

City Council

June 4, 2024

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



**Tuesday, June 4, 2024
3:45 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**

**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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4:15 PM CLOSED SESSION

CALL TO ORDER 4:16 p.m

ROLL CALL

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

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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 - 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 one case.
- CS2. Conference with Labor Negotiators
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 (1) the Murrieta General Employees' Association; and (2) the Murrieta Supervisors' Association.
- CS3. Public Employee Performance Evaluation and Compensation
The City Council will hold a closed session with the City's personnel officer, the city manager, pursuant to Government Code Sections 54957 and 54957.6(a), to conduct an employee performance evaluation of the City Manager and to discuss the salary, compensation and fringe benefits provided to the City Manager.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION 4:18 p.m.

6:00 PM REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER 6:05 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTION

City Attorney Tiffany Israel: City Council unanimously authorized the initiation of litigation against the property owner located at 39610 Medina Court. No reportable action on Closed Session Item Nos. CS2 and CS3.

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 Deputy City Clerk Kimberly Ramirez

INVOCATION Pastor Lyndon Parsons – Murrieta Springs Seventh Day Adventist Christian Church

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PRESENTATIONS

Proclamation - Retirement, Jennifer Metoyer - Police Officer

Presentation - Care Solace

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Action: It was moved by Council Member DeForest, seconded by Council Member Holliday to approve the Agenda for June 4, 2024 with the following change:

Council Member Holliday requested to take the agenda out of order to hear Item No. 17 before Item Nos. 15 and 16, due to public interest.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

CITY MANAGER - ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

Assistant City Manager Kristen Crane introduced the following department updates/announcements:

- Fire Department: Water Watchers, Rachel Hollinger, Disaster Preparedness Coordinator
- Community Services: Pool Update, Brian Ambrose, Community Services Director
- Community Update: Cristina Davies, Public Information Officer

GOVERNING BODY COMMISSION/COMMITTEE/BOARD (CCB) REPORTS

Council Member DeForest: Provided attendance/reported the following:
• Western Regional Council of Governments

Council Member Holliday: Provided attendance/reported the following:
• Code Enforcement Ad-Hoc Committee
• Regional Conservation Authority
• Western Regional Council of Governments

Mayor Pro Tem Warren: Provided attendance/reported the following:
• Riverside County Transportation Commission
• Southwest Riverside County Elected Leaders Collaborative
• Riverside Transit Agency

Mayor Stone: Provided attendance/reported the following:
• Southern California Association of Governments
• Southwest Riverside County Elected Leaders Collaborative
• Legislative Workgroup

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PUBLIC COMMENTS (NON-AGENDA)

Faye Wons: Spoke on concerns about the high level of development in the City and its effect on public services.

Laverne Davis: Spoke on public safety concerns and requested a reassessment of her previous application for a traffic signal and a traffic study.

Alexandra Peterson: Spoke on safety concerns at Valley Vista Park due to the increase in dogs without leashes and recent attacks.

Aimee Edgeworth: Provided handouts and spoke on how The Pearl Center for Creative Arts Train Project can benefit the city.
(Elena Medo donated time)

CONSENT CALENDAR - APPROVAL OF ITEMS 1 – 14

City Clerk Cristal McDonald noted for the record that Item No.12, after the agenda was finalized, the buyer requested minor changes to the purchase and sale agreement; staff requested City Council incorporate the authorization for the City Manager to sign amendments.

Action: It was moved by Council Member DeForest, seconded by Council Member Holliday to approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 1-14 with the following change:

- ***Item No. 12 – Approve as amended to incorporate the authorization for the City Manager to sign amendments and revisions to Resolution No. 24-4743.***

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 May 7, 2024 City Council Regular Meeting.

3. Check Register April 2024

Recommended Action:

Adopt Resolution No. 24-4741 entitled: *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Murrieta, California, Ratifying the Check Register for the Month of April 2024* in the amount of \$4,089,700.66 (Check Numbers 159154-159598).

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4. Monthly Investment Transaction Report for April 2024

Recommended Action:

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

5. Agreement with DeepSeas LLC for Managed Detection and Response Services

Recommended Action:

Approve a one-year agreement with DeepSeas, LLC for Cyber Security Managed Detection and Response Services in the amount of \$57,600; and

Authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement and all other future documents and amendments related to this agreement, not to exceed the City Manager's signing authority.

