

**VALLEJO CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 22, 2024**

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None

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 Council provided direction to legal counsel regarding Closed Session Item 3A.

5. PRESENTATIONS AND COMMENDATIONS

Action: *a video was shown introducing new employees, Youth Services Coordinator Grace Barksdale introduced the Youth Delegation and Councilmember Arriola read and presented the proclamation.*

A. INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES

B. INTRODUCTION OF CITY OF VALLEJO/VALLEJO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT YOUTH DELEGATION FOR THE NLC CITY SUMMIT CONFERENCE

C. PRESENTATION OF A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF TOASTMASTERS

6. FIRST COMMUNITY FORUM

Speakers: Bianca Rubio, John Kenney, Jackie Jones, Paul Williams, HelenMarie Gordon, and Robert Toepfer.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

Speakers: Jose Elumba (Item 8J), Warlito Moises, Delphine Foster, Nestor Aliga, and Kattie Cox (Item 8I)

8. CONSENT CALENDAR AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Action: *moved by Vice Mayor Loera-Diaz and carried unanimously, unless otherwise*

noted, approval of the Agenda and the Consent Calendar with the removal of Item 8R making it Item 8.1 and bifurcating the recommended action into two separate motions.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Recommendation: Approve minutes for the special meeting of October 7 and the special and regular meetings of October 8, 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

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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. PAYMENT OF CLAIMS: AUGUST 2024

Recommendation: Ratify the payment of claims for the period of August 1, 2024, through August 31, 2024.

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

Rekha.Nayar@cityofvallejo.net

Action: ratified payments of claims for period of August 1-31, 2024.

D. ACCEPT THE REDWOOD STREET ROAD DIET BETWEEN BROADWAY AND TUOLUMNE STREET PROJECT (PROJECT NO. PW9731) PERFORMED BY VSS INTERNATIONAL, INC., AS COMPLETE, AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY CLERK TO FILE A NOTICE OF COMPLETION WITH THE SOLANO COUNTY RECORDER'S OFFICE

Recommendation: Accept the Redwood Street Road Diet Project Between Broadway and Tuolumne Street Project (Project No. PW9731) performed by VSS International, Inc. as complete, and authorize the City Clerk to file a Notice of Completion with the Solano County Recorder's Office.

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

Melissa.Tigbao@cityofvallejo.net

Action: accepted Redwood Street Road Diet Project Between Broadway and Tuolumne Street Project (Project No. PW9731) performed by VSS International, Inc. as complete, and authorized the City Clerk to file a Notice of Completion with the Solano County Recorder's Office.

E. ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA STATE PARKS DIVISION OF BOATING AND WATERWAYS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,000, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAME, AND GIVING NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND THE

FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 MARINA FUND BUDGET TO RECEIVE AND EXPEND THE GRANT REVENUE (STEP 1)

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution approving a grant agreement with the California State Parks Division of Boating and Waterways in the amount of \$100,000 and authorizing the City Manager to execute same, and giving notice of intent to amend the fiscal year 2024-25 Marina Fund Budget to receive and expend the grant revenue (Step 1).

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

Melissa.Tigbao@cityofvallejo.net

Action: adopted Resolution No. 24-159 N.C.

F. ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING A TELECOMMUNICATIONS LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL, ACTING BY AND THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES, FOR A PORTION OF 2100 ASCOT PARKWAY (APN: 0082-010-010) AFTER FINDING THE PROJECT EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO CEQA GUIDELINES SECTION 15301, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAME

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution approving a lease agreement with the California Highway Patrol, acting by and through the Department of General Services, for a portion of 2100 Ascot Parkway (APN: 0082-010-010) after finding the action exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, and authorizing the City Manager to execute same.

Contact: Melissa Tigbao, P.E., Public Works Director

Melissa.Tigbao@cityofvallejo.net

Action: adopted Resolution No. 24-160 N.C.

G. ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING A SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE CONSULTANT AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH BOB HALL AND ASSOCIATES REVISING THE TERM AND INCREASING THE COMPENSATION TO A NEW NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$110,000, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE SECOND AMENDMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution approving a Second Amendment to the Consultant and Professional Services Agreement with Bob Hall and Associates to extend the term to June 30, 2025, and to add \$15,500 to the Agreement, for a total not to exceed amount of \$110,000, and authorize the City Manager to execute same.

