

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

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:39 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 Nebb, City Clerk Abrahamson,

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Nebb reported the following:

- Closed Session Item 3A – no action was taken
- Closed Session Item 3B – one case was discussed. No action was taken
- Closed Session Item 3C – no action to report

5. PRESENTATIONS AND COMMENDATIONS – None.

6. FIRST COMMUNITY FORUM

Speakers: Courtney Davis, Robert Schussel, Joseph Johnson, John Lewis, and Sherianne Grimm

7. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

Speakers: None.

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 removal of Items 8H and 8C from the Consent Calendar making them Items 8.1 and 8.2 respectively and the reordering of the Action Calendar placing Item 9F as the first item with all other items following in the order as they appeared on the Agenda.*

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Recommendation: Approve minutes from the special meetings of June 3 and the special and regular meetings of June 10, 2025

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

Dawn.Abrahamson@cityofvallejo.net

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 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP (CTA23-0001) TO CHANGE THE ZONING DESIGNATION FROM RESIDENTIAL LOW DENSITY (RLD) TO REGIONAL COMMERCIAL (RC)

Recommendation: Adopt 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

Kristin.Pollot@cityofvallejo.net

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

Robert.Busick@cityofvallejo.net

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

Mayor Sorce and Councilmember Matias recused themselves 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.

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers.

Action: *moved by Vice Mayor Bregenzer and carried unanimously to adopt Ordinance No. 1880 N.C (2d) (Abstained Due to Conflict of Interest: Sorce and Matias).*

Following this item, Mayor Sorce and Councilmember Matias resumed their seats at the dais.

D. ADOPT AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING THE CREATION OF ALL THE CITY'S FUNDS AS SET FORTH IN ATTACHMENT H FOR THE FY 2025-26 BUDGET

Recommendation: Adopt an ordinance ratifying the creation of all the City's funds as set forth in Attachment H for the FY 2025-26 Budget

Contact: Rekha Nayar, Finance Director (707) 648-5433

Rekha.Nayar@cityofvallejo.net

Action: adopted Ordinance No. 1881 N.C. (2d)

- E. **ACCEPT THE TUOLUMNE ST. & GEORGIA ST. PAVING PROJECT PERFORMED BY CONSOLIDATED ENGINEERING, INC. AS COMPLETE, AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY CLERK TO FILE A NOTICE OF COMPLETION WITH THE SOLANO COUNTY RECORDER'S OFFICE**

Recommendation: Accept the Tuolumne Street & Georgia Street Paving Project performed by Consolidated Engineering, Inc., as complete, and authorize the City Clerk to file a Notice of Completion with the Solano County Recorder's Office.

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

Oscar.Alcantar@cityofvallejo.net

Action: accepted the Tuolumne Street & Georgia Street Paving Project performed by Consolidated Engineering, Inc., as complete, and authorized the City Clerk to file a Notice of Completion with the Solano County Recorder's Office.

- F. **ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING SEPARATE SUPPLIES PURCHASE AGREEMENTS FOR TRAFFIC SAFETY AND CONTROL DEVICES WITH JAMS SERVICES, LLC AND ECONOLITE CONTROL PRODUCTS, INC. FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$250,000 EACH AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAME**

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution approving separate Supplies Purchase Agreements for traffic safety and control devices with JAMS Services, LLC and Econolite Control Products, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$250,000 each and authorizing the City Manager to execute same.

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

oscar.alcantar@cityofvallejo.net

Action: adopted Resolution No. 25-119 N.C.

