

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



**Tuesday, March 5, 2024  
3:45 PM CLOSED SESSION  
5:00 PM WORKSHOP  
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)**

**3:45 PM CLOSED SESSION**

**CALL TO ORDER 3:45 p.m**

**ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: Council Member Ron Holliday (*Arrived late*)

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

## **ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

### **CLOSED SESSION**

Deputy City Clerk Kimberly Ramirez announced the following Closed Session items:

**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, at 42670 Juniper Street, APNs 906-250-018; 906-250-019; and 906-670-004. 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.

***Mayor Stone recused herself from Item No. CS1 due to a conflict of interest for owning property within 1,000 feet from the property.***

**CS2. 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.

**RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION 3:47 p.m.**

### **5:00 PM WORKSHOP**

**CALL TO ORDER 5:05 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

**WS1. Hillside Updates Workshop (DCA-2021-2396) - Ordinance Overview**

Staff report and PowerPoint presentation provided by Senior Planner Chris Tracy. Development Service Director David Chantarangsu was available to answer questions from the City Council.

**Public Comments:**

Kassen Klein: Spoke on concerns regarding the purpose for updating the proposed ordinance due to past projects not adhering to the guidelines.

- Sherrie Munroe: Spoke on “retaining walls” and suggested placing them in the “exception” category.
- Alan Long: Spoke about the proposed ordinance affecting 22 parcels and suggested updating the City's General Plan.
- Dan Long: Spoke to relying on GIS technology and suggested including survey data to back up the information.
- Action: The City Council directed staff to bring back this item to a future meeting for further discussion.

### **6:00 PM REGULAR MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER** 6:10 p.m.

### **ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTION**

City Attorney Tiffany Israel: No reportable action on Closed Session Item Nos. CS1-CS2.

### **ROLL CALL**

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

City Clerk Cristal McDonald noted for the record Council Member Holliday was present for all of Closed Session.

***City Clerk McDonald announced that Mayor Stone recused from herself from Item No. CS1 due to a conflict of interest of owning property within 1,000 feet from the property.***

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Assistant City Manager Ivan Holler

**INVOCATION** Pastor Lyndon Parsons, Murrieta Springs Seventh Day Adventist Church

### **PRESENTATIONS**

Presentation - French Valley Airport

Certificate of Recognition - Riverside County Arts and Culture Month

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Action: It was moved by Council Member DeForest, seconded by Council Member Holliday to approve the Agenda for March 5, 2024.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**CITY MANAGER - ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE**

City Manager Kim Summers introduced the following department updates/announcements:

- Fire Department: Murrieta Fire and Rescue - Annual Report, Fire Chief Molloy
- Public Information: Community Report, Public Information Officer Cristina Davies

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

Council Member DeForest: Provided attendance/reported the following:  
• Western Riverside Council of Governments

Council Member Holliday: Provided attendance/reported the following:  
• Regional Conservation Authority  
• Southwest Riverside County Elected Leaders Collaborative

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

Mayor Stone: Provided attendance/reported the following:  
• Southwest Riverside County Elected Leaders Collaborative

**PUBLIC COMMENTS (NON-AGENDA)**

Jan Julsing: Requested the City establish a reckless endangerment law, due to low flying planes.

Phil Strenkowski: Spoke on noise nuisance due to cars with loud mufflers.

Aimee Edgeworth: Spoke and provided a handout in honor of Women’s History Month.

Connie McConnell: Provided an update on events taking place at the Murrieta Market nights.

**CONSENT CALENDAR - APPROVAL OF ITEMS 1 – 5**

Action: It was moved by Council Member DeForest, seconded by Council Member Levell 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. Minutes

Recommended Action:

Approve the minutes of the February 20, 2024 City Council Regular Meeting.

- 3. Check Register January 2024

Recommended Action:

Adopt Resolution No. 24-4725 entitled: *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Murrieta, California, Ratifying the Check Register for the Month of January 2024*, in the amount of \$3,597,967.51 (Check Numbers 157873-158231).

- 4. Monthly Investment Transaction Report for January 2024

Recommended Action:

Receive and file the Monthly Investment Transaction Report for January 2024.

- 5. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 602-24 for the Establishment of Medicinal Cannabis Delivery Location and Operational Standards and Miscellaneous Updates to Existing Cannabis Standards (MCA-2023-00008) to amend Sections 16.08.010, 16.10.010, 16.11.010, 16.12.010, 16.13.010, 16.14.010, and 16.44.250 of the Murrieta Development Code

Recommended Action:

Conduct the second reading and adopt Ordinance No. 602-24 entitled: *An Ordinance of The City Council of the City of Murrieta, California, Amending Title 16 of the Murrieta Development Code to Revise Sections 16.08.010, 16.10.010, 16.11.010, 16.12.010, 16.13.010, 16.14.010, and 16.44.250 for the Establishment of Medicinal Cannabis Delivery Location and Operational Standards and Miscellaneous Updates to Existing Cannabis Standards.*

**DISCUSSION**

- 6. Adoption of 2024 Legislative Platform

Staff report provided by Management Analyst Isaac Bravo. Townsend Public Affairs Senior Associate Sean McReynolds and Vice President Cori Takkinen were available to answer questions from the City Council.

Public Comment:

None

Action: After review and discussion, it was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Warren, seconded by Council Member Holliday to, approve the 2024 Legislative Platform, as presented.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

- 7. Type 1 Fire Engine Purchase

Staff report and PowerPoint presentation provided by Fire Division Chief Dave Perez. Fire Chief Bernard Molloy was available to answer questions from the City Council.

Public Comment:

None

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

Adopt Resolution No. 24-4726 entitled: *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Murrieta, Authorizing the Purchase of a Type 1 Engine through a Cooperative Purchasing Program in Accordance with Municipal Code Section 3.08.295 and Establishing an Appropriation in the Fiscal Year of Delivery Using the Measure T Fire Fleet Replacement Reserve to Fund Costs Associated with the Purchase and Upfitting of the Type 1 Engine;* and

Authorize the City Manager to approve the South Coast Fire Equipment proposal and zero-dollar purchase order to initiate the Type 1 Engine construction.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

8. Fiscal Year 2023/24 Second Quarter Financial Status Report

Staff report and PowerPoint presentation provided by Finance Manager Jennifer Terry and Financial Analyst Geovanny Calvopina. Finance Director Javier Carcamo was available to answer questions from the City Council.

Public Comment:

None

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

Receive and file the report;

Authorize an appropriation using Measure T Facility Repair Reserves for CIP project 21035 in the amount of \$83,000; and

Approve the Updated Schedule of Authorized Positions List.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

9. Consideration of a Resolution Supporting the Need for Expanded Public Higher Education Institutions within Southwestern Riverside County

Staff report provided by Assistant City Manager Kristen Crane.

Public Comment:

None

Action: After review and discussion, it was moved by Council Member DeForest, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Warren to, adopt Resolution No. 24-4727, entitled: *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Murrieta, California, Supporting the Need for Expanded Public Higher Education Institutions within Southwestern Riverside County and State and Regional Funding for the Cost of Tenant Improvements to Create an Expanded Presence for California State University, San Marcos at the Mt. San Jacinto College Campus in Temecula Valley.*

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Warren, Levell, Holliday, Stone, DeForest

Noes: None

Absent: None

**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**

Mayor Stone: Withdrew the request from the February 6, 2024 meeting to bring back for discussion the “A Day in Her Shoes Event”.

**ADJOURNMENT 7:51 p.m.**

Mayor Stone adjourned the meeting quoting Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

“Fight for the things you care about, but do it in a way that will lead others to join you.”

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Cristal McDonald, City Clerk