

**City Council**

**Meeting Minutes**

**September 16, 2025**

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



**Tuesday, September 16, 2025**  
**4:15 PM CLOSED SESSION**  
**6:00 PM REGULAR MEETING**

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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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**4:15 PM CLOSED SESSION**

**CALL TO ORDER 4:17 p.m.**

**ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: Council Member Lisa DeForest (*present during all of Closed Session*)

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

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**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, Administrative Services Director and City Attorney pursuant to Government Code section 54956.95(b), to consider the following worker's compensation claim(s): Gomez (Claim Nos. 17-0000001, 16-0500138, and 17-132774).

**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 significant exposure to litigation for two cases.

**CS3. Conference with Real Property Negotiators**

The City Council will conduct a closed session, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8, to enable the City Council to consider negotiations and to give direction to its negotiators regarding certain real property located at APN 906 670 004 with David Gonzales and Jensen Kierulff. The City's real property negotiators, the City Manager, Economic Development Director, and City Attorney, will seek direction from the City Council regarding the price and terms for this property.

**CS4. 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.

**CS5. Threat to Public Services or Facilities**

The City Council will conduct a closed session, pursuant to Government Code section 54957(a) to consult with the Chief of Police and City Attorney on matters posing a threat to the City.

**RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION 4:18 p.m.**

**6:00 PM REGULAR MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER 6:00 p.m.**

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTION**

City Attorney Tiffany Israel reported the following Closed Session Action:

CS1. No reportable action.

CS2. No reportable action.

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Council Member Stone recused herself *due to owning property within 1,000 feet of the property.\**

- CS4. No reportable action.  
Mayor Pro Tem Levell was absent.
- CS5. No reportable action.  
Mayor Pro Tem Levell was absent.
- No reportable action.

### ROLL CALL

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** City Attorney Tiffany Israel

**INVOCATION** Shane Academia, 678 Middle School Director, Calvary Murrieta Church

### PRESENTATIONS

Proclamation: Constitution Week

Certificate of Recognition: Elite Water Polo Club - National Accomplishment

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Action: It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Levell, seconded by Council Member DeForest, to approve the Agenda for September 16, 2025.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

### CITY MANAGER - ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

Community Update: Public Information Officer Cristina Davies

*\*Added after the meeting as part of the minutes by the City Clerk.*

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**GOVERNING BODY COMMISSION/COMMITTEE/BOARD REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Council Member DeForest: Provided attendance/reported the following:

- Riverside County Habitat Conservation Agency (RCHCA)

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

Council Member Stone: Provided attendance/reported the following:

- Cal Cities Riverside County Division Meeting

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

Council Member Holliday: Provided attendance/reported the following:

- Riverside Transit Agency (RTA)
- Western Regional Council of Governments (WRCOG)
- Town Square Park & Amphitheater Ad-Hoc Subcommittee

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

Mayor Pro Tem Levell: Provided verbal Announcements.

Mayor Warren: Provided attendance/reported the following:

- Town Square Park & Amphitheater Ad-Hoc Subcommittee
- Cal Cities Riverside County Division Meeting
- Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC)

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS (NON-AGENDA)**

Craig Harlan: Spoke on safety risks regarding speeding traffic and blind spots in the Meadowlark residential community.

Connie McConnell: Spoke on the Historical Society Museum's events, Market Nights, and concerns regarding e-bikes.

Rosie Brady: President of the local branch of the NAACP, spoke on their mission and recently hosted events.

**CONSENT CALENDAR - APPROVAL OF ITEMS 1 – 11**

Action: It was moved by Council Member Holliday, seconded by Council Member DeForest to approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 1-11.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: DeForest, Stone, Holliday, Levell, Warren

Noes: None

Absent: None

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

- 2. Minutes**

**Recommended Action:**

Approve the minutes of the September 2, 2025, Regular City Council Meeting.

- 3. Check Register July 2025**

**Recommended Action:**

Adopt Resolution 25-4885 entitled: *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Murrieta, California, Ratifying the Consolidated Check Register for the month of July 2025.*

- 4. Monthly Investment Transaction Report for July 2025**

**Recommended Action:**

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

- 5. Murrieta General Employees' Association Successor Memorandum of Understanding for the Period July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2027**

**Recommended Action:**

Adopt Resolution No. 25-4867, entitled: *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Murrieta, California, Approving, Adopting and Implementing a Successor Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Murrieta and the Murrieta General Employees' Association for the Period July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2027.*

- 6. Flock Camera Purchase – California Oaks Sports Park and Torrey Pines Park**

**Recommended Action:**

Approve the purchase of new Flock Cameras from Flock Group, Inc., for California Oaks Sports Park and Torrey Pines Park;

Amend the Fiscal Year 2025/26 and 2026/27 Operating Budget as described in the Fiscal Impact section of this report;

Authorize the City Manager to execute all related documents and request orders; and

Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to make minor, non-substantive modifications to the deployment plan as needed to address site specific installation conditions, provided such changes do not materially alter project scope or cost.

