

**VALLEJO CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 6, 2025**

**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 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. PROVIDE UPDATE AND RECEIVE DIRECTION ON THE SOLANO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICE AGREEMENT

Recommendation: Provide staff direction on negotiating a public safety service agreement with the Solano County Sheriff's Office.

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

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City Manager Murray provided background information on the staffing emergency, recruitment and multiplier strategies and the Police Officer hiring timeline, provided an overview of the Sheriff's Office contract including December 2024 Term Sheet and remaining points on the discussion of the contract, and outlined next steps.

Speakers: Anne Carr, Diane Peterson, Supervisor Cassandra James, and Karol Heppe.

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers. Councilmembers provided comment.

Action: *moved by Mayor Sorce and carried unanimously to direct staff as follows:*

Questions for the Sheriff:

- Admin overhead – what is included? Breakdown
- Confirm that if deputies are involved in an incident and are found to have violated policy, the S.O. will take on that liability
- Ensuring that the data / reporting is coordinated and consistent

- If a deputy assigned to Vallejo is on leave (injury, etc), does the S.O. backfill?
- What elements of the DOJ agreement and requirements are they concerned about?
- Can we do a comparison of policies as it relates to the DOJ reforms?
- Further discussing the officer personnel records, specifically ensuring that deputies with histories of incidents or complaints aren't assigned.
- Confirm that this will be in addition to continued patrol of the unincorporated area
- Bargaining responsibilities and timeline from S.O. side
- Estimation of one-time costs currently unknown
- If we don't have the full amount, can we develop an alternative model, particularly if we give a specific amount of what we can afford.
- In terms of the operationality of the deployment – as the S.O. is staffing up, could it be staggered / phased in so that we could get support sooner?
- What is the lead time needed for ordering vehicles and do we need to start that now?
- What would be the payment terms of the contract.

Questions and Tasks for Staff:

- Where did last year's VPD budget go? Compare budget and actuals and staffing budgeted and actuals.
- How much salary savings was there, where did it go, and how much is available.
- How much can come from OT savings.
- What are the risk concerns
- What are the bargaining responsibilities and timeline
- Facilitate the contact info / introductions to S.O. for councilmembers that want to meet
- Can the term sheet with footnotes be re-sent to Council

Mayor Sorce to discuss with City Manager Murray and Police Chief Ta a plan to submit the questions to the Sheriff and update the DOJ.

City Council expressed a strong desire to have the DOJ Reform ad-hoc subcommittee to come Council as soon as possible for appointment and explore using that group to liaise with DOJ.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:46 p.m.

Signed by:

Andrea Sorce

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ATTEST:

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