

City Council

Meeting Minutes

February 4, 2025

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



**Tuesday, February 4, 2025
4:30 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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4:30 PM CLOSED SESSION

CALL TO ORDER 4:31 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Council Member Lisa DeForest
Council Member Ron Holliday
Mayor Cindy Warren

Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Jon Levell *(was present for all of closed session)*
Council Member Lori Stone *(was present for all of closed session)*

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PUBLIC COMMENTS - CLOSED SESSION ITEMS ONLY None.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

City Clerk Cristal McDonald announced the following Closed Session items:

CLOSED SESSION

CS1. Conference with Labor Negotiators

The City Council will conduct a closed session, pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6, with the City Manager, the City Attorney, and the City's negotiators, regarding labor negotiations with (1) the Murrieta General Employees' Association; (2) the Murrieta Supervisors' Association; (3) the Murrieta Police Officers Association; (4) the Murrieta Police Management Association; (5) the Murrieta Firefighters Association; (6) the Murrieta Fire Management Association; and (7) the Murrieta Management, Professional and Confidential Employees.

CS2. Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: 2 Cases.

CS3. 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: 1 Case.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION 4:33 p.m.

6:00 PM REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER 6:03 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTION

City Attorney Tiffany Israel reported the following Closed Session Action: No reportable action for Closed Session Item Nos. CS1 – CS3.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Council Member Stone

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INVOCATION Ministry Assistant Blake Laurenson, The Rock Church Temecula Valley

PRESENTATIONS

Commission & Committee Members Recognition

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Action: It was moved by Council Member DeForest, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Levell to approve the Agenda for February 4, 2025.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Levell, Warren, Holliday, DeForest, Stone

Noes: None

CITY MANAGER - ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

Community Update: Cristina Davies, Public Information Officer

Fig Fire Emergency Response: Bernard Molloy, Fire Chief

GOVERNING BODY COMMISSION/COMMITTEE/BOARD (CCB) REPORTS

Council Member Stone: Provided attendance/reported the following:

- Southwest Riverside County Elected Leaders Collaborative
- Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG)

Council Member Holliday: Provided attendance/reported the following:

- Regional Conservation Authority (RCA)

Mayor Warren: Provided attendance/reported the following:

- Southwest Elected Leaders Collaborative
- Riverside Transit Agency (RTA)
- Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC)
- League of California Cities Mayors and Council Members Academy

PUBLIC COMMENTS (NON-AGENDA)

Veronica Rodriguez: Spoke on concerns over lack of communication in regards to a recent arrest made.

Faye Wons: Spoke on concerns over water levels and conservation.

Alex Kowalkoski: Provided a handout and spoke on the Riverside County Carnival.

Bev Hoffman: Provided an invitation to the tree planting ceremony hosted by the Temple Beth Emet of Temecula Valley.

Kevin Coon: Representing the Murrieta Public Library Foundation displayed a flyer soliciting donations for the Library expansion project.

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CONSENT CALENDAR - APPROVAL OF ITEMS 1 – 5

Action: It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Levell, seconded by Council Member Holliday to approve Consent Calendar Item Nos.1-5.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: DeForest, Levell, Holliday, Warren, Stone

Noes: None

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. Check Register December 2024

Recommended Action:

Adopt a Resolution 25-4804 entitled: *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Murrieta, California, Ratifying the Check Register for the Month of December 2024 in the amount of \$3,650,833.94 (Check Numbers 162574-162900).*

3. Cisco SmartNet Software License and Support Services

Recommended Action:

Authorize the use of Cooperative Agreement #2018011-02 to Purchase SmartNet services and authorize SHI International Corp (SHI) to administer the agreement;

Authorize the use of the Cisco Master Agreement;

Approve an agreement with SHI in an amount not to exceed \$73,492.94, for Fiscal Year 2024/25; and

Authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement with SHI and approve amendments, during its term, not to exceed \$75,000.

4. Approve First Amendment to License Agreement with Newman Hospitality Group for Special Event Management Services for Town Square Park Amphitheater

Recommended Action:

Authorize the City Manager to execute a First Amendment to the License Agreement with Newman Hospitality Group, LLC, for special event management services at the Town Square Park Amphitheater.