- G. **ADOPT A RESOLUTION GRANTING UTILITY EASEMENTS TO PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY (PG&E) TO ALLOW THE INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF EQUIPMENT NECESSARY TO PROVIDE ELECTRICAL SERVICE TO THE VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS IN PARKING LOT K LOCATED AT 340 YORK STREET, PARKING LOT L LOCATED AT 426 YORK STREET, AND IN THE NORMAN C KING SOUTH VALLEJO COMMUNITY CENTER PARKING LOT LOCATED AT 545 MAGAZINE STREET, FINDING THIS ACTION EXEMPT PURSUANT TO CEQA GUIDELINES SECTION 15303, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAME, AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO RECORD THE EASEMENTS IN THE SOLANO COUNTY RECORDER'S OFFICE**

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution granting utility easements to Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) to allow the installation and maintenance of equipment necessary to provide electricity to the vehicle charging stations in Parking Lot K located at 340 York Street, Parking Lot L located at 426 York Street, and in the Norman C King South Vallejo Community Center parking lot located at 545 Magazine Street, finding this action exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15303, authorizing the City Manager to execute same, and

directing the City Clerk to record the easements in the Solano County Recorder's Office.

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

Oscar.Alcantar@cityofvallejo.net

Action: adopted Resolution No. 25-120 N.C.

- H. **ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONSULTANT AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH 4LEAF, INC. FOR BUILDING INSPECTION SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$800,000 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026, WITH TWO ONE-YEAR OPTIONS TO EXTEND, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAME**

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution approving a Consultant and Professional Services Agreement with 4Leaf, Inc. for building inspection services in an amount not to exceed \$800,000 through June 30, 2026, with two one-year options to extend, and authorizing the City Manager to execute same.

Contact: Kristin Pollot, AICP, Planning and Development Services Director

Kristin.Pollot@CityofVallejo.net

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

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers. Councilmembers provided comment.

Action: moved by Vice Mayor Bregenzer and carried to adopt Resolution No. 25-121 N.C. (Noes: Matias).

9. ACTION CALENDAR

The Action Calendar was taken out of order with Item 9F being the first item followed by all other items in the order as they appeared on the agenda.

- A. **SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE VALLEJO MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADDING CHAPTER 7.57 RELATING TO FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONES WITHIN A LOCAL AGENCY'S JURISDICTION AD RECOMMENDED BY THE STATE FIRE MARSHALL PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODES 51177-51179.**

Recommendation: Adopt an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Vallejo amending the Vallejo Municipal Code to add chapter 7.57 adopting the 2025 Fire Hazard Severity Zone Map as recommended by the California State Fire Marshal in compliance with California Government Code Sections 51177 through 51179.

Contact: Arthur Gonzales, Interim Fire Chief

Arthur.Gonzales@cityofvallejo.net

Interim Fire Chief Gonzales provided an overview of the Fire Hazard Severity Zones and how they are determined, provided new updates, differentiated wildland vs. non-wildland zones, explained the reason for the Map and what is impacted, reviewed the adoption timeline and the City of Vallejo Fire Hazard Severity Zones.

Speakers: David Haldane

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers. Councilmembers provided comment.

Action: *moved by Vice Mayor Bregenzer and carried unanimously to adopt Ordinance No. 1882 N.C. (2d).*

B. 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

jason.ta@cityofvallejo.net

Chief Ta provided introductory comments.

Deputy Police Chief Knight 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, reviewed the iHart calls for service and the Police Department's average response times, identified alternative steps to consider in terms of reinforcing staffing, increasing recruitment, providing better public safety services and what support the Department needs from city leadership.

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers.

Speakers: Robert Schussel, Diana and Anne Carr.

Another question and answer period followed. Councilmembers provided comment. The extension of the public safety emergency will be agendized for the July 22 regular council meeting.

Action: *moved by Vice Mayor Bregenzer to only hear Action Calendar Items 9C and 9D and continue the other items to a future meeting.*

On a substitute motion offered by Councilmember Palmares and failed, to only hear Action Calendar Items 9C, 9D and 9E and continue Item 9G (Ayes: Gordon and Palmares; Noes: Sorce, Bregenzer, Lediju, Matias, and Matulac)

Council returned to the main motion offered by Vice Mayor Bregenzer which carried to only hear Action Calendar Items 9C and 9D (Noes: Palmares).

C. 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 2025-2026

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 2025-2026 Adopted Budget.

