

**CITY OF MURRIETA
1 TOWN SQUARE
MURRIETA, CA**



**Monday, October 30, 2023
5:30 PM SPECIAL JOINT
MEETING - VETERAN'S ROOM
MINUTES**

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NOTICE AND CALL OF SPECIAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on October 25, 2023, the Mayor of the City of Murrieta has called a Special Joint Meeting of the Murrieta City Council and the Planning Commission to consider the following matters at the time and place listed on the agenda.

/s/ Cristal McDonald, City Clerk

**Lisa DeForest
Mayor**

**Lori Stone
Mayor Pro Tem**

**Cindy Warren
Council Member**

**Jon Levell
Council Member**

**Ron Holliday
Council Member**

**Kim Summers, City Manager
Tiffany Israel, City Attorney
Cristal McDonald, City Clerk**

MURRIETA PLANNING COMMISSION

**Michael Fisher
Chair**

**Craig Harlan
Vice Chair**

**Michael LaPaglia
Commissioner**

**Joe Wojcik
Commissioner**

**Dennis Vrooman
Commissioner**

5:30 PM JOINT SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL AND PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING**CALL TO ORDER 5:31 PM****ROLL CALL**

Present: Council Member Cindy Warren
Council Member Jon Levell
Council Member Ron Holliday
Mayor Pro Tem Lori Stone
Mayor Lisa DeForest

Commissioner Wojcik
Commissioner Vrooman
Vice Chair Harlan
Chair Fisher

Absent: Commissioner LaPaglia

PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Kassen Klein: Spoke on Planning Commission decisions to ensure certainty, and consistency for developers, and stakeholders involved. Ensuring that projects meet the development code requirements versus what the public or City Council wants.

DISCUSSION**1. Planning Commission Advisory Body Review**

City Council Members, Planning Commissioners, and City Staff introduced themselves.

City staff in attendance:

- Kim Summers, City Manager
- Ivan Holler, Assistant City Manager
- Kristen Crane, Assistant City Manager
- Paul Early
- Carl Stiehl, City Planner
- David Chantarangsu, Development Services Director
- Jarrett Ramaiya, Deputy Development Services Director

Mayor DeForest spoke on the partnership between the City Council and Planning Commission; and the importance of communication between the two bodies.

The City Council, Planning Commission, and City Attorney, conversed on the following topics pertaining to the Planning Commission's role as an advisory board:

- Communications between the City Council, Planning Commission, and City Attorney;

- Challenges faced by the Planning Commission;
- Improvements and training for Commissioners;
- Advance communication on findings and specific traffic noise studies;
- Best practices when deviating from recommendation of staff and utilizing the City Attorney when legal questions arise;
- Development Code language focusing on community needs; and
- State law and mandates regarding housing and developments.
- Agenda reports ambiguity which may result in misinterpretation by the Planning Commission.

Mayor DeForest and the City Council Members provided closing remarks.

ADJOURNMENT 6:27 PM