

**VALLEJO CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 23, 2025**

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:37 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Sorce, Vice Mayor Bregenzer, Councilmembers Gordon, Lediju, Matias, Matulac, 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 3A: Council provided direction to staff
- Closed Session Item 3B: Council provided direction to its Risk Manager
- Closed Session Item 3C: Council provided direction to its real property negotiators
- Closed Session Item 3D: Mayor Sorce and Councilmember Gordon recused themselves. The remainder of the Council provided direction to staff
- Closed Session Item 3E: Council provided direction to its legal counsel

5. PRESENTATIONS AND COMMENDATIONS

Action: *Councilmember Matias read and presented the proclamation.*

A. PRESENTATION OF A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING HISPANIC HERIAGE MONTH - SEPTEMBER 15-OCTOBER 15, 2025

6. FIRST COMMUNITY FORUM

Speakers: Richard Lee, Jimmy Genn, Kathy O'Hare, Phillip Balbuena, Topher Delaney, Shannon Lovelace-White, and Supervisor Cassandra James

7. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

Speakers: Phillip Balbuena (Item 8F)

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 removing Items 8L, 8K and 8F making them items 8.1, 8.2 and 8.3.*

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Recommendation: Approve minutes for the special and regular meetings of September 9, 2025

Contact: Dawn G. Abrahamson, MMC, City Clerk (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

Dawn.Abrahamson@cityofvallejo.net

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: JUNE 2025

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

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

Rekha.Nayar@cityofvallejo.net

Action: *ratified payment of claims for period of June 1-30, 2025*

D. PAYMENT OF CLAIMS: JULY 2025

Recommendation: Ratify the payment of claims for the period of July 1, 2025, through July 31, 2025.

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

Rekha.Nayar@cityofvallejo.net

Action: *ratified payment of claims for period of July 1-31, 2025*

E. ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING A MAINTENANCE SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH API GROUP LIFE SAFETY USA, LLC DBA WESTERN STATES FIRE PROTECTION COMPANY FOR ON-CALL FIRE HYDRANT INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR A NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$1,500,000 AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE SAME.

Recommendation:

Adopt a resolution approving a Maintenance Services Agreement with API Group Life Safety USA, LLC, DBA Western States Fire Protection Company for on-call fire hydrant inspection and maintenance services for a not-to-exceed amount of \$1,500,000 and authorizing the City Manager to execute the same.

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

Beth.Schoenberger@cityofvallejo.net

John Palesi, Water Operations Manager for Operations & Maintenance (707)

648-4302

John.Palesi@cityofvallejo.net

Action: adopted Resolution No. 25-155 N.C.

- F. **ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING A MASTER AGREEMENT AND ORDER FORM WITH LIVEVIEW TECHNOLOGIES FOR A TOTAL OF 7 MOBILE SECURITY TOWERS, TERMINATING THE PREVIOUS MASTER AGREEMENT AND ORDER FORM FOR 2 OF SAID TOWERS AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAME**

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution approving a Master Agreement and Order Form with Liveview Technologies for a total of 7 Mobile Security Towers, Terminating the previous Master Agreement and Order Form for 2 of said towers and authorizing the City Manager to execute same

Contact: Jason Ta, Chief of Police

Jason.Ta@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 Vice Mayor Bregenzer and carried unanimously adopted Resolution No. 25-156 N.C.

- G. **ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO AWARD AND APPROVE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH TELSTAR INSTRUMENTS FOR SUPERVISORY CONTROL AND DATA ACQUISITION (SCADA) PROGRAMMING AND ENGINEERING SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$740,000 AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE SAME**

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution approving a Professional Services Agreement with Telstar Instruments for Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) Programming and Engineering Services in an amount not to exceed \$750,000 and authorizing the City Manager to execute the same.

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

beth.schoenberger@cityofvallejo.net

Action: adopted Resolution No. 25-157 N.C.

- H. **ACCEPT THE NAVIGATION CENTER PROJECT (PW9433) PERFORMED BY G & G BUILDERS, INC., AS COMPLETE, AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY CLERK TO FILE A NOTICE OF COMPLETION WITH THE SOLANO COUNTY RECORDER'S OFFICE**

Recommendation: Accept the Navigation Center Project (PW9433) performed by G & G Builders, Inc., of Livermore, California, 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 Navigation Center Project (PW9433) performed by G & G Builders, Inc., of Livermore, California, as complete, and authorized the City Clerk to file a Notice of Completion with the Solano County Recorder's Office.*

I. **ACCEPT JAMESON PUMP STATION VFD REPLACEMENT AND PUMP STATION EMERGENCY POWER TRANSFER AND GENERATOR CONNECTION IMPROVEMENTS AS COMPLETE (WT7112 AND WT7113) AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY CLERK TO RECORD A NOTICE OF COMPLETION WITH THE SOLANO COUNTY RECORDER**

Recommendation: Accept the Jameson Pump Station VFD Replacement and Pump Station Emergency Power Transfer and Generator Connection Improvements Project performed by Vellutini Corp dba Royal Electric, of Sacramento, California as complete and authorize and direct the City Clerk to file a Notice of Completion with the Solano County Recorder's office.

