

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



**Tuesday, June 18, 2024  
4:15 PM CLOSED SESSION  
6:00 PM REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES**

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**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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**4:15 PM CLOSED SESSION**

**CALL TO ORDER 4:19 p.m.**

**ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: Council Member Lisa DeForest (Excused)

**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 Real Property Negotiator  
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, a portion of which is contained within or adjacent to Parcel No. 963-060-086 in the City of Murrieta, Riverside County, CA. The City's real property negotiators, the City Manager, Assistant City Manager, and City Attorney, will seek direction from the City Council regarding the price and terms for this property.
  
- CS2. Conference with Real Property Negotiator  
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. The City's real property negotiators, the City Manager, Assistant City Manager, and City Attorney, will seek direction from the City Council regarding the price and terms for this property.
  
- CS3. Conference with Legal Counsel  
Anticipated Litigation The City Council will conduct a closed session, pursuant to Government Code sections 54956.9(d)(2), because there is a significant exposure to litigation in one case.
  
- CS4. 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; and (2) the Murrieta Supervisors' Association.

**CS5. Public Employee Performance Evaluation and Compensation**

The City Council will hold a closed session with the City's personnel officer, the city manager, pursuant to Government Code Sections 54957 and 54957.6(a), to conduct an employee performance evaluation of the City Manager and to discuss the salary, compensation and fringe benefits provided to the City Manager.

**RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION** 4:21 p.m.

**6:00 PM REGULAR MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER** 6:16 p.m.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTION**

City Attorney Tiffany Israel: No reportable action on Closed Session Item Nos. CS1-CS5.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: Council Member Lisa DeForest

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Assistant to the City Manager Rosa Vega

**INVOCATION** Reverend Melissa Rusler, Murrieta United Methodist Church

**PRESENTATIONS**

Proclamation - Retirement, Sandra Valle - Police Officer

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Action: It was moved by Council Member Holliday, seconded by Council Member Levell to adopt the Agenda for June 18, 2024 with the following change:

- Item No. 19 was pulled. Mayor Stone requested this item be brought back as a workshop at a future meeting without objection.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**CITY MANAGER - ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE**

- City Manager: Cal Recycle, Isaac Bravo, Management Analyst
- Community Services: Special Events, Laura Frasso, Coordinator-Event Specialist
- Community Update: Cristina Davies, Public Information Officer

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

Council Member Holliday: Provided attendance/reported the following:

- Code Enforcement Ad-Hoc Committee

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

- Riverside County Transportation Commission

Mayor Stone: Provided attendance/reported the following:

- Code Enforcement Policy Ad-Hoc Committee

**PUBLIC COMMENTS (NON-AGENDA)**

Steve Corona: Provided a water rate handout and spoke on the Rancho California Water District rate increases.

Kassen Klein: Expressed concerns regarding the loss of institutional knowledge due to retirements and the Mayor rotation policy.

Alan Long: Spoke on Item No.19, the Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act, and also spoke in support of bringing back the Mayor rotation policy for review.

Jim Yanoshik: Spoke on the Murrieta Field of Honor and provided the City Council with a sponsor book on behalf of the Murrieta Rotary.  
*(Lou Ficke donated time)*

Aimee Edgeworth: Provided an update of events taking place at the Pearl Cultural Arts Center.

Richard Elliott: Spoke on concerns about how the Police Department handles call requests.

Jonathan Ingram: Spoke in favor of holding a workshop to discuss the Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act.

**CONSENT CALENDAR - APPROVAL OF ITEMS 1 – 16**

Action: It was moved by Council Member Levell, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Warren to approve Consent Calendar Item Nos.1-16.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Levell, Holliday, Warren, Stone

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 of the June 4, 2024 City Council Regular Meeting.

3. Renewal Approval with Granicus (GovQA) - Public Record Request Software

Recommended Action:

Ratify prior renewals with GovQA that exceeded the City Manager's contract authority;

Authorize the exemption from bidding requirements;

Authorize the City Manager or her designee to approve renewals in a form acceptable to the City Attorney, with GovQA for public records request software for a total not to exceed \$76,240.08 plus a 5% contingency;

Amend the Fiscal Year 2024/25 Operating Budget in the General Ledger Account by \$13,800.

