

**City Council**

**Meeting Minutes**

**October 1, 2024**

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



**Tuesday, October 1, 2024  
4:00 PM CLOSED SESSION  
6:00 PM REGULAR SESSION  
MINUTES**

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**\*\*\* The October 1, 2024 Regular Meeting agenda has been amended to update the start of Closed Session to 4 PM and add an additional case to Item No. CS4. \*\*\***

**Lori Stone  
Mayor**

**Cindy Warren  
Mayor Pro Tem**

**Lisa DeForest  
Council Member**

**Jon Levell  
Council Member**

**Ron Holliday  
Council Member**

**Kim Summers, 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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**CALL TO ORDER** 4:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: None

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

**CLOSED SESSION**

City Clerk Cristal McDonald announced the following Closed Session items:

**CS1.** Real Property Negotiations

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 that certain real property, at the intersection of Kalmia and Jefferson, APN 906-080-041, 906-080-042, and 906-080-033 with Bold Communities and Fidelis Advisors. The City's real property negotiators, the City Manager, Assistant City Managers, Development Services Director, Economic Development Director, and City Attorney, will seek direction from the City Council regarding the price and terms for this property.

**CS2.** Real Property Negotiations

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 that certain real property located at the Northwest Corner of Linnel Lane and Whitewood Road, Murrieta, Riverside County, CA, APN: 392-290-048 with KNE Real Estate. The City's real property negotiators, the City Manager, the Assistant City Manager, Economic Development Director and the City Attorney will seek direction from the City Council regarding the price and terms of this property.

**CS3.** Real Property Negotiations

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 that certain real property located in Murrieta, Riverside County, CA, APN: 916-380-011. The City's real property negotiators, the City Manager, the Assistant City Manager, Economic Development Director and the City Attorney will seek direction from the City Council regarding the price and terms of this property.

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**CS4. 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 two cases.

**CS5. Public Employee Appointment**

The City Council will conduct a closed session, pursuant to Government Code section 54957(b), to continue the process for the future appointment of an employee to the position of City Manager.

**RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION** 4:03 p.m.

**6:00 PM REGULAR MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER** 6:02 p.m.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTION**

City Attorney Tiffany Israel: No reportable action on Closed Session Item Nos. CS1-CS4.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Council Member Jon Levell

**INVOCATION** Council Member Ron Holliday

**PRESENTATIONS**

Proclamation: Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Proclamation: Breast Cancer Awareness Month

**ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: None

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Action: It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Warren, seconded by Council Member DeForest to approve the Agenda for October 1, 2024.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

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**CITY MANAGER - ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE**

City Manager Administrative Updates is the opportunity for the City Manager to provide community updates, as well as Department or Commission announcements on current or upcoming projects.

- Library Update: Agnes Rita, Supervising Librarian
- General Municipal Election Update: Cristal McDonald, City Clerk
- Community Update: Cristina Davies, Public Information Officer

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

Council Member DeForest: Provided attendance/reported the following:

- Riverside County Habitat Conservation Agency Meeting (RCHCA)

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

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

Mayor Stone: Provided verbal attendance/reported the following:

- Southwest Elected Leaders Collaborative

**PUBLIC COMMENTS (NON-AGENDA)**

Cynthia Davis: Spoke on fire mitigation concerns over the Bear Creek neighborhood.

Connie McConnel: Spoke on concerns over proposed placement of school and City Council representation.

Paul Diffley: Invited the City Council and residents to participate in the Murrieta Valley Unified School District Board of Education workshops.

**CONSENT CALENDAR - APPROVAL OF ITEMS 1 – 13**

Public Comments:

Kassen Klein: Spoke on Item No. 4; inquiring about the placement of the item on the agenda and voiced concerns over transparency.

Action: It was moved by Council Member Holliday, seconded by Council Member DeForest to approve Consent Calendar Item Nos.1-13.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

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## 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 of the July 31, 2024 Special Workshop, September 10, 2024 Special City Council meeting, and September 17, 2024 Regular City Council meeting.

## 3. Check Register August 2024

Recommended Action:

Adopt Resolution No. 24-4787 entitled: *A Resolution of the City Council of The City of Murrieta, California, Ratifying the Check Register for the Month of August 2024* in the amount of \$10,078,917.49 (Check Numbers 160874-161383).

