

**VALLEJO CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
DECEMBER 17, 2024**

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

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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 there was no action taken on Closed Session Item 3A and Council concluded its deliberations on Closed Session Item 3B.

**5. PRESENTATIONS AND COMMENDATIONS**

**Action:** Councilmember Arriola read and presented the proclamation to Mario Saucedo on behalf of Mr. Malifrando. Youth Services Coordinator and the Vallejo Youth Delegation provided an overview of their participation at the National League of Cities Conference.

A. **PRESENTATION OF A PROCLAMATION HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF FRANK MALIFRANDO**

B. **VALLEJO YOUTH DELEGATION TO THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES CONFERENCE**

**6. FIRST COMMUNITY FORUM**

**Speakers:** David Beloff, Crystal Roca, Anna Bergman, and an unidentified member of the public.

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

**Speakers:** an unidentified member of the public (Consent Item 8B).

**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 8L

from the Consent Calendar making it Item 8.1.

**A. 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.*

**B. ADOPT AN ORDINANCE REPEALING SECTIONS 5.04.200 RELATING TO PEDDLERS AND SOLICITORS AND 8.40.100 RELATING TO PLACING OBJECTS ON STREETS - STOPS BY VENDORS SELLING MERCHANDISE OF THE VALLEJO MUNICIPAL CODE AND ADDING CHAPTER 5.02 "SIDEWALKS/RIGHT-OF-WAY/PATH VENDING, PEDDLERS AND SOLICITORS"**

Recommendation: Adopt an ordinance repealing Sections 5.04.200 relating to Peddlers and Solicitors and 8.40.100 relating to Peddlers and Solicitors and 8.40.100 relating to Placing Objects on Streets-Stops by Vendors Selling Merchandise of the Vallejo Municipal Code and adding Chapter 5.02 "Sidewalk/Right-of-Way/Path Vending, Peddlers and Solicitors"

Contact: Veronica A.F. Nebb, City Attorney (707) 648-4545

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**Action:** *adopted Ordinance No. 1876 N.C. (2d).*

**C. PAYMENT OF CLAIMS: OCTOBER 2024**

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

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

[Rekha.Nayar@cityofvallejo.net](mailto:Rekha.Nayar@cityofvallejo.net)

**Action:** *ratified payment of claims for period of October 1-31, 2024.*

**D. ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE TUOLUMNE STREET, GEORGIA STREET & CATALINA CIRCLE TIRE RUBBER MODIFIED SURFACE SEALER PROJECT, AND AWARDED A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$140,584 TO PAVEMENT COATINGS CO., AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAME**

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution approving the plans and specifications for the Tuolumne Street, Georgia Street, & Catalina Circle Tire Rubber Modified Surface Sealer Project and awarding a construction contract in the amount of \$140,584 to Pavement Coatings Co., and authorizing the City Manager to execute same.

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

[melissa.tigbao@cityofvallejo.net](mailto:melissa.tigbao@cityofvallejo.net)

**Action:** adopted Resolution No. 24-198 N.C.

- E. **ADOPT A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALLEJO AMENDING THE FY 2024-25 MARINA FUND BUDGET TO RECEIVE AND EXPEND THE GRANT REVENUE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,500,000 FROM THE CALIFORNIA NATURAL RESOURCE AGENCY (CNRA) (STEP 2)**  
Recommendation: Adopt a resolution amending the FY 2024-25 Marina Fund Budget to receive and expend the grant revenue in the amount of \$1,500,000 from the California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA). (Step 2)  
Contact: Melissa Tigbao, P.E., Public Works Director (707) 648-4085  
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Sidney Wilson, Administrative Analyst  
[sidney.wilson@cityofvallejo.net](mailto:sidney.wilson@cityofvallejo.net)  
**Action:** adopted Resolution No. 24-199 N.C.
- F. **ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING A SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH NEOGOV WITH A NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$487,129.25 AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAME ON BEHALF OF THE CITY**  
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution approving the Services Agreement with NeoGov for a not-to-exceed amount of \$487,129.25 for a HR Information System and Payroll component to benefit all City of Vallejo employees.  
Contact: Stephanie Sifuentes, Human Resources Director, (707) 648-4852  
[stephanie.sifuentes@cityofvallejo.net](mailto:stephanie.sifuentes@cityofvallejo.net)  
**Action:** adopted Resolution No. 24-200 N.C.
- G. **ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION RECEIVING AND FILING THE SB 165 ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY 2023-24**  
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution to receive and file the annual reports relating to special taxes levied in the City's Northeast Quadrant Improvement District No. 2003-01 and Hiddenbrooke Improvement District No. 1998-1 for fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.  
Contact: Rekha Nayar, Finance Director (707-648-4592)  
[Rekha.Nayar@cityofvallejo.net](mailto:Rekha.Nayar@cityofvallejo.net)  
**Action:** adopted Resolution No. 24-201 N.C.
- H. **ADOPT A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 NEIGHBORHOOD PARK FEE CAPITAL PROJECT FUND #137 BUDGET BY ALLOCATING \$240,000 OF UNAPPROPRIATED PARK IMPACT FEES TO REIMBURSE THE GREATER VALLEJO RECREATION DISTRICT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE TRAINING SWIMMING POOL AT THE CUNNINGHAM AQUATIC CENTER (STEP 2)**  
Recommendation: Adopt a resolution amending the fiscal year 2024-25 Neighborhood Park Fee Capital Project Fund #137 budget by allocating \$240,000 of unappropriated park impact fees to reimburse Greater Vallejo Recreation District for the construction of the Training Swimming Pool at the Cunningham Aquatic Center.

