

City Council

Meeting Minutes

July 7, 2026

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



**Tuesday, July 7, 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**

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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 4:05 p.m.

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ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Council Member Lisa DeForest

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Council Member Lori Stone

INVOCATION Pastor Lyndon Parson, Murrieta Springs Seventh-day Adventist Church

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Action: It was moved by Council Member Warren, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Holliday, to approve the Agenda for July 7, 2026.

Ayes: Warren, Stone, Holliday, Levell

Noes: None

Absent: DeForest

CITY MANAGER - ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

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

Council Member Warren: Provided attendance/reported the following:

- Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG)
- Riverside Transit Agency (RTA)

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

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

- Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG)

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS (NON-AGENDA)

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| Connie McConnell
(Murrieta): | Provided updates on Murrieta Market Nights. |
| Darlene Ball
(Murrieta): | Spoke on various safety concerns regarding the Greens neighborhood community. |
| Philip O'Reilly
(Murrieta): | Spoke on a proposed Jefferson Avenue road widening project. |
| Herman Gray: | Spoke on property ownership concerns. |

CONSENT CALENDAR - APPROVAL OF ITEMS 1 – 13

Action: It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Holliday, seconded by Council Member Warren, to approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 1-13 with Mayor Levell recusing from Item Nos. 9 and 11 (Community Facilities District No. 2000-1 [Greer Ranch] only) due to owning property within 1,000 feet of the project.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

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 16, 2026, Regular City Council meeting.

3. Monthly Investment Transaction Report for May 2026

Recommended Action:

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

4. Amending and Restating the Comprehensive Pay Schedule for Fiscal Year 2026/27 and Updating Schedule of Authorized Positions for Fiscal Year 2026/27

Recommended Action:

Adopt Resolution No. 26-4955 entitled: *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Murrieta, California, Amending and Restating the Comprehensive Pay Schedule for Fiscal Year 2026/27;* and

Approve the Updated Schedule of Authorized Positions.

5. Approving a Tentative Agreement for a Successor Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Murrieta and the Murrieta Police Management Association for the Period July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2029

Recommended Action:

Adopt Resolution No. 26-4956 entitled: *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Murrieta, California, Approving A Tentative Agreement for A Successor Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Murrieta and the Murrieta Police Management Association for the Period July 1, 2026, Through June 30, 2029.*

6. Approve a Tentative Agreement for a Successor Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Murrieta and the Murrieta Police Officers Association for the Period July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2029

Recommended Action:

Adopt Resolution No. 26-4957 entitled: *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Murrieta, California, Approving a Tentative Agreement for a Successor Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Murrieta and the Murrieta Police Officers Association for the Period July 1, 2026, Through June 30, 2029.*

7. Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance No. 633-26 and Ordinance No. 634-26 Amending the City of Murrieta and Murrieta Fire District Contracts with the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) to Include Public Employees' Pension Reform Act (PEPRA) Language

Recommended Action:

Conduct the second reading and adopt 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 Act (PEPRA) Language;*

Acting as the Board of Directors of the Murrieta Fire Protection District, conduct the second reading and adopt 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; and*

Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute the documents and forms necessary to effectuate the City of Murrieta and Murrieta Fire District Contracts with CalPERS to incorporate PEPRA language.

8. Funding Agreement with the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District and Award of Agreement for On-Call Encampment Cleanup Services

Recommended Action:

Amend the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026/27 Operating Budget to establish a revenue budget of \$75,000 as detailed in the fiscal impact statement;

Approve a funding agreement between the City of Murrieta and Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District for the cleanup of trash, debris, and other items on

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District-owned property and authorize the City Manager to execute all applicable documents;

Approve a three year agreement with Restore Environmental, LLC in the amount of \$135,00 for on-call Homeless Encampment Clean-Up Services;

Approve a three year agreement with Hunter's Consulting, Inc. dba HCI Environmental in the amount of \$225,000 for on-call Homeless Encampment Clean-Up Services; and

Authorize the City Manager to execute agreements with HCI Environmental and Restore Environmental, LLC, and to execute any future extensions to the agreement as provided within the terms of the agreements.

