

**CITY OF MURRIETA  
1 TOWN SQUARE  
MURRIETA, CA**



**Tuesday, February 6, 2024  
4:00 PM WORKSHOP  
4:30 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**

**Ivan Holler, Assistant 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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**4:00 PM WORKSHOP**

**CALL TO ORDER 4:00 PM**

**ROLL CALL**

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

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**WORKSHOP**

**WS1. Economic Development Coalition Update**

PowerPoint presentation provided by Economic Development Coalition Executive Director Connie Stopher.

Economic Development Director Scott Agajanian was available to answer questions from the City Council.

Public Comments:

None

Action: Economic Development Coalition provided an update on current strategies and initiatives.

Workshop concluded at 4:45 p.m.

**4:30 PM CLOSED SESSION**

**CALL TO ORDER** 4:46 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

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

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

City Clerk Cristal McDonald announced the following Closed Session items:

**CS1. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation**

The City Council will conduct a closed session, pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(1), to confer with legal counsel regarding 1 litigation case to which the City is a party. The title of such litigation is as follows: Procko v Murrieta; Case Number 5:22-cv-00005-JGB-SP; District Court of the Southern District of California.

**CS2. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation**

Managers, the Administrative Services Director and the City Attorney, pursuant to Government Code section 54956.95(b), to consider the following worker's compensation claim(s): McMahon v. City of Murrieta (claim no. ADJ11234941, ADJ15188503).

**CS3. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation**

The City Council will conduct a closed session, pursuant to Government Code section party. The title of such litigation is as follows: City of Grants Pass vs. Johnson, et al; Case Number 20-35752, 20-35881; United States Supreme Court.

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**RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION 4:47 p.m.**

**6:00 PM REGULAR MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER 6:03 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

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTION**

City Attorney Tiffany Israel: No reportable action on Closed Session Items Nos. CS1-CS2. The City Council approved unanimously to join an amicus brief on Closed Session Item No. CS3.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Council Member Jon Levell

**INVOCATION** Pastor Salvador Rangel, Calvary Baptist Church

**PRESENTATIONS**

Santa Stops Recognition

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Action: It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Warren, seconded by Council Member DeForest to approve the Agenda for February 6, 2024.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**CITY MANAGER - ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE**

Assistant City Manager Ivan Holler provided the following updates/announcements:

- E-Bike Safety Presentation, by Police Chief Anthony Conrad and Traffic Bureau Sergeant Steve Whiddon.
- Parks & Recreation Master Plan Update, by Community Services Manager Lea Kolek.
- Community Update, by Acting Public Information Officer Cristina Davies.
- Election/Voting Information at City facilities, by Assistant City Manager Ivan Holler.

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

Council Member DeForest: Provided attendance/reported the following:  
• Animal Friends of the Valley

Mayor Pro Tem Warren: Provided attendance/reported the following:  
• Riverside Transit Authority  
• Riverside County Transportation Commission

Mayor Stone: Provided attendance/reported the following:  
• California Cities Conference  
• Legislative Workgroup Subcommittee

**PUBLIC COMMENTS (NON-AGENDA)**

Monte Legat: Spoke on traffic concerns near Elizabeth Way and inquired about speedbumps.

Aimee Edgeworth: Spoke on the history of the Pearl Center for Cultural Arts and a Murrieta train project.

Bob Landwehr: Handed out materials and spoke on concerns regarding the Los Alamos Hills water project.

**CONSENT CALENDAR - APPROVAL OF ITEMS 1 – 9**

Action: It was moved by Council Member DeForest, seconded by Council Member Levell to approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 1-9.

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. Minutes

Recommended Action:

Approve the minutes of the January 16, 2024, City Council Regular Meeting.

3. Check Register December 2023

Recommended Action:

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Adopt Resolution No. 24-4723 entitled: *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Murrieta, California, Ratifying the Check Register for the Month of December 2023 in the amount of \$3,304,744.95 (Check Numbers 157498-157872).*

4. Monthly Investment Transaction Report for December 2023

Recommended Action:

Receive and file the Monthly Investment Transaction Report for December 2023.

5. Treasurer's Report - Quarter 2 of Fiscal Year 2023/24

Recommended Action:

Receive the Fiscal Year 2023/24 Treasurer's Reports for Quarter 2 (October - December 2023).

6. Assembly Bill 481 - Military Equipment Policy

Recommended Action:

Receive, review and file the annual military equipment report; and

Approve the renewal of Ordinance No. 577-22 and adopt the findings therein.

7. Tobacco Law Enforcement Grant

Recommended Action:

Adopt Resolution No. 24-4724 entitled: *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Murrieta, California, Authorizing the City Manager to Accept Grant Funding from the State of California Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Attorney General to Implement Strategies to Reduce Underage Tobacco Use in an Amount not to Exceed \$134,061; Agreeing to the Terms of that Grant by Authorizing the City Manager to Sign the Attached DOJ Memorandum of Understanding and Increasing the Police Department's Revenue and Expense Budget by the Actual Amount Awarded over the next three Fiscal Years as Follows: FY 2023/24 \$44,687, FY 2024/25 \$44,687, and FY 2025/26 \$44,687.*

8. Acceptance of Public Improvements in Parcel Map 37442

Recommended Action:

Accept the Public Improvements in Parcel Map 37442 located east of Antelope Road, south of Baxter Road; and

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

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- 9. Notice of Completion of Murrieta Hot Springs Road and Hancock Avenue Pavement Rehabilitation Project, and Murrieta Hot Springs Road and Madison Avenue Median Improvement Project

Recommended Action:

Accept the improvements for the Murrieta Hot Springs Road and Hancock Avenue Pavement Rehabilitation project, Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) No. 8043, as complete;

Accept the improvements for the Murrieta Hot Springs Road and Madison Avenue Median Improvement project, CIP No. 13028, as complete; and

Direct the City Clerk to record a Notice of Completion and release bonds in accordance with State law and City ordinances; and release any remaining retention from CIP No. 8043 and CIP No. 13028 in accordance with State law and City ordinances.

**PULLED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS** None

**DISCUSSION**

- 10. Update on Efforts to Improve Insurance Rates for Murrieta Residents

Staff report and PowerPoint presentation provided by Fire Chief Bernard Molloy.

Public Comment:

None

Action: The item was received and filed.

**GOVERNING BODY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

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

Council Member DeForest: None  
 Council Member Levell: None  
 Council Member Holliday: None  
 Mayor Pro Tem Warren: Requested to continue the discussion on the Economic Development Coalition and for the City Council to take action on participation.

*Consensus was received.*

Mayor Stone: Requested to address and discuss the "A Day in Her Shoes" event at the March 5, 2024 meeting.

*Consensus was received.*

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**ADJOURNMENT** 7:28 p.m.

Mayor Stone adjourned the meeting quoting Mattie Stepanek.

“Unity is strength..when there is teamwork, communication and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved.”



Cristal McDonald, City Clerk