

City Council

Meeting Minutes

December 17, 2024

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



**Tuesday, December 17, 2024
5:30 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**

**Justin Clifton, Acting 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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5:30 PM CLOSED SESSION

CALL TO ORDER 5:31 p.m.

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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:

CLOSED SESSION

CS1. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation

The City Council will conduct a closed session with the City Manager, Assistant City Manager, 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): Williams v. City of Murrieta (WCAB Case No. ADJ17266228, ADJ17400433, ADJ17400425).

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION 5:33 p.m.

6:00 PM REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER 6:02 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTION

City Attorney Tiffany Israel reported the following Closed Session Action: No reportable action.

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Mayor Stone

INVOCATION David Watkins, Rock Church of Temecula Valley

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Action: It was moved by Council Member DeForest, seconded by Council Member Holliday to approve the Agenda for December 17, 2024 and hear Item No. 17 before Item No. 16.

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

CITY MANAGER - ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

City Manager Administrative Updates is the opportunity for the City Manager to provide community updates, as well as Department or Commission announcements on current or upcoming projects.

- Police Incident Update (Plaza de Oro shopping center): Matthew Henry, Police Chief
- Arson Investigation Program: Bernard Molloy, Fire Chief
- Murrieta Marketplace Update: David Chantarangsu, Development Services Director
- Community Update: Cristina Davies, Public Information Officer

GOVERNING BODY COMMISSION/COMMITTEE/BOARD (CCB) REPORTS

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

- Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC)

Mayor Stone: Provided attendance/reported the following:

- Southwest Elected Leaders Collaborative

PUBLIC COMMENTS (NON-AGENDA)

Michael and Barbara Sullivan: Spoke on the French Valley airport concerns.

Kassen Klein: Spoke on the Murrieta Valley Unified School District redistricting traffic concerns.

Aimee Edgeworth: Provided an update on the Pearl Center for Creative Arts.

CONSENT CALENDAR - APPROVAL OF ITEMS 1 – 15

Action: It was moved by Council Member DeForest, seconded by Council Member Holliday to approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 1-15 with the exception of Item No. 4 which was pulled for discussion.

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 December 3, 2024, Regular City Council Meeting.

3. Monthly Investment Transaction Report for October 2024

Recommended Action:

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

5. Approval of an Agreement with CivicPlus

Recommended Action:

Approve a three-year agreement with CivicPlus for the CivicEngage, SeeClickFix, and Monsido services in an amount not to exceed \$195,920.75;

Amend the FY 2024/25 Operating Budget to establish appropriation using Unassigned Fund Balance from the Information Service Fund;

Authorize exemption from bidding requirements; and

Authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement with CivicPlus and approve amendments, during its term, not to exceed \$75,000.

6. Amending the Comprehensive Pay Schedule for Fiscal Year 2024/25

Recommended Action:

Adopt Resolution No. 24-4800 entitled: *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Murrieta, California, Amending and Restating the Comprehensive Pay Schedule for Fiscal Year 2024/25.*

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7. Acceptance of a Digital Literacy Workshop Incentive Grant for the LibraryRecommended Action:

Approve acceptance of a Public Library Association 2024-25 Digital Literacy Workshop Incentive grant in the amount of \$10,000 for the Murrieta Public Library; and

Amend the Fiscal Year 2024/25 Operating Budget to establish a revenue and expenditure appropriation for \$10,000.

8. Reallocation of American Rescue Protection Act Funds to CIP 10041Recommended Action:

Approve reallocating \$8,000 of American Rescue Protection Act (ARPA) funds from CIP No. 50116, the Los Alamos Hills Water Distribution Project, and \$134,932, from CIP No. 22042, Citywide Pickleball Court Project, to CIP No. 10041, Town Square Park Amphitheater Parking Lot and Entryway Monument Project; and

Approve reallocating \$134,932 of Measure T funds from CIP No. 10041, Town Square Park Amphitheater and Entryway Monument Project to CIP No. 22042, Citywide Pickleball Court Project.