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

Beth.Scheonberger@cityofvallejo.net

Action: *accepted the Jameson Pump Station VFD Replacement and Pump Station Emergency Power Transfer and Generator Connection Improvements Project performed by Vellutini Corp dba Royal Electric, of Sacramento, California as complete and authorized and direct the City Clerk to file a Notice of Completion with the Solano County Recorder's office.*

J. **ACCEPT THE IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE WATER MAIN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 (WT-7118) PHASE 2, CAL MARITIME ACADEMY SLIP LINE PROJECT AND RECORD A NOTICE OF COMPLETION WITH THE SOLANO COUNTY RECORDER**

Recommendation: Accept the Improvements for the Water Main Capital Improvement Project, Fiscal Year 2021-22 (WT-7118) Phase 2, Cal Maritime Academy Slip Line Project performed by TerraCon Constructors, Inc. of Healdsburg, CA as complete and authorize and direct the City Clerk to file a Notice of Completion with the Solano County Recorder's Office.

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

Beth.Scheonberger@cityofvallejo.net

Action: *accepted the Improvements for the Water Main Capital Improvement Project, Fiscal Year 2021-22 (WT-7118) Phase 2, Cal Maritime Academy Slip Line Project performed by TerraCon Constructors, Inc. of Healdsburg, CA as complete and authorize and directed the City Clerk to file a Notice of Completion with the Solano County Recorder's Office.*

K. **APPROVE A PROCLAMATION COMMEMORATING THE 250TH BIRTHDAY OF THE UNITED STATES NAVY**

Recommendation: Approve a proclamation commemorating the 250th birthday of the United States Navy

Contact: Erik Rzomp, Executive Assistant to Mayor Sorce (707) 648-4377

Erik.Rzomp@cityofvallejo.net

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

Councilmember Gordon provided comment.

Action: moved by Vice Mayor Bregenzer and carried unanimously to approve a proclamation commemorating the 250th birthday of the United States Navy.

- L. **ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY'S RESPONSE TO THE 2024-25 GRAND JURY REPORT ENTITLED "CITY OF VALLEJO ROADS" AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO FORWARD THE RESPONSE TO THE PRESIDING JUDGE OF THE SOLANO COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT AND TO THE FOREPERSON OF THE SOLANO COUNTY CIVIL GRAND JURY**

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution approving and authorizing the City's Response to the 2024-2025 Grand Jury Report entitled "City of Vallejo Roads" and authorizing the City Clerk to forward the Response to the Presiding Judge of the Solano County Superior Court and to the Foreperson of the Solano County Civil Grand Jury.

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

Oscar.Alcantar@cityofvallejo.net

Action: item was removed 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. 25-158 N.C. (Noes: Matias)

- M. **ADOPT A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS ("HOME") PROGRAM BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE \$741,000 FROM UNSPENT PRIOR YEAR HOME PROGRAM FUNDS FOR THE TENANT-BASED RENTAL ASSISTANCE (TBRA) PROGRAM (Step 2 of 2)**

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution Amending the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 HOME Investment Partnerships ("HOME") Program Budget to Appropriate \$741,000 from Unspent Prior Year HOME Program Funds for the Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) Program (step 2 of 2).

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

Alicia.Jones@cityofvallejo.net

Action: adopted Resolution No. 25-159 N.C.

- N. **ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING A FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR LABORATORY SERVICES WITH ALPHA ANALYTICAL LABORATORIES, INC., INCREASING THE NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT TO \$1,750,000 AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAME**

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution approving a First Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement for laboratory services with Alpha Analytical Labs, Inc., increasing the not-to-exceed amount to \$1,750,000 and authorizing the City Manager to execute the same.

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

beth.schoenberger@cityofvallejo.net

Action: adopted Resolution No. 25-160 N.C.

- O. **ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2025 STATE WATER PROJECT WATER TRANSFER LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING FOR THE SALE OF UNTREATED 2025 SURPLUS STATE WATER PROJECT WATER SUPPLY, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAME AND PROVIDING NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND THE WATER ENTERPRISE FUND BUDGET FY 25-26 ACCORDINGLY (STEP 1 of 2)**

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution Approving the 2025 State Water Project Water Transfer Letter of Understanding for the Sale of Untreated 2025 Surplus State Water Project Water Supply, Authorizing the City Manager to Sign Same and Providing Notice of Intent to amend the water enterprise FY 25-26 fund budget accordingly (Step 1 of 2)

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

Beth.Schoenberger@cityofvallejo.net

Action: adopted Resolution No. 25-161 N.C.