9. Murrieta Innovation Center Tenant Improvements Capital Improvement Project (CIP) 21029

***** Mayor Levell recused himself from Item No. 9 due to owning property within 1,000 feet of the project. *****

Recommended Action:

Amend the Fiscal Year 2025/26 Capital Improvement Budget for CIP No. 21029 to increase the expenditure budget by \$350,000 using General Fund Capital Unassigned Fund Balance; and

Authorize the City Manager to approve: (i) a contract amendment in a form approved by the City Attorney's office, an amended purchase order and task budget for RWBID/The Cumming Group Construction Management LLC, (ii) a contract amendment in a form approved by the City Attorney's office, an amended purchase order and task budget for the general contractor, Optima RPM, Inc, and (iii) an amended agreement in a form approved by the City Attorney's office, purchase order, and task budget for the design team, BAM Creative; and

Authorize the City Manager to execute the contract amendments described above.

10. Professional Services Agreement - Market Research and Data Analysis

Recommended Action:

Approve a two-year agreement for market research and analysis services with up to two (2) one-year optional extensions with The Retail Coach, LLC for a total contract amount not-to-exceed \$110,000, over the entire contract term; and

Authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement.

11. Fiscal Year 2026/27 Tax Rates for the Community Facilities Districts

***** Mayor Levell recused himself from Item No. 11 (Community Facilities District No. 2000-1 [Greer Ranch] only) due to owning property within 1,000 feet of the project. *****

Recommended Action:

Adopt the Resolutions approving the Fiscal Year 2026/27 Tax Rates for the Community Facilities Districts:

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Resolution No. 26-4958 entitled: *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Murrieta, County of Riverside, State of California, Ordering the Levy and Collection of Special Taxes Within Each Community Facilities District Listed Below for Fiscal Year 2026/2027:*

Community Facilities District No. 2000-1 (Greer Ranch),
Community Facilities District No. 2000-2 IA A (The Oaks),
Community Facilities District No. 2000-2 IA B (The Oaks),
Community Facilities District No. 2001-1 IA A (Bluestone Communities/Murrieta Highlands),
Community Facilities District No. 2001-1 IA B (Bluestone Communities/Murrieta Highlands),
Community Facilities District No. 2003-1 (Murrieta Springs),
Community Facilities District No. 2003-2 (Blackmore Ranch),
Community Facilities District No. 2003-3 (Creekside Village),
Community Facilities District No. 2003-4 (Bluestone Communities II/Mapleton),
Community Facilities District No. 2004-1 (Bremerton),
Community Facilities District No. 2004-2 (Murrieta Fields),
Community Facilities District No. 2004-3 (Meadowlane/Amberwalk I & II),
Community Facilities District No. 2005-1 (Springbrook),
Community Facilities District No. 2005-5 IA A (Golden City),
Community Facilities District No. 2005-5 IA B (Golden City),
Community Facilities District No. 2025-3 (Discovery Village), and
Community Facilities District No. 2025-4 (Rustic Meadows)

Resolution No. 26-4959 entitled: *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Murrieta, County of Riverside, State of California, Ordering the Levy and Collection of Special Taxes Within Community Facilities District No. 2025-S and No. 2025-2 Fiscal Year 2026/2027.*

This item includes:

Community Facilities District No. 2025-S (Safety Services - original and all annexations) and
Community Facilities District No. 2025-2 (Maintenance Services - original and all annexations).

