

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



**SEPTEMBER 19, 2023  
4:15 PM WORKSHOP  
6:00 PM REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES**

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**Lisa DeForest  
Mayor**

**Lori Stone  
Mayor Pro Tem**

**Cindy Warren  
Council Member**

**Jon Levell  
Council Member**

**Ron Holliday  
Council Member**

**Kim Summers, City Manager  
Tiffany Israel, City Attorney  
Cristal McDonald, City Clerk**

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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 4:18 p.m.**

## **ROLL CALL**

Present: Council Member Jon Levell  
Council Member Ron Holliday  
Mayor Lisa DeForest

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

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

## **ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

City Attorney Tiffany Israel announced the following Closed Session items:

### **CS1. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation**

The City Council will conduct a closed session, pursuant to Government Code sections 54956.9(d)(2) and (d)(3), because there is a significant exposure to litigation in one case.

### **CS2. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation**

The City Council will conduct a closed session, pursuant to Government Code sections 54956.9(d)(4), because there is a significant exposure to litigation in one case. The City Council will confer with the City Manager, Police Chief, Community Services Director, Administrative Services Director and City Attorney regarding the possible participation in an amicus brief in the following case: Gloria Johnson, et al. v. City of Grants Pass (US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit Case Nos. 20-35752; 20-35881; US District Court for the District of Oregon Case No. 1:18-cv-01823-CL)

### **CS3. 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 litigation to which the City is a party. The title of such litigation is as follows: Rashiem Bolden, Shantag Scott vs. City of Murrieta, et al; Case Number 5:22-cv-01550-JGB-SHKx; United States District Court for the Central District.

**RECESS** 4:20 p.m.

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

**CALL TO ORDER** 6:01 p.m.

## **ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTION**

City Attorney Tiffany Israel: No reportable action on Closed Session Item Nos. CS1 and CS3. The City Council gave staff authorization to join the amicus brief being submitted on behalf of Cities to the United States Supreme Court in Johnson vs Grants Pass case.

## **ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: Council Member Cindy Warren

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Girl Scouts Troop 1000

**INVOCATION** Pastor Will Atkins, Centerpointe Church Murrieta

## **PRESENTATIONS**

Presentation - Girl Scouts Bronze Award Update

Proclamation - Constitution Week

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Action: It was moved by Council Member Levell, seconded by Council Member Holliday to approve the Agenda for September 19, 2023.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**CITY MANAGER - ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE** None

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

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

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS (NON-AGENDA)**

Daniel Bringham: Spoke on Department of Housing and Urban Development Affordable Housing Grants.

Dan Felskins: Spoke on concerns with the City's sewer and water matters.

Kassen Klein: Spoke on Council Members' requests for future agenda items process, the Brown Act, and possible consultant for Charter City information.

David Romney: Spoke in support of pickleball courts.

Jeff Dockendorf: Spoke in support of pickleball courts.

Gavin Guinn: Spoke in support of pickleball courts.

Connie McConnell: Provided update on Murrieta Market Nights and a new theater production.

Katharine Wingert: Spoke in support of a Bicycle Pump track and pickleball courts.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR - APPROVAL OF ITEMS 1 – 11**

**Action:** It was moved by Mayor DeForest, seconded by Council Member Levell to approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 1-11.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Levell, Holliday, Stone, DeForest

Noes: None

Absent: Warren

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 September 5, 2023, Regular Meeting.

3. Murrieta General Employees' Association Successor Memorandum of Understanding

**Recommended Action:**

Adopt Resolution No. 23-4704 entitled: *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Murrieta, California, Approving, Adopting and Implementing a Successor Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Murrieta and the Murrieta General Employees' Association for the period July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2024.*

4. Agreement with American Security Group

**Recommended Action:**

- 1) Approve a three-year agreement with Amergroup Inc. dba American Security Group for an amount not to exceed \$68,000;
- 2) Authorize the exemption from bidding requirements; and
- 3) Authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement with American Security Group.