4. Ordinance Publication Requirements and Designating Posting Locations for City Public Notices

Recommended Action:

Adopt Resolution No. 24-4746 entitled: *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Murrieta Repealing Resolution No. 08-1992 and Providing Publication Requirements for Ordinances by Authorizing Ordinance Summaries and Designating an Ordinance Summary Official Pursuant to California Government Code §36933; and*

Adopt Resolution No. 24-4747 entitled: *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Murrieta Designating Posting Locations in the City.*

5. Animal Control Agreement for Fiscal Year 2024/25 through Fiscal Year 2026/27

Recommended Action:

Approve a three-year agreement with Animal Friends of the Valleys, Inc. for city-wide animal control services; and

Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute the agreement and related documents.

6. Approval of a Three-Year Agreement Not to Exceed \$100,000 per Fiscal Year for Landscape Plan Check and Inspection Services Between Architerra Design Group and Van Dyke Landscape Architects.

Recommended Action:

Authorize the City Manager to execute agreements with Architerra Inc. and Van Dyke Landscape Architects for on-call landscape plan check review and inspection services.

7. Approval of Purchase Order for On-Call Plan Check Engineering Services - HR Green Pacific, Inc. Approval of Purchase Order with HR Green Pacific, Inc for On-Call Plan Check Engineering Services

Recommended Action:

Approve a purchase order with HR Green Pacific, Inc. for On-call Plan Check Engineering services for Fiscal Year 2024/25, for an amount not to exceed \$200,000 from the Engineering General Fund; and

Authorize the City Manager to execute the purchase order on behalf of the City.

8. Approval of Purchase Orders for On-Call Traffic Engineering Services - Rick Engineering Company

Recommended Action:

Approve a purchase order with Rick Engineering Company for on-call traffic engineering consulting services for Fiscal Year 2024/25 for an amount not to exceed \$68,643 from the General Fund;

Approve a purchase order with Rick Engineering Company for on-call traffic engineering consultant services for Fiscal Year 2024/25, for an amount not to exceed \$226,260 with \$69,980 from Capital Improvement Plan Project No. 13049, \$69,980 from Capital Improvement Plan Project No. 13050, \$69,980 from Capital Improvement Plan Project No. 13053, and \$16,320 from Capital Improvement Plan Project 13054; and

Authorize the City Manager to execute the purchase orders on behalf of the City.

- 9. Approval of Purchase Order for On-Call Plan Check, National Pollutant Discharge Eliminations System and Land Development Review Engineering Services - Michael Baker International, Inc.

Recommended Action:

Approve a purchase order with Michael Baker International, Inc. for on-call plan check services for Fiscal Year 2024/25 for an amount not to exceed \$800,000 from the General Fund;

Approve a purchase order with Michael Baker International, Inc. for National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System services for Fiscal Year 2024/25 for an amount not to exceed \$55,000 from the Engineering NPDES Fund;

Approve a purchase order with Michael Baker International, Inc. for Land Development Review services for Fiscal Year 2024/25 for an amount not to exceed \$69,357 from the General Fund; and

Authorize the City Manager to execute the purchase order on behalf of the City.

- 10. Approval of Purchase Orders with Anser Advisory Management, LLC for On-Call Public Works, Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plans, and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Inspection Services

Recommended Action:

Approve a purchase order with Anser Advisory Management, LLC, dba Anser Advisory, for on-call inspection services for Public Works and Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plans for Fiscal Year 2024/25 for an amount not to exceed \$300,000 from the Engineering General Fund;

Approve a purchase order with Anser Advisory Management, LLC, dba Anser Advisory, for on-call NPDES inspection services for Fiscal Year 2024/25 for an amount not to exceed \$120,000 from the Engineering General Fund; and

Authorize the City Manager to execute the purchase order on behalf of the City.

- 11. Approve an Agreement with Rosenow Spevacek Group, Inc

Recommended Action:

Authorize a two-year agreement with Rosenow Spevacek Group, Inc;

Authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents for two years with two additional one-year extensions; and

Acknowledge the bidding requirements were waived for the Proposed Agreement.

