

**City Council**

**Meeting Minutes**

**June 2, 2026**

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



**Tuesday, June 2, 2026  
4:00 PM REGULAR MEETING  
CLOSED SESSION  
FOLLOWING REGULAR  
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 4:00 p.m.**

**ROLL CALL**

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

**Absent:** Mayor Jon Levell

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Council Member Lisa DeForest

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**INVOCATION** Blake Laurenson, The Rock Church

## PRESENTATIONS

Presentation: Christopher Lee, Southern California Edison Scholarship Recipient

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Action: It was moved by Council Member DeForest, seconded by Council Member Warren to approve the Agenda for June 2, 2026.

Ayes: Warren, DeForest, Stone, Holliday

Noes: None

Absent: Levell

## CITY MANAGER - ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

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

Council Member Warren: Provided attendance/reported the following:

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

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

Council Member DeForest: Provided verbal Announcements.

Council Member Stone: Provided attendance/reported the following:

- Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG)
- Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)
- Southwest Riverside Elected Leaders Collaborative

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

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

- Regional Conservation Authority (RCA)

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

## PUBLIC COMMENTS (NON-AGENDA)

Connie McConnell: Read a letter from a Murrieta Market Nights vendor regarding their experience with the event.

Philip O'Reilly: Spoke on his Jefferson Gateway Monument petition and displayed a flyer.

**CONSENT CALENDAR - APPROVAL OF ITEMS 1 – 13****Public Comment:**

Kassen Klein: Spoke on Item No. 11 noting traffic lane striping on Clinton Keith Road.

**Action:** It was moved by Council Member DeForest, seconded by Council Member Warren, to approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 1-13 with Council Member Stone recusing herself from Item No. 6 due to owning property within 1,000 feet of the project and Council Member DeForest from Item No. 12 due to owning property within 1,000 feet of the project.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Warren, DeForest, Stone, Holliday

Noes: None

Absent: Levell

**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 May 5, 2026 Regular City Council Meeting.

**3. Monthly Investment Transaction Report for March 2026**

**Recommended Action:**

Receive and file the Monthly Investment Transaction Report for March 2026.

**4. Treasurer's Report - Quarter 3 of Fiscal Year 2025/26**

**Recommended Action:**

Receive the Fiscal Year 2025/26 Treasurer's Reports for Quarter 3 (January - March 2026.)

**5. Amendment to CalPERS Contracts to include Public Employees' Pension Reform Act (PEPRA) Language for the City of Murrieta and the Murrieta Fire District**

**Recommended Action:**

Adopt Resolution No. 26-4937 entitled: *A Resolution of Intention of the City Council of the City of Murrieta, California, to Approve An Amendment to Contract Between the Board of Administration of the California Public Employees' Retirement System and the City Council of City of Murrieta;*

Introduce and conduct the first reading of Ordinance No. 633-26 entitled: *An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Murrieta, California, Approving an Amendment to the Contract Between the City Council of the City of Murrieta and the Board of Administration of the California Public Employees' Retirement System to Include Public Employees' Pension Reform*

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*Act (PEPRA) Language;*

Acting as Board of Directors for the Murrieta Fire Protection District, take the following actions:

*Adopt Resolution No. MFD 26-227 entitled: A Resolution of Intention of the Board of Directors of the Murrieta Fire District to Approve An Amendment to Contract Between the Board of Administration Of The California Public Employees' Retirement System and the Board of Directors of the Murrieta Fire District; and*

*Introduce and conduct the first reading of Ordinance No. 634-26 entitled: An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Murrieta, California, Acting as the Murrieta Fire District Approving an Amendment to the Contract Between the Board of Directors of the Murrieta Fire District and the Board of Administration of the California Public Employees' Retirement System to Include Public Employees' Pension Reform Act (PEPRA) Language.*

6. Award Construction Contract for the Citywide Sidewalk Replacement Program 2026, CIP No. 13064, MSD Project No. 26-003

**\*\*\* Council Member Stone recused herself from Item No. 6 due to owning property within 1,000 feet of the project. \*\*\***

Recommended Action:

Amend the Capital Improvement Plan Budget for Fiscal Year 2025/26 by transferring the Measure A remaining funding from CIP Nos. 8293, 13051, and 13073 in the combined amount of \$625,618.28 into CIP No. 13064;

Find the Citywide Sidewalk Replacement Program 2026, CIP No. 13064, MSD Project No. 26-003, to be exempt from CEQA and award the construction contract to Carter Enterprises Group, Inc., dba Pavement Rehab Company, in the amount of \$411,888;

Authorize a 15% construction contingency of \$61,783.20;

Authorize the Director of Municipal Services, or his designee, to approve contract change orders not to exceed 15% of the contract amount; and

Authorize the Mayor to execute the construction contract.

