

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



**Tuesday, August 18, 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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Passcode: vZ7Hx2Nj

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Phone Conference ID: 939 475 619#

4:00 PM REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE****INVOCATION****PRESENTATIONS****APPROVAL OF AGENDA****CITY MANAGER - ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE****GOVERNING BODY COMMISSION/COMMITTEE/BOARD (CCB)
REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Governing Body CCB Reports is the opportunity for the City Council to provide a brief report on conferences, seminars, and Commission, Committees, and/or Boards meeting attendance. Reports shall not exceed three minutes. Governing Body Announcements is the opportunity for the City Council to provide miscellaneous reports and announcements. Announcements shall not exceed two minutes. The City Clerk will use the computerized timer.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (NON-AGENDA)

At this time any person may address the governing bodies on any subject pertaining to City business, which does not relate to any item listed on the printed agenda. Normally no action may be considered or taken by the governing bodies on any matter not listed on the agenda. Each speaker will be limited to three minutes.

CONSENT CALENDAR - APPROVAL OF ITEMS 1 – 16

All matters listed on the Consent Calendar are to be considered routine by the governing bodies, and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed. There will be no discussion of these items unless, before the governing body votes on the motion to adopt, specific items are removed from the Consent Calendar for separate motions.

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 June 23, 2026 Special Workshop Meeting and the July 7, 2026 Regular City Council Meeting minutes.

3. Check Register May 2026Recommended Action:

Adopt Resolution No. 26-4963 entitled: *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Murrieta, California, Ratifying the Consolidated Check Register for the Month of May 2026.*

4. Monthly Investment Transaction Report for June 2026Recommended Action:

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

5. Treasurer's Report - Quarter 4 of Fiscal Year 2025/26Recommended Action:

Receive the Fiscal Year 2025/26 Treasurer's Reports for Quarter 4 (April - June 2026).

6. Renewal of the SpamTitan Plus Cloud Email Protection SolutionRecommended Action:

Approve a three (3) year subscription with Titan HQ in the amount not-to-exceed \$35,380.80 for the SpamTitan Plus Cloud product and accept the Terms and Conditions;

Authorize exemption from current bidding requirements in accordance with Municipal Code Section 3.08.280.I; and

Authorize the City Manager to execute related orders, renewals, amendments, and administrative changes necessary to maintain service, provided the total cost does not exceed the approved budget authority.

7. Amendment No. 3 to Agreement with Care Solace, Inc. for Mental Health and Social Service Coordination ServicesRecommended Action:

Amend the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026/27 Operating Budget as detailed in the fiscal impact statement;

Approve Amendment No. 3 to the Agreement between the City of Murrieta and Care Solace, Inc. for mental health and social service coordination services, extending the agreement through August 14, 2027; and

Authorize the City Manager to execute Amendment No. 3 on behalf of the City.

8. Approval of Comment Letter Opposing San Diego Gas & Electric's Golden Powerlink Project Segment 4 ConfigurationRecommended Action:

Approve the draft comment letter opposing the preliminary routing of Segment 4 of the Golden Pacific Powerlink project; and

Direct staff to submit the letter to San Diego Gas & Electric.

9. Approval of Joint Recipient Cooperation Agreement with the County of Riverside for Community Development Block Grant Funding for Fiscal Years 2027/28, 2028/29, and 2029/30

Recommended Action:

Adopt Resolution No. 26-4964, entitled: *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Murrieta, California Authorizing Participation in the County of Riverside's Urban County Community Development Block Grant Program for Fiscal Years 2027/28, 2028/29, and 2029/30 Approving the Joint Cooperating Agreement with the County of Riverside for Participation in the Community Development Block Grant Urban County Program*; and

Authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement in a form approved by the City Attorney.

10. Authorization of Funding for Higher Education Legislative Advocacy Trip to Washington, DC

Recommended Action:

Authorize use of City Council Education & Training funds to cover the cost of a higher education legislative advocacy trip to Washington, DC.

11. Receive and File Status Update on Implementation of City Council Priorities Since February 26, 2026

Recommended Action:

Receive and file this report memorializing the prioritization established at the City Council Workshop held on February 26, 2026, and highlighting projects that have been completed since that date.

