

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



**Tuesday, May 5, 2026
4:00 PM REGULAR MEETING
CLOSED SESSION FOLLOWING
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

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**Jon Levell
Mayor**

**Ron Holliday
Mayor Pro Tem**

**Lisa DeForest
Council Member**

**Lori Stone
Council Member**

**Cindy Warren
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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4:00 PM REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER 4:01 PM

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Council Member Warren

INVOCATION Pastor John Hansen of Centerpoint Church

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Action: It was moved by Council Member Warren, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Holliday, to approve the Agenda for May 5, 2026.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

CITY MANAGER - ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

GOVERNING BODY COMMISSION/COMMITTEE/BOARD (CCB)

REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Member Warren: Provided attendance/reported the following:

- Southwest Elected Leaders Collaborative
- Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC)

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

Council Member DeForest: Provided attendance/reported the following:

- Mount San Jacinto College (MSJC)/ Southwest Regional Higher Education Coalition

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

Council Member Stone: Provided attendance/reported the following:

- Southwest Elected Leaders Collaborative*
- Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG)

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

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

- Regional Conservation Authority (RCA) meeting

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

Mayor Levell: Provided verbal Announcements.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (NON-AGENDA)

- Dora Ridgeway: Spoke on safety concerns with the potholes and unpaved surface on Menifee Road.
- Phil Steinkowski: Spoke on the noise pollution of modified exhaust.
- Herman Gray: Spoke on the property taxes and foreclosure of his home in Murrieta.

CONSENT CALENDAR - APPROVAL OF ITEMS 1 – 14

Action: It was moved by Council Member DeForest, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Holliday to approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 1-14, with recusals on:

Item 7: Zone A only: Stone; Zone F only: Holliday, Levell; Zone G only: Levell, DeForest; Zone N only: Warren; and

Item 8: LLD 11 only: Warren and Levell; and LLD 15 only: Levell

The motion carried by the following vote:

- Ayes: Warren, DeForest, Stone, Holliday, Levell
- Noes: None
- Absent: 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 from the April 7, 2026 regular meeting and the April 21, 2026 regular meeting.

3. Check Register March 2026

Recommended Action:

Adopt Resolution No. 26-4933 entitled: *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Murrieta, California, Ratifying the Consolidated Check Register for the month of March 2026.*

4. Second Amendment to the Agreement with JL Group, LLC for Workplace Investigation Services

Recommended Action:

Amend the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025/26 Operating Budget to establish an additional appropriation of \$20,000 in the Risk Management Fund as detailed in the fiscal impact statement;

Amend the Fiscal Year 2026/27 Operating Budget to establish an additional appropriation of \$40,000 in the Risk Management Fund as detailed in the fiscal impact statement;

Approve the Second Amendment to the agreement with JL Group, LLC for specialized investigative services not to exceed \$150,000, in a form approved by the City Attorney; and

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

5. Agreement with Everlaw - eDiscovery Software

Recommended Action:

Amend the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025/26 and Fiscal Year 2026/27 Operating Budget to appropriate \$8,320, and \$20,918, respectively, as detailed in the fiscal impact statement to cover the increase in the yearly cost;

Authorize the City Manager to approve a one-year agreement with Everlaw for the amount of \$49,920 and up to an additional two (2) one-year extensions with an anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$168,450; and

Authorize the exemption from bidding requirements in accordance with the Murrieta Municipal Code §3.08.280(G).

6. Murrieta Children's Library Expansion Project - Additional Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment

Recommended Action:

Approve an Amendment to the Agreement with J.K. Miklin, Inc., dba Yamada Enterprises, for the purchase and installation of additional commodities for the Murrieta Children's Library Expansion Project in an amount not-to-exceed \$29,465.31; and

Approve a project contingency amount of \$84,388, based on the entire Yamada Enterprises budget, to cover unforeseen issues and bonding costs; and

Authorize the City Manager, and/or their designee, to execute all necessary documents to facilitate the purchase in a form approved by the City Attorney.

7. Levy of Annual Assessments for Murrieta Community Services DistrictRecommended Action:

Adopt Resolution No. CSD 26-287, entitled: *A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Murrieta Community Services District, (1) Declaring its Intention to Levy the Annual Rates and Charges for Services Within the Murrieta Community Services District, Fiscal Year 2026/27, (2) Preliminarily Approving the Engineer's Annual Levy Report for the Murrieta Community Services District for Fiscal Year 2026/27, and (3) Designating the Time and Place for the Public Hearing on These Matters.*

8. Levy of Annual Assessments for Murrieta Consolidated Landscape and Lighting DistrictRecommended Action:

Adopt Resolution No. 26-4934 entitled: *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Murrieta, California, Ordering the Preparation of the Engineer's Annual Levy Report for the Consolidated Landscaping and Lighting District; and*

Adopt Resolution No. 26-4935 entitled: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Murrieta, California, Preliminarily Approving the Engineer's Report for the Consolidated Landscaping and Lighting District and Declaring the City's Intention to Levy and Collect Assessments for Fiscal Year 2026/27 in the Murrieta Consolidated Landscaping and Lighting District and Setting A Public Hearing for July 7, 2026.

9. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 631-26 Authorizing a Development Agreement between the City of Murrieta and French Valley Crossings, LP, a California limited partnership and Phelan Service Station, LP a California limited partnership, related to the Development of the French Valley CrossingsRecommended Action:

Conduct the second reading and adopt Ordinance No. 631-26 entitled: *An Uncodified Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Murrieta, California, Approving a Development Agreement with French Valley Crossings, LP and Phelan Service Station, LP to extend the entitlements for the Development of a Commercial Shopping Center at the Southwest Corner of Winchester Road (Highway 79) and Clinton Keith Road (Development Agreement).*

10. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 632-26 Approving a Development Agreement Between the City of Murrieta and Murrieta Marketplace Holdings LP, a California Limited Partnership; Bonsall Service Station, LP a California Limited Partnership; and Scott-Murrieta Service Station, LP a California Limited Partnership for the Murrieta Marketplace.Recommended Action:

Conduct the second reading and adopt Ordinance No. 632-26 entitled: *An Uncodified Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Murrieta, California, Approving a Development Agreement with Murrieta Marketplace Holdings LP, a California Limited Partnership, Bonsall Service Station, LP a California Limited Partnership and Scott-Murrieta Service Station, LP a California Limited Partnership to Extend the Entitlements for the Development of a Commercial Shopping Center at the Northwest Corner of Winchester Road (Highway 79) and Clinton Keith Road (Development Agreement).*

11. SB 1205 Compliance Report for 2025 State-Mandated Annual Fire Inspections

Recommended Action:

Adopt Resolution No. 26-4936 entitled: *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Murrieta, California, Acknowledging Receipt of a Report Made by the Fire Marshal of the Murrieta Fire Department Regarding the Annual Inspection of Certain Occupancies Pursuant to Sections 13146.2 and 13146.3 of the California Health and Safety Code.*

12. Construction Management Services for the Fire Station 1 Living Quarters Improvement Project, CIP No. 21037

Recommended Action:

Approve a Purchase Order for Construction Management Services for the Fire Station 1 Living Quarters Improvement Project, CIP No. 21037, to Griffin Structures in the amount of \$247,160; and

Authorize a ten percent (10%) construction management service contingency of \$24,716.

13. Approve Purchase of Equipment for Dispatch Consoles

Recommended Action:

Approve the purchase of equipment from Motorola Solutions, Inc. for nine (9) new Police Department Dispatch consoles in the amount of \$354,555.44; and

Amend the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025/26 operating budget as detailed in the Fiscal Impact Statement.

14. Assembly Bill 481 - Military Equipment Policy

Recommended Action:

Receive, review, and file the annual military equipment report; and

Approve the renewal of Ordinance No. 577-22, and adopt the findings therein.

PULLED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS None

DISCUSSION

15. Approval of the First Amendment of the Memorandum of Understanding with Murrieta Market Nights, Inc., a 150-Foot Event Expansion, and Purchase of Necessary Equipment.

Staff report and PowerPoint provided by Director of Development Services David Chantarangsu.

City Engineer Jeff Hitch was available to answer questions from the City Council regarding the traffic flow and physical traffic barriers for the Murrieta Market Night expansion.

Public Comments:

Connie McConnell: Spoke in support of the expansion of Murrieta Market Nights and was available to answer any questions regarding the vendors and storefronts in the Downtown area.

Casey Jurado: Spoke in support of the expansion of Murrieta Market Nights and was available to answer any questions regarding the vendors and storefronts in the Downtown area.

Action: After discussion, it was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Holliday, seconded by Council Member DeForest to approve the First Amendment to the amended and restated 2024 Memorandum of Understanding with Murrieta Market Nights, Inc., regarding the implementation of Murrieta Market Nights;

Authorize the City Manager to execute the First Amendment to the MOU and subsequent extensions as set forth in the First Amendment to the MOU;

Amend the FY 2025/26 Operating Budget using General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance to establish an appropriation of \$133,917.25; and

Approve the purchase of eight (8) new barriers and one new trailer from Meridian Rapid Defense Group Sales, LLC., in the amount of \$133,917.25.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

RECONSIDERATION None

COUNCIL MEMBER REQUESTS TO ADD ITEMS TO FUTURE AGENDAS

Council Member Warren: None

Council Member DeForest: None

Council Member Stone: Requested a discussion on traffic synchronization congestion.

Consensus received.

Mayor Pro Tem Holliday: None

Mayor Levell: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS (NON-AGENDA/AGENDIZED/CLOSED SESSION)

Kassen Klein: Spoke on the Ortega property in favor of issuing their permits with the condition of providing mitigation limited to the front of their property.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

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

CS1. Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation

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

CS2. Conference with Labor Negotiators

The City Council will conduct a closed session, pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6, with the City Manager, Assistant City Manager, Deputy City Manager, City Attorney, and the City's Negotiators, regarding labor negotiations with the Murrieta Police Officers Association, Murrieta Police Management Association, Murrieta Firefighters Association, and Murrieta Fire Management Association and Management, Professional, and Confidential.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION 5:46 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER 8:12 p.m.

ROLL CALL

City Attorney Tiffany Israel reported all Council Members were present during Closed Session.

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

Absent: None

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTION

City Attorney Tiffany Israel reported the following Closed Session Action:

CS1. Case No. 1: No reportable action.

CS1. Case No. 2: No reportable action.

CS2.: No reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT 8:15 p.m.

In memoriam of Linda Wunderlich.

Cristal McDonald, City Clerk