

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

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Sorce, Vice Mayor Bregenzer, Councilmembers Gordon, Lediju, Matias, Matulac, and Palmares (arrived at 6:11 p.m.)

Absent: None

Staff present: Acting City Manager/Police Chief Ta, City Attorney Nebb and City Clerk Abrahamson

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. ACTION CALENDAR

A. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION ON COMMUNITY VIOLENCE MITIGATION FOR SUMMER 2025

Recommendation: Discussion and Possible Direction on Community Violence Mitigation for Summer 2025

Contact: Jason Ta, Chief of Police

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Deputy Police Chief Knight discussed current strategies, identified short term strategies (within 1 year) and long term strategies (1-2 years and beyond) and provided an overview of current crime statistics.

Speakers: Jimmy Genn, Anne Carr, Liat Meitzenheimer, Priscilla Hasan, Shadeed Hasan, Tinisha Hollins, and Melvin Cowan

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers. Councilmembers provided comment

Action 1: *moved by Councilmember Matias to direct staff to do the following:*

- *Cost out 5 Security Towers and return to council for approval.*
- *Re-establish the Safe Start to School Programs at Lincoln, Hogan, St. Vincent and Pennycook from whenever school starts to end of summer.*
- *Start a Block Party Program and let council know of any funding requests to that program with completion as soon as possible for the summer.*
- *Explore whether the City should be subsidizing GVRD programming to our youth this summer and if so at what level.*

A friendly amendment to the motion was offered by Councilmember Lediju, accepted by Councilmember Matias and carried unanimously to add dollar value and direct staff to bring back budget amendments to Council at its July 8 regular meeting (Step 1 as part of a 2-step process) for the following items:

- 1) Funding for up to \$500,000 and where the funding comes from for as many security towers as that can buy
- 2) Funding for up to \$50,000 for the development of a Block Party
- 3) Funding for up to \$300,000 to create a subsidy scholarship program working with GVRD from zero up to 80% on a needs basis for children to participate in the GVRD year around programs. GVRD to provide data on the number of kids sponsored and income-based data as requested by Councilmember Gordon.
- 4) Direct staff to re-establish the Safe Start to School Programs at Lincoln, Hogan, St. Vincent, and Pennycook elementary schools from the start of the school year until summer break, giving the Police Department flexibility due to staffing constraints.

Action 2: moved by Councilmember Lediju to direct staff to conduct research and bring budgetary information forward in the amount of up to \$300,000 in funding for the Vallejo VISION Program, and have a deeper discussion and see what the funding will provide (Step 1 as part of a 2-step process).

A friendly amendment to the motion was offered by Vice Mayor Bregenzer, accepted by Councilmember Lediju and carried unanimously directing staff to conduct research and bring budgetary information forward in the amount of up to \$300,000 in funding for the Vallejo VISION Program and have a deeper discussion and see what that funding will provide (Step 1 as part of a 2-step process). Staff was also directed to continue to look for a grant and supplement the \$300,000 with grant funding. (Abstain: Matias. Abstention was cast as an aye vote pursuant to Vallejo Municipal Code Section 2.02.680(c)).

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:04 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