## 12. Fiscal Year 2024/25 Tax Rates for the Community Facilities Districts

Recommended Action:

Adopt the following Resolutions approving the Fiscal Year 2024/25 Tax Rates for the Community Facilities Districts:

*Resolution No. 24-4749 entitled: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Murrieta, California, Determining and Levying the Special Tax in Community Facilities District No. 2000-1 (Greer Ranch) for Fiscal Year 2024/25;*

*Resolution No. 24-4750 entitled: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Murrieta, California, Determining and Levying the Special Tax in Community Facilities District No. 2000-2 (The Oaks) for Fiscal Year 2024/25;*

*Resolution No. 24-4751 entitled: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Murrieta, California, Determining and Levying the Special Tax in Community Facilities District No. 2001-1 (Bluestone Communities/Murrieta Highlands) for Fiscal Year 2024/25;*

*Resolution No. 24-4752 entitled: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Murrieta, California, Determining And Levying The Special Tax In Community Facilities District No. 2003-1 (Murrieta Springs) For Fiscal Year 2024/25;*

*Resolution No. 24-4753 entitled: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Murrieta, California, Determining and Levying the Special Tax In Community Facilities District No. 2003-2 (Blackmore Ranch) for Fiscal Year 2024/25;*

*Resolution No. 24-4754 entitled: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Murrieta, California, Determining and Levying the Special Tax in Community Facilities District No. 2003-3 (Creekside Village) for Fiscal Year 2024/25;*

*Resolution No. 24-4755 entitled: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Murrieta, California, Determining and Levying the Special Tax in Community Facilities District No. 2003-4 (Bluestone Communities II/Mapleton) for Fiscal Year 2024/25;*

*Resolution No. 24-4756 entitled: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Murrieta, California, Determining and Levying the Special Tax in Community Facilities District No. 2004-1 (Bremerton) for Fiscal Year 2024/25;*

*Resolution No. 24-4757 entitled: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Murrieta, California, Determining and Levying the Special Tax in Community Facilities District No. 2004-2 (Murrieta Fields) for Fiscal Year 2024/25;*

*Resolution No. 24-4758 entitled: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Murrieta, California, Determining and Levying the Special Taxes in Community Facilities District No. 2004-3 (Meadowlane/Amberwalk I & II) for Fiscal Year 2024/25;*

*Resolution No. 24-4759 entitled: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Murrieta, California, Determining and Levying the Special Tax in Community Facilities District No.*



*2005-1 (Springbrook) for Fiscal Year 2024/25;*

*Resolution No. 24-4760 entitled: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Murrieta, California, Determining and Levying the Special Tax in Community Facilities District No. 2005-5 IA A (Golden City) for Fiscal Year 2024/25; and*

*Resolution No. 24-4761 entitled: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Murrieta, California, Determining and Levying the Special Tax in Community Facilities District No. 2005-5 IA B (Golden City) for Fiscal Year 2024/25.*

13. Citywide Traffic Signal Adaptive Timing Project

Recommended Action:

Approve Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement with Yunex, LLC in the amount of \$46,720 to provide continued traffic signal maintenance services; and

Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute Amendment No. 1 and related documents on behalf of the City.

14. Agreement with International Business Information Technology, Inc for LEFTA Software

Recommended Action:

Approve an agreement with International Business Information Technologies, Inc., doing business as LEFTA Systems, for Law Enforcement Field Training Application software, waiving the bidding requirements, pursuant to Municipal Code Section 3.08.280;

Approve the use of the LEFTA System for a term of five years; and

Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute the agreement and related documents.

15. Agreement with M. Pino and Associates, Inc. for Background Investigation Services for Concealed Carry Weapon License Applicants.

Recommended Action:

Approve an agreement with M. Pino and Associates, Inc. for background investigations for Concealed Carry Weapon License applicants and waive the bidding requirements as allowed per Municipal Code Section 3.08.280; and

Amend the Fiscal Year 2024/25 Operating Budget associated with the General Fund and Measure T Fund as discussed below.

- 16. Conduct a Second Reading of an Ordinance to Amend the Murrieta Municipal Code regarding Electronic Bikes, Scooters, and Skateboards (E-Conveyances)  
Recommended Action:  
 Conduct the second reading and adopt Ordinance No. 605-24 entitled: *An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Murrieta, California, amending Title 10 of the Murrieta Municipal Code relating to bicycles, electric bicycles, scooters and skateboards, and passenger loading and unloading of vehicles and adoption of exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).*

**PULLED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS** None

**PUBLIC HEARING**

- 17. Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2024/25 Operating Budget for the Murrieta Fire District  
 Staff report and PowerPoint presentation provided by Finance Manager Jennifer Terry.

