

**VALLEJO CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 10, 2024**

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS
555 Santa Clara Street, Vallejo, California**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Vice Mayor Loera-Diaz, Councilmembers Arriola, Matulac, Palmares, and Verder-Aliga

Absent: Mayor McConnell and Councilmember Bregenzer

Staff present: City Manager Murray, City Attorney Nebb and City Clerk Abrahamson

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Nebb reported the following:

- Council provided direction to its legal counsel regarding Closed Session Item 3A.
- Council provided direction to staff regarding Closed Session Item 3B.
- Closed Session Items 3C, 3D and 3E were continued to a future date. No action was taken.

5. PRESENTATIONS AND COMMENDATIONS

Action: *proclamations were presented by Councilmembers Matulac and Arriola.*

A. **PRESENTATION OF A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING PUBLIC SCHOOLS MONTH - SEPTEMBER 2024**

B. **PRESENTATION OF A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING CONSTITUTION WEEK - SEPTEMBER 17-23, 2024**

6. FIRST COMMUNITY FORUM

Speakers: Guillermo Pelayo, Daniel Boone, Leo Kalihas (Solano Hispanic Chamber of Commerce), and Richard Hybels.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

Speakers: Daniel Boone (Item 8G).

8. CONSENT CALENDAR AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Action: *moved by Councilmember Verder-Aliga and carried unanimously by members present, unless otherwise noted, approval of the Agenda and the Consent Calendar with the removal of Item 8G making it Item 8.1 (Absent: McConnell & Bregenzer).*

A. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Recommendation: Approve minutes for the special meetings of August 5, 2024

Contact: Dawn G. Abrahamson, MMC, City Clerk (707) 648-4527

Dawn.Abrahamson@cityofvallejo.net

Action: *approved minutes.*

B. WAIVE FULL READING AND AUTHORIZING INTRODUCTIONS AND/OR ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES BY TITLE ONLY

Recommendation: Waive reading and authorize introductions and/or adoption of any and all ordinances on this agenda, if any, by title only. This is a standard procedural action so the City Council does not have to read an ordinance in its entirety.

Contact: Dawn G. Abrahamson, MMC, City Clerk (707) 648-4527

Dawn.Abrahamson@cityofvallejo.net

Action: *waived reading and authorized introductions and/or adoption of any and all ordinances on this agenda, if any, by title only. This is a standard procedural action so the City Council does not have to read an ordinance in its entirety.*

C. CITY TREASURER'S INVESTMENT REPORT

Recommendation:

Accept the City Treasurer's Investment Report for the quarter ended June 30, 2024.

Contact: Rekha Nayar, Finance Director, (707) 648-4592

Rekha.Nayar@cityofvallejo.net

Action: *accepted Treasurer's Investment Report for quarter ended June 30, 2024.*

D. ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY'S RESPONSE TO THE 2023-2024 GRAND JURY REPORT ENTITLED "SOLANO COUNTY CANINE OFFICER TRAINING, HANDLING & END OF CAREER POLICIES", AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE SAME AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO FORWARD THE RESPONSE TO THE PRESIDING JUDGE OF THE SOLANO COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT AND THE FOREPERSON OF THE SOLANO COUNTY GRAND JURY

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution approving the Vallejo Police Department's response to the 2023-2024 Solano County Grand Jury Report entitled "Solano County Canine Officer Training, Handling & End of Career Policies" and authorize the City Clerk to forward said response to the Presiding Judge of the Solano County Superior Court and Foreperson of the Solano County Grand Jury.

Contact: Jason Ta, Interim Police Chief
(707) 648-4540, Jason.ta@cityofvallejo.net

Action: *adopted Resolution No. 24-134 N.C.*

E. ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY'S RESPONSE TO THE 2023-24 GRAND JURY REPORT ENTITLED: "HAZARDOUS WORK ENVIRONMENT FOR VALLEJO'S 911 OPERATORS" AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO FORWARD THE RESPONSE TO THE PRESIDING JUDGE OF THE SOLANO COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT AND THE FOREPERSON OF THE SOLANO COUNTY CIVIL GRAND JURY

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution approving and authorizing the City's Response to the 2023-2024 Grand Jury Report entitled "Hazardous Work

Environment for Vallejo's 911 Operators" and authorizing the City Clerk to forward the Response to the Presiding Judge of the Solano County Superior Court and Foreperson of the Solano County Civil Grand Jury.

Contact: Melissa Tigbao, P.E., Public Works Director (707) 648-4433

melissa.tigbao@cityofvallejo.net

Action: adopted Resolution No. 24-135 N.C.

- F. **ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING A SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH JON K. TAKATA CORPORATION DBA RESTORATION MANAGEMENT COMPANY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$191,424.05 FOR WORK TO REMEDIATE THE FIRE DAMAGE TO CITY HALL AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAME**

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution approving a service agreement with Jon K. Takata Corporation dba Restoration Management Company in the amount of \$191,424.05 for work to remediate the fire damage at City Hall and authorizing the City Manager to execute same.