9. ACTION CALENDAR

- A. **ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE HUD-REQUIRED CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATION REPORT (CAPER) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 ADDRESSING AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NEEDS IN THE CITY OF VALLEJO**

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution approving the required Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 (July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025) for submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) by 90 days after the close of the fiscal year.

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

alicia.jones@cityofvallejo.net

Housing Director Jones reviewed the process for key documents, citizen participation and provided a high level overview of the CAPER.

Action: moved by Vice Mayor Bregenzer and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 25-162 N.C.

- B. **ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT FOR SECURITY SERVICES WITH AX9 SECURITY, INC., FOR 1 YEAR WITH FOUR 1-YEAR OPTIONS TO EXTEND TERM AND ADD ADDITIONAL SECURITY SERVICES FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT FOR YEAR 1 OF \$1,784,964.00, TERMINATING THE EXISTING CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENT, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAME**

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution Approving an Agreement for Security Services with AX9 Security, Inc., for 1 Year with Four 1-Year Options to Extend Term and add Additional Security Services for a Total Not to Exceed Amount

For Year 1 of \$1,784,964.00, Terminating the Existing Consultant Services Agreement, and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Same
Contact: Oscar Alcantar, Interim Public Works Director, 707-648-4433
Oscar.Alcantar@cityofvallejo.net

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

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers. Councilmembers provided comment.

Action: *by Council consensus, the item was continued to the regular meeting of October 14. Staff was directed to return with the following additional information:*

- *List of anticipated services and cost of each that total the not-to-exceed amount*
- *Brief description of each of the services and rationale for each (City Hall, Farragut School and Neighborhood Patrol routes)*
- *Clarify how Measure P funds fit into all of this*

The meeting recessed at 8:52 p.m. and reconvened at 9:02 p.m.

C. **RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE POLICE HEADQUARTERS PROJECT AND PROVIDE DIRECTION TO STAFF**

Recommendation: Receive an update on the Vallejo Police Headquarters Project and provide direction to staff.

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

Interim Public Works Director Alcantar and Bruce Playle (Architect) provided an update on the Vallejo Police Headquarters project and covered the status of the project, budget gap, update on police dispatch modular building, shared temporary relocation of police staff options, and outlined next steps.

Speakers: Anne Carr.

Staff and Mr. Playle responded to questions from Councilmembers. Councilmembers provided comment and direction to staff.

Action: *Moved by Vice Mayor Bregenzer, with a friendly amendment to the motion offered by Councilmember Lediju and accepted by the Vice Mayor, to fund \$746,200 needed to finalize the design work as proposed and to bid the project in phases – carried unanimously.*

Action: *Moved by Councilmember Matias to allocate half of the additional funding needed from the Monsanto Settlement Funds and the other half as a referral to the Measure P Oversight Committee.*

Alternate Motion: *On an alternate motion offered by Vice Mayor Bregenzer and carried unanimously, all additional funding needed for the project is to be fully funded from the Monsanto Settlement Agreement.*

Staff was directed to return with a presentation addressing:

- *Temporary and long-term location options for housing the Police Department, Public Works, and Water staff*
- *Financing options, including bond lease-back and analysis of affordability*
- *Potential use of federal funds or public/private partnership opportunities*
- *A project management plan*
- *Outreach to Sunstone*

D. DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION ON CITY COUNCIL 2025 GOAL SETTING PROCESS

Recommendation: Further discuss options for the City Council 2025 goal setting process and provide direction to staff.

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

Andrew.Murray@cityofvallejo.net

Action: *item was continued.*

E. RECEIVE SCOPES FOR CITY COUNCIL REFERRALS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION TO STAFF

Recommendation: Receive the scopes of work that City staff developed for City Council referrals and provide direction to staff.

Contact: Jason Ackley, Assistant to the City Manager

jason.ackley@cityofvallejo.net; 707-648-4577

Action: *item was continued.*

10. INFORMATION CALENDAR – None.

11. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Murray provided a report on the following:

- Contract with the Solano County Sheriff's Office
- See Click Fix Report on City's website
- Press Release issued on the progress of collaborative reforms
- Launch of Council Referral Requests Dashboard on MyVallejo
- New City Hall extended hours starting October 6
- Agenda protocol for placing contract items over \$1M on Consent Calendar

12. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

City Attorney Nebb reported the Neighborhood Law Program webpage is being updated.

13. COMMUNITY FORUM

Speakers: Anne Carr.

14. REQUEST & ACTION FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS OR SPECIAL PROJECTS

- Agendize an ordinance to revise the regular meeting schedule for the Surveillance Advisory Board (Bregenzer)
- Abandoned Vehicle Program Discussion (Matias)
- Report on Franchise Agreement with Recology to understand the potential of a citywide Cleanup Program

15. REPORT OF THE PRESIDING OFFICER AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Councilmembers reported on various meetings and community events attended.

16. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:28 a.m.

Signed by:

Andrea Sorce

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ATTEST:

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Dawn G. Abrahamson

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