7. Award a Construction Contract for the Fire Station 1 Living Quarters Improvement Project, CIP No. 21037, MSD Project No. 26-001

Recommended Action:

Amend the Capital Improvement Plan Budget for Fiscal Year 2025/26 and establish an appropriation of \$1,174,719.74 using Measure T Fund Unassigned Fund Balance into CIP No. 21037;

Find the Fire Station 1 Living Quarters Improvement Project, CIP No. 21037, MSD Project No. 26-001, to be exempt from CEQA and award the construction contract to DeArk E&C, Inc. in the amount of \$1,450,000;

Authorize a 15% construction contingency of \$217,500;

Authorize the Director of Municipal Services, and/or his designee, to approve contract change

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orders not to exceed 15% of the contract amount; and

Authorize the Mayor to execute the construction contract.

8. Notice of Completion of Pedestrian Safety Enhancement Projects, CIP No. 13044 and CIP No. 13046

Recommended Action:

Accept the improvements for the FY 2022/23 Pedestrian Safety Enhancement Project, CIP No. 13044, and the FY 2023/24 Pedestrian Safety Enhancement Project, CIP No. 13046, as complete;

Authorize the City Clerk to record a Notice of Completion and release bonds in accordance with State law and City Ordinances; and

Release any remaining retention from CIP No. 13044 and CIP No. 13046 in accordance with State law and City ordinances.

9. Agreement for Consulting Services for the Storm Drain Master Plan, CIP No. 19002

Recommended Action:

Amend the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025/26 Capital Improvement Plan Budget to establish an additional appropriation of \$511,000 of Storm Drain Development Impact Fees (DIF) into CIP Project No. 19002;

Approve the Agreement for Professional Services to develop a Storm Drain Master Plan, CIP No. 19002, with Rick Engineering Company, Inc., in the amount of \$564,600;

Authorize a 10% contingency of \$56,400; and

Authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement and any amendments to the Agreement, not-to-exceed 10% of the contract amount.

10. Approval of Purchase Order Increase for Michael Baker International, Inc. for Plan Check Services

Recommended Action:

Amend the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025/26 Operating Budget to establish an additional appropriation of \$96,750, as detailed in the fiscal impact statement;

Approve a \$96,750 increase to the purchase order with Michael Baker International, Inc. for On-Call Plan Check services for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2025/26; and

Authorize the City Manager to execute the purchase order increase on behalf of the City.

11. Approval of Purchase Orders with Michael Baker International, Inc., HR Green Pacific, Inc., Accenture Infrastructure and Capital Projects, LLC, and Rick Engineering Company

Recommended Action:

Approve a purchase order with Michael Baker International, Inc., for On-Call Plan Check services for fiscal year 2026/27 for an amount not to exceed \$470,000 from the Engineering General Fund;

Approve a purchase order with Michael Baker International, Inc., for On-Call Land Development Review services for fiscal year 2026/27 for an amount not to exceed \$80,000 from the

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Engineering General Fund; and

Approve a purchase order with HR Green Pacific, Inc. for On-Call Plan Check services for fiscal year 2026/27 for an amount not to exceed \$250,000 from the Engineering General Fund; and

Approve a purchase order with Accenture Infrastructure and Capital Projects, LLC for On-Call Storm Water Pollution Prevention Program (SWPPP) and Inspection services for fiscal year 2026/27 for an amount not to exceed \$500,000 from the Engineering General Fund; and

Approve a purchase order with Accenture Infrastructure and Capital Projects, LLC for On-Call National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) services for fiscal year 2026/27 for an amount not to exceed \$130,000 from the Engineering General Fund; and

Approve a purchase order with Rick Engineering Company for On-Call Traffic Engineering services for fiscal year 2026/27 for an amount not to exceed \$144,900 from the Engineering General Fund;

Approve a purchase order with Rick Engineering Company for On-Call Traffic Engineering consultant services for Fiscal Year 2026/27, for an amount not to exceed \$238,870, with \$73,865 from Capital Improvement Plan project No. 13074, \$73,865 from Capital Improvement Plan project No. 13077, \$73,865 from Capital Improvement Plan project No. 13078, and \$17,275 from Capital Improvement Plan project 13079; and

Authorize the City Manager to execute the purchase orders on behalf of the City.

## 12. Local Street Projects for the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017

**\*\*\* Council Member DeForest recused herself from Item No. 12 due to owning property within 1,000 feet of the project. \*\*\***

### Recommended Action:

Adopt Resolution No. 26-4938 entitled: *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Murrieta, California, Approving the Fiscal Year 2026/27 Project List for the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 to the California Transportation Commission; and*

Amend the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026/27 Operating Budget to establish a Revenue budget of \$3,136,635 in the SB1 Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Fund (307).