## 4. First Reading of Ordinance No. 611-24 Amending City Council Compensation

Recommended Action:

Conduct the first reading of Ordinance No. 611-24 entitled: *An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Murrieta, California, Amending the Compensation of the City Council.*

## 5. Recap of July 31, 2024, City Council Priority Setting Workshop

Recommended Action:

Receive and file.

## 6. Repealing Surplus Language in Chapter 2 (City Manager) of the Murrieta Municipal Code

Recommended Action:

Adopt Ordinance No. 612-24 entitled: *An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Murrieta, California, to Repeal Murrieta Municipal Code Sections 2.08.090-2.08.130 and 2.08.150-2.08.170 which Set Forth Regulations for the City's Relationship with the City Manager.*

## 7. Change Order for Construction Management Services for Sykes Ranch Park Improvements

Recommended Action:

Approve a change order to Purchase Order P03083 with Anser Advisory Management LLC in the amount of \$14,753, for Construction Management Services for CIP 22010, Sykes Ranch Park improvements; and

Approve a reallocation of funds from CIP 22011 to CIP 22010 necessary to fund the remaining expenses for this project.

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**8. Change Order for Construction Management Services for Tot Lot Improvements**

Phase 2

Recommended Action:

Approve a change order to Purchase Order P03688 with Anser Advisory Management LLC, in the amount of \$20,000, for Construction Management Services related to the Tot Lot Improvements Project Phase 2; and

Approve an additional budgetary appropriation for Capital Improvement Projects 22029, 22030, and 22040.

**9. Pickleball Courts Design Services Change Order**Recommended Action:

Approve a change order for Purchase Order P04153 to NV5, Inc., for pickleball court design services at Alderwood Park for \$65,615, plus a 10% contingency of the total purchase order amount.

**10. Agreement with the California Conservation Corps for As-Needed Defensible Space Clearing on City Properties**Recommended Action:

Approve an agreement with the California Conservation Corps for as-needed defensible space clearing on City properties; and

Authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement.

**11. City of Murrieta Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Annex**Recommended Action:

Adopt Resolution No. 24-4788 entitled: *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Murrieta, California, Adopting the 2023 City of Murrieta Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Annex to the Riverside County Operational Area Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.*

**12. Fiscal Year 2023 Fire Prevention & Safety Grant Award**Recommended Action:

Authorize the City Manager to accept the Fiscal Year 2023 Fire Prevention & Safety Grant award; and

Authorize the City Manager to amend the Fiscal Year 2024/25 Operating Budget to allocate and appropriate the grant funds for \$462,990.47.

**13. Acceptance of Public Improvements in Tract Map 28532-4**Recommended Action:

Accept the Public Improvements in Tract Map 28532-4 located north of Baxter Road and west of Menifee Road; and

Direct the Department of Public Works to perform continued maintenance of the aforementioned public improvements in conformance with the City of Murrieta's maintenance standard.

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DISCUSSION

14. All-Way Stop at Jackson Avenue and Magellan Street Intersection

Staff report and PowerPoint presentation provided by City Engineer Jeff Hitch and City Traffic Engineer Brian Stephenson. Public Works Director Bob Moehling was available to answer questions from the City Council.

Public Comments:

Kassen Klein: Spoke on tree growth impairing visibility and other possible sightline issues.

Olivier Malabanan: Voiced concerns over the possible impact of the stop signs during rush hour.

Action: It was moved by Council Member Holliday and seconded by Mayor Stone to proceed with Option 2 referenced in the agenda report and PowerPoint to remove all vegetation from the sight distance corridor with the following additions:

- Installation of "Keep Clear" signage in the area;
- Direction to staff to meet with the homeowners association regarding the line of sight vegetation; and
- Revisit the item at a future meeting to reevaluate the line of sight.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

GOVERNING BODY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Member Levell provided a verbal announcement; Council Member DeForest and Mayor Pro Tem Warren provided their Governing Body Announcements to be made part of the City's record. Council Member Holliday and Mayor Stone deferred their Governing Body Announcements.

COUNCIL MEMBER REQUESTS TO ADD ITEMS TO FUTURE AGENDAS

Council Member Levell: Withdrew his request made during the June 4, 2024 Regular meeting to add a discussion on the purpose and benefits of CalCities.

Mayor Stone: Withdrew her request made during the October 1, 2024 Regular meeting to add a discussion on religious hate crimes.

ADJOURNMENT



Cristal McDonald signature

Cristal McDonald, City Clerk