

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 10, 2025**

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:25 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Sorce, Vice Mayor Bregenzer, Councilmembers Gordon, Lediju, Matulac, Matias, and Palmares

Absent: None

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

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Nebb reported the following:

- Closed Session Item 4A – provided direction to its legal counsel
- Closed Session Item 4B – no action to report
- Closed Session Item 4C – provided direction to its real property negotiators
- Closed Session Item 4D – provided direction to its real property negotiators

5. PRESENTATIONS AND COMMENDATIONS

Action: Councilmember Lediju read and presented the proclamation.

A. PRESENTATION OF A PROCLAMATION DECLARING THE WEEK OF JUNE 17, 2025 AS "JUNETEENTH WEEK" IN THE CITY OF VALLEJO

6. FIRST COMMUNITY FORUM

Speakers: Stephen Hallett, Anne Carr, Daniel Boone, Sherianne Grimm, Sierra Cecchini, and an unidentified member of the public.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

Speakers: Stephen Hallett and Robert Schussel

Action: moved by Mayor Sorce and carried unanimously to continue Item 8H to the regular meeting of June 24.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Action: moved by Vice Mayor Bregenzer and carried unanimously, unless otherwise noted, approval of the Consent Calendar with the continuation of Item 8H to the June 24 regular meeting.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Recommendation: Approve minutes from the special and regular meetings of May 13 and the special meeting of May 19, 2025

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

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Action: *approved minutes.*

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.

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

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Action: *waived reading and authorized 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.*

C. ADOPT A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL ACKNOWLEDGING RECEIPT OF THE STATE-MANDATED SENATE BILL 1205 FIRE INSPECTION COMPLIANCE REPORT FOR FY 2024/2025 FROM THE VALLEJO FIRE DEPARTMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF VALLEJO

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution acknowledging receipt of the 2024 calendar year state-mandated fire inspections report.

Contact: Arthur Gonzales, Interim Fire Chief

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Action: *adopted Resolution No. 25-091 N.C.*

D. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALLEJO FINDING (1) THE PROJECT TO BE EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO CEQA GUIDELINES 15302(c) AND 15269 EMERGENCY PROJECTS; AND (2) THAT IT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CITY TO AWARD AND APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH DAVID ANDRADE DBA CAL CUSTOMS REMODEL & CONSTRUCTION FOR A TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$150,000 FOR THE EMERGENCY DEMOLITION OF THE ROOF AT SWANZY RESERVOIR AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAME

Recommendation: Adopt the resolution to award a contract to David Andrade dba Cal Customs Remodel & Construction for a total contract amount of \$150,000 which includes \$123,480 for emergency demolition of the roof at Swanzy Reservoir and \$26,520 as a contingency amount.

Contact: Beth Schoenberger, Water Director, (707) 648-5439

beth.schoenberger@cityofvallejo.net

Action: *adopted Resolution No. 25-092 N.C.*

E. ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING A THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE CONSULTANT AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH

CALIFORNIA CONSULTING, INC. TO PROVIDE CONTINUED GRANT WRITING AND GRANT SUPPORT SERVICES, TO INCREASE THE NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT OF THE CONTRACT TO \$350,000, EXTEND THE TERM THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAME

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution approving a Third Amendment to the Consultant and Professional Services Agreement with California Consulting, Inc., to increase the not-to-exceed amount of the contract to \$350,000 and extend the term through June 30, 2026, and authorizing the City Manager to execute same.

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

Andrew.Murray@cityofvallejo.net

Action: adopted Resolution No. 25-093 N.C.

F. ADOPT RESOLUTION APPROVING STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT POLICY AND DELEGATION FOR FY 2025-2026

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution approving:

1. The annual Statement of Investment Policy (Attachment 2), and
2. Delegation of investment authority to the City Finance Director, serving as City Treasurer, for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

Contact: Rekha Nayar, Finance Director (707) 648-4592

Rekha.Nayar@cityofvallejo.net

Action: 25-094 N.C.

G. ADOPT A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 CITY OF VALLEJO GANN APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution establishing the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 Appropriations Limit at \$192,525,069 for the City of Vallejo.

Contact: Rekha Nayar, Finance Director. 707-648-4592

Rekha.Nayar@cityofvallejo.net

Action: adopted Resolution No. 25-095 N.C.

H. APPROVE A SIDE LETTER AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF VALLEJO AND THE VALLEJO POLICE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION (VPOA) FOR THE RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, AND REFERRAL INCENTIVE PLAN AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE EXPENDITURE OF \$2,000,000 FOR RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION (STEP 1 OF 2)

Recommendation: Approve the side letter agreement between the City and VPOA for the Recruitment, Retention, and Referral Plan and provide notice of intent to amend the City's Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Adopted Budget.