Contact: Melissa Tigbao, P.E., Public Works Director (707) 648-4433

Melissa.Tigbao@cityofvallejo.net

Action: adopted Resolution No. 24-136 N.C.

- G. **ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING A FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH CALIFORNIA MARINE DIESEL, INC. FOR INSPECTION AND REPAIR WORK OF THE MARE ISLAND CAUSEWAY BRIDGE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$250,000 AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAME**

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution approving a First Amendment to the Service Agreement with California Marine Diesel, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 for inspection and repair work of the Mare Island Causeway Bridge in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 and authorizing the City Manager to execute same.

Contact: Melissa Tigbao, P.E., Public Works Director (707) 648-4433

Melissa.Tigbao@cityofvallejo.net

Action: item was removed from the Consent Calendar at the request of Councilmember Palmares.

Public Works Tigbao provided an overview of the staff report and outlined the recommendation.

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers.

Action: moved by Councilmember Verder-Aliga and carried unanimously by members present to adopt Resolution No. 24-137 N.C. (Absent: McConnell & Bregenzer).

- H. **ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING A SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE CONSULTANT AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH MUNICIPAL RESOURCE GROUP LLC TO INCREASE COMPENSATION TO A NEW NOT TO EXCEED OF \$260,000 AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAME**

Recommendation: Adopt the resolution approving a Second Amendment to the Consultant and Professional Services Agreement with Municipal Resources Group, LLC., to add an additional \$100,000 to the Agreement, for a new not-to-exceed total of \$260,000 and authorize the City Manager to execute same.

Contact: Andrew Murray, City Manager (707) 648-4576

Andrew.Murray@cityofvallejo.net

Action: adopted Resolution No. 24-138 N.C.

- I. **ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING A GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF VALLEJO AND FIRST 5 SOLANO (COUNTY OF SOLANO) TO PROVIDE \$610,000 IN FUNDING FOR THE FIRST 5 SOLANO CENTER IN VALLEJO AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAME**

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution approving a Grant Agreement between the City and First 5 Solano (Solano County) to provide \$610,000 in funding for the First 5 Solano Center in Vallejo, and authorizing the City Manager to execute same.

Contact: Andrew Murray, City Manager (707) 648-4576

Andrew.Murray@cityofvallejo.net

Action: adopted Resolution No. 24-139 N.C.

- J. **ADOPT A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALLEJO APPROVING EIGHT PURCHASE AGREEMENTS FOR WATER TREATMENT CHEMICAL SUPPLIES FOR A COMBINED TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED OF \$1,726,518.36 AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE SAME**

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution of the City Council of the City of Vallejo approving eight purchase agreements for water treatment chemical supplies for a combined total not to exceed of \$1,726,518.36 and authorizing the City Manager to execute the same.

Contact: Beth Schoenberger, Water Director

Beth.Schoenberger@cityofvallejo.net

Action: adopted Resolution No. 24-140 N.C.

- K. **ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2024 STATE WATER PROJECT WATER TRANSFER LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING FOR THE SALE OF EXCESS UNTREATED WATER SUPPLY AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN A LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING ON BEHALF OF THE CITY AND PROVIDE NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND THE WATER ENTERPRISE FUND BUDGET ACCORDINGLY.**

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution approving the 2024 State Water Project Water Transfer Letter of Understanding for the sale of excess untreated water supply and authorizing the City Manager to sign a letter of understanding on behalf of the City and provide notice of intent to amend the water enterprise fund budget accordingly.

Contact: Beth Schoenberger, Water Director (707) 648-5439

Beth.Schoenberger@cityofvallejo.net

Action: adopted Resolution No. 24-141 N.C.

9. ACTION CALENDAR

A. **DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION ON COUNCIL REFERRALS**

Recommendation: Discuss the current list of City Council referrals and provide direction to staff on next steps. There are four referrals for which staff owes the City Council scopes. Staff recommends that staff present scopes for these at a Council meeting in October. There are eighteen referrals that City Council has not yet provided any direction on. Staff recommends that the City Council review these referrals, decide which to have staff create scopes for, and have staff present those scopes at a City Council meeting in November.

Contact: Andrew Murray, City Manager (707) 648-4576

Andrew/Murray@cityofvallejo.net

City Manager Murray provided background information, reviewed the status of current referrals by category (completed, currently approved for implementation and awaiting completion, currently directed for scoping and awaiting scope from staff, and those pending Council decision on whether to direct staff to scope), discussed the recommendation, and outlined next steps.

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers. Councilmembers provided comment and direction to staff on the four referrals awaiting scopes from staff.