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5. Approval of the Master Services Agreement with OpenGov for Transparency Portal Services

Recommended Action:

Approval of a Master Service Agreement with OpenGov for Transparency Portal Services, retroactively effective to October 1, 2023;

Amend the Fiscal Year 2024/25 Operating Budget by establishing an appropriation of \$770, to account for the annual software price adjustment; and

Authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement.

PULLED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS None.

DISCUSSION

6. Resolutions of Intention for Formation of Community Facilities District No. 2025-1 (Safety Services) of the City of Murrieta, Community Facilities District No. 2025-2 (Maintenance Services) of the City of Murrieta, and Community Facilities District No. 2025-3 (Discovery Village) of the City of Murrieta

Staff report and PowerPoint presentation provided by Finance Director Javier Carcamo, and City Consultants Shane Spicer and Brian Forbath.

Development Director David Chantarangsu and Discovery Village Developer Derek Hicks were available to answer questions from the City Council.

Public Comments:

Wayne Dollarhide: Provided a letter on behalf of Corman Leigh and spoke in support of the Community Facilities Districts.

Council Member Stone obtained consensus to take each individual recommendation action as its own vote.

Action: After discussion, it was moved by Council Member DeForest, seconded by Council Member Holliday to adopt Resolution No. 25-4805 entitled: *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Murrieta Declaring its Intention to Establish Community Facilities District No. 2025-1 (Safety Services) of the City of Murrieta, to Authorize the Levy of a Special Tax on Property Within the District to Pay the Costs of Providing Public Safety Services.*

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: DeForest, Levell, Holliday, Warren, Stone

Noes: None

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Action: After discussion, it was moved by Council Member Holliday, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Levell to adopt Resolution No. 25-4806 entitled: *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Murrieta Declaring its Intention to Establish Community Facilities District No. 2025-2 (Maintenance Services) of the City of Murrieta, to Authorize the Levy of a Special Tax on Property Within the District to Pay the Costs of Providing Public Maintenance Services.*

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: DeForest, Levell, Holliday, Warren
Noes: Stone

Action: After discussion, it was moved by Council Member Holliday, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Levell to adopt Resolution No. 25-4807 entitled: *A Resolution of Intention of the City Council of the City of Murrieta to Established Community Facilities District No. 2025-3 (Discovery Village) of the City of Murrieta, to Authorize the Levy of a Special Tax to Pay the Costs of Acquiring or Constructing Certain Facilities and to Pay Debt Service on Bonded Indebtedness.*

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: DeForest, Levell, Holliday, Warren
Noes: Stone

Action: After discussion, it was moved by Council Member Holliday, seconded by Council Member DeForest to adopt Resolution No. 25-4808 entitled: *A Resolution of Intention of the City Council of the City of Murrieta To Incur Bonded Indebtedness in an Amount Not to Exceed \$27,500,000 Within Proposed Community Facilities District No. 2025-3 (Discovery Village) of the City of Murrieta.*

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: DeForest, Levell, Holliday, Warren
Noes: Stone

Action: After discussion, it was moved by Council Member DeForest, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Levell to approve a Reimbursement Agreement regarding the Community Facilities District No 2025-3 (Discovery Village) and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: DeForest, Levell, Holliday, Warren
Noes: Stone

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7. Proposed Resolution Declaring the City's Stance against Antisemitism

Staff report provided by Council Member Lori Stone.

Public Comments:

Tim Thompson: Spoke in favor of the resolution to address antisemitism.

Bev Hoffman: Spoke in favor of the resolution to address antisemitism.

Irv Michlin: Spoke in favor of the resolution to address antisemitism.

Dick Hershman: Spoke in favor of the resolution to address antisemitism.

Action: After discussion, it was moved by Council Member Stone, seconded by Mayor Warren to adopt Resolution No. 25-4809, drafted by Council Member Stone at the direction of the City Council, and revised by staff, entitled: *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Murrieta, California, Declaring the City's Stance against Antisemitism.*

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: DeForest, Levell, Holliday, Warren, Stone

Noes: None

RECONSIDERATION None.

GOVERNING BODY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

COUNCIL MEMBER REQUESTS TO ADD ITEMS TO FUTURE AGENDAS

Council Member DeForest: Requested a report from the City Attorney on possible policy addressing after-hour power outages from development projects and the effects it has on businesses.

Consensus was received.

ADJOURNMENT 7:56 p.m.



Cristal McDonald, City Clerk