*The public hearing was opened at 7:13 p.m.*

Public Testimony:  
None

*The public hearing was closed at 7:13 p.m.*

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

Adopt Resolution No. MFD 24-223 entitled: *A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Murrieta Fire District Approving the Fiscal Year 2024/25 Operating Budget for the Murrieta Fire District.*

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**DISCUSSION**

- 18. Murrieta Library Expansion Design and Budget

Introduction of the item was provided by Assistant City Manager Kristen Crane. Staff report and PowerPoint presentation provided by Community Services Director Brian Ambrose, Senior Program Manager Brian Crawford, and Finance Director Javier Carcamo. Library Manager Melvin Racelis was available to answer questions from the City Council.

Rita Nastri: Spoke in favor of the Library Expansion.

Jeff Meeker: Library Advisory Commission Member spoke in favor of the Library Expansion.

Sarah Vali: Spoke in favor of the Library Expansion.

Kathryn Elliott: Spoke in favor of the Library Expansion.  
*(Kevin Coon donated time)*

Kiki Fritschie: Spoke in favor of the Library Expansion and provided an informational handout.

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

Approve moving forward to the next phase of project design for design Option B;

- 4,500 SF Building Size
- Minimal Exterior Construction
- All-In Project Cost \$7,053,198

Approve the recommended project financing strategy, including use of;

- Inter-fund loan
- Grant funds
- Already established development Impact fees
- Donations

Authorize the City Manager to approve a change order for \$222,700 to SVA Architects, Inc., Purchase Order No. P03681, for the next phase of design services;

Approve a purchase order for \$475,000 to RWBID Construction Management, LLC, for project and construction management services; and

Authorize the \$500,000 Fiscal Year 2024/25 Capital Improvement Budget for the children's library expansion (CIP 21027) to be eligible for use effectively immediately.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

19. Resolution Opposing California Initiative No. 21-0042A1, the Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act

Recommended Action:

Adopt Resolution 24-4762, entitled: *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Murrieta, California, Opposing California Initiative #21-0042A1, which would Significantly Undermine Local Control and Disrupt the Ability of Local Governments to Provide Essential Services and Infrastructure.*

**Item No. 19 was pulled from the agenda. Mayor Stone requested item be brought back as a workshop and consensus was received.**

20. Resolution Nos. 24-4763 to 24-4765: Calling the November 5, 2024, General Municipal Election for Districts Nos. 3 and 4

Staff report and PowerPoint presentation provided by City Clerk Cristal McDonald and Deputy City Clerk Kimberly Ramirez.

Action: After discussion, it was moved by Council Member Levell, seconded by Council Member Holliday to:

Adopt Resolution No. 24-4763 entitled: *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Murrieta, California, Calling for the Holding of a General Municipal Election to be Held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, for the Purpose of Electing Certain Officers of Said City as Required by the Provisions of the Laws of the State of California Relating to General Law Cities; and, Other Election Matters as Required by Law, to include in the event of a tie vote, the tie will be determined by lot; and*

Adopt Resolution No. 24-4764 entitled: *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Murrieta, California, Requesting the Board of Supervisors of Riverside County to Consolidate a General Municipal Election to be Held on November 5, 2024, with the Statewide General Election to be Held on Same Date Pursuant to §10403 of the California Election Code and Other Election Matters as Required by Law; and*

Adopt Resolution No. 24-4765 (OPTION B - 400 words) entitled: *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Murrieta, California, Adopting Regulations for Candidates for Elective Office, Pertaining to, and Costs of, Candidate Statements Submitted to the Voters at the Consolidated General Municipal Election to be Held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024; and*

Direct the City Clerk to fulfill any administrative requirements in accordance with the law.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**GOVERNING BODY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

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

None

**ADJOURNMENT** 8:57 p.m.

Mayor Stone adjourned the meeting wishing all the fathers in Murrieta a belated Happy Father's Day.

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Cristal McDonald, City Clerk