12. Award Construction Contract for the Auto Mall, Date Street, and Hobie Circle Slurry Seal Project, CIP No. 13080, MSD Project No. 26-010
Recommended Action:

Amend the Fiscal Year 2026/27 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Budget and establish an appropriation of \$100,000 using Measure A Fund Unassigned Fund Balance into CIP No. 13080;

Find the Auto Mall, Date, and Hobie Slurry Seal Project, CIP No. 13080, MSD Project No. 26-010, to be exempt from CEQA and award the construction contract to Roy Allan Slurry Seal, Inc. in the amount of \$79,665.72;

Authorize a 15% construction contingency of \$11,949.86;

Authorize the Mayor to execute the construction contract; and

Authorize the Municipal Services Director and/or designee to approve contract change orders not to exceed fifteen percent of the contract amount.

13. Approve an Agreement with American Forensic Nurses, Inc.Recommended Action:

Approve a three-year agreement with American Forensic Nurses, Inc. for on-call specimen collection services in an amount not-to-exceed \$175,000; and

Authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement.

PULLED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS None**PUBLIC HEARINGS****14. Fiscal Year 2026/27 Fire Suppression Assessment**

Fire Chief Bernie Molloy and Senior Management Analyst Sue Ann Herring provided the staff report.

Public hearing opened at 5:17 p.m.

Public Testimony: None.

Public hearing closed at 5:17 p.m.

Action: It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Holliday, seconded by Council Member Warren to adopt Resolution No. MFD 26-229 entitled: *A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Murrieta Fire District Levying the Fiscal Year 2026/27 Fire Suppression Assessment Fee and Standby or Availability Charge and Authorizing the General Manager to Execute the Associated Proposition 218 Compliance Letter.*

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Warren, Stone, Holliday, Levell

Noes: None

Absent: DeForest

15. Consolidated Landscaping and Lighting District Levy of Annual Assessments

Community Services Director Brian Ambrose and Management Analyst Crystal Arora provided the staff report.

Public hearing opened at 5:21 p.m.

Public Testimony: None.

Public hearing closed at 5:21 p.m.

Action: It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Holliday, seconded by Council Member Warren to:

Authorize amendment of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026/27 revenue budget appropriations across the Consolidated Landscaping and Lighting District to include final totals from the Engineer's Report;

Conduct the public hearing;

Adopt Resolution No. 26-4960 entitled: *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Murrieta, California, Confirming the Diagram and Assessment and Providing for the Annual Assessment Levy of Assessments for Fiscal Year 2026/27 in the City of Murrieta Consolidated Landscaping and Lighting District*; and

Authorize the City Clerk to file the assessment roll with the County Auditor.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

16. Public Hearing of the Murrieta Community Services District to Consider Ordering the Levy and Collection of Annual Assessments

Community Services Director Brian Ambrose and Management Analyst Crystal Arora provided the staff report.

Public hearing opened at 5:25 p.m.

Public Testimony: None.

Public hearing closed at 5:25 p.m.

Action: It was moved by Council Member Warren, seconded by Mayor Levell to:
Conduct the public hearing; and

Amend the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026/27 Operating Budget to reflect revenue budget and expenditure appropriations across all Community Services District Local Zones to include final totals from the Engineer's Report; and

Adopt Resolution No. CSD 26-288 entitled: *A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Murrieta Community Services District (1) Approving the Engineer's Annual Levy Report for the Levy and Collection of Rates and Charges within the Murrieta Community Services District for Fiscal Year*

2026/27, and (2) Ordering the Levy and Collection of Rates and Charges within the Murrieta Community Services District for Fiscal Year 2026/27; and

Direct the Board Secretary to file the levy with the County Auditor upon adoption.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Warren, Stone, Holliday, Levell

Noes: None

Recusal: Warren (Zone N only), Stone (Zone G only), Holliday (Zone F only), Levell (Zone F,G and L only)

Absent: DeForest

17. Consider the Levy of 2025 Delinquent Refuse Service Charges on the Fiscal Year 2026/27 Property Tax Roll

Management Analyst Pedro Cevallos provided the staff report and PowerPoint presentation.

Public hearing opened at 5:33 p.m.

