

**VALLEJO CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 28, 2025**

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:14 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Sorce, Vice Mayor Bregenzer, Councilmembers Gordon, Lediju, Matias, and Palmares

Absent: Councilmember Matulac

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 staff regarding Closed Session Item 3A.

5. PRESENTATIONS AND COMMENDATIONS – None.

6. FIRST COMMUNITY FORUM

Speakers: Cynthia Hopson, Paula Conley, Anne Carr, Susan Nichols, Sherianne Grimm, Daniel Boone, Patricia Hunter (NAACP), Latressa Wilson Alford, Deborah Dickson, Jason Labou, Louis Habte Michael, and Pamela H.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

Speakers: Daniel Boone (Item 8D).

8. CONSENT CALENDAR AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Action: *moved by Vice Mayor Bregenzer and carried unanimously by Councilmembers present, unless otherwise noted, approval of the Agenda and the Consent Calendar with the removal of Items 8D and 8E making them Items 8.1 and 8.2 respectively (Absent: Matulac).*

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Recommendation: Approve minutes from the special and regular meetings of January 14

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.

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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: NOVEMBER 2024

Recommendation: Ratify the payment of claims for the period of November 1, 2024, through November 30, 2024.

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

Rekha.Nayar@cityofvallejo.net

Action: *ratified the payment of claims for the period of November 1, 2024, through November 30, 2024.*

D. ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING A SECOND 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 \$600,000 AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAME

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution approving a Second 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 \$600,000 and authorizing the City Manager to execute same.

Contact: Melissa Tigbao, P.E., Public Work Director, 707-648-4433

Melissa.tigbao@cityofvallejo.net

Action: *item was removed from the Consent Calendar by Councilmember Palmares.*

Staff responded to questions from the speaker and Councilmembers.

Action: *moved by Vice Mayor Bregenzer and carried to adopt Resolution No. 25-006 N.C.(Noes-Palmares; Absent-Matulac).*

E. ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING A FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE ON-CALL CO-OP PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH UNITED RENTALS (NORTH AMERICA), INC., TO INCREASE THE NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT TO \$200,000 AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAME

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution approving a First Amendment to the On-Call Co-Op Purchase Agreement with United Rentals (North America), Inc., to increase the not-to-exceed amount to \$200,000 and authorize the City Manager to execute same.

Contact: Melissa Tigbao, Public Works Director, 707-648-4433

Melissa.tigbao@cityofvallejo.net

Action: *adopted Resolution No. 25-007 N.C.*

F. **SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH VALLEJO CONVENTION AND VISITOR'S BUREAU FOR MARKETING SERVICES FOR THE VALLEJO TOURISM BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (VTBID) AND RATIFYING PREVIOUS VTBID ASSESSMENT PAYMENTS**

Recommendation:

1. Authorize the City Manager to execute a new service agreement with Vallejo Convention and Visitor's Bureau (VCVB) for marketing services.
2. Request the City Council to ratify previous payments made to VCVB in the amount of \$1,101,771 from July 1, 2021, through September 30, 2024.

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

Gillian.Haen@cityofvallejo.net

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

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers. Councilmembers provided comment.

Action: *moved by Vice Mayor Bregenzer and carried unanimously by Councilmembers present, (1) adopted Resolution No. 25-008 N.C. and (2) ratified previous payments made to VCVB in the amount of \$1,101,771 from July 1, 2021 through September 30, 2024 (Absent-Matulac).*

9. **ACTION CALENDAR**

A. **FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 ADOPTED BUDGET SUMMARY, FIVE-YEAR FINANCIAL FORECAST AND CIP**

Recommendation:

Provide adopted budget summary for Fiscal Year 2024-25 , midyear update and five-year financial forecast.

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

Rekha.Nayar@cityofvallejo.net

Finance Director Nayar defined a budget and reviewed charter requirements and the budget process, provided an overview of the Citywide Budget, General Fund Revenues and Expenditures, and Measure P funds, and outlined the adopted budget all funds revenue and expenditures.

The meeting recessed at 8:54 p.m. and reconvened at 9:00 p.m.

Public Works Director Tigbao discussed the CIP's purpose, General Plan Conformance Requirement, and FY 24-25 CIP prioritization and funding.

Finance Director Nayar concluded the presentation by providing a five year projection and fund balance trends, and reviewed budget development and assumptions.

Speakers: Louis Habte Michael

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers. Councilmembers provided comment.

B. DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION TO STAFF ON THE PROCESS FOR INTERVIEWING AND SELECTING BOARD, COMMISSION, AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Recommendation: Following Council discussion, provide direction to staff regarding the process for interviewing and selecting board, commission and committee members.

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

Dawn.Abrahamson@cityofvallejo.net

Mayor Sorce explained the reason for adding this item to the agenda followed by a discussion with the Council.

Speakers: Chris Kelly

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers. Councilmembers provided comment.

Action: *by unanimous consensus of Councilmembers present, Mayor Sorce, City Clerk Abrahamson and Executive Assistant to the Mayor Rzomp will work on a proposal for a new applicant interview process and return to Council at a future meeting.*

10. INFORMATION CALENDAR

A. BROADWAY PROJECT MONTHLY UPDATE

Recommendation: Receive an update on the Broadway Project

Contact: Gillian Haen, Assistant City Manager

gillian.haen@cityofvallejo.net

Assistant City Manager Haen and Assistant to the City Manager Peterson provided an overview of the project, reviewed the timeline, project funding and an update on the funding, and outlined construction status.

Speakers: Sherianne Grimm

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers. Councilmembers provided comment.

11. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Murray informed Council the outstanding list of referral requests to add items to a meeting agenda will return to Council at their February 11 regular meeting.

12. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

City Attorney outlined her quarterly report and responded to questions from Councilmembers.

A. QUARTERLY REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025, SECOND QUARTER (OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2024)

Recommendation: This item is for informational purposes only. There is no action required.

Contact: Veronica A.F. Nebb, City Attorney
Veronica.Nebb@cityofvallejo.net

13. COMMUNITY FORUM

Speakers: None

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

Councilmembers provided reports on community events and meetings attended and shared future agenda item requests.

15. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:13 p.m.

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Andrea Sorce

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ANDREA SORCE, MAYOR

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Dawn G. Abrahamson

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DAWN G. ABRAHAMSON, CITY CLERK