

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



**Tuesday, January 20, 2026
4:00 PM REGULAR MEETING
CLOSED SESSION HELD AT
END OF MEETING**

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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 4:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Mayor Pro Tem Ron Holliday

INVOCATION

PRESENTATIONS

Presentation: Santa Stops Volunteers

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Action: It was moved by Council Member Stone, seconded by Council Member Warren, to hear Item No. 12 before all discussion and public hearing items and approve the Agenda for January 20, 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:

- Riverside Transit Agency (RTA)
- Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC)
- Town Square Park and Amphitheater Subcommittee
- Legislative Workgroup Subcommittee*

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

Council Member DeForest: Provided Announcements to be made part of the City's record.

Council Member Stone: Provided attendance/reported the following:

- Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG)

Provided verbal Announcements.

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

- Regional Conservation Authority (RCA)
- Town Square Park and Amphitheater Subcommittee

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

Mayor Levell: Provided verbal Announcements.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (NON-AGENDA)

- Annette Jennings: Provided an update on the Murrieta Museum and the Historical Society.
- Philip O'Reilly: Spoke on concerns over Jefferson Avenue.
- Connie McConnell: Provided updates on Murrieta Market Nights.
- Greg Langworthy: Spoke on the Riverside Election Integrity Commission.
- Andre Mares: Introduced herself as the Government Relations Manager for Southern California Edison and provided her business card.
- Aimee Edgeworth: Provided updates on a Murrieta train project.
- Patrick Ellis: Provided a handout of the Murrieta/Wildomar Chamber of Commerce 2026 Public Policy Platform.

CONSENT CALENDAR - APPROVAL OF ITEMS 1 – 9

Action: It was moved by Council Member Warren, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Holliday to approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 1-16, with the exception of Item No. 2, which was continued to the February 3, 2026, meeting by staff.

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 December 16, 2025 Regular City Council meeting minutes.

**** Item No. 2 was continued to the February 3, 2026 Regular Meeting ****

3. Monthly Investment Transaction Report for November 2025

Recommended Action:

Receive and file the Monthly Investment Transaction Report for November 2025.

4. Award Contract to American Security Group for Murrieta Children’s Library Expansion Project Technology Work
Recommended Action:
Approve a Public Works Contract for the Murrieta Children’s Library Expansion Project between the City of Murrieta and Amergroup, Inc. dba American Security Group, in an amount not to exceed \$295,959.55, plus 5% contingency;

Approve the exception to bidding requirement in accordance with Municipal Code Section 3.08.280(i); and

Authorize the City Manager and/or designee to execute all necessary documents to facilitate the purchase and installation of the technology work.
5. Assembly Bill 1600 Annual Report of Development Impact Fee Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024/25
Recommended Action:
Receive and File the Assembly Bill 1600 Annual Report of Development Impact Fee expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024/25.
6. Fiscal Year 2024 Wildfire Prevention Grant Award Resolution Request from CAL FIRE
Recommended Action:
Adopt Resolution No. 26-4903 entitled: *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Murrieta, California, Approving and Certifying Grant Application and Project Funding by the State of California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.*
7. Award Contract for Annual On-Call Street Striping, Pavement Marking, and Curb Painting Services
Recommended Action:
Approve a five year on-call agreement with Superior Pavement Markings for street striping, pavement marking, and curb painting services; and

Authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement.
8. Termination of Emergency Declaration in Connection with the Restoration of Fire Station 2 Showers and Restroom Facilities
Recommended Action:
Adopt Resolution No. 26-4904, entitled: *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Murrieta, California Terminating the Emergency Declaration in Connection with the Restoration of Showers and Restroom facilities at Murrieta Fire and Rescue Station 2.*
9. Right of Way Acceptance of a portion of Fullerton Road
Recommended Action:
Adopt Resolution No. 26-4905 entitled: *A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Murrieta, California, Accepting Into The City’s Road System A Portion Of The Rights Of Way Dedication From (I) Parcel Map 12618 Filed In Book 76, Page 15, In The Book Of Maps Of The County Of Riverside, State Of California; And (Ii) Parcel Map 22824 Filed In Book 153, Page 21 Of Book Of Maps Of The County Of County Of Riverside, State Of California.*

PULLED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

DISCUSSION

12. Approval of Ordinance No. 628-26 Prohibiting the Sale, Distribution and Possession of Kratom

**** Item No. 12 was heard before all discussion and public hearing items ****

Mayor Levell read a letter from the Department of Public Health into the record regarding the sale of Kratom in smoke shops.

Police Chief Matt Henry and City Attorney Tiffany Israel were available to answer questions from the City Council.

Public Comments:

Art Richard: Spoke in support of the medicinal usage of Kratom.

Wanda Richard: Spoke in support of the medicinal usage of Kratom.

Diane Petree: Spoke in support of the medicinal usage of Kratom.

Stephen McIntosh: Spoke in support of the medicinal usage of Kratom.

Jordan Richard: Spoke in support of the medicinal usage of Kratom.

Cassandra Peters: Spoke in support of the medicinal usage of Kratom.

Ken Heagle: Spoke in support of the medicinal usage of Kratom.