Public Testimony: None.

Public hearing closed at 5:33 p.m.

Action: After discussion, it was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Holliday, seconded by Mayor Levell to:

Conduct a Public Hearing;

Adopt Resolution No. 26-4961 entitled: *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Murrieta, California, Affirming the Report of Delinquent Refuse Charges and Directing their Collection on the Fiscal Year 2026/27 Property Tax Roll; and*

Direct the City Manager, or his designee, to file a certified copy of Resolution No. 26-4961 with the Riverside County Tax Collector and/or Auditor-Controller.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Warren, Stone, Holliday, Levell

Noes: None

Absent: DeForest

18. Consideration of the Fiscal Year 2026/27 Capital Improvement Plan Budget and Approval of the Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Years 2026/27 to 2030/31

Finance Director Javier Carcamo, Financial Analyst R.N. Mendoza, City Engineer Jeff Hitch, and Capital Projects Program Manager Garrett Strang provided the staff report and PowerPoint presentation.

Public hearing opened at 6:08 p.m.

Public Testimony: None.

Topics Discussed:

- Murrieta Hot Springs Road Widening;
- Retaining Walls;
- Asphalt overlay; and
- Budget Allocations.

Public hearing closed at 6:17 p.m.

Action: After discussion, it was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Holliday, seconded by Council Member Warren to:

Conduct a public hearing; and

Adopt Joint Resolution No. 26-4962, MLB 26-201, CSD 26-289, RSA 26-230, entitled: *A Joint Resolution of the City Council of the City of Murrieta and the Boards of Directors of the Murrieta Library District, Murrieta Community Services District, and the Successor Agency to the Murrieta Redevelopment Agency, Approving the Capital Improvement Plan Budget for Fiscal Year 2026/27, Approving the Fiscal Years 2026/27 to 2030/31 Capital Improvement Plan, Authorizing the Operating Transfers for Various Funds; Authorizing the Use of Unassigned Fund Balances, and Committed Fund Balances.*

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

DISCUSSION

19. Consider the Establishment of a City Council Subcommittee regarding a Statewide Ballot Initiative for November 2028

Assistant City Manager Kristen Crane provided the staff report.

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Due to technical remote participation issues the City Council recessed at 6:56 p.m.

The City Council meeting reconvened at 7:03 p.m.

Public Comments:

Henry Fong (Remote Participation): Spoke in opposition to establishing the Subcommittee.

Christi White (Remote Participation): Spoke in opposition to establishing the Subcommittee.

Action: After discussion, it was moved by Council Member Stone, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Holliday, to establish the Ballot Measure Ad-Hoc Subcommittee to explore the feasibility of the City sponsoring and working in pursuit of a Statewide ballot initiative regarding local control; and appoint Council Member Stone and Mayor Pro Tem Holliday as members.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

RECONSIDERATION None

COUNCIL MEMBER REQUESTS TO ADD ITEMS TO FUTURE AGENDAS

Council Member Warren: None.

Council Member Stone: Requested a letter of opposition for the San Diego Gas and Electric project in Temecula.

Consensus was received.

Requested a discussion to consider establishing a Senior and Youth Advisory Commission.

Consensus was received.

Requested a discussion to consider a "Stuff the Bus" holiday program in coordination with Murrieta Valley Unified School District and the Salvation Army.

Consensus was received.

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Mayor Pro Tem Holliday: None.

Mayor Levell: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (NON-AGENDA, AGENDIZED, CLOSED SESSION) None

CLOSED SESSION

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

City Clerk Cristal McDonald 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 one (1) case.

CS2. 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 7:13 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER 8:26 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 Lori Stone
Mayor Pro Tem Ron Holliday
Mayor Jon Levell
Absent: Council Member Lisa DeForest

Closed Session Action:

CS1.: No reportable action.

CS2.: No reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT 8:27 p.m.

Cristal McDonald, City Clerk