

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

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 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, Public Works Director Tigbao, and Assistant to the City Manager Peterson

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. ACTION CALENDAR

A. PROVIDING NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND THE FY 2024-25 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET TO ALLOCATE A TOTAL OF \$21,861,377 IN GRANT FUNDS FROM THE HIGHWAY BRIDGE PROGRAM, \$3,000,000 IN MEASURE P FUNDS, AND \$300,000 IN BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION FUNDS FOR THE MARE ISLAND CAUSEWAY BRIDGE PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE PROJECT (STEP 1 OF 2)

Recommendation: This staff report provides notice of intent to amend the FY 2024-25 Capital Improvement Budget to allocate a total of \$21,861,377 in grant funds from the Highway Bridge Program, \$3,000,000 in Measure P funds, and \$300,000 in Bridge Construction funds for the Mare Island Causeway Bridge Preventative Maintenance Project (Step 1 of 2)

Contact: Melissa Tigbao, P.E., Public Works Director

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Public Works Director Tigbao provided an overview of the project, discussed the scope of work, project funding and budget gap, and the bidding process, reviewed the reasons for the Measure P Oversight Committee denying the funding using Measure P funds for the project, and proposed further action by Council.

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers.

Speakers: Daniel Boone, Sherianne Grimm, Melvin Cowman, Jasmine Salmeron (Measure P Advisory Committee member), and Karol Heppe.

Another question and answer period followed. Councilmembers provided comment.

Action: *moved by Vice Mayor Bregenzer and carried to approve the notice of intent to amend the FY 2024-25 Capital Improvement Budget to allocate a total of \$21,861,377 in grant funds from the Highway Bridge Program, \$3,000,000 in Measure P funds, and \$300,000 in Bridge Construction funds for the Mare Island Causeway Bridge Preventative Maintenance Project (Step 1 of 2) with the requirement of having the 6 conditions, as outlined below, raised by the Measure P Committee finalized and brought forward as part of Step 2 before Council makes a decision on the 2nd step (Noes: Matias)*

- 1. City should share their legal analysis with the residents.*
- 2. Council consider waving any privilege it has to withhold its legal analysis and release as much of the information it can for the benefit of the homeowners who are severely burdened.*
- 3. All pending public records request about CFD's be answered.*
- 4. Are the matching funds of federal grants an appropriate use of the CFD funds?*
- 5. When was it communicated to residents that the "leasehold revenue" obligation was not carried forward during the land transfer agreements between Lennar and new developer?*
- 6. How were the revenues collected until 2018 used? Residents claim to have not seen the projects.*

B. RECEIVE UPDATE ON UNHOUSED SITUATION AND POSSIBLY PROVIDE DIRECTION ON CITY PROGRAMS

Recommendation: Receive an update on the unhoused situation and possibly provide direction to staff on the City's unhoused programs.

Contact: Natalie Peterson, Assistant to the City Manager (707) 649-3415
Natalie.Peterson@cityofvallejo.net

Assistant City Manager Haen provided introductory comments.

Assistant to the City Manager Peterson and Assistant City Manager Haen provided a homelessness overview, reviewed the Point in Time Count, Partnerships and Responsibilities, Funding, and existing projects, discussed unhoused living situations, identified legal items regarding homelessness, outlined the encampment clean-up process and Vallejo specifics, and concluded the presentation reviewing support and services.

Speakers: Cynthia H., Heather Franklin, Allison Mezzra, Tom Carey, Kathy Salm, Robert Toepfer, Eli Smith, Kathleen McNeil, Tony Stewart, Dion Carter, Jackie Jones, Francie, Jose Carrizales, Latressa Wilson Alford (BWOPA), Liat Meitzenheimer, Robert Brekke, Kris Kelley, Darren Rogers, Diana Lang, Steve S., Isobet Beltane, Paula Conley, Gordon Gilmore, Sean M., Josie M., Jennifer S., Patricia Hunter and Michelle Davis (NAACP), Anne Carr, Cristal Gallegos, Barry Boswick, and Lori Herrera.

The meeting recessed halfway through the public speakers at 10:09 p.m. and reconvened at 10:23 p.m. with the remainder of the public speakers.

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers. Councilmembers provided comment and directed staff to suspend homeless encampment cleanups and continued the item to a special council meeting on April 1, 2025 for further deliberation.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:53 p.m. and in memory of James Oakley.

Signed by:

Andrea Sorce

ANDREA SORCE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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Dawn G. Abrahamson

DAWN G. ABRAHAMSON, CITY CLERK