Contact: Stephanie Sifuentes, Human Resources Director, (707) 648-4363

stephanie.sifuentes@cityofvallejo.net

Action: adopted Resolution No. 24-161 N.C.

H. ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING A FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE NEOGOV ONLINE SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH GOVERNMENTJOBS.COM, INC. DBA (NEOGOV) SETTING TOTAL COMPENSATION GOING FORWARD TO A NEW NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$250,000 AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO

EXECUTE THE FIRST AMENDMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution approving a First Amendment to the NeoGov Online Services Agreement authorizing the City to spend \$250,000 going forward for software subscriptions to benefit the Human Resources Department.

Contact: Stephanie Sifuentes, Human Resources Director, (707) 648-4363
stephanie.sifuentes@cityofvallejo.net

Action: adopted Resolution No. 24-162 N.C.

I. ISSUE A PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION OF VETERANS DAY - NOVEMBER 11, 2024

Recommendation: Authorize the Vallejo City Council to approve a proclamation recognizing Veterans Day - November 11, 2024

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

Action: authorized the Vallejo City Council to approve a proclamation recognizing Veterans Day - November 11, 2024

J. ISSUE A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE 120TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE VALLEJO COUNCIL 874 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Recommendation: Authorize the Vallejo City Council to approve a proclamation recognizing the 120th Anniversary of the Vallejo Council 874 Knights of Columbus

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

Action: authorized the Vallejo City Council to approve a proclamation recognizing the 120th Anniversary of the Vallejo Council 874 Knights of Columbus

K. ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FINAL MAP OF WATERSTONE UNIT 2B FOR THE BORDONI RANCH PROJECT AFTER FINDING THE ACTION EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTION 21080(b)(1) AND CEQA GUIDELINES SECTION 15268(b)(3)

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution approving the Final Map of Waterstone Unit 2B after finding the action exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(1) AND CEQA Guidelines Section 15268(b)(3).

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

Action: adopted Resolution No. 24-163 N.C.

L. ADOPT A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING THE CITY'S AGREEMENT TO COMPLY WITH STATE HOUSING LAWS RELATING TO THE SURPLUS LAND ACT, ADUS AND JADUS, AND DENSITY BONUS LAW AND AFFIRMING THAT THE CITY IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH SAID HOUSING LAWS IN ACCORDANCE WITH METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR ONE BAY AREA GRANT 3 FUNDING ELIGIBILITY.

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution certifying the City's agreement to comply with state housing laws relating to the Surplus Land Act, ADUs and JADUs, and Density Bonus Law and affirming that the City is in compliance with said housing laws in accordance with Metropolitan Transportation Commission requirements for One Bay Area Grant 3 funding.

Contact: Kristin Pollot, AICP, Planning & Development Services Director, (707) 648-4326

Kristin.Pollot@cityofvallejo.net

Action: adopted Resolution No. 24-164 N.C.

M. **ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONSULTANT AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ALL-STAR TALENT, AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAME AND PROVIDE NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE EXPENDITURE OF \$219,400 (STEP 1 of 2)**

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution approving the Consultant and Professional Services Agreement with All-Star Talent, authorizing the City Manager to execute same and provide notice of intent to amend the City's Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Adopted Budget to appropriate \$219,400

Contact: Stephanie Sifuentes, Human Resources Director, (707) 648-4363

stephanie.sifuentes@cityofvallejo.net

Action: adopted Resolution No. 24-165 N.C.

N. **ADOPT A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING REIMBURSEMENTS TOTALING \$500,000 FROM THE COUNTY OF SOLANO'S ARPA GRANT REVENUE FOR FEASIBILITY STUDIES IN THE CITY WATER SYSTEM AND THE LAKES WATER SYSTEM AND PROVIDING NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 CAPITAL FUNDS BUDGET FOR THE CITY WATER SYSTEM AND THE LAKES WATER SYSTEM**

Recommendation:

1. Adopt a resolution accepting American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant reimbursements per the Interagency Contract Between the City of Vallejo and County of Solano for Water System Feasibility Studies.
2. As the first in a two-step process, provide notice of intent to amend the Fiscal Year 24-25 budget to recognize reimbursements in the amount of \$250,000 for the City Water System and \$250,000 for the Lakes System.

