

**VALLEJO CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 9, 2025**

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:19 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Vice Mayor Bregenzer

Staff present: City Manager Murray, City Attorney Nebb and Deputy City Clerk Joya

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

The report out of Closed Session was given following the conclusion of Closed Session and is reflected in the meeting minutes.

5. PRESENTATIONS AND COMMENDATIONS – None

6. FIRST COMMUNITY FORUM

Speakers: Patricia Hunter and Tony Stewart (Vallejo NAACP), Eli Smith, Pastor Anthony Summers, Daniel Boone, Calvin Harrell, and David Haldane.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

Speaker: Daniel Boone (Item 8L)

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 removing item 8L making it item 8.1, and reordering the Action Calendar with items in the following order: 9C, 9A, 9B, 9E, 9F, and 9D (Absent: Bregenzer).*

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Recommendation: Approval of minutes for the special and regular meetings of November 4 and 18 and the November 24, 2025 special joint meeting of the City Council and Planning Commission

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

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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: (1) ACCEPTING A \$199,135 FISCAL YEAR 2025 LAW ENFORCEMENT MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS ACT GRANT, (2) APPROVING ANY STANDARD GRANT AGREEMENT RELATING THERETO THAT IS APPROVED BY THE CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, (3) AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER'S EXECUTION OF ANY SUCH AGREEMENT, AND (4) PROVIDING NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 GENERAL FUND BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$199,135 (STEP 1 OF 2)**

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution:

1. Accepting a \$199,135 Fiscal Year 2025 Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act Grant ("LEMHWA Grant");
2. Approving any standard grant agreement relating thereto that is approved by the City Attorney's Office;
3. Authorizing the City Manager's execution of any such agreement; and
4. As the first in a two-step process, providing notice of intent to amend Fiscal Year 2025-2026 General Fund budget to recognize revenue and appropriate expenditures in the amount of \$199,135.

Contact: Jason Ta, Chief of Police

jason.ta@cityofvallejo.net

Action: *adopted Resolution No. 25-195 N.C.*

- D. **ADOPT A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CITY'S FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 GENERAL FUND BUDGET TO RECOGNIZE THE \$999,729 BYRNE STATE CRISS INTERVENTION PROGRAM COHORT 2 GRANT AND APPROPRIATE EXPENDITURES THEREFROM (STEP 2 OF 2)**

Recommendation: As the second in a two-step process, adopt a Resolution amending the General Fund Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget to recognize \$999,727 of revenue from the Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program Cohort 2 Grant ("SCIP Grant") and to appropriate corresponding expenditures.

Contact: Jason Ta, Chief of Police

jason.ta@cityofvallejo.net

Action: *adopted Resolution No. 25-196 N.C.*

- E. **NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 SOLID WASTE FUND BUDGET TO RECOGNIZE REVENUE IN THE AMOUNT OF**

\$120,000 FOR A COMPREHENSIVE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION OF RECOLOGY VALLEJO (STEP 1 OF 2)

Recommendation: Provide Notice of Intent to amend the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Solid Waste Fund budget to recognize reimbursement from Recology Vallejo in the amount of \$120,000 to cover costs of a comprehensive performance review of the City's franchise

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

Oscar.Alcantar@cityofvallejo.net

Action: *provided Notice of Intent to amend the Fiscal Year 2026 Solid Waste Fund Budget to Recognize Revenue in the amount of \$120,000 for a Comprehensive Performance Evaluation of Recology Vallejo (Step 1 of 2).*

- F. **ADOPT A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALLEJO TO APPROVE A SHORT FORM CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH S2SERM, LLC, FOR ON-CALL FENCING SERVICES FOR A NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$740,000 AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE SAME**

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution of the City Council of the City of Vallejo to approve a Short Form Construction Contract with S2SERM, LLC, for on-call fencing maintenance, repair, fabrication, and installation services in accordance with City of Vallejo Standard Specifications, for a not-to-exceed amount of \$740,000 and authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement.

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. 25-197 N.C.*

- G. **ADOPT A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE SALARY PLAN TO ADD ONE BUILDING PLANS EXAMINER AND DELETE ONE PLAN CHECK ENGINEER**

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution to amend the City's Salary Plan by adding one Building Plans Examiner position to the IBEW salary schedule and deleting one Plan Check Engineer effective December 13, 2025.

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

Stephanie.Sifuentes@cityofvallejo.net

Action: *adopted Resolution No. 25-198 N.C.*

- H. **ADOPT A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALLEJO AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE \$63,783 FOR A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH MICHAEL BAKER INTERNATIONAL FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING CONSULTANT SERVICES, TO CREATE AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT POLICY AND PROCEDURE HANDBOOK AND AS NEEDED ON CALL HOUSING DEVELOPMENT SERVICES (STEP 2 OF 2)**

Recommendation:

Adopt a resolution amending the FY2025-26 budget to appropriate \$63,783 for a Professional Services Agreement with Michael Baker International for Affordable Housing Consultant Services (Step 2 of 2)

Contact: Nalungo Conley, Assistant City Manager (707) 648-4301

Nalungo.Conley@cityofvallejo.net

Action: adopted Resolution No. 25-199 N.C.