12. Agreement between Murrieta Housing Authority and RSG, Inc. for Assistance with Various Housing Programs

Recommended Action:

Amend the Fiscal Year 2026/27 Operating Budget to establish an additional appropriation of \$87,580 as detailed in the fiscal impact statement;

Approve the Agreement between Murrieta Housing Authority and RSG for affordable compliance monitoring, annual reporting, housing program administration, and on-call housing consulting services in an amount not-to-exceed \$182,580 annually;

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; and

Authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement.

13. Acceptance of the Fiscal Year 2025 Emergency Management Performance Grant Program Award

Recommended Action:

Adopt Resolution No. 26-4965, entitled: *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Murrieta, California, Accepting the FY25 Emergency Management Performance Grant Program Award;*

Amend the FY 2026/27 Operating Budget to allocate and appropriate the grant funds for \$11,137 and carry over any unused grant budget to FY 2027/28; and

Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to sign and submit all necessary grant-related documents and take any actions required to accept and implement the grant.

14. Vegetation Management and CEQA Compliance Agreement with DUDEK

Recommended Action:

Award the Vegetation Management and CEQA Compliance contract to DUDEK in the amount of \$125,895, with an additional contingency not to exceed \$14,105, bringing the total authorized contract amount to \$140,000; and

Authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement.

15. Acceptance of a Grant Funded by the California Highway Patrol Cannabis Tax Fund and Administered by the California Highway Patrol Impaired Driving Section

Recommended Action:

Adopt Resolution No. 26-4966 entitled: *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Murrieta, California, Authorizing Acceptance of Grant Funds in the Amount of \$173,541.28 from the State of California Department of Highway Patrol and Authorizing the Chief of Police to Execute the Agreement on Behalf of the City; and*

Amend the Fiscal Year 2026/27 Operating Budget to allocate and appropriate the grant funding.

16. Authority to Negotiate Right-of-Way for Keller Road at I-215 Interchange Project for the City of Murrieta

Recommended Action:

Adopt Resolution No. 26-4967 entitled: *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Murrieta, California, Delegating Authority to the Director of Public Works to Negotiate and Purchase All Right-Of-Way Real Property Interests, Including Fee Title, and Easements, Necessary for the City of Murrieta's Interstate 215 Keller Road Interchange Project as Authorized Herein.*

PULLED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

DISCUSSION

17. Approve a Professional Services Agreement with RSG, Inc. for an Annexation Feasibility Study

Recommended Action:

Authorize a transfer of \$91,010 from the General Fund Reserve Balance to the City Manager's Consultant Contracted Services Account (60320) to fund the Professional Services Agreement;

Approve a Professional Services Agreement with RSG, Inc, in the amount of \$91,010 for preparation of an annexation feasibility study in a form approved by the City Attorney; and

Authorize the City Manager to execute the Professional Services Agreement.

18. Fiscal Year 2026/27 Budget Update

Recommended Action:

Approve amendments to the Fiscal Year 2026/27 Operating Budget as defined in this report; and

Approve the updated Schedule of Authorized Positions.

19. Discussion Regarding Traffic Congestion Requested by City Council Member Stone

Recommended Action:

Provide direction to staff.

20. Proposed "Stuff the Bus" Program for Fall 2026 in Partnership with Murrieta Valley Unified School District and the Salvation Army

Recommended Action:

Receive information from Council Member Stone on the proposed "Stuff the Bus" program and provide comments and direction to staff, if applicable.

21. November 3, 2026, General Municipal Election - District 1

Recommended Action:

OPTION 1: Adopt Resolution No. 26-4968 entitled: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Murrieta, California Appointing Nominees to the Office of Council Member for City of Murrieta City Council, Voting District 1, that was to be Elected at the November 3, 2026, General Municipal Election and Canceling Said Election for the Office of City Council Member for Voting District 1; which is submitted after the appointment is made; and direct the City Clerk to fulfill any administrative requirements in accordance with the law; OR

OPTION 2: Take no action, resulting in the Office of City Council Member for Voting District 1 remaining on the ballot.

NOTIFICATIONS

22. Notice of Pending Approval of Final Tract Map – TR 39271

RECONSIDERATION

COUNCIL MEMBER REQUESTS TO ADD ITEMS TO FUTURE AGENDAS**PUBLIC COMMENTS (NON-AGENDA, AGENDIZED, CLOSED SESSION)****CLOSED SESSION****ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

- 23.** Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation
The City Council will conduct a closed session, pursuant to Government Code sections 54956.9(d)(2) and (d)(3), because there is a significant exposure to litigation in one (1) case.
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RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION**CALL TO ORDER****ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTION****ADJOURNMENT**