Contact: Kristin Pollot, AICP, Planning and Development Services Director

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Rekha Nayar, CPA, Finance Director

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**Action:** adopted Resolution No. 24-202 N.C.

- I. **ADOPT A RESOLUTION AMENDING FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500,000 TO RECOGNIZE REIMBURSEMENT REVENUE AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE COUNTY OF SOLANO'S ARPA GRANT REVENUE FOR FEASIBILITY STUDIES IN THE CITY WATER SYSTEM AND THE LAKES WATER SYSTEM (STEP 2)**

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution to amend the Water Enterprise Fund Fiscal Year 2024-25 adopted budget in the amount of \$500,000 to recognize revenue and appropriate expenditures from the County of Solano's ARPA grant revenue for feasibility studies in the City Water System (Project No. WT7127, Cache Main & Pump Station Rehab) and the Lakes Water System (WT7128, Lakes Water System Auxiliary Pump Supply).

Contact: Beth Schoenberger, Water Director

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

**Action:** adopted Resolution No. 24-203 N.C.

- J. **ADOPT A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALLEJO APPROVING THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE EQUIPMENT PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH AQUA-METRIC FOR WATER METER BOX LIDS, INCREASING THE NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT BY \$99,926.10 FOR SALES TAX AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE SAME**

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution of the City Council of the City of Vallejo approving the First Amendment to the Equipment Purchase Agreement with Aqua-Metric increasing the not-to-exceed amount by \$99,926.10 for sales tax and authorizing the City Manager to execute the same.

Contact: Beth Schoenberger, Water Director (707) 648-4307

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

**Action:** adopted Resolution No. 24-204 N.C.

- K. **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. 24-205 N.C.

- L. **ADOPT A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALLEJO APPROVING THE FOLLOWING AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**(CALTRANS): (A) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT 04-3016 PROVIDING FOR THE CITY'S \$126,000 CONTRIBUTION TO SR 29 IMPROVEMENTS; (B) CITY OF VALLEJO COVER AGREEMENT; (C) VALLEJO FIRST AMENDMENT TO FREEWAY MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT FOR THE FAIRGROUNDS DRIVE INTERCHANGE PROJECT; (D) EMERGENCY VEHICLE DETECTION MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT; (E) LAW ENFORCEMENT SURVEILLANCE SERVICES MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT; AND (F) AGREEMENT FOR SHARING COST OF STATE HIGHWAY ELECTRICAL FACILITIES, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAME.**

Recommendation: Adopt Resolution of the City Council of The City of Vallejo Approving the Following Agreements Between the City and the California Department of Transportation (CalTrans): (A) Cooperative Agreement 04-3016 providing for the City's \$126,000 Contribution to SR 29 Improvements; (B) City of Vallejo Cover Agreement; (C) Vallejo First Amendment to Freeway Maintenance Agreement for the Fairgrounds Drive Interchange Project; (D) Emergency Vehicle Detection Maintenance Agreement; (E) Law Enforcement Surveillance Services Maintenance Agreement; and (F) Agreement for Sharing Cost of State Highway Electrical Facilities, and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Same.

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**Action:** item was removed from the Consent Calendar.

