

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

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:28 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Sorce, Councilmembers Gordon, Ledju, Matias, Matulac, and Palmares (participated virtually)

Absent: Vice Mayor Bregenzer

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 Council provided direction to its labor negotiators regarding Closed Session Item 3A.

5. PRESENTATIONS AND COMMENDATIONS

Action: *Vince Jacala and Ambreen Ansari (CalTrans) provided a presentation.*

**A. CALTRANS-SR-29/SONOMA BOULEVARD-VALLEJO-PAVING AND
SIDEWALKS AND CURBS PROJECT**

6. FIRST COMMUNITY FORUM

Speakers: Cassandra James, Tina Fowler, Daniel Boone, Pastor Anthony Summers, and Paula Conley.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

Speakers: Paul Theiss (Item 8D) and Anne Carr.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Action: *moved by Councilmember Matulac and carried unanimously by members present, unless otherwise noted, approval of the Agenda and the Consent Calendar with the removal of Items 8E, 8G, 8C, and 8D making them Items 8.1, 8.2, 8.3, and 8.4 respectively (Absent: Bregenzer).*

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Recommendation: Approve minutes from the special and regular meetings of May 27, 2025

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

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Action: *adopted 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.

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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. PAYMENT OF CLAIMS: APRIL 2025

Recommendation: Ratify the payment of claims for the period of April 1, 2025, through April 30, 2025.

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

Rekha.Nayar@cityofvallejo.net

Action: *item was removed from the Consent Calendar at the request of Councilmember Gordon.*

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers.

Action: *moved by Councilmember Matulac and carried unanimously by members present to ratify payment of claims for period of April 1-30, 2025 (Absent: Bregenzer).*

D. ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING SUPPLEMENTS NO. 1 AND NO. 2 TO THE MASTER FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION TO ACCEPT ONE BAY AREA GRANT (OBAG) 3 FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,400,000 FOR THE DOWNTOWN PLAN UPDATE AND STREETScape DESIGN AND THE WATERFRONT PLAN UPDATE PROJECTS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAME, AND AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 CAPITAL GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTION FUND #221 BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE THE FUNDS (STEP 2 OF 2)

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution approving Supplements No. 1 and No. 2 to the Master Funding Agreement with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission to accept One Bay Area Grant (OBAG) 3 funds in the amount of \$2,400,000 for the Downtown Plan Update and Streetscape Design and the Waterfront Plan Update Projects, authorizing the City Manager to execute same, and amending the fiscal year 2024-25 Capital Grants and Contribution Fund #221 budget to appropriate the funds (Step 2 OF 2).

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

kristin.pollot@cityofvallejo.net

Action: *item was removed from the Consent Calendar at the request of Councilmember Lediju.*

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers.

Action: moved by Councilmember Matulac and carried unanimously by members present to adopt Resolution No. 25-106 N.C. (Absent: Bregenzer)

E. **ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO AN AGREEMENT WITH SEROLOGICAL LABORATORY FOR FORENSIC TESTING SERVICES**

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to the agreement with Serological Laboratory for forensic laboratory services, for a new not to exceed amount of \$500,000 over a term of 3 years.

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

jason.ta@cityofvallejo.net

Action: item was removed from the Consent Calendar at the request of Councilmember Matias.

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers.

Action: moved by Councilmember Matulac and carried unanimously by members present to adopt Resolution No. 25-107 N.C. (Absent: Bregenzer)

F. **ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO CHEMICAL SUPPLIES PURCHASE AGREEMENT 25WD052 WITH THATCHER COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA, INC. FOR THE WATER DEPARTMENT'S WATER TREATMENT CHEMICAL SUPPLIES, INCREASING THE NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT TO \$430,023, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE SAME**

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution approving the First Amendment to Chemical Supplies Purchase Agreement 25WD052 for water treatment chemical supplies, increasing the not to exceed amount to \$430,023.00, and authorizing the City Manager to execute the same.

