m.

Pattie Johnson
Council Administrator III