

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



**AUGUST 1, 2023
4:00 PM CLOSED SESSION
5:00 PM NATIONAL NIGHT OUT
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**

**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 CLOSED SESSION

CALL TO ORDER 4:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS – CLOSED SESSION ITEMS ONLY None

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

City Clerk Cristal McDonald announced the following Closed Session items:

CS1. Conference with Labor Negotiator
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 Management and Confidential (M&C).

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, Olivewood Professional Building 24620 Jefferson Ave., Murrieta, CA with Alphonzo Hicks of Medical Asset Management. The City's real property negotiators, the City Manager, Assistant City Manager, Director of Economic Development, and City Attorney, will seek direction from the City Council regarding the price and terms for this property.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION 4:04 p.m.

5:00 PM NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

CALL TO ORDER: 5:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None

RECESS TO NATIONAL NIGHT OUT: TOWN SQUARE PARK 5:05 p.m.

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 and CS2.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Bishop Bryce Bishop, Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints

INVOCATION Bishop Bryce Bishop

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Action: It was moved by Council Member Warren, seconded by Council Member Holliday to approve the Agenda for August 1, 2023.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

CITY MANAGER – ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

City Manager Kim Summers provided the following updates/announcements:

- Murrieta Police Department 31st Birthday
- LA Times Award - The Best City of San Gabriel Valley/Inland Empire
- 2024 Museum and Library Award Nomination

GOVERNING BODY COMMISSION/COMMITTEE/BOARD (CCB) REPORTS

Council Member Warren: Provided attendance/reported the following:

- Riverside Transit Agency Commission
- Western Riverside Council of Governments
- Riverside County Transportation Commission

Council Member Holliday: Provided attendance/reported the following:

- Western Riverside Council of Governments

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

- Western Riverside Council of Governments
- Southwest Riverside County Elected Women’s Elected Leaders Collaborative

Mayor DeForest: Provided attendance/reported the following:

- Riverside Transit Agency Commission
- Riverside County Habitat Conservation Agency
- Southwest Riverside County Women’s Elected Leaders Collaborative

PUBLIC COMMENTS (NON-AGENDA)

Connie McConnell: Spoke on Lawson Locomotives’ “Bring Back a Train to Murrieta” event and on Murrieta Market Nights. Spoke on safety concerns regarding e-bikes.

Ashley Hutchinson: Spoke in support of the Murrieta Market Nights.

Jan Julsing: Spoke on concerns over French Valley Airport and provided handouts.

CONSENT CALENDAR - APPROVAL OF ITEMS 1 – 8

Action: It was moved by Council Member Levell, seconded by Council Member Holliday to approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 1-8.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

1. Waive Reading of All Ordinance Adoptions on the Agenda and Read by Title Only (CC)

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 (CC)

Recommended Action: Approve the June 20, 2023, Regular City Council Meeting Minutes.

3. Check Register May 2023 (CC)

Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution 23-4694 entitled: *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Murrieta, California, Ratifying the Check Register for the Month of May 2023* in the amount of \$4,190,132.84 (Check Numbers 154327-154773).

4. Amendment of Murrieta Municipal Code to Add Power and Duty of City Manager to Settle Certain Claims

Recommended Action: Approve Second Reading to Adopt Ordinance No. 592-23: *Amending Section 2.08.060 of the Murrieta Municipal Code to Add a Power and Duty of the City Manager to Authorize the Settlement of Certain Claims by the City.*

5. Approval of Joint Recipient Cooperation Agreement with the County of Riverside for Community Development Block Grant for Fiscal Years 2024/25, 2025/26, and 2026/27

Recommended Action:

- 1) Adopt Resolution 23-4695 entitled: *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Murrieta, California, Authorizing Participation in the County of Riverside's Urban County Community Development Block Grant Program for Fiscal Years 2024/25, 2025/26, and 2026/27*; and
- 2) Approve the Joint Cooperation Agreement with the County of Riverside for participation in the Community Development Block Grant Urban County Program.

6. Approval of Library Grant - eBooks for All California Collection Development

Recommended Action:

- 1) Authorize the Library's grant application for the eBooks for All California Collection Development Grant in the amount of \$40,000; and
- 2) Authorize the City Manager to establish a revenue and expenditure budget, amending the Fiscal Year 2023/24 Operating Budget based on the actual award amounts.

7. Acceptance of Public Improvements in Tract Map 36629

Recommended Action:

- 1) Accept the Public Improvements in Tract Map 36629 located south of Murrieta Hot Springs Road and east of Whitewood Road in the Creekside Village Specific Plan (FPM-15); 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.

8. Measure A Regional Arterial Improvements Agreement for the Murrieta Hot Springs Road Improvement Project, CIP 8079

Recommended Action:

- 1) Approve the Measure A Regional Arterial (MARA) Improvements Agreement with Riverside County Transportation Commission for \$3,000,000 for the Murrieta Hot Springs Road Improvement Project, CIP 8079; and
- 2) Appropriate the \$3,000,000 of the Measure A Regional Arterial funding into CIP No. 8079 for construction expenses.