Contact: Beth Schoenberger, Water Director

Beth.Schoenberger@cityofvalljo.net

Action: adopted Resolution No. 25-108 N.C.

G. **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 a 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: Jason Ackley, Assistant to the City Manager

jason.ackley@cityofvallejo.net

Action: *item was removed from the Consent Calendar at the request of Councilmember Matias.*

Councilmembers provided comment.

Action: *moved by Councilmember Matulac and carried by members present to adopt Resolution No. 25-109 N.C.(Noes: Matias; Absent: Bregenzer)*

H. **ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$34,311 TO LEAF CAPITAL FUNDING, LLC PURSUANT TO INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT CONTRACT 20-IT206 TO COVER TAXES AND CONTRACT ADMINISTRATIVE FEES INCURRED OVER THE CONTRACT'S FIVE-YEAR TERM**

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution authorizing additional payment in the amount of \$34,311 to Leaf Capital Funding, LLC pursuant to Information Technology Department contract 20-it206 to cover taxes and contract administrative fees incurred over the contract's five-year term.

Contact: Naveed Ashraf, Chief Innovation Officer & IT Director (707) 648-5200

Naveed.Ashraf@cityofvallejo.net

Action: *adopted Resolution No. 25-110 N.C.*

9. **ACTION CALENDAR**

Mayor Sorce and Councilmember Matias recused themselves from Action Item 9A due to a conflict of interest related receiving a campaign contribution from the applicant of \$500 or more each within 12 months prior to the date of the proceeding and left the dais and the Council Chambers.

Councilmember Matulac resumed presiding over the meeting.

A. **HOLD A CONTINUED 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 OF 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 OF THE PROPERTY FROM RESIDENTIAL LOW DENSITY (RLD) TO REGIONAL COMMERCIAL (RC)**

Recommendation: Hold a continued 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 0.49-acre parcel located at 1235 Warren Avenue (APN: 0074-160-730) (the "Property") 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

Robert.Busick@cityofvallejo.net

Senior Planner Busick discussed the purpose of the item, reviewed the Levin Act, provided an overview of the project including staff analysis and findings and CEQA determination, reviewed the Planning Commission's consideration of the item and their recommendations, outlined the notification process and concluded the presentation with recommended actions.

Councilmember Matulac opened the public hearing.

Staff and Dary Kremin (representing the Applicant) responded to questions from Councilmembers.

There being no speakers, the public hearing was closed.

Councilmembers provided comment.

Action: *moved by Councilmember Matulac and carried unanimously by members present to adopt Resolution No. 25-111 N.C. and introduced an ordinance amending the zoning map (CTA23-0001) To change the zoning designation from Residential Low Density (RLD) to Regional Commercial (RC) (Absent: Bregenzer; Abstained Due to Conflicts of Interest: Sorce and Matias).*

The meeting recessed at 9:51 p.m. and reconvened at 10:02 p.m.

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

B. HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPT RESOLUTIONS RELATING TO THE ADOPTION OF THE FY 2025-26 BUDGET AND RELATED ACTIONS; FIRST READING INTRODUCING AN ORDINANCE TO RATIFY ALL CITY FUNDS

Recommendation:

Hold a public hearing and take public input for the FY 2025-26 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.**

1st hearing to introduce an ordinance:

1. Ordinance ratify the creation of all the City's funds, as set forth in **Attachment H.**

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

Finance Director Nayar provided a recap of the June 10 meeting and reviewed the Council's direction on the budget, discussed impacts of federal cuts to the Housing Voucher Program, and outlined the addendum items to the proposed budget with either a fiscal or non-fiscal impact.

Mayor Sorce opened the public hearing.

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers.

Speakers: Richard (Vallejo Main Street), Andrea Portillo and Anne Carr.

Mayor Sorce closed the public hearing.

Another question and answer period followed. Councilmembers provided comment.

