

**VALLEJO CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 11, 2025**

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:25 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

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Nebb reported the following:

- Closed Session Item 3A - Council did not discuss and it will be carried over to a future meeting.
- Closed Session Item 3B – No action was taken and Council will decide this evening when the item comes before them.
- Closed Session Item 3C – Council provided direction to staff.

5. PRESENTATIONS AND COMMENDATIONS

Action: Councilmember Gordon read and presented the proclamation and Youth Services Coordinator Grace-Barksdale introduced the Youth Delegation.

A. PRESENTATION OF A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING BLACK HISTORY MONTH - FEBRUARY 2025

B. INTRODUCTION OF VALLEJO YOUTH DELEGATION TO THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES CONGRESSIONAL CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON,DC.

6. FIRST COMMUNITY FORUM

Speakers: Daniel Boone, Lindsay Elam, Jaylen Graves, Marianne Butler (Solano Resource Conservation District), and Anne Carr.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

Speakers: None.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Action: moved by Vice Mayor Bregenzer and carried unanimously, unless otherwise noted, approval of the Agenda and the Consent Calendar.

A. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Recommendation: Approval of minutes from the special meeting of January 21 and the special and regular meetings of January 28, 2025

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. **CITY TREASURER'S QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT**

Recommendation:

Accept the City Treasurer's Investment Report for the quarter ended December 31, 2024.

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

Rekha.Nayar@cityofvallejo.net

Action: accepted City Treasurer's Investment Report for quarter ended December 31, 2024.

D. **ADOPT A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE FISCAL YEAR 2024 CONNECT AND PROTECT: LAW ENFORCEMENT BEHAVIORAL HEALTH RESPONSE PROGRAM GRANT AWARD, AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE THE AWARD PACKAGE AND PROVIDE NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$550,000**

Recommendation:

1. Adopt a Resolution accepting a United States Department of Justice ("US DOJ") Bureau of Justice Assistance ("BJA") Fiscal Year 2024 ("FY24") Connect and Protect: Law Enforcement Behavioral Health Response Program grant award totaling \$550,000 from the United States Office of Justice Programs.
2. Authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute the Award Package.

3. As the first in a two-step process, accept notice of intent to amend the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 BJA FY24 Connect and Protect: Law Enforcement Behavioral Health Response Program general fund budget to recognize revenue and appropriate expenditure in the amount of \$550,000.

Contact: Jason Ta, Chief of Police (707) 648-4540;

jason.ta@cityofvallejo.net

Action: (1) adopted Resolution No. 25-009 N.C., (2) authorized City Manager or his designee to execute the Award Package, and (3) as the first in a two-step process, accepted notice of intent to amend the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 BJA FY24 Connect and Protect: Law Enforcement Behavioral Health Response Program general fund budget to recognize revenue and appropriate expenditure in the amount of \$550,000.

9. ACTION CALENDAR

A. INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTERS 16.203-MIXED USE DISTRICTS, 16.204-COMMERCIAL DISTRICTS, 16.212-HILLSIDE DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS, 16.301-USE STANDARDS TABLE, 16.508-OFF-STREET PARKING AND LOADING, AND 16.701-LAND USE TERMS AND DEFINITIONS IN TITLE 16 OF THE VALLEJO MUNICIPAL CODE

Recommendation: Introduction of an Ordinance amending Chapters 16.203-Mixed Use Districts, 16.204-Commercial Districts, 16.212-Hillside Development Standards, 16.301-Use Standards Table, 16.508-Off-Street Parking and Loading, and 16.701-Land Use Terms and Definitions in Title 16 of the Vallejo Municipal Code.

Contact: Kristin Pollot, Community & Development Services Director (707) 648-4283

Kristin.Pollot@cityofvallejo.net

Planning & Development Services Director Pollot provided background information, outlined the proposed amendments, reviewed the Planning Commission recommendation, the environmental review and noticing requirements, outlined the recommendation, and concluded the presentation by outlining next steps.

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers.

Speakers: Anne Carr.

Another question and answer period followed. Councilmembers provided comment.

Action: moved by Vice Mayor Bregenzer and carried unanimously to introduce an Ordinance amending Chapters 16.203-Mixed Use Districts, 16.204-Commercial Districts, 16.212-Hillside Development Standards, 16.301-Use Standards Table, 16.508-Off-Street Parking and Loading, and 16.701-Land Use Terms and Definitions in Title 16 of the Vallejo Municipal Code.

B. ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONSULTANT AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH LANCE, SOLL & LUNGHARD, LLP FOR AUDITING AND COMPLIANCE SERVICES AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAME

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution approving a Professional Services Agreement with Lance, Soll & Lunghard, LLP ("LSL") for auditing and compliance services for the three-year period beginning Fiscal Year 2024-25, with an option of two 1-year extensions, for a total amount not to exceed \$765,000 for the entire five-year period and authorizing the City Manager to execute same.