PULLED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

9. Murrieta Hills Specific Plan - City Council Voting District

Item No. 9 Murrieta Hills Specific Plan - City Council Voting District was heard after Item Nos. 10 and 11 due to a time certain hearing.

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

City Clerk Cristal McDonald and Deputy Development Director Jarrett Ramaiya were available to answer questions from the City Council.

The public hearing was opened at 6:45 p.m.

Public Testimony:

None.

The public hearing was closed at 6:45 p.m.

Action: Held the public hearing and received input and testimony on the City Council voting district boundaries relating to the Murrieta Hills Specific Plan Annexation.

10. Speed Zone Ordinance Update

Staff report and PowerPoint presentation provided by City Engineer Jeff Hitch and Consulting Traffic Engineer Brian Stephenson.

The public hearing was opened at 6:42 p.m.

Public Testimony:

None.

The public hearing was closed at 6:42 p.m.

Action: After discussion It was moved by Mayor DeForest, seconded by Council Member Warren to:

- 1) Conduct a public hearing; and
- 2) Introduce Ordinance No. 593-23 entitled: *An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Murrieta, California, Amending Chapter 10.16 of Title 10 of the Murrieta Municipal Code Regarding Changes to Speed Limits on Certain Streets in the City of Murrieta, Pursuant to State Law.*

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Warren, Levell, Holliday, Stone, DeForest

Noes: None

Absent: None

11. 2022 Delinquent Refuse Service Charges

Staff report and PowerPoint presentation provided by Management Analyst Isaac Bravo and Assistant City Manager Kristen Crane.

Public hearing was opened at 6:43 p.m.

Public Testimony:

None.

The public hearing was closed at 6:43 p.m.

Action: After discussion It was moved by Council Member Levell, seconded by Mayor DeForest to:

- 1) Hold a public hearing; and
- 2) Adopt Resolution No. 23-4696 entitled: *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Murrieta, California, Affirming the Report of Delinquent Refuse Charges and Directing their Collection on the Fiscal Year 2023/24 Property Tax Roll.*

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

DISCUSSION

12. Appointment of the Transactions and Use Tax Citizens Oversight Committee

Staff report provided by City Clerk Cristal McDonald.

The Commission Appointments Subcommittee, Council Members Warren and Holliday introduced the selected subcommittee members.

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

- 1) Authorize the term expiration of December 31, 2028, to align with scheduled Commission, Committee, and Board Appointments; and
- 2) Make appointments, as recommended by the Commission Appointments Subcommittee, to the Transactions and Use Tax Citizens Oversight Committee as follows:
 Heather Penko, Regular Member (Resident)
 Liz Jones, Regular Member (Resident, business owner, and financial background)
 Rahoof Oyewole, Regular Member (Resident and financial background)

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

13. Consideration to Reinstitute the “Santa Stops” Program as Requested by Council Member Holliday

Staff report and PowerPoint presentation provided by Assistant City Manager Kristen Crane and Community Services Event Coordinator Laura Frasso.

Public Comments:

Cathy Bearse: Spoke in support of Santa Stops.

- Lisa Long: *Donated time to Alan Long.*
- Alan Long: Spoke in support of Santa Stops.
- Kathryne Elliot: Spoke in support of Santa Stops.
- Sarah Vali: Spoke in support of Santa Stops.

City Clerk Cristal McDonald noted 3 pieces of correspondence were received and made a part of the record.

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

- 1) Direct staff to proceed in planning, along with a community volunteer group, Santa Stops, for December 2023, and only use the current appropriation to fund the relaunched program.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

14. Sixth Amendment to City Manager Employment Agreement

Staff report provided by City Attorney Tiffany Israel.

Action: After discussion, it was moved by Council Member Levell seconded by Council Member Warren, to authorize a Sixth Amendment to the City Manager Employment Agreement.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

15. Amending the Comprehensive Salary Schedule for Fiscal Year 2023/24

Staff report provided by Administrative Services Director Diego Chavez.

Action: After discussion, it was moved by Council Member Holliday seconded by Council Member Warren to adopt Resolution No. 23-4697, entitled: *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Murrieta, California, Amending the Comprehensive Salary Schedule for Fiscal Year 2023/24.*

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

GOVERNING BODY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Member Warren, Council Member Holliday, Mayor ProTem Stone, 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 Warren: Report on concerns over recent crashes and low-flying planes at the French Valley Airport.

Consensus was received.

Council Member Holliday: None

Mayor Pro Tem Stone: None

Mayor DeForest: Legislative Workgroup Subcommittee Membership to go from a quarterly rotation to an annual rotation.

Consensus was received.

ADJOURNMENT 8:16 p.m.

Cristal McDonald, City Clerk