Action 1:

Moved by Councilmember Gordon to adopt a resolution adopting the FY 2025-26 budget for the City of Vallejo as set forth in Attachment B with the following revisions

- *Freeze non-essential GF vacant positions as proposed in the DSR except the two in Planning & Development Services – Building Inspection Manager and Plan Check Engineer*
- *Freeze new funding of \$1M PB until \$2.2M of previous allocation is spent*

On a substitute motion offered by Councilmember Matias, adopt a resolution adopting the FY 2025-26 budget for the City of Vallejo as set forth in Attachment B with the following revisions:

- *Freeze non-essential General Fund vacant positions as proposed in the SR except for the two in Planning & Development Services - Building Inspection Manager and Plan Check Engineer*
- *Freeze new funding of \$1M for PB until \$2.2M of previous allocation is spent. Staff to schedule a meeting with the PBSC as soon as possible to follow through on the recommendations made in the staff report.*
- *Authorized purchase of financial budget software in the amount of \$200K. The Finance team to propose an assessment of their office to*

the City Manager's Office to be included as part of the mid-year budget update to Council.

- *Authorized purchase of Rubrik server/data backup upgrade in the amount of \$116K*
- *Cut \$722K in General Fund Capital Outlay from uninitiated, delayed, or closing projects*
- *Add funding of \$500K for dredging of the Marina*
- *Include reallocation of Council requests for the following: \$25K for the Youth Late-Night Basketball Program and \$13K for the US Conference of Mayors Membership. Data from Youth Late-Night Basketball Program is to be shared with Youth Services Coordinator Barksdale-Grace in terms of kids serving and what parts of town they are coming from to help inform her strategy as part of the Strategic Plan.*
- *Approved \$50K for the Crime Prevention Program*

On a second substitute motion offered by Councilmember Lediju and carried, adopted Resolution No. 25-112 N.C., a resolution adopting the FY 2025-26 budget for the City of Vallejo as set forth in Attachment B with the following revisions: (Ayes: Gordon, Lediju, Matias, Matulac, and Palmares; Noes: Sorce; Absent: Bregenzer)

- *Freeze non-essential General Fund vacant positions as proposed in the SR except the two in Planning & Development Services - Building Inspection Manager and Plan Check Engineer*
- *Freeze new funding of \$1M for PB until \$2.2M of previous allocation is spent. Staff to schedule a meeting with the PBSC as soon as possible to follow through on the recommendations made in the staff report.*
- *Authorized purchase of financial budget software in the amount of \$200K. The Finance team to propose an assessment of their office to the City Manager's Office to be included as part of the mid-year budget update to Council.*
- *Authorized purchase of Rubrik server/data backup upgrade in the amount of \$116K*
- *Cut \$722K in General Fund Capital Outlay from uninitiated, delayed, or closing projects*
- *Add funding of \$500K for dredging of the Marina*
- *Include reallocation of Council requests for the following: \$25K for the Youth Late-Night Basketball Program and \$13K for the US Conference of Mayors Membership. Data from Youth Late-Night Basketball Program is to be shared with Youth Services Coordinator Barksdale-Grace in terms of kids serving and what parts of town they are coming from to help inform her strategy as part of the Strategic Plan.*
- *Approved \$50K for the Crime Prevention Program*
- *Approved \$50K for the Crime Prevention Program and added an additional \$50K, totaling to \$100K.*
- *For next year moving forward, if additional funding is needed for the Youth Late-Night Basketball Program that the request go through the Police. Fire Departments or PB.*

- *Membership for the US Mayor's Conference go through the same process as all other professional membership dues for City departments as part of the annual budget process*
- *Moving forward, the City Manager was directed to work out all the pieces necessary for grant requests for funding from the community to create a process and return to Council with the process.*

ACTION 2: *moved by Councilmember Matias and carried to adopt Resolutions Nos. 25-113, 25-114, 25-115, 25-116 and 25-117 N.C. for Recommendations 2-5 and introduced an ordinance as noted in Recommendation 6 as reflected on the agenda.*

