

**VALLEJO CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 8, 2024**

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

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

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

**Absent:** Mayor McConnell

**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.
- Closed Session Item 3B was not heard and will be continued to the next meeting.
- No action to report regarding Closed Session Item 3C.
- Council provided direction to its real property negotiators regarding Closed Session Item 3D.

**5. PRESENTATIONS AND COMMENDATIONS**

**Action:** *presentations were made by Councilmembers Palmares and Verder-Aliga.*

A. **PRESENTATION OF A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LOMA VISTA FARMS**

B. **PRESENTATION OF A PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION OF FILIPPINO AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH - OCTOBER 2024**

**6. FIRST COMMUNITY FORUM**

**Speakers:** Robert Sandoval, John Kenny, Sophia Sandoval, Josette L., and Sam Houston.

**7. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS**

**Speakers:** None.

8. **CONSENT CALENDAR AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Action:** *moved by Councilmember Bregenzer and carried unanimously by members present to adopt the Agenda and approve Consent Calendar (Absent: McConnell).*

A. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Recommendation:** Approve minutes for the special meeting of September 17 and the special and regular meetings of September 24, 2024

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**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.

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**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. **ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING FOUR PURCHASE AGREEMENTS FOR PROCUREMENT OF WATER SYSTEM PRODUCTS (PARTS AND SUPPLIES) FOR A COMBINED NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$1,250,000 FOR THE CITY OF VALLEJO WATER DEPARTMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAME**

**Recommendation:**

Adopt a resolution of the City Council of the City of Vallejo approving four purchase agreements (with Core & Main, Ferguson, Pace, and Underground Republic Water Works, Inc.) for procurement of water system parts and supplies for a combined not-to-exceed amount of \$1,250,000 for the City of Vallejo Water Department and authorizing the City Manager to execute the same.

Contact: Beth Schoenberger, Water Director

[Beth.Schoenberger@cityofvallejo.net](mailto:Beth.Schoenberger@cityofvallejo.net)

**Action:** *adopted Resolution No. 24-155 N.C.*

D. **ISSUE A PROCLAMATION DECLARING OCTOBER 2024 AS CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS MONTH**

**Recommendation:** Authorize the Vallejo City Council to approve a proclamation

declaring October 2024, as Cybersecurity Awareness Month.

Contact: Erik Rzomp, Executive Assistant to Mayor McConnell, (707) 648-4377  
[Erik.Rzomp@cityofvallejo.net](mailto:Erik.Rzomp@cityofvallejo.net)

**Action:** authorized the Vallejo City Council to approve a proclamation declaring October 2024, as Cybersecurity Awareness Month.

E. **ADOPT A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CAPITAL GRANT AND CONTRIBUTION FUND #221 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$164,850 TO RECOGNIZE THE ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION BLOCK GRANT (EECBG) PROGRAM VOUCHER FUNDS (STEP 2)**

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution amending the budget to accept the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant formula voucher to be applied to energy efficiency projects in the City of Vallejo.

Contact: Andrew Murray, City Manager (707) 648-4576  
[Andrew.Murray@cityofvallejo.net](mailto:Andrew.Murray@cityofvallejo.net)

**Action:** adopted Resolution No. 24-156 N.C.

F. **ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING A SIDE LETTER AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF VALLEJO AND THE INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS, LOCAL 1245 AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE SAME**

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution approving a Side Letter Agreement between the City of Vallejo and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 1245 and authorize the City Manager to execute the same.

Contact: Stephanie Sifuentes, Human Resources Director (707) 649-4852  
[Stephanie\\_sifuentes@cityofvallejo.net](mailto:Stephanie_sifuentes@cityofvallejo.net)

**Action:** adopted Resolution No. 24-157 N.C.

## 9. ACTION CALENDAR

A. **APPROVE A RESOLUTION MAKING APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS CITY BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES**

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution making the following appointments:

- Beautification Commission - 1 vacancy
- Design Review Board - 2 vacancies
- Housing & Community Development Commission - 2 vacancies
- McCune Collection Commission - 1 vacancy
- PBSC - 3 members and 3 alternate vacancies
- Planning Commission - 1 vacancy

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The City Council went through an applicant nomination process for appointments to the Planning Commission. All other appointments were made

by acclimation.

**Action:** Moved by Councilmember Bregenzer and carried unanimously by members present to adopt Resolution No. 24-158 N.C, a resolution making the following appointments (Absent: McConnell):

BC: Angela-Sharee Taylor for a term to expire 6/30/28

DRB: Matt Kennedy and Daniel Gordon for terms to expire 6/30/28

HCDC: Lawanda Smith for a term to expire 6/30/28

MCC: Paul Perry for a term to expire 6/30/28

PBSC: Guillermo Herrera as a member for a term to expire 6/30/25

PC: Craig Standafer for a term to expire 6/30/25

**B. INTRODUCTION OF AN UNCODIFIED ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND APPROVING VALLEJO POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICY 706, MILITARY EQUIPMENT USE POLICY, IN COMPLIANCE WITH CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 481 (AB 481), BY READING OF THE TITLE ONLY AND WAIVING FURTHER READING**

**Recommendation:**

Considering introduction of an uncoded Ordinance adopting and approving Vallejo Police Department Policy 706, Military Equipment Use Policy, in compliance with California Assembly Bill No. 481 (AB 481), by reading of the title only and waiving further reading. It is further recommended that the City Council approve the Military Equipment Use Policy (Attachment 1) for the Vallejo Police Department (VPD). This policy addresses the VPD's funding, acquisition, and use of military equipment as required by Assembly Bill (AB) 481.

Contact:

Jason Ta, Interim Chief of Police

[Jason.ta@cityofvallejo.net](mailto:Jason.ta@cityofvallejo.net)

Captain Ramrakha and Lieutenants Bower, Huff and Tie defined AB 481, provided an overview of VPD's equipment inventory, discussed weapons confiscated after an arrest by the Police Department, reviewed actions taken by the department to meet the requirements of AB 48, and concluded the presentation listing the reasons for the equipment.

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers. Councilmembers provided comment.

**Action:** moved by Councilmember Bregenzer and carried unanimously by members present to introduce an uncoded Ordinance adopting and approving Vallejo Police Department Policy 706, Military Equipment Use Policy, in compliance with California Assembly Bill No. 481 (AB 481), by reading of the title only and waiving further reading, and approve the Military Equipment Use Policy (Attachment 1) for the Vallejo Police Department (VPD). This policy addresses the VPD's funding, acquisition, and use of

*military equipment as required by Assembly Bill (AB) 481 (Absent: McConnell).*

**10. INFORMATION CALENDAR**

**A. RECEIVE A REPORT REGARDING THE SPECIAL EVENT SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM GRANTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-25**

Recommendation: Receive a report regarding the Special Event Sponsorship Program Grants for Fiscal Year 2024-25

Contact: Shelee Loughmiller, Community and Volunteer Coordinator (707) 648-8616

[shelee.loughmiller@cityofvallejo.net](mailto:shelee.loughmiller@cityofvallejo.net)

Community & Volunteer Coordinator Loughmiller provided the focus of special events and provided an overview of the 2024-25 grant application process, and highlighted the grants awarded by organization.

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers. Councilmembers provided comment.

**11. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT – None.**

**12. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

City Attorney Nebb provided an update on the status of the Tobacco Retail License ordinance which will return to the Council at their November 19 meeting with options.

**13. COMMUNITY FORUM**  
**Speakers:** None.

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

Councilmembers reported on various community events and meetings attended.

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:42 p.m.

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ROBERT H. MCCONNELL

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