

RESOLUTION NO. 26-4912

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MURRIETA, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING THAT EMERGENCY CONDITIONS PERSIST IN CONNECTION WITH THE HAYES AVENUE BRIDGE AT MILLER CANYON CREEK

WHEREAS, after strong winter storms, on February 6, 2025, City of Murrieta (“City”) staff encountered a pothole in the deck of the Hayes Avenue Bridge crossing Miller Canyon Creek located generally between Ivy Street and B Street (“Bridge”), requiring the City to close the Bridge until further evaluation could be completed; and

WHEREAS, on February 11, 2025, a contractor retained by the City conducted a structural evaluation of the Bridge and determined that the Bridge is structurally deficient for fire truck access and needs to be replaced. This unexpected occurrence, which has not yet been remedied, poses a clear and imminent danger requiring immediate action to allow the City to continue providing fire truck access to all of its residents, which is an essential public service, and the closure of the Bridge constitutes an “emergency” as defined in Public Contract Code § 1102; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Public Contract Code §§ 20168 and 22050, contracts for emergency expenditures may be approved by the adoption, by a four-fifths vote, of a resolution declaring that the public interest and necessity demand the immediate expenditure of public money to safeguard life, health, or property such that the City is authorized to procure the necessary equipment, services, and supplies for those purposes, without giving notice for bids to let contracts; and

WHEREAS, the unexpected occurrence poses City desires to use the process authorized by Public Contract Code § 22050 to immediately investigate and replace the Bridge; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2025, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 25-4816 by a 5-0 vote to authorize investigations and emergency repair work to the Bridge pursuant to California Public Contract Code Sections 1102, 20168, and 22050; and

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 25-4847, declaring that Emergency Conditions persist in connection with the Hayes Avenue Bridge at Miller Canyon Creek; and

WHEREAS, on July 1, 2025, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 25-4863, declaring that Emergency Conditions persist, appropriating funding, and approving the execution of a contract for reconstruction of the Hayes Avenue Bridge at Miller Canyon Creek; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has subsequently declared that Emergency Conditions persist as follows:

on August 19, 2025, with the adoption of Resolution No. 25-4882

on October 7, 2025, with the adoption of Resolution No. 25-4891

on December 2, 2025, with the adoption of Resolution No. 25-4899; and

WHEREAS, the ongoing structural deficiency continues to constitute an “emergency” as that term is defined in Public Contract Code § 1102; and

WHEREAS, this item will be reviewed until the repair work has been completed, to ensure that the need to continue the emergency action continues to exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MURRIETA, CALIFORNIA DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The recitals above are true and correct and incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 2. The City Council finds that the facts set forth above constitute facts demonstrating that an emergency condition exists, has not abated, and that such emergency condition does not permit the delays which would result from a competitive solicitation for bids. The City Council further finds that the immediate replacement of the Bridge is necessary to respond to the emergency conditions.

Section 3. The City Engineer shall cause a report on the status of the emergency circumstances to be agendized at a City Council meeting every sixty days until either the City Council finds that the repair work has been completed or that the emergency conditions have ceased to be present.

Section 4. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 3rd day of March, 2026.

Jon Levell, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cristal McDonald, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Tiffany J. Israel, City Attorney

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE)§
CITY OF MURRIETA)

I, Cristal McDonald, City Clerk of the City of Murrieta, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 26-4912 was duly passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Murrieta at the regular meeting thereof, held on the 3rd day of March, 2026, and was signed by the Mayor of the said City, and that the same was passed and adopted by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Cristal McDonald, City Clerk