(Ayes: Gordon, Lediju, Matias, Matulac, and Palmares; Noes: Sorce; Absent: Bregenzer)

ACTION 3: *moved by Mayor Sorce and carried to direct staff to return to Council by August 5 with an item for Council to consider creating a Budget & Finance ad-hoc committee that will create some of the process discussed this evening and outline the timing for next year's budget and how we will revamp the organizational structure, specifically the processes for how we decide when and how things to go to Measure P, when and how things to go PB, what do we do with unforfeited proposals (Ayes: Sorce, Lediju, Matias, Matulac, and Palmares; Noes: Gordon; Absent: Bregenzer)*

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

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

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Beth Schoenberger, Water Director (707) 648-5439

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Mayor Sorce opened the continued public hearing.

Action: *moved by Mayor Sorce and carried unanimously by members present to continue the public hearing on this item to the July 8 regular meeting (Absent: Bregenzer).*

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 CIMARRON HILLS-MADIGAN, COLLEGE HILLS, COSTA DEL RIO (SEAVIEW), SOMERSET HIGHLANDS I/II, GREENMONT/SEAPORT HILLS, MONICA PLACE, SOMERSET HIGHLANDS III, SPRINGTREE-FLEMING HILL, SUMMIT II, TOWN & COUNTRY I, WOODRIDGE, HUNTER RANCH I/II, AND GLEN COVE I/II 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 Cimmaron Hills-Madigan, College Hills, Costa del Rio (Seaview), Somerset Highlands I/II, Greemont/Seaport Hills, Monica Place, Somerset Highlands III, Springtree-Fleming Hill, Summit II, Town & Country I, Woodridge, Hunter Ranch I/II, and Glen Cove I/II Landscape Maintenance Districts for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

Contact: Oscar Alcantar, Interim Public Works Director (707) 648-4433
oscar.alcantar@cityofvallejo.net

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

Action: moved by Councilmember Matulac and carried unanimously by members present to adopt Resolution No. 25-118 N.C.(Absent: Bregenzer)

E. **INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE AND FIRST READING OF A PROPOSED ADDITION TO THE CITY OF VALLEJO'S MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY IN REGARD TO FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONES WITHIN A LOCAL AGENCIES JURISDICTION PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODES 51177-51179.**

Recommendation: Adopt an ordinance adding Chapter 7.57 of the Vallejo Municipal Code for Public Health and Safety to incorporate updated Fire Hazard Severity Zones (FHSZ) as designated by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE), in compliance with California Government Code Sections 51177 through 51179.

Contact: Arthur Gonzales, Interim Fire Chief
arthur.gonzales@cityofvallejo.net

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

Action: moved by Councilmember Matulac and carried unanimously by members present to introduce an ordinance adding Chapter 7.57 of the Vallejo Municipal Code for Public Health and Safety to incorporate updated Fire Hazard Severity Zones (FHSZ) as designated by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE), in compliance with California Government Code Sections 51177 through 51179 (Absent: Bregenzer).

F. **RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON PUBLIC SAFETY STAFFING IN VALLEJO AND STEPS THE POLICE DEPARTMENT IS TAKING REGARDING RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION**

Recommendation: Receive an update on Vallejo public safety staffing

Contact: Jason Ta, Chief of Police(707) 648-4540
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Action: item was continued to July 8 regular council meeting.

10. INFORMATION CALENDAR – None.

11. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Murray reported on a survey that the community is being asked to provide input on hours of operation for City Hall and announced a decrease in operating hours for the Housing Department due to staffing constraints.

12. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT – None.

13. COMMUNITY FORUM

Speakers: Bill and Lynda Dianels

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 1:59 a.m.

Signed by:

Andrea Sorce

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ANDREA SORCE, MAYOR

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Dawn G. Abrahamson

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