Contact: Rekha Nayar, Finance Director, 707-648-4592
Rekha.Nayar@cityofvallejo.net

Finance Director Nayar provided an overview of the scope of financial and compliance audit contract, discussed the reason for a new contract, reviewed the RFP advertising process and proposals received, explained the reasons for the selection of the Consultant, and concluded the presentation outlining staff's recommendation.

Speakers: Paula Conley, Darrell Conley and Sherianne Grimm.

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers. Councilmembers provided comment,

Action: *moved by Vice Mayor Bregenzer and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 25-010 N.C. with the following changes: 1) Striking Section 3 "with an option for two-additional years for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$765,000 for the entire 5-year period" from the resolution and 2) striking the second paragraph under 16-Term of the contract and professional services agreement (City shall, at its discretion, have the right to extend the term of this Agreement, in intervals of 1 year by written notice to the consultant. The total duration of this agreement, including the exercise of any options under this section, shall not exceed 5 years).*

The meeting recessed at 9:14 p.m. and reconvened at 9:22 p.m.

C. NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 BUDGET, MID-YEAR (STEP 1 OF 2)

Recommendation: Provide notice of intent to amend the City's Fiscal Year 2024-25 Adopted Budget.

Contact: Rekha Nayar, Finance Director (707) 648-4592
Rekha.Nayar@CityofVallejo.net

Finance Director Nayar provided an overview of the General Fund and General Fund Revenue & Expenditures, reviewed Measure P funds, and discussed staffing changes.

Interim Fire Chief Gonzales provided a request for 3 additional firefighter/paramedics and context for the request.

Police Chief Ta provided a request for 4 Call Taker positions and provided context for the request.

Finance Director Nayar provided a General Fund Five Year Forecast (excluding Measure P) and outlined next steps.

Councilmember Palmares left the meeting at approximately 9:45 p.m.

Speakers: Daniel Boone and Anne Carr.

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers. Councilmembers provided comment.

Action: *Moved by Vice Mayor Bregenzer to provide notice of intent to amend the City’s Fiscal Year 2024-25 adopted budget to fund:*

- *all nondiscretionary items including half of the legal fees as follows:*

<i>Legal Fees</i>	<i>\$100,000</i>
<i>Solano County/Animal Shelter Services</i>	<i>520,000</i>
<i>VFWD Fee Increase & Under Budget</i>	<i>122,000</i>
<i>Annual Firefighter Physical Exam</i>	<i>85,000</i>
<i>NeoGov Software</i>	<i>47,000</i>
<i>Telecom Budget</i>	<i>22,000</i>
<i>Software Shortfall</i>	<i>173,000</i>
<i>Gas & Electricity – Police</i>	<i>80,000</i>
<i>AT&T Telephone services – Police</i>	<i>10,000</i>
<i>Security for City Hall & Vallejo Room</i>	<i>325,000</i>
<i>Janitorial & Cleaning</i>	<i>95,000</i>
<i>Gas & Electricity – Public Works</i>	<i>40,000</i>
<i>Farragut School Lease</i>	<i>69,000</i>
<i>Farragut Security</i>	<i>310,000</i>
<i>PD Building Lead & Asbestos Testing</i>	<i>20,000</i>
<i>Ferry Terminal Mobility HUB</i>	<i>60,000</i>
- *3 firefighter/Paramedic positions*
- *Risk assessment/Standards of Cover \$75,000 (with referral to the Measure P Oversight Committee for recommendation)*
- *Defer all others to another meeting*

An amendment to the main motion was offered by Councilmember Lediju, to provide notice of intent to amend the City’s Fiscal Year 2024-25 adopted budget to fund:

- *all nondiscretionary items including half of the legal fees as follows:*

<i>Legal Fees</i>	<i>\$100,000</i>
<i>Solano County/Animal Shelter Services</i>	<i>520,000</i>

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Ferry Terminal Mobility HUB	60,000

- 3 firefighter/Paramedic positions **with the caveat and the agreement that we will get a balanced budget next year and those positions will be funded in our regular budget**
- Risk assessment/Standards of Cover \$75,000 (with referral to the Measure P Oversight Committee for recommendation)
- Defer all others to another meeting

On a second amendment by Councilmember Matias, to provide notice of intent to amend the City's Fiscal Year 2024-25 adopted budget to fund:

- all nondiscretionary items including half of the legal fees as follows:

Legal Fees	\$100,000
Solano County/Animal Shelter Services	520,000
VFWD Fee Increase & Under Budget	122,000
Annual Firefighter Physical Exam	85,000
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Farragut School Lease	69,000
Farragut Security	310,000
PD Building Lead & Asbestos Testing	20,000
Ferry Terminal Mobility HUB	60,000
- 3 firefighter/Paramedic positions with the caveat and the agreement that we will get a balanced budget next year and those positions will be funded in our regular budget