- 7. Authorization to Participate in National Opioid Litigation Settlements**

**Recommended Action:**

Adopt Resolution No. 25-4886 entitled: *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Murrieta, California, Authorizing the City's Participation in the National Opioid Litigation Settlement Agreements with Alvogen, Amneal, Apotex, Hikma, Indivior, Mylan, Sun, and Zydus;*

Adopt Resolution No. 25-4887 entitled: *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Murrieta, California, Authorizing the City's Participation in the National Opioid Litigation Settlement Agreements with Purdue Pharma L.P. and Sackler Family; and*

Authorize the City Manager to take all actions necessary to implement the settlement agreements.

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- 8.** Addition of Roth Deferrals within the City's 457(b) Record-Keeping Platform and Adoption of SECURE Act 2.0 Amendments

**Recommended Action:**

Adopt Resolution 25-4888 entitled: *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Murrieta, to Adopt and Implement the Roth Deferrals within the Current 457(b) Plan and other SECURE Act 2.0 Amendments; and*

Authorize the City Manager to execute all related documents.

- 9.** Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance No. 623-25, Authorizing a Development Agreement between the City of Murrieta and Domenigoni Barton Properties, LLC., and Tres Estrellas, LLC. Related to the Development of the Triangle

**Recommended Action:**

Conduct the second reading and adopt Ordinance No. 623-25 entitled: *An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Murrieta Approving Development Agreement 2024-00004 with Tres Estrellas, LLC and Domenigoni Barton Properties, LLC for the Shops at the Triangle Project Located on Approximately 64.3 Acres Located on the South Side of Murrieta Hot Springs Road between Interstate 15 and Interstate 215 (Development Agreement).*

- 10.** Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance No. 624-25 Concerning Group Homes, Sober Living Homes, and Residential Care Facilities.

**Recommended Action:**

Conduct the second reading and adopt Ordinance No. 624-25, entitled: *An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Murrieta, California, to Revise Title 16 of the Murrieta Municipal Code by Adding Section 16.44.045 and Amending Sections 16.08.010, 16.44.150, and 16.110.020 Related to Group Homes, Sober Living Homes, and Residential Care Facilities.*

- 11.** Notice of Completion – City Hall Roof Replacement Project

**Recommended Action:**

Accept the public improvements for the City Hall Roof Repair Project, Capital Improvement Project No. 10027; and

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

**PULLED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS** None

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**12. Budget Adjustment Request to Increase Homeless Services Budget for Contract Services**

Staff report and PowerPoint presentation provided by Community Services Director Brian Ambrose.

Action: After discussion, it was moved by Council Member Stone, seconded by Council Member Holliday to Amend the Fiscal Year 2025/26 Operating Budget to establish an appropriation of \$562,873.92 using General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance for the Homeless Services contracts.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**13. City Council Meeting Schedules**

Staff report and PowerPoint presentation provided by Deputy City Clerks Kimberly Ramirez and Hector Gomez.

Action: After discussion, it was moved by Council Member Holliday, seconded by Council Member DeForest to review and adopt the proposed 2026 City Council meeting schedule; and

Direct the City Clerk to bring back an agenda item for further discussion on the City Council meeting start times.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**NOTIFICATIONS**

The following notification was continued and will be placed on a future agenda:

Notice of Pending Approval of Final Parcel Map – PM 38568

**RECONSIDERATION** None

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**COUNCIL MEMBER REQUESTS TO ADD OR WITHDRAW ITEMS TO FUTURE AGENDAS**

Council Member DeForest: None.

Council Member Stone: Council Member Stone requested to bring forth a discussion on Proposition 50 – Statewide Redistricting.

Consensus was received.

Council Member Holliday: None.

Mayor Pro Tem Levell: None.

Mayor Warren: None.

**ADJOURNMENT 7:47 p.m.**



Kimberly Ramirez,  
Deputy City Clerk  
FOR

Kimberly Ramirez  
Cristal McDonald, City Clerk