5. Reinstating Urgency Ordinance Adopting Multi-Family Objective Design Standards

**Recommended Action:**

- 1) Waive full reading and adopt, by a four-fifths vote, Urgency Ordinance No. U-596-23 entitled: *An Urgency Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Murrieta, California, Reinstating Urgency Ordinance No. U-590-23, Amending Title 16 of the Murrieta Municipal Code to Revise the City's Development Code, to Implement Multi-Family Residential and Mixed-Use Residential Objective Design Standards;*
- 2) Find that said actions are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as this item meets the required actions of CEQA Guidelines Section 15183, Projects Consistent with a Community Plan or Zoning, because the Urgency Ordinance directs staff to adopt and implement design standards which will not cause a significant environmental impact and implements a uniformly applied development policy or standard that is consistent with the General Plan draft

- Housing Element policy to further regulate multi-family residential development; and
- 3) Direct City staff to prepare, execute, and file with the Riverside County Clerk a notice of exemption within five (5) working days of the adoption of this Ordinance.

6. Multi-Family Residential and Mixed-Use Objective Design Standards

Recommended Action:

Conduct the second reading by title only and with further reading waived, adopt Ordinance No. 595-23 entitled: *An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Murrieta, California, Amending Title 16 of the Murrieta Municipal Code to Revise the City's Development Code, to Implement Multi-Family Residential and Mixed-Use Residential Objective Design Standards and a Ministerial Development Plan Permit Process for Certain Qualifying Projects.*

7. Acceptance of Public Improvements in Tract Map 28532-3

Recommended Action:

- 1) Accept the Public Improvements in Tract Map 28532-3 located east of Whitewood Road and north of Triple C Ranch Road; and
- 2) Direct the Public Works Department to perform continued maintenance on the aforementioned public improvements in conformity with the City of Murrieta's maintenance standard.

8. Acceptance of Public Improvements in Tract Map 28532-5

Recommended Action:

- 1) Accept the Public Improvements in Tract Map 28532-5 located East of Whitewood Road, West of Menifee Road, and south of Keller Road; and
- 2) Direct the Public Works Department to perform continued maintenance on the aforementioned public improvements in conformity with the City of Murrieta's maintenance standards.

9. Acceptance of Public Improvements in Tract Map 28532-3 & 5

Recommended Action:

- 1) Accept the Public Improvements in Tract Map 28532-3 & 5 located both east of Whitewood Road, north of Triple C Ranch Road and east of Whitewood Road, west of Menifee Road, and south of Keller Road; and
- 2) 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.

10. Acceptance of Public Improvements in Tract Map 32718

Recommended Action:

- 1) Accept the Public Improvements in Tract Map 32718 located west of Menifee Road, south of Keller Road, and east of Whitewood Road; and
- 2) 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.

11. Acceptance of Public Improvements in Tract Map 34445

Recommended Action:

- 1) Accept the Public Improvements in Tract Map 34445 located west of Whitewood Road, south of Keller Road; and
- 2) Direct the Public Works Department to perform continued maintenance on the aforementioned public improvements in conformity with the City of Murrieta's maintenance standards.

**PULLED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS** None

**DISCUSSION**

12. Consider Adoption of Resolution for CalPERS 180-Day Wait Period Exception for Post-Retirement Employment - Extra Help Public Safety Dispatch Services

Staff report and PowerPoint presentation provided by Human Resources Analyst Michelle Tamez.

Action: After discussion, it was moved by Council Member Holliday seconded by Council Member Levell, to adopt Resolution No. 23-4705, entitled: *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Murrieta, California, for CalPERS 180-Day Wait Period Exception - Government Code Sections 7522.56 & 21224.*

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**GOVERNING BODY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Council Member Holliday, Council Member Levell, and Mayor DeForest provided their Governing Body Announcements to be made part of the City's website for public review.

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

Council Member Levell: Discussion on the City's position and stances on mandates on COVID-19.

Consensus was received.

**ADJOURNMENT** 7:00 p.m.