6. First Amendment to the Agreement Western Audio Visual

Recommended Action:

Amend the current agreement with Western Audio Visual for audio-visual support services for \$42,645 for an additional three years with a total contract amount not to exceed \$56,860.86.

Ratify the payment approval in the amount of \$14,215.86 for year one of service from June 1, 2024, to May 31, 2025; and

Authorize the City Manager to execute the amendment and all related documents.

7. Agreement with Ingram Library Services, LLC for Collection Development Support Services

Recommended Action:

Approve a revised two-year Agreement with Ingram Library Services LLC, for Collection Development Services, in the amount not to exceed \$40,000 per fiscal year; and

Authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement with one optional two-year extension.

8. California State Library EmPOWERing Access Project

Recommended Action:

Accept an award from the California State Library EmPOWERing Access Project for one ADA-accessible privacy booth and ten solar charging devices; and

Authorize the City Manager to execute any grant award documents from the California State Library for the privacy booth and solar charging devices.

9. Acceptance of U.S. Dept of Energy EECBG Program Voucher

Recommended Action:

Authorize the City Manager to accept a program voucher from the U.S. Department of Energy for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program Equipment Rebate Voucher in the amount of \$157,040 for EV charging stations at various city locations; and

Amend the Fiscal Year 2024/25 Operating and Capital Improvement Budgets associated with this grant award.

10. Approval of the Gann Appropriations Limit for Fiscal Year 2024/25

Recommended Action:

Adopt Resolution No. 24-4742, entitled: *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Murrieta, California, Approving the Gann Appropriations Limit for Fiscal Year 2024/25.*

11. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 603-24 Adopting the Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Fee Schedule

Recommended Action:

Conduct the second reading and adopt Ordinance No. 603-24 entitled: *An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Murrieta, California, Adopting the Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Fee Schedule;* and

Find that said actions are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), as this Ordinance is exempt from CEQA under Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines, which provides that CEQA only applies to projects that have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment whereas here, it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question would have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA.

12. Sale of City-Owned Real Property Located at the Corner of Walsh Center Drive and Sparkman Drive to GS Parks at Murrieta, LLC for \$30,100

Amended to incorporate the authorization for the City Manager to sign amendments and revisions to Resolution No. 24-4743.

Recommended Action:

Adopt Resolution No. 24-4743 entitled: *Resolution of the City Council of the City of Murrieta, California, Approving the Sale of A Portion of City-Owned Real Property Located at the Intersection of Walsh Center Drive and Sparkman Drive, Murrieta, CA (APN: 910-031-006) to GS Parks at Murrieta, LLC, For \$30,100;*

Authorize the City Manager to direct and execute all related escrow, closing, grant deed, and similar documents necessary to finalize the sale of the Property; and

Amend the Fiscal Year 2023/24 Operating Budget to appropriate budget for the sale of land and escrow expenses, unless escrow closes after June 30, 2024, then amend the Fiscal Year 2024/25 Operating Budget.

13. Notice of Completion for the City of Murrieta Police Department Administrative Office Improvements Project, CIP 21035

Recommended Action:

Accept the Improvements for the City of Murrieta Police Department Administrative Office Improvements Project, CIP No. 21035, as complete; and

Direct the City Clerk to record a Notice of Completion and release bonds in accordance with State law and city ordinances.

14. Local Street Projects for the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017

Recommended Action:

Adopt Resolution No. 24-4744, entitled: *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Murrieta, California, Approving the Fiscal Year 2024/25 Project List for the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 to the California Transportation Commission.*

PULLED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS None

DISCUSSION

17. Accept Donations for and Review the 2023 Santa Stops Program and Discuss Plans for 2024

Staff report and PowerPoint presentation provided by Community Services Director Brian Ambrose and Parks Recreation Manager Lea Kolek. Assistant City Manager Kristen Crane was available to answer questions from the City Council.

Public Comments:

- Joanie Wdowiak: Spoke in support of the Santa Stops program and shared a video of the 2023 Santa Stops event.
- Patty Macias: Spoke in support of the Santa Stops event and on volunteer opportunities.
- Kaley Johnson: Spoke in support of the Santa Stops program.
- Cathy Bearse: Spoke in support of the Santa Stops program.
- Chris Wdowiak: Spoke in support of the Santa Stops program.
- Linda Spahr: Spoke in support of the Santa Stops program.
- Tera Reyst: Spoke in support of the Santa Stops program.
- Kathryn Elliott: Spoke in support of the Santa Stops program.
- Kassen Klein: Spoke in support of the Santa Stops program, and inquired of Christmas events comparison costs.