9. AB 1600 Annual Report of the Development Impact Fees for the Fiscal Year ended 2023/24Recommended Action:

Receive and File the AB 1600 Annual Report of the Development Impact Fees for the Fiscal Year ended 2023/24.

10. Amendment No. 1 to the Chandler Asset Management AgreementRecommended Action:

Approve a one-year extension of the Agreement with Chandler Asset Management for Investment Management and Advisory Services, extending the Agreement until December 31, 2025;

Amend the Fiscal Year 2024/25 Operating Budget to establish an appropriation of \$5,500 to supplement the existing budget; and

Authorize the City Manager to execute the First Amendment to the Agreement.

11. Match Commitment Letter for Federal Emergency Management Agency Hazard Mitigation Grant ProgramRecommended Action:

Authorize the City Manager to sign the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Match Commitment Letter subject to City Attorney's final approval; and

Approve the appropriation of General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance for the local match twenty-five percent requirement for the Federal Emergency Management Agency Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Post Fire for the Murrieta Hot Springs Channel Project in the amount of \$238,605.99.

12. Accept DOJ funding through the COPS Technology and Equipment Program**Recommended Action:**

Approve the acceptance of Department of Justice Grant Award Number 15JCOPS-24-GG-02076-TECP;

Authorize the City Manager to modify the LDV Custom Specialty Vehicles contract, if needed, up to 10% and not to exceed \$167,844.63; and

Amend the Fiscal Year 2024/25 Operating Budget by establishing an appropriation in a special revenue fund and amend Capital Improvement Plan Budget up to 10% or \$167,844.63.

13. 2023 Citywide Slurry Seal Project (CIP No. 13048) Water District Reimbursement Agreements**Recommended Action:**

Approve Reimbursement Agreements with Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD), Western Municipal Water District (WMWD), Rancho California Water District (RCWD), and Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District (EVMWD);

Amend the Fiscal Year 2024/25 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Budget to include a revenue and expenditure appropriation of \$104,764 into CIP No. 13048; and

Authorize the Mayor to execute the four individual Reimbursement Agreements with each respective water district.

14. Approval of Purchase Orders for On-Call Engineering Plan Check Services with Michael Baker International, Inc., HR Green Pacific Inc.; Anser Advisory Management, LLC; and Rick Engineering Company**Recommended Action:**

Amend the Fiscal Year 2024/25 Operating Budget by appropriating \$148,642, from the General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance and \$50,000, from the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Fund Balance; and

Approve and authorize the City Manager to execute the purchase orders on behalf of the City, as described in the fiscal impact statement.

15. Summary Vacation of an Easement for Public Right-of-Way Purposes for a Portion of Lot 1 of Parcel Map 8590**Recommended Action:**

Adopt Resolution No. 24-4801 entitled: *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Murrieta, California to Order the Summary Vacation of an Easement for Public Right-of-Way Purposes Pursuant to California Streets and Highways Code Sections 8300 et seq.*

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PULLED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

4. 2025 City Council Meeting Schedule

Council Member Holliday spoke on the proposed City Council meeting schedule. Acting City Manager Justin Clifton was available to answer questions.

Public Comments: None

Action: After discussion, it was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Warren, seconded by Council Member Levell to adopt the 2025 City Council Meeting Schedule with the amendment to hold the July 15th meeting.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

DISCUSSION

17. Revised Proposed Resolution and Discussion of Other Actions Opposing the State of California Interfering with the City’s Land Use Authority

Item No. 17 was heard before Item No. 16

Staff report provided by Mayor Stone.

Public Comments:

Sara Halvorson Spoke on State leadership concerns regarding local control.
Saha:

Brandy Meeker: Spoke in favor of the resolution.