Action: After discussion, it was moved by Council Member Stone, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Holliday, to confirm the accuracy of the letter from the Department of Public Health and the Department of Justice interpretation of the proposed legislation. After confirmation City staff will send a letter to smoke and wellness shops reiterating the proposed legislation and the City's support of the State.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Stone, Holliday, Levell

Noes: Warren, DeForest

Absent: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

10. Public Hearing and Adoption of a Resolution Approving a Street Name Change for Sparkman Drive to “Monroe Avenue” and Adoption of Exemption from CEQA

Staff report and PowerPoint provided by Deputy Development Director Jarrett Ramiaya and City Engineer Jeff Hitch.

The public hearing was opened at 6:01 p.m.

Public Testimony: None

The public hearing was closed at 6:04 p.m.

Action: After discussion, it was moved by Council Member DeForest, seconded by Council Member Warren, to conduct a public hearing and adopt Resolution No. 26-4906 entitled: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Murrieta Changing the Name of “Sparkman Drive” to “Monroe Avenue”, Between Murrieta Hot Springs Road and Walsh Center Drive, and Name the Northerly Segment Under Construction to “Monroe Avenue”, Between Walsh Center Drive and the Terminus Near Vista Murrieta Road and finding this action exempt from CEQA; and

Direct the City Clerk to promptly forward a copy of Resolution No. 26-4906 to the Board of Supervisors of Riverside County.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Warren, DeForest, Stone, Holliday, Levell

Noes: None

Absent: None

DISCUSSION

11. Fiscal Year 2024/25 Year End Report and Approve Appropriations for Carryover of Unspent Amounts from FY 2024/25 to FY 2025/26

Staff report and PowerPoint provided by Finance Director Javier Carcamo, Finance Manager Jennifer Terry, and Management Analyst Tanner Benson.

Public Comments: None

Action: After discussion, it was moved by Council Member Stone, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Holliday, to receive and file the report;

Amend the Fiscal Year 2025/26 Operating Budget to include the Fiscal Year 2024/25 Carryover Request; and

Receive and file the list of Fiscal Year 2024/25 Write Off of Uncollectible Accounts Receivable in accordance with the Uncollectible Accounts Receivable Policy.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

The City Council recessed at 6:36 p.m

The City Council reconvened at 6:42 p.m.

13. City Council Subcommittees and Appointment of City Affiliated Boards and Commissions

Staff report and PowerPoint presentation provided by Deputy City Clerk Kimberly Ramirez and noted corrections to the agenda report and attachment for the record.

City Clerk Cristal McDonald was available to answer questions from the City Council.

Action: It was moved by Council Member DeForest, seconded by Mayor Levell to amend the membership of the Legislative Workgroup to be comprised of the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem with alternates for federal and state representation and to appoint the following delegates/representatives and alternates to the following City Subcommittees, City Affiliated Agencies/Organizations:

Code Enforcement Policy Subcommittee

- Council Member Stone
- Mayor Pro Tem Holliday

Homeless Services Subcommittee

- Council Member Stone
- Council Member DeForest

Legislative Workgroup Subcommittee

- Mayor Levell
- Mayor Pro Tem Holliday
- Council Member DeForest, Alternate for Federal
- Council Member Stone, Alternate for State

Los Alamos Hills Sports Park Phase 2 Subcommittee

- Mayor Levell
- Mayor Pro Tem Holliday

Animal Control Joint Powers Authority

- Council Member DeForest, Delegate
- Mayor Levell, Alternate

City Selection Committee (LAFCO)

- Mayor Pro Tem Holliday, Delegate
- Mayor Levell, Alternate

Regional Conservation Authority (RCA)

- Mayor Pro Tem Holliday, Delegate
- Mayor Levell, Alternate

League of California Cities

- Mayor Levell, Delegate
- Mayor Pro Tem Holliday, Alternate

Riverside County Habitat Conservation Agency (RCHCA)

- Council Member DeForest, Delegate
- Mayor Levell, Alternate

Riverside County Transportation Commission Board (RCTC)

- Council Member Warren, Delegate
- Council Member DeForest, Alternate

Riverside Transit Agency (RTA)

- Council Member Warren, Delegate
- Mayor Levell, Alternate

Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)

- Mayor Levell, Delegate
- Council Member Stone, Alternate

Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG)

- Council Member Stone, Delegate
- Mayor Pro Tem Holliday, Alternate

Southwest Riverside County Elected Leaders Collaborative

- Council Member Stone
- Council Member Warren

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 None

PUBLIC COMMENTS (NON-AGENDA) None

CLOSED SESSION

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

City Clerk Cristal McDonald announced the following Closed Session Items:

CLOSED SESSION

CS1. Conference with Legal Counsel

The City Council will conduct a closed session with the City Manager, Assistant City Manager, Deputy City Manager, Administrative Services Director and City Attorney pursuant to Government Code section 54956.95(b), to consider the following worker's compensation claim(s): Moore (Case No. ADJ13403470) and Valle (Case No. ADJ14545222).

CS2. 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 2 cases.

CS3. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation

The City Council will conduct a closed session, pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(4), because the City is considering whether to initiate litigation in one case.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

RECONVENE FROM CLOSED SESSION

CALL TO ORDER 8:09 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Council Member Cindy Warren
Council Member Lisa DeForest
Council Member Lori Stone
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: No reportable action for Closed Session Item Nos. CS1-CS3.

ADJOURNMENT 8:10 p.m.



Cristal McDonald, City Clerk