

**VALLEJO CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 1, 2025**

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:27 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Sorce, Vice Mayor Bregenzer, Councilmembers Gordon, Lediju, Matias, Matulac (participated virtually), and Palmares

Absent: None

Staff present: Assistant City Manager Haen, City Attorney Nebb and City Clerk Abrahamson

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. ACTION CALENDAR

A. ITEM CONTINUED FROM MARCH 18, 2025 - 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

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Assistant City Manager Haen provided introductory comments.

Assistant to the City Manager Peterson provided highlights from the March 18, 2025 presentation, discussed past opportunities presented to Council, including potential programs and projects and sites reviewed and concluded the presentation by outlining next steps.

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers.

Speakers: Anne Carr, Jean Likover, Eli Smith Roberta Iloff, Shawn O'Malley, Kevin Jones, Robert Toepfer, Kathleen McNeil, Darrell Conley, Thomas Arie Donch, Kemper Stone, Steve S., Jennifer S., Ethan Harte, Paula Conley, Yannick Phillips, Barbara Gaea, Tom Carey, Andeas Schmidt, Linda Mann-Stout, Nathan Stout, David Campbell, Sean M., Dignity4All/Poor People Matter, Jared Bunde, Aztlan Native, TinyPovertySkola, and Brokin Cloud.

The meeting recessed at 9:15 p.m. and reconvened at 9:31 p.m.

Speakers (continued): Gordon Gilmore, Kimberly Christensen, Jose Carrizales, Marissa S., The People, Josie MacCracken, Robert Brekke, Patrick

N., Dre Richard, Diane Peterson, Jorge Savala, Isobel Beltane, Cristal Gallegos, Mary Jo, and Yessica Prado.

Another question and answer period followed. Councilmembers provided comment.

Action: *moved by Councilmember Gordon, amended by Councilmember Matias and carried to resume encampment cleanups within 2 weeks with coordination from the community benefits organizations including Resource Connect Solano, the Homeless Union, faith-based organizations, iHart, and others (Noes: Sorce and Matulac).*

Action: *Moved by Mayor Sorce and carried unanimously to direct staff to do the following:*

- 1) *Return to Council with a list of potential safe camping locations, including 500 Redwood and evaluate other private/public sites with high level estimates to implement them for Council consideration.*
- 2) *Return to Council with an item to create an Ad-hoc Committee of council and the community to advise and collaborate on unhoused issues such as the Strategic Plan.*
- 3) *Be involved with the Homeless Roundtable led by Vallejo Together*
- 4) *Participate in the 2x2 committee and other partners to collaborate with children experiencing homelessness and sharing resources.*

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned 11:53 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