Contact: Stephanie Sifuentes, Human Resources Director (707) 649-4852

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Action: continued to the regular Council meeting of June 24

I. ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONSULTANT AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH KNN PUBLIC FINANCE,

LLC FOR MUNICIPAL ADVISORY SERVICES AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAME

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a Professional Services Agreement with KNN Public Finance, LLC ("KNN") to provide municipal advisory services to the City for a period of five (5) years at a total cost not to exceed \$300,000.

Contact: Rekha Nayar, Finance Director, 707-648-4592

Rekha.Nayar@cityofvallejo.net.

Action: adopted Resolution No. 25-096 N.C.

- J. **ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ENGINEER'S REPORT AND DECLARING THE INTENTION TO LEVY AND COLLECT ASSESSMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025–2026 WITHIN THE CIMARRON HILLS/MADIGAN, COLLEGE HILLS, COSTA DEL RIO (SEAVIEW), SOMERSET HIGHLANDS I/II, HUNTER RANCH I/II, GLEN COVE I/II, MONICA PLACE, SOMERSET HIGHLANDS III, SPRINGTREE/FLEMING HILL, SUMMIT II, TOWN AND COUNTRY I, WOODRIDGE, AND GREENMONT/SEAPORT HILLS LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE DISTRICTS AND SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE MATTER FOR JUNE 24, 2025 AT 7:00 P.M.**

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution approving the Engineer's Report and declaring the intention to levy and collect assessments for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 within existing landscape maintenance districts formed pursuant to the Improvement Act of 1911, and setting a public hearing on the matter for June 24, 2025 at 7:00pm.

Contact: Oscar Alcantar, Interim Public Works Director

Oscar.Alcantar@cityofvallejo.net

Action: adopted Resolution No. 25-097 N.C.

- K. **ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING A FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ANSELMO DISTRIBUTING DBA ANSELMO SERVICES FOR THE WATER DEPARTMENT'S FIREBREAK MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR A NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$200,000 AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE SAME.**

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution approving a First Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Anselmo Distributing DBA Anselmo Services for the Vallejo Water Department's firebreak maintenance services with a not-to-exceed amount of \$200,000 and authorize the City Manager to execute the same.

Contact: Beth Schoenberger, Water Director 707-648-5439

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Action: adopted Resolution No. 25-098 N.C.

- L. **ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH GATES & ASSOCIATES TO PROVIDE LANDSCAPE DESIGN FOR THE CITY WATERFRONT PARKS AREA, PAID FOR WITH AN URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY GRANT, IN A NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$176,460, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAME**

Recommendation: Adopt the resolution approving the Professional Services Agreement with Gates & Associates to provide design work for the City's Waterfront Parks paid for with an Urban & Community Forestry Grant, in an amount not-to-exceed \$176,460, and authorizing the City Manager to execute same.

Contact: Gillian Haen, Assistant City Manager (707) 648-4576

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Action: adopted Resolution No. 25-099 N.C.

Action: moved by Vice Mayor Bregenzer and carried unanimously to approve the Agenda with the continuation of Item 8H to regular Council meeting of June 24.

9. ACTION CALENDAR

Mayor Sorce and Councilmember Matias announced a conflict of interest related to accepting campaign contributions from the applicant in the past year and left the dais and Council Chambers.

Councilmember Matias announced he had a conflict of interest related to owning real property in the Ridgecrest LMD and recused himself from Action Item 9B.

- A. **HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE GENERAL PLAN LAND USE MAP (GPA23-0001) TO CHANGE THE LAND USE DESIGNATION AT THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1235 WARREN AVENUE (APN: 0074-160-730) FROM PRIMARILY SINGLE-FAMILY (R-SF) TO BUSINESS/LIMITED RESIDENTIAL (B/LR); AND INTRODUCING AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP (CTA23-0001) TO CHANGE THE ZONING DESIGNATION FROM RESIDENTIAL LOW DENSITY (RLD) TO REGIONAL COMMERCIAL (RC)**

Recommendation: Hold a public hearing to consider and possibly adopt a resolution approving an amendment to the General Plan Land Use Map (GPA23-0001) to change the land use designation at the property located at 1235 Warren Avenue (APN: 0074-160-730) from Primarily Single-Family (R-SF) to Business/Limited Residential (B/LR); and introducing an ordinance amending the zoning map (CTA23-0001) To change the zoning designation from Residential Low Density (RLD) to Regional Commercial (RC).

Contact: Kristin Pollot, AICP, Planning & Development Services Director (707) 648-4326

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Robert Busick, AICP, Senior Planner (707) 648-5422

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Vice Mayor Bregenzer opened the public hearing.

