

**VALLEJO CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 8, 2025**

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Sorce, Vice Mayor Bregenzer, Councilmembers Gordon, Lediju (arrived at 7:09 p.m.), Matulac, Matias, and Palmares

Absent: None

Staff present: City Manager Murray, City Attorney Nebb and City Clerk Abrahamson

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Nebb reported the following:

- Closed Session Item 4A was not heard and will be added to a future agenda
- Closed Session Item 4B and 4C – Council provided direction to its real property negotiators
- Closed Session Item 4D – Council provided direction to legal counsel

5. PRESENTATIONS AND COMMENDATIONS

Action: *members of the Youth Delegation provided a recap of their participation in the conference.*

- A. Vallejo Youth Delegation to the National League of Cities Congressional Conference in Washington, DC Presentation

6. FIRST COMMUNITY FORUM

Speakers: Clifford Porter, Elizabeth Trujillo, Angela Mooney, and Anne Carr.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

Speakers: Daniel Boone (Item 8A).

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 with the recusal of Mayor Sorce and Councilmember Lediju from Item 8C due to Conflicts of Interests related to owning property in the LMD and the recusal of Councilmember Matulac from Item 8G due to a Conflict of Interest related to owning property in the LMD, the removal of Items*

8A and 8E from the Consent Calendar making them Items 8.1 and 8.2 respectively and approved of Items 8C and 8D as corrected and outlined in a memo to Council.

A. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Recommendation: Approve minutes from the special meetings of March 18 and 22 and the special and regular meetings of March 25, 2025

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

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Action: *item was removed from the Consent Calendar by Mayor Sorce.*

Council and City Clerk Abrahamson discussed corrections to the meeting minutes.

Action: *moved by Vice Mayor Bregenzer and carried unanimously to approve the minutes with revisions to the March 18 special meeting minutes to correct the word waived to "raised" and include the 6 conditions raised by the Measure P Committee as follows:*

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. **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.

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C. **ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INITIATION OF PROCEEDINGS AND THE PREPARATION OF THE ENGINEER'S REPORT FOR THE 2025-26 FISCAL YEAR LEVY OF ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE GLEN COVE III MAINTENANCE DISTRICT**

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the initiation of proceedings and the preparation of the Engineer's Report for the 2025-26 fiscal year levy of annual assessments for the Glen Cove III Maintenance District.

Contact: Melissa Tigbao, P.E., Public Works Director (707) 648-4433

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Action: adopted Resolution No. 25-035 N.C. as corrected to include Glen Cove III 2015 in the agenda title, staff report and resolution (Abstained Due to Conflict of Interest: Sorce and Lediju)

- D. **ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INITIATION OF PROCEEDINGS AND THE PREPARATION OF THE ENGINEER'S REPORTS FOR THE 2025-26 FISCAL YEAR LEVY OF ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE BORDONI RANCH, CARRIAGE OAKS, GARTHE RANCH, GLEN COVE III 2015, HIDDENBROOKE, HUNTER RANCH III, MARINE WORLD/FAIRGROUNDS, MARIN VIEW, NORTHEAST QUADRANT, SOUTH VALLEJO BUSINESS PARK, AND TOWN AND COUNTRY II-V LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE DISTRICTS**

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the initiation of proceedings and the preparation of the Engineer's Reports for the 2025-26 fiscal year levy of annual assessments for the Bordoni Ranch, Carriage Oaks, Garthe Ranch, Glen Cove III 2015, Hiddenbrooke, Hunter Ranch III, Marine World/Fairgrounds, Marin View, Northeast Quadrant, South Vallejo Business Park, and Town and Country II-V Landscape Maintenance Districts.

Contact: Melissa Tigbao, P.E., Public Works Director (707) 648-4433

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Action: adopted Resolution No. 25-036 N.C. as corrected to remove Glen Cove III 2015 in the agenda title, staff report and resolution.

- E. **ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING A THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE CONSULTANT AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH MUNICIPAL RESOURCE GROUP LLC TO PROVIDE CONTINUED POLICY DEVELOPMENT, PROCESS IMPROVEMENT, AND ANALYSIS FOR THE HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT, FINANCE DEPARTMENT, AND CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE AND INCREASE COMPENSATION TO A NEW NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$375,000 AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAME**

Recommendation: Adopt the resolution approving a Third Amendment to the Consultant and Professional Services Agreement with Municipal Resources Group, LLC., to extend the agreement until June 30, 2026, and to add an additional \$115,000 to the Agreement for a new not-to-exceed total of \$375,000, and authorize the City Manager to execute same.

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

Andrew.Murray@cityofvallejo.net

Action: item was removed from Consent Calendar by Councilmember Lediju.

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers. Councilmembers provided comment.

Action: item was continued to the April 22 meeting with information as requested by Councilmember Lediju to include scope of work, length of time/hours and different projects covered under the contract.

- F. **ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE FUND 149 FISCAL YEAR 2024–2025 BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$75,302 TO ACCOUNT FOR THE 2024 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (“JAG”) (STEP 2 OF 2)**

Recommendation:

Adopt a Resolution amending the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Fund 149 budget to recognize revenue and appropriate expenditures in the amount of \$75,302.

Contact: Jason Ta, Chief of Police

Jason.Ta@cityofvallejo.net

Action: adopted Resolution No. 25-037 N.C.

- G. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INITIATION OF PROCEEDINGS AND THE PREPARATION OF THE ENGINEER'S REPORT FOR THE 2025-26 FISCAL YEAR LEVY OF ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE SANDPIPER POINT MAINTENANCE DISTRICT**

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the initiation of proceedings and the preparation of the Engineer's Report for the 2025-26 fiscal year levy of annual assessments for the Sandpiper Point Maintenance District.

