

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



**Tuesday, December 3, 2024  
4:00 PM CLOSED SESSION  
6:00 PM REGULAR MEETING**

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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**

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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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**4:00 PM CLOSED SESSION**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS - CLOSED SESSION ITEMS ONLY**

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

**CLOSED SESSION**

**CS1.** Conference with Real Property Negotiators

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 located at the Northwest Corner of Linnel Lane and Whitewood Road, Murrieta, Riverside County, CA, APN: 392-290-048 with KNE Real Estate. The City's real property negotiators, the City Manager, the Assistant City Manager, Economic Development Director and the City Attorney will seek direction from the City Council regarding the price and terms of this property.

**CS2** Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation

The City Council will conduct a closed session, pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(4), because the City is considering whether to initiate litigation in 1 case.

**CS3.** Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation

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

**RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION**

**6:00 PM REGULAR MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTION**

**ROLL CALL**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**INVOCATION**

**PRESENTATIONS**

Public Comments: At this time any person may speak on any presentation item. Each speaker will be limited to three minutes.

Proclamation: Police Chief Anthony Conrad Retirement

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA****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.

Santa Stops: Brian Ambrose, Community Services Director

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

Governing Body CCB Reports is the opportunity for the City Council to provide a brief report on conferences, seminars, and Commission, Committees, and/or Boards meeting attendance. Reports shall not exceed three minutes. The City Clerk will use the computerized timer.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS (NON-AGENDA)**

At this time any person may address the governing bodies on any subject pertaining to City business, which does not relate to any item listed on the printed agenda. Normally no action may be considered or taken by the governing bodies on any matter not listed on the agenda. Each speaker will be limited to three minutes.

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

All matters listed on the Consent Calendar are to be considered routine by the governing bodies, and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed. There will be no discussion of these items unless, before the governing body votes on the motion to adopt, specific items are removed from the Consent Calendar for separate motions.

**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 November 19, 2024, Regular City Council Meeting.

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3. Check Register October 2024

Recommended Action:

Adopt Resolution No. 24-4796 entitled: *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Murrieta, California, Ratifying the Check Register for the Month of October 2024* in the amount of \$4,183,253.20 (Check Numbers 161746-162197).

4. Agreement with VertiGIS for GIS Software Services

Recommended Action:

Approve an Agreement with VertiGIS for Geographic Information System (GIS) Software Services;

Authorize the Exemption from Bidding requirements; and

Authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement with VertiGIS and all future agreements and amendments related to this contract, not to exceed the City Manager's Signing Authority.

5. Approval of Second Amendment with The Alchemy Group, Inc. for Federal Legislative Advocacy and Fourth Amendment with Townsend Public Affairs, Inc. for Grant Writing and Legislative Advocacy

Recommended Action:

Approve the Second Amendment to the Agreement with The Alchemy Group, Inc. for an amount not-to-exceed \$60,000 for federal legislative advocacy services for an additional year;

Approve the Fourth Amendment to the Agreement with Townsend Public Affairs, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$126,000 for grant writing and legislative advocacy services;

Authorize the City Manager to execute the amendments in a form approved by the City Attorney; and

Amend the Fiscal Year 2024/25 Operating Budget to establish an appropriation of \$65,500 in 1101600-60480 from the General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance.

6. Approve the Murrieta Public Library Strategic Plan 2024

Recommended Action:

Approve the Murrieta Public Library Strategic Plan 2024.

7. Murrieta Housing Authority SB 341 Annual Report for FY 2023/24 and Finding of Exemption from CEQA

Recommended Action:

Receive and file the Murrieta Housing Authority SB 341 Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2023/24;

Direct staff to file the document with the State Department of Housing and Community Development and place it on the City's website; and

Find that the action is not a "project" as defined in California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15378.

**8. Annual Adoption of the Investment Policy for Fiscal Year 2024/25**Recommended Action:

Adopt Resolution No. 24-4797 entitled: *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Murrieta, California, Adopting the Fiscal Year 2024/25 Investment Policy.*

**9. Approve the Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule and Administrative Budget for Fiscal Year 2025/26**Recommended Action:

Adopt Resolution No. RSA 24-33 entitled: *A Resolution of the Successor Agency to the Murrieta Redevelopment Agency Approving a Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule for the Period from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, Approving the Successor Agency's Proposed Administrative Budget for Fiscal Year 2025/26, and Authorizing Posting and Transmittal Thereof.*

**10. Fiscal Year 2024 Wildfire Prevention Grant Award**Recommended Action:

Adopt Resolution No. 24-4798 entitled: *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Murrieta, California, Authorizing Acceptance of Grant Funds in the Amount Of \$2,653,344.00 From the State of California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection and Authorizing the City Manager and Their Designee to Execute the Agreement on Behalf of the City;*

Approve the Agreement with the State of California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection for participation in the Wildfire Protection Grant Program; and

Authorize the City Manager to amend the Fiscal Year 2024/25 Operating Budget to allocate and appropriate the grant funds for \$2,653,344.

**11. Award a Painting Contract for the City of Murrieta CIP No. 21016 to Mariscal Painting**Recommended Action:

Award a painting contract to Mariscal Painting in the amount of \$78,500, for the exterior painting of the City of Murrieta Police Station, Capital Improvement Project (CIP) No. 21016;

Authorize a 15% contingency of \$11,775; and

Authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement and change orders not to exceed 15% of the total contract amount.

**PULLED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS**

**DISCUSSION**

12. Fiscal Year 2023/24 Year End Report and Approve Appropriations for Carryover of Unspent Amounts from FY 2023/24 to FY 2024/25

Recommended Action:

Accept this report;

Amend the Fiscal Year 2024/25 Operating Budget to include the Fiscal Year 2023/24 Carryover Budget; and

Amend the Fiscal Year 2024/25 Operating Budget to include an Appropriation of \$230,305.37, as described in the fiscal impact statement.

13. Citywide Traffic Congestion

Recommended Action:

During the September 3, 2024, City Council meeting, with the City Council's consensus, Mayor Stone requested a discussion concerning traffic congestion and a potential solution for mitigation. Mayor Stone will present and provide an opportunity for City Council discussion.

14. Proposed Resolution and Discussion of other Actions Opposing the State of California Interfering with the City's Land Use Authority

Recommended Action:

Review, discuss, and consider the adoption of proposed Resolution No. 24-4799, drafted by Mayor Stone, 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*; and

Discuss and consider providing staff with additional direction on actions intended to address the State's interference with City Land Use Authority.

**NOTIFICATIONS**

Notice of Pending Approval of Final Tract Map - TR 34439

**RECONSIDERATION****GOVERNING BODY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Governing Body Announcements is the opportunity for the City Council to provide miscellaneous reports and announcements. Announcements shall not exceed two minutes. The City Clerk will use the computerized timer.

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