*City Attorney Nebb outlined the revisions to Exhibit C as presented to Council in a revised version at the dais.*

**Action:** moved by Vice Mayor Loera-Diaz and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 24-206 N.C. with amendments to Exhibit C as presented to Council by the City Attorney. Amendments included correction of the Encroachment Permit Number in C and striking the paragraphs adding a new Article 9.

## **9. ACTION CALENDAR**

### **A. ADOPT A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CITY OF VALLEJO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC PLAN FOR 2024-2030**

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution adopting the City of Vallejo Economic Development Strategic Plan for 2024-2030.

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

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Economic Development Director Nimon provided introductory comments.

Dr. Eiler provided an overview, discussed phases and tasks-reminder of planning path, reviewed the strategy, philosophy, and goals and two cycles to 2030, shared data and key findings and considerations, and concluded the presentation with closing thoughts and recommendation.

Staff and Dr. Eiler responded to questions from Councilmembers.

**Speakers:** Jimmy Genn, Dennis Walton, Alex Matias, Helen-Marie Gordon, David Beloff, Anne Carr, and Chris Platzer.

Another question and answer period followed. Councilmembers provided comment.

**Action:** *moved by Vice Mayor Loera-Diaz and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 24-207 N.C. and directed staff to provide an update report to Council 2 times per year.*

The meeting recessed at 9:35 p.m. and reconvened at 9:45 p.m.

B. **ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE BLUE ROCK SPRINGS REDEVELOPMENT PARTICIPATION AND PERFORMANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF VALLEJO AND BLUE ROCK SPRINGS, LLC AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAME**

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution approving the Blue Rock Springs redevelopment Participation and Performance Agreement between the City of Vallejo and Blue Rock Springs, LLC and authorizing the City Manager to execute the same.

Contact: Gillian Haen, Assistant City Manager, (707) 648-4163

[Gillian.Haen@cityofvallejo.net](mailto:Gillian.Haen@cityofvallejo.net)

Assistant City Manager Haen shared renderings of the project, reviewed background and Council goals for the project RFQ, shared prior design considerations and challenges, summarized the Performance and Participation agreement terms, outlined key deal terms, milestones and to date information on the Performance Agreement including other terms, reviewed public outreach efforts and redline edits to the proposed agreement, and concluded the presentation with next steps and staff's recommendation.

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers.

**Speakers:** Jeb Elmore, Dennis Yen, Alex Matias, and Mark Stein.

Another question and answer period followed. Councilmembers provided comment.

**Action:** *moved by Vice Mayor Loera-Diaz and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 24-208 N.C. with edits to the proposed agreement as presented by staff and provided to Council at the dais.*

Councilmember Arriola left the meeting at 11:00 p.m.

C. **ADOPT A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF VALLEJO APPROVING A MASTER SERVICES AND PURCHASING AGREEMENT WITH AXON ENTERPRISE, INC. AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN THE SAME**

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute

the agreement between the City and Axon Enterprise, Inc. to provide body worn cameras, related hardware, conducted electrical weapons (Taser CEW), video management software system licensing (Evidence.com), and in-car cameras (Fleet 3) in an amount not to exceed \$2,293,030 for a term of five years.

Contact: Jason Ta, Interim Police Chief

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

Deputy Police Chief Knight provided introductory comments and a general overview of the staff report and recommendation.

**Speakers:** Dennis Yen.

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers. Councilmembers provided comment.

**Action:** *moved by Vice Mayor Loera-Diaz and carried unanimously by members present to adopt Resolution No. 24-209 N.C. (Absent: Arriola)*

**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

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Deputy Police Chief 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 by supplement officers.

**Speakers:** Anne Carr.

Councilmembers provided comment.

**Action:** *moved by Vice Mayor Loera-Diaz and carried unanimously by members present to receive the update and confirm the continued existence of the conditions leading to the declaration of a state of local emergency (Absent: Arriola).*

**10. INFORMATION CALENDAR – None.**

**11. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT**

City Manager Murray announced the closure of City Hall for the holidays: December 24-January 1, 2025.

**12. CITY ATTORNEY’S REPORT – None.**

**13. COMMUNITY FORUM**

**Speakers:** None.

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

Councilmembers provided an update on various meetings and community events attended.

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 p.m. to an adjourned regular meeting on December 30, 2024 at 5 p.m.

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*Robert McConnell*

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ROBERT H. MCCONNELL, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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