Contact: Melissa Tigbao, P.E., Public Works Director (707) 648-4433

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Action: adopted Resolution No. 25-038 N.C. (Abstained Due to Conflict of Interest: Matulac).

9. ACTION CALENDAR

- A. **ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING A FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE DESIGN PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH NICHOLS CONSULTING ENGINEERS, CHTD. TO INCREASE COMPENSATION BY \$1,500,000 TO A MAXIMUM NOT TO EXCEED \$2,000,000 FOR COMPLETION OF THE PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAME**

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution approving a First Amendment to the Design Professional Services Agreement with Nichols Consulting Engineers, CHTD., to increase compensation by \$1,500,000 to a maximum not-to-exceed amount of \$2,000,000 for completion of the pavement management program and authorizing the City Manager to execute same.

Contact: Melissa Tigbao, P.E., Public Works Director, 707-648-4433

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Transportation Manager Helmbrecht provided an overview of the staff report and outlined the recommendation.

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers. Councilmembers provided comment.

Action: moved by Vice Mayor Bregenzer and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 25-039 N.C.

- B. **ADOPT A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE AND EXPEND HIGHWAY BRIDGE PROGRAM (HBP) GRANT REVENUE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$21,861,377, MEASURE P BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,000,000, AND BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION FUND BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$300,000 FOR THE MARE ISLAND CAUSEWAY BRIDGE PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE PROJECT (PROJECT NO. PW9762) (STEP 2 OF 2)**

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution amending the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Capital Improvement budget to receive, appropriate and expend grant revenue totaling \$21,861,377, Measure P budget in the amount of \$3M and Bridge Construction Fund budget in the amount of \$300,000 (Step 2 of 2).

Contact: Melissa Tigbao, P.E., Public Works Director (707) 648-4433
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Transportation Manager Helmbrecht provided an overview of the project, outlined the project's scope of work, discussed funding and budget gap, reviewed the MPOC reasons for denial of the funding and concluded the presentation outlining the reasons for the second step as part of a budget amendment 2-step process for FY 2025-25.

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers. Councilmembers provided comment.

Speaker: Daniel Boone.

Another question and answer period followed. Councilmembers provided comment.

Action: moved by Vice Mayor Bregenzer and carried to adopt Resolution No. 25-040 N.C. Action also included Councilmember Matias' referral request to the Measure P Oversight Committee to agendaize exploration and consideration of 1% of the total budget cost of CIP projects to go towards public arts (Noes: Sorce and Lediju).

- C. **ADOPT A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE AND EXPEND \$10 MILLION OF MEASURE P FUNDING FOR THE STREETS PAVING 2025 MEASURE P PROJECT (PROJECT NO. MP2025) (STEP 2 OF 2)**

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution to amend the fiscal year (FY) 2024-25 Capital Improvement Budget to appropriate and expend \$10 million of Measure P funding for the Streets Paving 2025 MP Project (Project No. MP2025).

Contact: Melissa Tigbao, P.E., Public Works Director (707) 648-4433
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Transportation Manager Helmbrecht provided an overview of the staff report and outlined the recommendation.

Councilmembers provided comment.

Action: *moved by Vice Mayor Bregenzer and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 25-041 N.C.*

The meeting recessed at 9:05 p.m. and reconvened at 9:13 p.m.

D. **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

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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 to receive the update and confirm the continued existence of the conditions leading to the declaration of a state and local emergency.*

E. **ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING FUNDING FOR A CONTRACT WITH THE SOLANO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS BY PROVIDING DIRECTION TO THE CITY MANAGER TO INCLUDE SUCH FUNDING UP TO \$5,300,000.00 OR OTHER GREATER AMOUNT AS DIRECTED IN EACH OF FY 25/26 AND 26/27 BUDGETS**

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution Approving Funding for a Contract with the Solano County Sheriff's Office for Public Safety Officers by Providing Direction to the City Manager to Include Such Funding up to \$5,300,000.00 or Other Greater Amount as Directed in Each of FY 25/26 and 26/27 budgets.

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

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Police Chief Ta outlined the recommendation, provided background information, reviewed the questions and responses from the Sheriff, discussed risk concerns and the fiscal impact, outlined the estimated timeline, and providing closing comments.

Speakers: Anne Carr.

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers. Councilmembers provided comment.

Action: *moved by Vice Mayor Bregenzer and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 25-042 N.C., a resolution approving funding for a contract with Solano County Sheriff's Office for Public Safety Officers by providing direction to the City Manager to include such funding up to \$5,300,000.00 or other greater amount as directed in each of FY 25/26 and 26/27 budgets.*

City Manager Murray, in speaking to the reading of the motion, noted as Chief Ta mentioned there are numbers that should be \$5.6 million dollars. He suggested some alternate language for the resolution which is to adopt a resolution approving funding for a contract with Solano County Sheriff's Office for public safety officers by providing direction to the City Manager to assign \$11.2 million dollars of general fund balance for the services and include \$5.6 million dollars of funding for the services in each of FY 25/26 and FY 26/27 proposed budgets.

Mayor Sorce stated, "ok, let's do it and let's vote." Following Councilmembers locking in their votes, City Clerk Abrahamson stated the motion carried unanimously.

10. INFORMATION CALENDAR – None.

11. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT – None.

12. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT – None.

13. COMMUNITY FORUM
Speakers: Melvin Cowan.

14. 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.

15. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 p.m.

Signed by:

Andrea Sorce

ANDREA SORCE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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Dawn G. Abrahamson

DAWN G. ABRAHAMSON, CITY CLERK