

**City Council**

**Meeting Minutes**

**March 4, 2025**

**CITY OF MURRIETA  
Council Chambers  
1 Town Square  
Murrieta, CA 92562**



**Tuesday, March 4, 2025  
5:00 PM CLOSED SESSION  
6:00 PM REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES**

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**Cindy Warren  
Mayor**

**Jon Levell  
Mayor Pro Tem**

**Lisa DeForest  
Council Member**

**Lori Stone  
Council Member**

**Ron Holliday  
Council Member**

**Justin Clifton, City Manager  
Tiffany Israel, City Attorney  
Cristal McDonald, City Clerk**

**MURRIETA CITY COUNCIL (CC)  
MURRIETA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT (CSD)  
MURRIETA FIRE DISTRICT (FD)  
MURRIETA LIBRARY BOARD (LB)  
MURRIETA REDEVELOPMENT SUCCESSOR AGENCY (RSA)  
MURRIETA HOUSING AUTHORITY (HA)  
MURRIETA FINANCING AUTHORITY (FA)**

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**5:00 PM CLOSED SESSION**

**CALL TO ORDER 5:02 p.m.**

**ROLL CALL**

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

**Absent:** None

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**PUBLIC COMMENTS - CLOSED SESSION ITEMS ONLY** None.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

Deputy City Clerk Kimberly Ramirez announced the following Closed Session agenda:

**CLOSED SESSION**

**CS1.** Conference with Legal Counsel Anticipated Litigation

The City Council will conduct a closed session, pursuant to Government Code sections 54956.9(d)(2), because there is a significant exposure to litigation in 2 cases.

**RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION** 5:03 p.m.

**6:00 PM REGULAR MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER** 6:02 p.m.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTION**

City Attorney Tiffany Israel reported the following Closed Session Action: No reportable action for Closed Session Item No. CS1.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: None

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Kyle and Emma Warren

**INVOCATION** Shane Academia, Calvary Murrieta Church

**PRESENTATIONS**

Presentation: National Charity League Murrieta/Temecula Chapter

Presentation: Champion for Murrieta

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## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Action: It was moved by Council Member DeForest, seconded by Council Member Holliday to approve the Agenda for March 4, 2025.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: DeForest, Stone, Holliday, Levell, Warren

Noes: None

## **CITY MANAGER - ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE**

2024 Annual Report: Bernard Molloy, Fire Chief

Community Update: Cristina Davies, Public Information Officer

## **GOVERNING BODY COMMISSION/COMMITTEE/BOARD (CCB) REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Council Member DeForest: Provided attendance/reported the following:

- Legislative Workgroup Subcommittee

Provided Governing Body Announcements to be made part of the City's record.

Council Member Stone: Deferred Governing Body Reports/Announcements to the next meeting.

Council Member Holliday: Provided attendance/reported the following:

- Los Alamos Hills Sports Park Phase 2 Subcommittee
- Regional Conservation Authority (RCA)
- Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG)
- Regional Conservation Authority (RCA)

Provided Governing Body Announcements to be made part of the City's record.

Mayor Pro Tem Levell: Provided attendance/reported the following:

- Los Alamos Hills Sports Park Phase 2 Subcommittee

Provided verbal Governing Body Announcements.

Mayor Warren:

Provided attendance/reported the following:

- Legislative Workgroup Subcommittee
- Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC)
- Southwest Riverside County Elected Leaders Collaborative
- Riverside Transit Agency (RTA)

Provided Governing Body Announcements to be made part of the City's record.

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## **PUBLIC COMMENTS (NON-AGENDA)**

- Aimee Edgeworth: Spoke on the Pearl Arts Creative Center and asked the city to waive or reduce development fees for the project.
- Monica Mestas: Spoke on concerns over the lack of available funding for aquatic public recreation and the establishment of the pool.
- Kevin Coon: Spoke on behalf of the Murrieta Public Library Foundation and provided yard signs for the Murrieta Public Library fundraiser.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR - APPROVAL OF ITEMS 1 – 12**

Action: It was moved by Council Member Holliday, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Levell to approve the Consent Calendar Item Nos. 1-12.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: DeForest, Stone, Holliday, Levell, Warren  
Noes: None

### **1. Waive Reading of All Ordinance Adoptions on the Agenda and Read by Title Only**

#### **Recommended Action:**

Waive reading, by title only, of all Ordinances and Resolutions. Said Ordinances and Resolutions which appear on the public agenda shall be determined to have been read by title and further reading waived.

### **2. Minutes**

#### **Recommended Action:**

Approve the minutes of the February 18, 2025, Regular City Council Meeting.

### **3. Check Register January 2025**

#### **Recommended Action:**

Adopt a Resolution 25-4812 entitled: *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Murrieta, California, Ratifying the Check Register for the Month of January 2025 in the amount of \$4,892,474.26 (Check Numbers 162901-163266).*

**4. Agreement for Commvault Services**Recommended Action:

Authorize the use of Cooperative Agreement #2018011-01 to purchase Commvault services and authorize CDW-G to administer the agreement;

Approve the agreement amount not to exceed \$24,059.80 for Fiscal Year 2024/25; and

Authorize the City Manager to execute the use of the agreement, in a form approved by the City Attorney's office, with CDW-G, and approve future amendments, in a form approved by the City Attorney's office, in a total amount not to exceed \$75,000.