Speakers: Daniel Boone and an unidentified member of the public.

Action: moved by Vice Mayor Bregenzer and carried unanimously to continue the public hearing to the regular Council meeting of June 24. (Abstained Due to Conflict of Interest: Sorce and Matias)

Mayor Sorce resumed her seat at the dais.

B. HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ENGINEER'S REPORT AND ORDERING THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS ON PROPERTIES IN THE RIDGECREST LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026

Recommendation: Hold a public hearing and adopt a resolution approving the Engineer's Report and ordering the levy and collection of assessments on properties in the Ridgecrest Landscape Maintenance District for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

Contact: Oscar Alcantar, Interim Public Works Director (707) 648-4105
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Mayor Sorce opened the public hearing. There being no speakers, the public hearing was closed.

Action: moved by Councilmember Gordon and carried to adopt Resolution No. 25-100 N.C. (Abstained Due to Conflict of Interest: Matias)

Councilmember Matias resumed his seat at the dais.

Action: moved by Mayor Sorce and carried unanimously to reorder the Action Calendar taking the following items out of order and heard next:

- 9G
- 9H
- 9I

The minutes reflect the order that items appeared on the agenda.

Mayor Sorce and Councilmember Lediju announced conflicts of interest related to owning property in the Glen Cove III LMD and recused themselves from Item 9C and left the dais and Council Chambers.

C. HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ENGINEER'S REPORT AND ORDERING THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS ON PROPERTIES IN THE GLEN COVE III AND GLEN COVE III 2015 LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE DISTRICTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026

Recommendation: Hold a public hearing and adopt a resolution approving the engineer's report and ordering the levy and collection of assessments on properties in the Glen Cove III and Glen Cove III 2015 Landscape Maintenance Districts for FY 2025-2026.

Contact: Oscar Alcantar, Interim Public Works Director
Oscar.alcantar@cityofvallejo.net

Vice Mayor Bregenzer opened the public hearing. There being no speakers, the public hearing was closed.

Action: *moved by Vice Mayor Bregenzer and carried to adopt Resolution No. 25-101 N.C. (Abstain Due to Conflicts of Interest: Sorce and Lediju)*

Mayor Sorce and Councilmember Lediju resumed their seats at the dais.

D. **HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ENGINEER'S REPORT AND ORDERING THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS ON PROPERTIES IN THE BORDONI RANCH, CARRIAGE OAKS, GARTHE RANCH, HIDDENBROOKE, HUNTER RANCH III, MARINE WORLD/FAIRGROUNDS, MARIN VIEW, NORTHEAST QUADRANT, SOUTH VALLEJO BUSINESS PARK, AND TOWN AND COUNTRY II-V LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE DISTRICTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026**

Recommendation: Hold a public hearing and adopt a resolution approving the engineer's report and ordering the levy and collection of assessments on properties in the Bordoni Ranch, Carriage Oaks, Garthe Ranch, Hiddenbrooke, Hunter Ranch III, Marine World/Fairgrounds, Marin View, Northeast Quadrant, South Vallejo Business Park, and Town & Country II-V Landscape Maintenance Districts for FY 2025-2026.

Contact: Oscar Alcantar, Interim Public Works Director

Oscar.Alcantar@cityofvallejo.net

Mayor Sorce opened the public hearing. There being no speakers, the public hearing was closed.

Action: *moved by Vice Mayor Bregenzer and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 25-102 N.C.*

Councilmember Matulac announced he had a conflict of interest related to owning property in the Sandpiper Point LMD and recused himself from Item 9E and left the dais and Council Chambers.

E. **HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ENGINEER'S REPORT AND ORDERING THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS ON PROPERTIES IN THE SANDPIPER POINT LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026**

Recommendation: Hold a public hearing and adopt a Resolution approving the engineer's report and ordering the levy and collection of assessments on properties in the Sandpiper Point Landscape Maintenance District for FY 2025-2026.

Contact: Osacar Alcantar, Interim Public Works Director

Oscar.Alcantar@cityofvallejo.net

Mayor Sorce opened the public hearing. There being no speakers, the public hearing was closed.

Action: moved by Vice Mayor Bregenzer and carried to adopt Resolution No. 25-103 N.C. (Abstain Due to Conflict of Interest: Matulac)

Councilmember Matulac resumed his seat at the dais.

F. **CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING, CONSIDER AND ADOPT A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING AND LEVYING ASSESSMENTS AGAINST RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES FOR UNPAID GARBAGE BILLS TO COLLECT UNPAID SUMS**

Recommendation: Conduct a public hearing to consider the adoption of a resolution confirming and levying assessments against residential and commercial for unpaid garbage bills to collect unpaid sums.