Contact: Beth Schoenberger, Water Director

Beth.Schoenberger@cityofvallejo.net

Action: 1) adopted Resolution No. 24-166 N.C. and 2) as the first in a two-step process, provided notice of intent to amend the Fiscal Year 24-25 budget to recognize reimbursements in the amount of \$250,000 for the City Water System and \$250,000 for the Lakes System

O. **ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE GRANTING OF AN EASEMENT DEED TO PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY (PG&E) ON CITY PROPERTY FOR THE INSTALLATION OF UNDERGROUND ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT THROUGH A PORTION OF APNS 0147-050-050 AND 0147-040-060) AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAME**

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution approving the granting of an easement to Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) for the installation of underground electrical transmission lines on City property at the Green Valley Water Treatment Plant (APNs 0147-050-050 and 0147-040-060); after finding the action exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and authorizing the City Manager to execute same.

Contact: Beth Schoenberger, Water Director

beth.schoenberger@cityofvallejo.net

Action: adopted Resolution No. 24-167 N.C.

P. **ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO MASTER LEGAL COUNSEL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH RENNE PUBLIC LAW GROUP AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO EXECUTE THE SAME**

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution approving the First Amendment to Master Legal Counsel Services Agreement with Renne Public Law Group and authorize the City Attorney to execute the agreement on behalf of the City.

Contact: Randy J. Risner, Assistant City Attorney

randy.risner@cityofvallejo.net

Action: adopted Resolution No. 24-168 N.C.

Q. **ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FIRST AMENDMENT OF THE CONSULTANT AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH RENNE PUBLIC LAW GROUP, LLP AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO EXECUTE THE SAME**

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution approving the First Amendment to the Consultant and Professional Services Agreement with Renne Public Law Group LLP and authorize the City Attorney to execute the agreement on behalf of the City.

Contact: Randy J. Risner, Chief Assistant City Attorney

Randy.Risner@cityofvallejo.net

Action: adopted Resolution No. 24-169 N.C.

R. **ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING NEW SALARY RANGES FOR THE ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER AND DEPUTY POLICE CHIEF CLASSIFICATIONS**

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution approving new salary ranges for the Assistant City Manager and Deputy Police Chief Classifications.

Contact: Stephanie Sifuentes, Human Resources Director (707) 649-4852

stephanie.sifuentes@cityofvallejo.net

Action: item was removed from the Consent Calendar

Councilmembers provided comment on the item prior to the adoption of the Agenda and the Consent Calendar.

Action: moved by Vice Mayor Loera-Diaz and carried to adopt Resolution No. 24-170 N.C., a resolution approving a new salary range for the Deputy Police Chief (Noes: Arriola)

Action: moved by Vice Mayor Loera-Diaz and carried to adopt Resolution No.

24-171 N.C., a resolution approving a new salary range for the Assistant City Manager (Noes: Arriola, Bregenzer, and Loera-Diaz)

S. **ADOPT AN UNCODIFIED ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND APPROVING VALLEJO POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICY 706, MILITARY EQUIPMENT POLICY, IN COMPLIANCE WITH CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 481 (AB 481)**

Recommendation: Adopt 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)

Contact: Jason Ta, Interim Chief of Police

Jason.Ta@cityofvallejo.net

Action: adopted Ordinance No. 1874 N.C. (2d)

9. **ACTION CALENDAR**

A. **ADOPT RESOLUTION MAKING APPOINTMENTS TO THE MEASURE P OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution making appointments for Districts 1, 3 and 6 and one at-large appointment to the Measure P Oversight Committee

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

Dawn.Abrahamson@cityofvallejo.net

Individual appointments were made by District 1, 3 and 6 councilmembers and Mayor McConnell.

Action: *moved by Vice Mayor Loera-Diaz and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 24-172 N.C., making the following appointments to the MPOC:*

Mayor McConnell (at-large appointments): Jackie Jones for a term to expire 10/10/26.

Councilmember Verder-Aliga (District 1 appointment): Kanat Tibet for a term to expire 10/10/26.

Vice Mayor Loera-Diaz (District 3 appointment): Regina Briseno for a term to expire 10/10/26.

Councilmember Arriola (District 6 appointment): Paula Marckesano-Jones for a term to expire 10/10/26.