Action: It was moved by Mayor Stone, seconded by Council Member Levell to adopt proposed Resolution No. 24-4799, drafted by Mayor Stone, and revised by staff at the direction of the City Council entitled: *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Murrieta, California, Opposing the State of California Interfering with the City’s Land Use Authority* with the following amendments:

- Revise the recitals to change Murrieta references to “City”; and
- Revise section 4 language to be broader as approved by the City Attorney.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

REORGANIZATION

16. Certification of the November 5, 2024, General Municipal Election Results

Staff report and PowerPoint presentation provided by City Clerk Cristal McDonald.

Public Comments:

Craig Harlan (with donated time from Cheryl Harlan): Spoke on the experience with development in the City and in support of Mayor Pro Tem Warren as Mayor.

Mick Herod: Spoke in support of Mayor Pro Tem Warren as Mayor.

Tricia Haderlie: Spoke in support of Mayor Pro Tem Warren as Mayor.

Tom Beamish: Spoke in support of Mayor Pro Tem Warren as Mayor.

Action: It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Warren, seconded by Council Member DeForest to adopt Resolution No. 24-4802 entitled: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Murrieta, California, Reciting the Fact of the General Municipal Election Held on November 5, 2024, Declaring the Results of the Election and Reciting Such Other Matters, as Provided by Law.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: DeForest, Levell, Holliday, Warren, Stone

Noes: None

Oath of Office and Presentation of Certificates of Election to Newly Elected City Council Members

City Clerk Cristal McDonald presented Lisa DeForest with the certificate of election and issued the oath of office.

City Clerk Cristal McDonald presented Lori Stone with the certificate of election and Judge Jason Stone issued the oath of office.

Privilege of the Floor Extended to Incoming City Council Members

Council Member Stone and Council Member DeForest provided their remarks.

Selection of Presiding Officers

City Clerk McDonald provided instructions on the process for the selection of presiding officers and deemed all council members on an equal basis.

City Clerk McDonald opened the floor for nominations.

Council Member Holliday nominated Council Member Warren for Mayor.

Council Member Warren accepted the nomination.

Action: It was moved by Council Member Holliday, seconded by Council Member DeForest to close nominations for Mayor.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Holliday, Levell, Warren, Stone, DeForest

Noes: None

Action: It was moved by Council Member Holliday, seconded by Council Member DeForest to appoint Council Member Warren as Mayor.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Holliday, Levell, Warren, Stone, DeForest

Noes: None

City Clerk McDonald, per Mayor's request, presided over the selection of Mayor Pro Tem and reiterated the selection process as previously done for the selection for Mayor.

Mayor Warren nominated Council Member Levell as Mayor Pro Tem.

Council Member Levell accepted the nomination.

Action: It was moved by Council Member Holliday, seconded by Mayor Warren to close nominations for Mayor Pro Tem.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Holliday, Levell, Warren, Stone, DeForest

Noes: None

Action: It was moved by Council Member Stone, seconded by Council Member DeForest to appoint Council Member Levell as Mayor Pro Tem.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Holliday, Levell, Warren, Stone, DeForest

Noes: None

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Privilege of the Floor Extended to Outgoing Mayor

Council Member Stone provided her remarks.

Privilege of the Floor Extended to Incoming Mayor

Mayor Warren provided her remarks.

RECONSIDERATION None

GOVERNING BODY ANNOUNCEMENTS

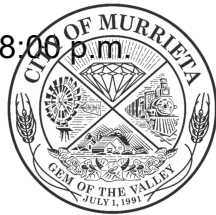
Council Member Holliday, Council Member Stone, Mayor Pro Tem Levell, and Mayor Warren, provided their Governing Body Announcements to be made part of the City's record.

COUNCIL MEMBER REQUESTS TO ADD OR WITHDRAW ITEMS TO FUTURE AGENDAS

Council Member Stone: Requested a Resolution to combat antisemitism.

Consensus was received.

ADJOURNMENT 8:00 p.m.



Cristal McDonald, City Clerk