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

Accept donations from three entities, totaling \$13,500, for the 2023 Santa Stops Program;

Review the activities of the 2023 Santa Stops Program; and

City Council provided staff with the following direction:

- Make Santa Stops an annual ongoing event
- Initial budget of \$70,000
- Select Council Member Holliday as the representative to work with the Santa Stops Volunteer Group Committee.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Mayor Stone called for a recess at 8:09 p.m. and reconvened at 8:16 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

15. Consideration of the Fiscal Year 2024/25 Capital Improvement Plan Budget and Approve the Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Years 2024/25 to 2028/29

Staff report and PowerPoint presentation provided by Financial Analyst R.N. Mendoza, and Finance Manager Jennifer Terry. City Engineer Jeff Hitch, and Senior Program Manager Brian Crawford were available to answer questions from the City Council pertaining to their specific department's projects.

The public hearing was opened at 8:46 p.m.

Public Testimony:
None

The public hearing was closed at 8:46 p.m.

Action: It was moved by Council Member Holliday, seconded by Council Member DeForest to:

Adopt Joint Resolution No. 24-4745 et al. entitled: A Joint Resolution of the City Council of the City of Murrieta and the Boards of Directors of the Murrieta Library District, Murrieta Community Services District, Murrieta Fire District, and the Successor Agency for the Murrieta Redevelopment Agency, Approving the Capital Improvement Plan Budget for Fiscal Years 2024/25, Approving the Fiscal Years 2024/25 to 2028/29 Capital Improvement Plan, Authorizing the Operating Transfers for Various Funds; Authorizing the Use of Unassigned Fund Balances and Committed Fund Balances.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

16. Proposed User Fees for Town Square Park and Amphitheater

Staff report and PowerPoint presentation provided by Management Analyst Crystal Aurora. Community Services Director Brian Ambrose was available to answer questions from the City Council.

The public hearing was opened at 9:02 p.m.

Public Testimony:

None

The public hearing was closed at 9:02 p.m.

Action: It was moved by Council Member DeForest, seconded by Council Member Holliday to:

Conduct a Public Hearing, waive full reading, and introduce Ordinance No. 604-24 entitled: *An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Murrieta, California, Adopting the Town Square Park, and Amphitheater User Fees*; and

Find that said actions are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), as this Ordinance is exempt from CEQA under Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines, which provides that CEQA only applies to projects that have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment whereas here, it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question would have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

DISCUSSION

18. Conduct a First Reading of an Ordinance to Amend the Murrieta Municipal Code regarding Electronic Bikes, Scooters, and Skateboards (E-Conveyances)

Police Chief Anthony Conrad and Police Traffic Sergeant Steve Whiddon were available to answer questions from the City Council.

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Action: It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Warren, seconded by Council Member DeForest to:

Introduce for a first reading Ordinance No. 605-24 entitled: *An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Murrieta, California, amending Title 10 of the Murrieta Municipal Code relating to bicycles, electric bicycles, scooters and skateboards, and passenger loading and unloading of vehicles and adoption of exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).*

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

19. Approve the Fiscal Year 2024/25 Preliminary Operating Budget for the Murrieta Fire District

Staff report and PowerPoint presentation provided by Finance Manager Jennifer Terry.

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

Approve the Fiscal Year 2024/25 Preliminary Operating Budget for the Murrieta Fire District; and

Set June 18, 2024, as the date of the Public Hearing for final budget adoption.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

GOVERNING BODY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Member DeForest, Council Member Levell, Council Member Holliday and Mayor Pro Tem 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 DeForest: None

Council Member Levell: Requested a discussion on the purpose and benefits of CalCities, on or after July 2, 2024.

Consensus received.

Council Member Holliday: None

Mayor Pro Tem Warren: None

Mayor Stone: None

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ADJOURNMENT 9:23 p.m.

Mayor Stone adjourned the meeting in memoriam of Joan Padberg.



Cristal McDonald, City Clerk