B. **ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE CONSULTANT AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH E SOURCE (FORMERLY UTILIWORKS CONSULTING) FOR WATER CONSULTING SERVICES ON ADVANCED METERING INFRASTRUCTURE, INCREASING THE NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT TO \$1,773,066.00, EXTENDING THE TERM TO DECEMBER 31, 2026 AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE SECOND AMENDMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY**

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute the Second Amendment to the Consultant and Professional Services Agreement with E Source Companies, LLC ("E Source", formerly UtiliWorks

Consulting, LLC), for Advanced Metering Infrastructure consulting services, to increase the agreement by \$834,666 to a new not-to-exceed amount of \$1,773,066, extend the agreement to December 31, 2026, and amend the scope of work to include additional services to supplement staff capacity and expertise.

Contact: Beth Schoenberger, Water Director, (707) 648-5439
Beth.Schoenberger@cityofvallejo.net

Water Director Schoenberger provided a project overview, reviewed the project implementation goals, the details of the agreement, additional scope of services, and funding.

Action: *moved by Vice Mayor Loera-Diaz and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 24-173 N.C.*

C. DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION ON CITY COUNCIL REFERRALS

Recommendation: Receive the scopes of work that City staff developed for four City Council referrals and provide direction to staff on whether or not to implement the referrals.

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

City Manager Murray provided background information and reviewed the scopes for the 4 referral requests related to creation of an ad-hoc committee on City Charter, creation of an ad-hoc committee on Municipal Code 2.02 regarding Council meetings, creation of an ad-hoc committee on VPD collaborative reform effort, and sideshow deterrents and penalties.

Speakers: Anne Carr.

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers. Councilmembers provided comment and direction to staff to implement the four referrals in the following priority order: 1) consideration of increasing fines, penalties, impoundment rules and other deterrents related to sideshows; 2) establish 2 person Council ad-hoc committee on collaborative reform efforts related to the Vallejo Police Department; 3) Council ad-hoc committee to revise VMC Chapter 2.02 related to Council Meetings/Rules/Meeting Procedures; and 4) create Council ad-hoc committee for purposes of reviewing the City Charter.

The meeting recessed at 9:21 p.m. and reconvened at 9:30 p.m.

D. 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

Police Captain Knight 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.

Speakers: Anne Carr.

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers. Councilmembers provided comment.

Action: *moved by Vice Mayor Loera-Diaz and carried to receive the update and confirmed the continued existence of the conditions leading to the declaration of a state and local emergency (Noes: Bregenzer and Loera-Diaz).*

E. **ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GREEN EMPOWERMENT ZONE (GEZ) AND DESIGNATING A COUNCIL MEMBER AND AN ALTERNATE TO REPRESENT THE CITY ON THE GEZ GOVERNING BOARD FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM**

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council receive the presentation and adopt a resolution authorizing the City to participate in the Green Empowerment Zone and appoint a Council Member and an alternate to represent the City on the GEZ Governing Board for a two-year term.

Contact: Michael Nimon, Economic Development Director
(707) 648-4109

Michael.nimon@cityofvallejo.net

Economic Development Director Nimon provided an overview of the staff report and outlined the recommendation.

Speakers: Vince May

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers. Councilmembers provided comment.

Action: *moved by Vice Mayor Loera-Diaz and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 24-174 N.C. appointing Councilmember Palmares to represent the City on the GEZ Governing Board and Councilmember Matulac as the alternate.*

10. INFORMATION CALENDAR

A. **PROVIDE INFORMATION ON PROJECT NO. 9762 MARE ISLAND CAUSEWAY BRIDGE MAINTENANCE PROJECT**

Recommendation: This item is for informational purposes only. There is no staff report or action associated with this item

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

Melissa.Tigbao@cityofvallejo.net

Assistant Public Works Director/City Engineer Sequeira provided background information, shared the goals of the Program and funding, outlined the scope of work, and next steps.

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 Tobacco Retail License (TRL) ordinance that will be returning to Council at its November 19 regular meeting.

13. COMMUNITY FORUM

Speakers: Alex Matias and Anne Carr.

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 11:03 p.m.

DocuSigned by:

ROBERT H. MCCONNELL

ROBERT H. MCCONNELL, MAYOR

ATTEST:

DocuSigned by:

Dawn G. Abrahamson

DAWN G. ABRAHAMSON
CITY CLERK