## 13. Quitclaim Deed to Reserve a Drainage Easement to Riverside County Flood and Water Conservation District

### Recommended Action:

Accept the offer of dedication and approve the Quitclaim Deed to reserve a drainage easement over a portion of Lot 31 granted to the County of Riverside on Tract Map 21151; and

Authorize the City Manager to execute the Quitclaim Deed of Easement.

**PULLED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS None**

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## PUBLIC HEARINGS

## 14. Residential Objective Design Standards Update (MCA-2026-00013)

Development Services Director David Chantarangsu, Senior Planner Dennis Watts, and Placeworks City Consultant Alan Loomis provided the staff report and PowerPoint presentation.

Topics discussed:

- Accessory dwelling units;
- Design standards for single family vs. multi family;
- Setbacks; and
- Affordable housing.

Public hearing opened at 5:40 p.m.

Public Testimony:

Kassen Klein: Spoke on the need for the design standards and the approaching build out of the City.

Public hearing closed at 5:50 p.m.

Action: It was moved by Council Member DeForest, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Holliday to conduct the public hearing;

Find that the proposed amendment is in compliance with the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, Section 15183, and file a Notice Exemption finding that the project is exempt from CEQA; and

Introduce and conduct the first reading of Ordinance No. 635-26 entitled: *An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Murrieta, California, Amending Title 16 of the Murrieta Municipal Code to Revise the City's Development Code (Planning Case No. MCA-2026-00013) Chapters 16.08 and 16.16 and to Amend the Multi-Family Residential and Mixed-Use Residential Objective Design Standards* with the following amendments:

- Remove Section 3.5 of the proposed design standards;
- Approve staff's recommendation of a 5 foot sliding scale for setbacks; and
- Increase the design standards to 6 items for units with 50 or more.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Warren, DeForest, Stone, Holliday

Noes: None

Absent: Levell

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- 15.** Continued Public Hearings to Form Community Facilities District No. 2026-1 (Gierson Ranch) of the City of Murrieta and to Annex into Community Facilities District No. 2025-2 (Maintenance Services) and Community Facilities District No. 2025-S (Safety Services)

**\*\*\* Council Member DeForest recused herself from Item No. 15 due to owning property within 1,000 feet of the project. She exited the dais before the item was heard. \*\*\***

Finance Director Javier Carcamo provided the staff report and PowerPoint presentation. City Consultant Shane Spicer with Spicer Consulting was available to answer questions from the City Council.

### Topics discussed:

- Safety services tax range;
- Built in cost escalator;
- Maintenance services tax range; and
- Total cost to homeowners.

Community Facilities District No. 2026-1 (Gierson Ranch) public hearing opened at 5:56 p.m.

Public Testimony: None

Deputy City Clerk Kimberly Ramirez confirmed there were zero written protests received.

Community Facilities District No. 2026 1 (Gierson Ranch) public hearing closed at 6:09 p.m.

Action: It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Holliday, seconded by Council Member Warren to Adopt Resolution No. 26-4939 entitled: *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Murrieta, California, Establishing Community Facilities District No. 2026-1 (Gierson Ranch) of the City of Murrieta, Authorizing the Levy of a Special Tax Therein, Calling an Election and Approving and Authorizing Certain Actions Related Thereto;* and

Adopt Resolution No. 26-4940 entitled: *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Murrieta, California, Acting as the Legislative Body of Community Facilities District No. 2026-1 (Gierson Ranch) of the City of Murrieta, Determining the Necessity to Incur Bonded Indebtedness in an Amount Not to Exceed \$8,000,000 Within Community Facilities District No. 2026-1 (Gierson Ranch) of the City of Murrieta and Calling an Election Therein.*

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Deputy City Clerk Ramirez certified the results of the ballots received, noting the 16 votes cast to approve Propositions A, B and C.

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Action: It was moved by Council Member Warren, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Holliday, to adopt Resolution No. 26-4941 entitled: *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Murrieta, California, Acting in its Capacity as the Legislative Body of Community Facilities District No. 2026-1 (Gierson Ranch) of the City of Murrieta Certifying Election Results.*

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Action: It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Holliday, seconded by Council Member Warren to Introduce and conduct the first reading of Ordinance No. 636-26 entitled: *An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Murrieta, California, Acting in its Capacity as the Legislative Body of Community Facilities District No. 2026-1 (Gierson Ranch) of the City of Murrieta Authorizing the Levy of Special Taxes.*

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Community Facilities District No. 2025-2 of the City of Murrieta (Maintenance Services) public hearing opened at 6:12 p.m.