Contact: Stephanie Sifuentes, Human Resources Director (707) 649-4852
stephanie.sifuentes@cityofvallejo.net

Human Resources Director Sifuentes provided an overview of the staff report and highlights of the Recruitment, Retention, and Referral Incentive Plan.

Speakers: Sherianne Grimm, Jimmy Genn, Kris Kelley, Robert Schussel, Cristal G., Anne Carr, and Cyndi Mitchell

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers. Councilmembers provided comment.

Action: *moved by Vice Mayor Bregenzer and carried to 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 2025-2026 Adopted Budget (Step 1 of 2) (Noes: Sorce).*

D. **PROVIDE NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE \$1,150,000 FOR PUBLIC SAFETY MEASURES TO REDUCE VIOLENCE (STEP 1 OF 2)**

Recommendation: Provide Notice Of Intent To Amend Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget To Appropriate \$1,150,000 For Public Safety Measures To Reduce Violence (Step 1 of 2)

Contact: Jason Ta, Chief of Police
Jason.Ta@cityofvallejo.net

Police Chief Ta provided a summary of the funding for public safety measures as directed by Council at their July 1 special meeting and outlined the recommendation.

Speakers: Anne Carr.

Another question and answer period followed. Councilmembers provided comment.

Action: *moved by Bregenzer and carried unanimously to provide Notice of Intent to Amend Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget to appropriate \$1,150,000 For Public Safety Measures to Reduce Violence (Step 1 of 2)*

E. **DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION ON CITY COUNCIL REFERRALS AND CURRENT TWO-STEP PROCESS FOR AGENDIZING**

Recommendation: Discuss and provide direction to staff on the following:

1. Current List of City Council referrals from January 1 to June 30, 2025

2. Current Two-Step Process for agendizing

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

Andrew.Murray@cityofvallejo.net

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

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Action: *continued to July 22 regular council meeting.*

F. **ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FIVE-YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN OF THE CITY OF VALLEJO FOR FISCAL YEARS 2025-26 THROUGH 2029-30, AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution approving the Five-Year Consolidated Plan ("Consolidated Plan") of the City of Vallejo for Fiscal Years 2025-26 through 2029-30, and authorize the City Manager to submit to the U.S. Department Of Housing And Urban Development (HUD).

Contact: Alicia M. Jones, Housing Director (707) 648-4408

alicia.jones@cityofvallejo.net

Housing Director provided an overview of the Con Plan, discussed corrections to attachments to the staff report, outlined the recommendation, and introduced CDBG Consultants Jean Adcock and Keith Lampkin.

Consultants Adcock and Lampkin introduced the four main parts of the Con Plan, reviewed the process, needs assessment and market analysis, identified the requirements of the Strategic Plan, and concluded the presentation by providing highlights of the First-Year Action Plan including goals and objectives.

Speakers: David Haldane and Melvin Cowman.

Staff and the Consultants responded to questions from Councilmembers. Councilmembers provided comment.

Action: *moved by Vice Mayor Bregenzer and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 25-122 N.C.*

G. **ADOPT A RESOLUTION CREATING A STANDING COUNCIL BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE, SET A TIME FOR THE MEETINGS, AND APPOINT COUNCIL MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THE COMMITTEE**

Recommendation: As per Council direction on June 24, 2025, it is recommended that the City Council:

1. Establish a Standing Budget and Finance Committee.
2. Set the meeting time for the Budget and Finance Committee
3. Appoint Council Members to serve on the newly established Budget and Finance Committee.

Contact: Rekha Nayar, Finance Director
Rekha.Nayar@cityofvallejo.net

Action: *continued item to July 22 regular council meeting.*

10. INFORMATION CALENDAR – None.

11. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

City Manager Murray reported the Navigation Center opened and streetlights were installed in the Downtown.

12. CITY ATTORNEY’S REPORT – None.

13. COMMUNITY FORUM

Speakers: Melvin Cowman, Kris Kelley and Vallejo Housing Justice Coalition.

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 1:02 a.m.

Signed by:

Andrea Sorce

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