

**VALLEJO CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 4, 2025**

**VALLEJO ROOM
LOWER LEVEL OF JFK LIBRARY
505 Santa Clara Street, Vallejo, California**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:38 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None

Staff present: City Manager Murray. City Attorney Nebb, City Clerk Abrahamson, and Police Chief Ta

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. ACTION CALENDAR

A. PUBLIC SAFETY WORKSHOP

Recommendation: Conduct a workshop on public safety, receive staff presentation and community input and provide direction on next steps

Contact: Andrew Murray, City Manager

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Jason Ta, Chief of Police

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Mayor Sorce provided the framework for the workshop and hopeful outcomes. Councilmembers provided comment.

City Manager Murray provided introductory comments.

Police Chief Ta provided a presentation covering the following topics:

- Overview of recent incidents
- Crime trends in the City over the past few years
- Current City programs to prevent and respond to crime
- Promising practices from other jurisdictions Vallejo could consider
- Victim and community support programs

Deputy Chief Knight New reviewed new programs under consideration and development (including status of CHP support, private security guards, and Sheriff)

Youth Services Coordinator Grace-Barksdale provided a holistic approach to youth and families safety and discussed crime prevention programs.

Following the presentations, Mayor Sorce framed the purpose and goal of the table break out groups. Councilmembers provided comment.

Small table working groups were formed to discuss the following issues:

- Public safety issues most concerned about/public safety priorities
- Ideas for improved public safety

Several spokespersons from the table working groups reported out priorities and ideas discussed.

Public Comment: Reverend Dion Carter, Jennifer S., Anne Carr, Sherianne Grimm, Sean Anderson (Advanced Peace), Paula Connolly, John Fox (President VCUSD), Ethan Hart, Steve S., Hong, Nathan Stout, Daniel Boone, Chris Kelly, Nancy Petrovsky, David Marsteller, Chris Quinn, Jamar Smith, and Supervisor Cassandra James.

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers. Councilmembers provided comment and direction to staff.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:52 p.m.

Signed by:

Andrea Sorce

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ANDREA SORCE, MAYOR

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