

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



**Tuesday, March 19, 2024  
3:30 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)**

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**3:30 PM CLOSED SESSION**

**CALL TO ORDER 3:30 p.m.**

## **ROLL CALL**

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

**Absent:** Mayor Lori Stone (*Excused absence*)  
Council Member Lisa DeForest (*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 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.

**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** 3:32 p.m.

**5:00 PM WORKSHOP**

**CALL TO ORDER** 5:03 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

**WS1.** Code Enforcement - Workshop

Staff report and PowerPoint presentation provided by Code Enforcement Supervisor Nolan Berentis. Development Service Director David Chantarangsu was available to answer questions from the City Council.

Public Comments:

Kassen Klein: Spoke on street vendor and RV storage concerns.

Action: The City Council received the presentation.

**6:00 PM REGULAR MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER** 6:03 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 DeForest was present for all of Closed Session and Mayor Lori Stone was not present with an excused absence for Closed Session.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Assistant City Manager Kristen Crane

**INVOCATION** Ministry Administrator Jacob Dufresne, World Harvest Church

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Action: It was moved by Council Member Holliday, seconded by Council Member DeForest to approve the Agenda for March 19, 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:

- Public Works Department: Murrieta Hot Springs Road Improvement Update, Public Works Director Bob Moehling
- Community Services Department: Library Expansion, Senior Program Manager Brian Crawford
- Finance Department: American Rescue Plan Act, Finance Director Javier Carcamo
- Public Information: Community Report, Public Information Officer Cristina Davies

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

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS (NON-AGENDA)**

Aimee Edgeworth: Spoke and provided a handout of events taking place at the Pearl Center for Creative Arts.

**CONSENT CALENDAR - APPROVAL OF ITEMS 1 – 3**

Action: It was moved by Council Member DeForest, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Warren to approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 1-3.

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 March 5, 2024 City Council Regular Meeting.

3. Acceptance of Donations from the Friends of the Murrieta Library

Recommended Action:

Accept donations from the Friends of the Murrieta Library in the amount of \$24,000; and Authorize the City Manager to amend the Fiscal Year 2023/24 Operating Budget.

**DISCUSSION**

- 4. Riverside County Transportation Commission Presentation regarding 2024 Draft Update to the Regional Traffic Relief Plan

Assistant City Manager Kristen Crane introduced the Executive Director of the Riverside County Transportation Commission Anne Mayer. Ms. Mayer provided a handout and a PowerPoint presentation to the City Council.

Public Comments:

None

Action: The City Council received the presentation and provided the following comments on the proposed plan:

- Voicing the City’s concerns and priorities in reference to funding for traffic and transportation needs, such as: funds to address the public safety matters on Keller Road.
- Transportation to the San Diego area via bus or rail.
- Infrastructure concerns with regard to housing mandates.

- 5. Construction Contract for the Clinton Keith Road and Date Street Pavement Rehabilitation Project, CIP 8043

Staff report and PowerPoint presentation provided by Associate Engineer Assistant Garrett Strang. City Engineer Jeff Hitch was available to answer questions from the City Council.

Public Comments:

None

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

Award the construction contract for the Clinton Keith Road and Date Street Pavement Rehabilitation Project CIP No. 8043 to ONYX Paving Company, Inc. in the amount of \$1,832,612.50;

Authorize a fifteen percent (15%) construction contingency of \$274,891.88; and

Authorize the City Engineer to approve contract change orders not to exceed fifteen percent (15%) of the contract amount.

Ayes: The motion carried by the following vote:  
 Noes:  
 Absent: Warren, Levell, Holliday, Stone, Deforest  
 None  
 None

**GOVERNING BODY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Council Member Levell provided verbal Governing Body Announcements, and Council Member DeForest, 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 Holliday: Requested to revisit the appointments for the Southwest Riverside County Elected Leaders Collaborative.

Consensus received.

Mayor Pro Tem Warren: Requested an update from the Traffic Commission Representative after their April 17, 2024 meeting.

Consensus received.

Mayor Stone: Requested to consider establishing an ad hoc sub-committee to review the code enforcement policy.

Consensus received.

Council Member DeForest: None

Council Member Levell: None

**ADJOURNMENT 7:57 p.m.**

In honor of National Reading Month, Mayor Stone adjourned the meeting quoting Dr. Seuss:

“The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.”

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Cristal McDonald, City Clerk