Contact: Oscar Alcantar, Interim Public Works Director

Oscar.Alcantar@cityofvallejo.net

Interim Public Works Director Alcantar provided an overview of the staff report and outlined the recommendation.

Mayor Sorce opened the public hearing. There being no speakers, the public hearing was closed.

Action: moved by Vice Mayor Bregenzer and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 25-104 N.C.

G. **HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING TO PRESENT INFORMATION ON THE CITY'S JOB VACANCY STATUS**

Recommendation: There is no recommended action for this item.

Contact: Stephanie Sifuentes, Human Resources Director (707) 649-4852

stephanie.sifuentes@cityofvallejo.net

Human Resources Director Sifuentes defined AB 2561 and the City's obligations under this bill, provided status of vacancies as of May 9, 2025, provided an overview of vacancies by bargaining unit, discussed recruitment and retention efforts, and concluded the presentation reviewing obstacles/impediments and recommendations.

Kim Camatti (IBEW) addressed Council.

Mayor Sorce opened the public hearing.

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers. Councilmembers provided comment.

Speakers: Stephen Hallett and Kim Camatti

Mayor Sorce closed the public hearing.

Another question and answer period followed. Councilmembers provided comment.

The meeting recessed at 9:08 p.m. and reconvened at 9:16 p.m.

H. **HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPT RESOLUTIONS RELATING TO THE ADOPTION OF THE FY 2025-2026 BUDGET AND RELATED ACTIONS**
Recommendation: Hold a public hearing and take public input for the FY 2025-2026 Budget, and adopt six Resolutions as follows:

1. Resolution Adopting the FY 2025-2026 Budget for the City of Vallejo, as set forth in **Attachment B**.
2. Resolution Adopting the FY 2025-2026 Positions and Salaries as set forth in **Attachment C**.
3. Resolution Approving the FY 2025-2026 Blue Rock Springs Golf Course Fees and Charges Schedule, as set forth in **Attachment D**.
4. Resolution Approving the FY 2025-2026 Marina Fees and Charges Schedule, as set forth in **Attachment E**.
5. Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Purchase Vehicles Scheduled and Funded for Replacement in FY 2025-2026, as set forth in **Attachment F**.
6. Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to execute purchase orders for the vendors and amounts for FY 2025-2026, as set forth in **Attachment G**.

Contact: Rekha Nayar, Finance Director; (707) 648-5433
Rekha.Nayar@cityofvallejo.net

Finance Director Nayar outlined the budget development process, reviewed all Citywide funds and the General Fund, outlined the addendum to the proposed budget, and discussed additional Council information and concluded the presentation outlining the proposed recommendation.

Mayor Sorce opened the Public Hearing.

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers.

Speakers: Anne Carr, Stephen Hallett, Sherianne Grimm, Christine Watson, Mai-Ling Garcia, Vallejo Housing Justice Coalition, and Melvin Cowan.

Another question and answer period followed. Councilmembers provided comment.

Action: *moved by Mayor Sorce and carried unanimously to continue the public hearing to the regular Council meeting of June 24 and directed staff to return with the following:*

- *Freeze non-essential vacant positions, excluding Fire, Police and Public Works*
- *Identify additional general fund reductions up to \$1 million*

- *Identify Capital Improvement Program projects to close/postpone which may result in the possibility of reallocating money to the general fund*
- *Assess the projected impact on the General Fund if federal funding from the Housing Authority is discontinued.*

I. **HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPT A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEARS 2025-26 THROUGH 2029-30**

Recommendation: Hold a public hearing and adopt a Resolution approving the five-year Capital Improvement Program for fiscal years 2025-26 through 2029-30.

Contact: Oscar Alcantar, Interim Public Works Director (707) 648-4433

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Beth Schoenberger, Water Director (707) 648-5439

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Action: *moved by Mayor Sorce and carried unanimously to continue the item to the regular Council meeting of June 24.*

J. **ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (EDC) 2025 WORK PLAN AND RELATED FY2025-26 BUDGET REQUEST OF A NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$30,392.**

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution (Attachment A) by the City Council to approve the EDC 2025 Work Plan with its request of \$20,000 from the City of Vallejo FY 2025-26 budget and a re-allocation of unexpended EDC FY2024-25 funds not to exceed \$10,392.

Contact: Gillian Haen, Assistant City Manager (707) 648-4163

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Action: *continued to the regular Council meeting of June 24.*

10. **INFORMATION CALENDAR** – None.

11. **CITY MANAGER’S REPORT** – none.

12. **CITY ATTORNEY’S REPORT** – none.

13. **COMMUNITY FORUM**
Speakers: an unidentified member of the public.

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 12:53 a.m. and in memory of Sly Stone.

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