Public Testimony: None

Deputy City Clerk Kimberly Ramirez confirmed there were zero written protests received.

Community Facilities District No. 2025-2 of the City of Murrieta (Maintenance Services) public hearing closed at 6:13 p.m.

Action: It was moved by Council Member Warren, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Holliday to Adopt Resolution No. 26-4942 entitled: *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Murrieta Acting as the Legislative Body of Community Facilities District No.2025-2 of the City of Murrieta (Maintenance Services), Annexing Territory to Community Facilities District No. 2025-2 of the City of Murrieta (Maintenance Services), and Calling Elections Therein (Annexation No. 3 - Gierson Ranch).*

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Deputy City Clerk Ramirez certified the results of the ballots received, noting the 16 votes cast to approve Propositions A and B.

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Action: It was moved by Council Member Warren, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Holliday to adopt Resolution No. 26-4943 entitled: *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Murrieta Acting as the Legislative Body of Community Facilities District No. 2025-2 (Maintenance Services) Certifying the Results of the June 2, 2026, Annexation and Special Tax Election (Annexation No. 3 - Gierson Ranch).*

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Community Facilities District No. 2025-S of the City of Murrieta (Safety Services) public hearing opened at 6:14 p.m.

Public Testimony: None

Deputy City Clerk Kimberly Ramirez confirmed there were zero written protests received.

Community Facilities District No. 2025-S of the City of Murrieta (Safety Services) public hearing closed at 6:14 p.m.

Action: It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Holliday, seconded by Council Member Warren to adopt Resolution No. 26-4944 entitled: *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Murrieta Acting as the Legislative Body of Community Facilities District No. 2025-S of the City of Murrieta (Safety Services), Annexing Territory to Community Facilities District No. 2025-S of the City of Murrieta (Safety Services) and Calling Elections Therein (Annexation No. 1 - Gierson Ranch).*

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Deputy City Clerk Ramirez certified the results of the ballots received, noting the 16 votes cast to approve Propositions A and B.

Action: It was moved by Council Member Warren, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Holliday to adopt Resolution No. 26-4945 entitled: *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Murrieta Acting as the Legislative Body of Community Facilities District No. 2025-S (Safety Services) of the City of Murrieta Certifying the Results of the June 2, 2026, Annexation and Special Tax Election (Annexation No. 1 - Gierson Ranch).*

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

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### DISCUSSION

#### 16. Fiscal Year 2025/26 Third Quarter Financial Status Report and Proposed Budget Adjustments

Staff report and PowerPoint provided by Finance Director Carcamo and Financial Analyst Tanner Benson.

Public Comments: None

Action: After discussion, it was moved by Council Member DeForest, seconded by Council Member Warren to receive and file the report; and

Approve the adjustments to the Fiscal Year 2025/26 Operating Budget as referenced in the Fiscal Impact section of this report.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Warren, DeForest, Stone, Holliday

Noes: None

Absent: Levell

#### 17. Discussion Regarding Potential Modifications to City Council Term Limits

Assistant City Manager Kristen Crane provided a brief introduction of the item. Council Member Stone provided information related to her requested discussion.

Action: After discussion, the item was tabled via consensus.

### RECONSIDERATION None

### COUNCIL MEMBER REQUESTS TO ADD ITEMS TO FUTURE AGENDAS

#### 18. E-Bike Safety

City Manager Justin Clifton provided an introduction of the item and specified the type of direction staff is looking for. Council Members Holliday and Stone spoke on the request.

Action: After discussion, the City Council provided direction to look at the feasibility of:

- Increased outreach to parents and students;
- Increased signage;
- Licensing program with school district and City;
- Stricter policy;
- Impounding and high fees for violations; and
- Helmet law.

Council Member Warren: None

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Council Member DeForest: Requested to bring back an analysis of long-term strategic economic planning, sales tax fiscal sustainability, revenue generation opportunities, and infrastructure development comparatives for the upcoming CIP Workshop.

Consensus received.

Council Member Stone: None

Mayor Pro Tem Holliday: None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS (NON-AGENDA/AGENDIZED/CLOSED SESSION)** None.

### CLOSED SESSION

### ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Deputy City Clerk 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)(4), because the City is considering whether to initiate litigation in 1 (one) case.

**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.

**RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION** 7:31 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER** 8:13 p.m.

### ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTION

City Attorney Tiffany Israel stated for the record the City Council's attendance during Closed Session and reported the following:

#### Attendance:

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

Absent: Mayor Jon Levell

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Closed Session Action:

CS1.: The item was not heard.

CS2.: No reportable action.

**ADJOURNMENT 8:16 p.m.**



*Kimberly Ramirez*

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Kimberly Ramirez, Deputy City Clerk