- Risk assessment/Standards of Cover \$75,000 (with referral to the Measure P Oversight Committee for recommendation)
- Defer all others to another meeting
- **Include \$50,000 to fund for consultant services related to gun violence**

On a third amendment to the main motion by Councilmember Lediju, which carried, to provide notice of intent to amend the City's Fiscal Year 2024-25 adopted budget to fund:

- all nondiscretionary items including half of the legal fees as follows:

Legal Fees	\$100,000
Solano County/Animal Shelter Services	520,000
VFWD Fee Increase & Under Budget	122,000
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Ferry Terminal Mobility HUB	60,000
- 3 firefighter/Paramedic positions
- Risk assessment/Standards of Cover \$75,000 (with referral to the Measure P Oversight Committee for recommendation)
- Defer all others to another meeting
- Include \$50,000 to fund for consultant services related to gun violence
- **Include \$70,000 to fund performance management audit services**

This motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Sorce, Gordon, Lediju, Matias and Matulac

Noes: Bregenzer

Absent: Palmares

Action: Moved by Vice Mayor Bregenzer and carried unanimously by members present to approve funding for the Measure P items as recommended by the Measure P Oversight Committee (Protective Equipment and Thermal Imaging

Camera for Fire Department, Police Department Modular Dispatch Center, Intersection Improvement Project and the Bay Trail/Vine Trail maintenance and repair projects) with the exception of the Roadway paving restoration and renewal project as this item will come before the City Council at a future meeting (Absent: Palmares).

At the request of Council, the City Manager was directed to fund the 3 firefighter paramedic positions contingent upon presenting a balanced budget for FY 25/26 that will include these positions in the City's General Fund.

Action Calendar Item 9G was taken out of order and heard immediately following Action Calendar Item 9C. The minutes reflect the order in which items appeared on the meeting agenda.

D. DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION ON CITY COUNCIL 2025 GOAL SETTING PROCESS

Recommendation: Discuss options for the City Council 2025 goal setting process and provide direction to staff.

Contact: Andrew Murray, City Manager (707) 648-4576

Andrew.Murray@cityofvallejo.net

Action: *item was continued to the February 18 special council meeting.*

E. DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION ON CITY COUNCIL REFERRALS

Recommendation: Receive the scopes of work that City staff developed for sixteen City Council referrals and the list of referrals added since September 2024 and provide direction to staff on next steps.

Contact: Andrew Murray, City Manager (707) 648-4576

Andrew.Murray@cityofvallejo.net

Action: *item was continued to the February 18 special council meeting.*

F. REPEAL RESOLUTION NO. 25-005 N.C. AND ADOPT A NEW RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO AND APPROVING VARIOUS CHANGES TO COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES FOR 2025

Recommendation: Repeal Resolution No. 25-005 N.C. and adopt a new resolution consenting to and approving changes to various appointments to Commissions, Boards and Committees for 2025.

Contact: Dawn G. Abrahamson, City Clerk, (707) 648-4528

Dawn.abrahamson@cityofvallejo.net

Action: *item was continued to the February 18 special council meeting.*

G. **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, Chief of Police (707) 648-4540

jason.ta@cityofvallejo.net

Police Chief Ta reviewed the VPD sworn staff count, adjustments for lower staffing, projected staffing and police assistant staffing, shared current staffing numbers and options being explored to supplement officers, and concluded the presentation by introducing recently hired staff.

Speakers: Anne Carr.

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers. Councilmembers provided comment.

Action: *moved by Vice Mayor Bregenzer 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: Palmares).*

H. **DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION ON CITY COUNCIL CREATION OF AN AD-HOC SUBCOMMITTEE TO WORK WITH CITY STAFF ON SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH CALDOJ REFORM REQUIREMENTS**

Recommendation: By motion, create a Police Reform Ad-Hoc Subcommittee to work with staff on implementation and resourcing strategies related to the ongoing police reform efforts related to the settlement agreement with the California Department of Justice.

Contact: Jason Ta, Chief of Police (707) 648-4540

jason.ta@cityofvallejo.net

Action: *item was continued to the February 18 special council meeting.*

10. **INFORMATION CALENDAR** – None.

11. **CITY MANAGER’S REPORT** – None.

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

13. **COMMUNITY FORUM**

Speakers: Sherianne Grimm.

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

Councilmembers discussed and confirmed a special meeting to start at 6 pm on March 4 to discuss and consider amending the ordinance creating the Police Oversight & Accountability Commission (POAC).

15. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:43 a.m.

Signed by:

Andrea Sorce

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ANDREA SORCE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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Dawn G. Abrahamson

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DAWN G. ABRAHAMSON, CITY CLERK