**5. Application for eBooks For All Collection Development Grant 2025-2026**Recommended Action:

Authorize the Library's grant application for the eBooks for All Collection Development Grant 2025-2026, in the amount of \$20,000, with a required matched funding of 25% or \$5,000; and

If awarded, amend the Fiscal Year 2025/26 Operating Budget as described in the fiscal impact statement; and Authorize the City Manager to execute all grant-related documents.

**6. Lunch at the Library Summer 2025 Grant**Recommended Action:

Approve acceptance of the California State Library's Lunch at the Library Summer 2025 grant, in the amount of \$8,557, for the Murrieta Public Library; and

Amend the Fiscal Year 2025/26 Operating Budget as described in the fiscal impact statement.

**7. Amended Agreement with Architerra Inc., for On-Call As-Needed Landscape Services**Recommended Action:

Approve the First Amendment with Architerra Design Group for the Development Services Department for Landscape Plan Check and Inspection Services for an amount not to exceed \$150,000 per fiscal year; and

Authorize the City Manager to execute the Amendment to the agreement.

**8. Approve an Amendment to an Agreement with RICK to Fund Environmental Tasks Pertaining to the City's Existing Agreement to Update the City's General Plan**Recommended Action:

Approve a First Amendment with RICK increasing the amount of the Agreement by \$390,443, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$803,404, and update Exhibit A to include Work Tasks 4-6 from the General Plan Clean Up Proposal, Exhibit A-1; and

Find that the proposed action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378 for the reasons specified in this report.

**9. Purchase of Police Department Vehicles**

Recommended Action:

Approve the purchase of up to eight (8) Police Interceptor vehicles from Fritts Ford, the associated vehicle upfitting purchases, and installation of emergency equipment using the Fiscal Year 2024/25 Operating Budget; and waive the competitive bidding requirements.

**10. Administrative Services Agreement for County Service Area 152 Program Between the County of Riverside and the City of Murrieta for the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System Program**

Recommended Action:

Authorize the Mayor to execute the Administrative Services Agreement for the County Service Area 152 program between the County of Riverside and the City of Murrieta.

**11. Acceptance of Public Improvements in Tract Map 30489**

Recommended Action:

Accept the Public Improvements in Tract Map 30489, located north of Juniper Street, south of Berlie Street, and west of Hancock Avenue; and Direct the Department of Public Works to perform continued maintenance of the aforementioned public improvements in conformance with the City of Murrieta's maintenance standard.

**12. Parcel Charge for National Pollution Discharge Elimination System Program**

Recommended Action:

Adopt Resolution No. 25-4813 entitled: *A Resolution of the City Council of Murrieta, California, Requesting that the County of Riverside Levy the Fiscal Year 2025/26 Community Service Area 152 Parcel Charge and Requesting Continued Participation in Community Service Area 152; and*

Direct the City Clerk to certify approval of Resolution No. 25-4813 and submit a certified copy to the County of Riverside.

**PULLED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS** None.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS****13. Financing for Viscar Terrace Apartments Vista Murrieta Affordable Housing Project**

City Planner Carl Stiehl provided the staff report and PowerPoint presentation. Provided information on non-recourse lending, and statistics on default rate for bonds.

Topics discussed by the City Council include:

- Underground power lines;
- Improvements in the area; and
- Approvals of financing mechanism versus the project.

*The public hearing opened at 6:55 p.m.*

Public Testimony:

None

*The public hearing closed at 6:55 p.m.*

Action: After discussion, it was moved by Council Member Holliday, seconded by Mayor Warren to adopt Resolution No. 25-4814 entitled: *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Murrieta, California, Approving the Issuance by the California Municipal Finance Authority of the Exempt Facility Bonds in an Aggregate Principal Amount Not to Exceed \$70,000,000, for the Purpose of Financing or Refinancing the Acquisition, Construction, Improvement and Equipping of Viscar Terrace Apartments.*

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: DeForest, Stone, Holliday, Levell, Warren

Noes: None

**DISCUSSION****14. Fiscal Year 2024/25 Second Quarter Financial Status Report**

Staff report and PowerPoint Presentation provided by Finance Director Javier Carcamo and Finance Manager Jennifer Terry.

Action: After discussion, it was moved by Council Member DeForest, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Levell to accept and file the report; amend the Fiscal Year 2024/25 Operating Budget as referenced in the Fiscal Impact section of this report; and approve the updated Schedule of Authorized Positions.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: DeForest, Stone, Holliday, Levell, Warren

Noes: None

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**15. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 613-25 regarding the City's Participation in the Western Riverside County Transportation Uniform Mitigation Fee (TUMF) Program**

Staff Report and PowerPoint Presentation provided by Development Director David Chantarangsu.

Development Director David Chantarangsu and Director of Public Works Bob Moehling were available to answer questions from the City Council

Action: After discussion, it was moved by DeForest, seconded by Council Member Holliday to Conduct the second reading and adopt Ordinance No. 613-25, entitled: *An Ordinance of the City of Murrieta Amending and Superseding Ordinance No. 541-19 to Update Participation in the Western Riverside County Transportation Uniform Mitigation Fee (TUMF) Program and Making a Determination of Exemption Under the California Environmental Quality Act.*

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: DeForest, Holliday, Levell, Warren

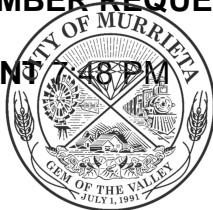
Noes: Stone

Absent: None

**RECONSIDERATION** None.

**COUNCIL MEMBER REQUESTS TO ADD ITEMS TO FUTURE AGENDAS** None.

**ADJOURNMENT 7:48 PM**



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Cristal McDonald, City Clerk