

**VALLEJO CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 18, 2025**

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:11 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

City Attorney Nebb reported Council provided direction to its legal counsel regarding Closed Session Item 3A.

4. ACTION CALENDAR

A. 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

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City Manager Murray provided background information and outlined next steps.

Speakers: Brenda Plechaty, David Marsteller Jr., Daniel Boone, Kathleen Diohep, Paula Conley, and Anne Carr.

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

B. 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

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Deputy Chief Knight provided an overview of the staff report.

Speakers: Chris Kelly.

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers. Councilmembers provided comment.

Action: *moved by Vice Mayor Bregenzer and carried unanimously to direct staff to create a resolution creating an Police Reform Ad-Hoc Subcommittee to work with staff on the settlement agreement with CalDOJ reform requirements to include 3 councilmembers with the duration of the subcommittee for the length of the settlement agreement and that the Subcommittee has direct lines to DOJ, the evaluator and the independent auditor.*

C. **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

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Mayor Sorce explained the reason why the item is returning to the Council for further discussion and consideration.

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers.

Speakers: Melvina K (Fighting Back Partnership).

Councilmembers provided comment.

Action: *moved by Vice Mayor Bregenzer and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 25-011 N.C. a resolution appealing Resolution No. 25-005 N.C. and adopting a new resolution consenting to and approving changes to various appointments to Commissions Boards and Committees for 2025, including: (1) delaying eliminating council liaisons to community based organizations including the Vallejo Chamber of Commerce until staff has had an opportunity to research and reach out to each of the organizations conveying the reason for making these changes and to understand the reason for liaison appointments in the past, (2) returning to Council at a future meeting to combine the Public Safety Committee and Public Safety & Quality of Life Ad-hoc Committee to include the purpose of the Subcommittee, (3) removing Solano 360 Implementation Committee from the list of assignment; (4) delaying appointments to the Mare Island RAB; (5) making Councilmember Matulac delegate and Vice Mayor Bregenzer alternate to League of California Cities, North Bay Division; (6) appointing Councilmember Gordon delegate and Vice Mayor Bregenzer alternate to Solano Open Space (SOS); (7) and clarifying Councilmember Palmares as delegate and Councilmember Matulac as alternate to the Green Empowerment Zone (GEZ).*

D. **PROPOSED PROCESS FOR INTERVIEWING AND SELECTING BOARD, COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Recommendation: Following Council discussion, provided direction to staff regarding a new proposed process for interviewing and selecting board, commission and committee members or keep the current process

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

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Mayor Sorce outlined the proposed new process for interviewing applicants.

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

Speakers: Chris Kelly.

Action: moved by Vice Mayor Bregenzer and carried unanimously to agree to the new proposed process for interviewing and selecting board, commission and committee members as outlined in the staff report to create 3 groups of 2 councilmembers each: Councilmember Gordon & Vice Mayor Bregenzer; Councilmembers Matulac and Matias, and Councilmembers Lediju and Palmares. A 3rd councilmember or the Mayor can join based on a 1st come, 1st serve basis; however, they must notify the City Clerk. The full Council will conduct applicant interviews for the Measure P Oversight Committee, Police Oversight & Accountability Commission, and the Surveillance Advisory Board.

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

City Manager Murray provided background information and outlined next steps.

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers.

Speakers: Sherianne Grimm, Daniel Boone and Anne Carr.

Councilmembers provided comment and provided direction to staff as follows:

Agendize within one month (1)

- Update on the status of negotiations with the Sheriff's Office regarding law enforcement assistance

Agendize within the next two months (6)

- Update on current state of permitting process with PDS and ways for improvement for the process to be more accessible
- Update on City whistleblower policy and procedure
- Update on the Scotts Valley Band of Pomo Indians casino project
- Update on the City's disaster preparedness
- Closed session to review City Manager's recent performance evaluation
- Closed session to review City Attorney's recent performance evaluation

Agendize beyond the next two months (1)

- Presentation of marina condition issues

No need to agendize as Council referral because it is already a standing agenda item (quarterly, the next one will take place on 3/11/25) (1)

- Update on City litigation

5. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT – None.

6. CITY ATTORNEYS REPORT

City Attorney Nebb reported on the MIT Academy that her office is involved with coaching and instructing students.

7. 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.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:39 p.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