Action: *Moved by Councilmember Verder-Aliga and carried unanimously by members present to direct staff to return to Council with scopes for the following four referrals: (1) Create council ad-hoc committee for purposes of reviewing the City Charter; (2) Create council ad-hoc committee for purposes of revising VMC Chapter 2.02 related to Council Meetings/Rules/Meeting Procedures; (3) establish a 2-person council ad-hoc subcommittee on collaborative reform efforts related to VPD; and (4) consideration of increasing fines, penalties, impoundment rules and other deterrents related to Sideshow activities (Absent: McConnell & Bregenzer).*

An additional question and answer period followed with Councilmembers providing comment and direction to staff on the 18 referrals awaiting Council direction on scoping to move forward.

Action: *moved by Councilmember Verder-Aliga and carried unanimously by members present to direct staff to move forward with scopes for those referrals discussed and agreed to this evening on the list as maintained by the City Manager and City Attorney (Absent: McConnell and Bregenzer).*

B. **CONSIDERATION OF AND FINDING TO CONTINUE THE STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY STAFFING AND UPDATE ON ACTIONS TAKEN TO DATE**

Recommendation: Receive the update and confirm the continued existence of the conditions leading to the declaration of a state of local emergency.

Contact: Jason Ta, Interim Chief of Police (707) 648-4540

jason.ta@cityofvallejo.net

Interim Police Chief Ta reviewed the VPD sworn staff count, adjustments for lower staffing, projected staffing and police assistant staffing, shared current

staffing numbers, and concluded the presentation discussing options being explored to supplement officers.

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers. Councilmembers provided comment.

Action: *moved by Councilmember Verder-Aliga and carried unanimously by members present to receive the update and confirmed the continued existence of the conditions leading to the declaration of a state and local emergency (Absent: McConnell & Bregenzer).*

C. **ADOPT RESOLUTIONS: (1) APPROVING A SUCCESSOR MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF VALLEJO AND THE CONFIDENTIAL, ADMINISTRATIVE, MANAGERIAL, AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION OF VALLEJO (CAMP); AND (2) PROVIDING NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND THE FY 2024-2025 BUDGET AND APPROVE A SALARY PLAN AMENDMENT (STEP 1)**

Recommendation: Adopt resolutions: 1) Approving a Successor Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Vallejo and the Confidential, Administrative, Managerial, and Professional Association of Vallejo (CAMP), and (2) providing notice of intent to amend the City's Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Adopted Budget and amend the Salary Plan.

Contact: Stephanie Sifuentes, Human Resources Director (707) 649-4852
stephanie.sifuentes@cityofvallejo.net

Human Resources Director Sifuentes provided an overview of the key terms of the MOU and outlined the recommendation.

Action: *moved by Councilmember Verder-Aliga and carried unanimously by members present to adopted 1) Resolution No. 24-142 N.C. with an administrative correction to the MOU to correct a typographical error in Section 7.1.1.1 from the spelled out seventy five percent to eighty percent the City will pay of the Kaiser Bay Area (North) rate and 2) Resolution No. 24-143 N.C. (Absent: McConnell & Bregenzer).*

D. **ADOPT RESOLUTIONS: (1) REVISING THE UNREPRESENTED EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION, LEAVE, AND BENEFITS; AND (2) PROVIDING NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND THE FY 2024-2025 BUDGET AND APPROVE A SALARY PLAN AMENDMENT (STEP 1)**

Recommendation: Adopt resolutions: 1) Revising the Unrepresented Executive Management Employee Compensation, Leave, and Benefits, and (2) providing notice of intent to amend the City's Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Adopted Budget and amend the Salary Plan.

Contact: Stephanie Sifuentes, Human Resources Director (707) 649-4852
stephanie.sifuentes@cityofvallejo.net

Human Resources Director Sifuentes provided an overview of the terms of the compensation, leave and benefits package and outlined the recommendation.

Action: moved by Councilmember Verder-Aliga and carried unanimously by members present to 1) adopt Resolution No. 24-144 N.C. as amended to mirror the terms of the CAMP MOU to include an additional Cost of Living Adjustment effective on the 1st pay period after July 1, 2025 of 5% and 2) Resolution No.24-145 N.C. (Absent: McConnell & Bregenzer).

10. INFORMATION CALENDAR – None.

11. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

City Manager Murray announced the City will be sponsoring a Free Dumpster Day on September 28 and reported staff will be bringing an Unhoused Strategic Plan to Council in October.

12. CITY ATTORNEY’S REPORT

City Attorney Nebb reported the City Attorney’s Office kicked off a Court Program with MIT Academy.

13. COMMUNITY FORUM

Speakers: None.

14. REPORT OF THE PRESIDING OFFICER AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Councilmembers reported on various meetings and community events attended.

15. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

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ROBERT H. MCCONNELL

ROBERT H. MCCONNELL, MAYOR

ATTEST:

DocuSigned by:

Dawn G. Abrahamson

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CITY CLERK