- I. **ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 BUDGET AND APPROPRIATE THE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED \$160,000 FOR THE FIRST 5 EARLY LEARNING CENTER FROM GENERAL FUND UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE BACK INTO THE YOUTH BUDGET MULTI-YEAR OPERATIONAL PROJECT #MY2222 (STEP 2 OF 2)**

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution to amend the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget and appropriate the previously approved \$160,000 for the First 5 Early Learning Center from General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance back into the Youth Budget Multi-Year Operational Project # MY2222 (Step 2 of 2)

Contact: Andrew Murray, City Manager (707) 648-4085

Andrew.Murray@cityofvallejo.net

Action: adopted Resolution No. 25-200 N.C.

- J. **ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING A THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE GOLF COURSE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF VALLEJO AND KEMPER SPORTS MANAGEMENT LLC (SUCCESSOR TO TOUCHSTONE GOLF, LLC) AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAME**

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution approving a Third Amendment to the golf course professional services agreement between the City of Vallejo (City) and Kemper Sports Management, LLC for City golf course management services and authorizing the City Manager to execute the same.

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

Gillian.Haen@cityofvallejo.net

Action: adopted Resolution No. 25-201 N.C.

- K. **ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO: (1) AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$210,000 TO FUND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RELATED TO SECURING FEDERAL FUNDING TO EXPAND MARITIME INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITY AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT IN VALLEJO (STEP 2 OF 2); AND (2) APPROVE A CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE ROOSEVELT GROUP AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAME**

Recommendation:

Adopt a resolution to: (1) amend the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget to execute a Professional Services Agreement in an amount not to exceed \$210,000 (Step 2 of 2); and (2) approve a Consultant Services Agreement with the Roosevelt Group and authorize the City Manager to execute same.

Contact: Nalungo Conley, Assistant City Manager

nalungo.conley@cityofvallejo.net

Action: adopted Resolution No. 25-202 N.C.

L. AUTHORIZE STAFF TO ENTER INTO A CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH RAFTELIS FOR FACILITATION SERVICES FOR CITY MANAGER AND CITY ATTORNEY PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS

Recommendation: Authorize Staff to enter into a Consultant Services Agreement with Raftelis for facilitation services for City Manager and City Attorney performance evaluations.

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

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

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers.

Action: *moved by Councilmember Matulac and carried unanimously by members present to authorize staff to enter into a Consultant Services Agreement with Raftelis for facilitation services for City Manager and City Attorney performance evaluations (Absent: Bregenzer).*

9. ACTION CALENDAR

Items on the Action Calendar were taken out of order and taken in the following order: 9C, 9A, 9B, 9E, 9F and 9D. The minutes reflect items as they appeared on the agenda.

A. HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPT A RESOLUTION FOR THE 2025 VALLEJO WATER QUALITY PUBLIC HEALTH GOALS REPORT AS REQUIRED BY THE CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

Recommendation: Hold a public hearing and adopt the resolution receiving and acknowledging comments from the public on the “2025 Vallejo Water Quality Public Health Goals Report” dated July 1, 2025, as required by the California Health and Safety Code §116470(b), and referring any comments to the Water Department for consideration.

Contact: Beth Schoenberger, 707-648-5439
beth.schoenberger@cityofvallejo.net

Water Director Schoenberger provided background, outlined the 2025 Public Health Goals Report, and provided an overview of needed recommendations to accept the Public Health Goals Report.

Mayor Sorce opened the public hearing

Council asked questions and provided comments. Staff responded.

There being no speakers, the public hearing was closed.

Another question and answer period followed. Councilmembers provided comment.

Action: *moved by Councilmember Matulac and carried unanimously by members present to hold a public hearing and adopt Resolution No. 25-203 N.C. receiving and acknowledging comments from the public for the “2025 Vallejo Water Quality Public Health Goals Report” as required by the California Health and Safety Code (Absent: Bregenzer).*

B. **PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING INCREASED ASSESSMENTS IN THE VALLEJO TOURISM BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT AND THE LEVYING AND COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS WITHIN THE DISTRICT AND FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 14.50.090 OF THE VALLEJO MUNICIPAL CODE, VALLEJO TOURISM BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**

Recommendation: To be able to increase the Vallejo Tourism Business Improvement District (VTBID) assessments, a public hearing must be held to receive public testimony and an amendment to the existing ordinance must be considered. Staff recommend that the City Council hold the public hearing, consider the comments therefrom and introduce the amendments to Chapter 14.50.090 of the Vallejo Municipal Code (First Reading).

Contact: Gillian Haen, Assistant City Manager, (707) 648-4163
Gillian.Haen@cityofvallejo.net

Senior Community Development Analyst Taylor provided background and overview of Council action needed on this item.

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

Council asked questions and provided comments. Staff responded.

Action: *moved by Councilmember Matulac and carried unanimously by members present to hold a public hearing regarding increased assessment in the Vallejo Tourism Business Improvement District and the levying and collection of assessments within the district and conduct first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 14.50.090 of the Vallejo Municipal Code, Vallejo Tourism Business Improvement District (Absent: Bregenzer).*

The meeting recessed at 9:57 p.m. and reconvened at 10:09 p.m.

C. **AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR OUTSIDE LEGAL SERVICES RELATING TO A PERSONNEL COMPLAINT**

Recommendation: Discuss and provide direction to staff on a firm to provide legal services to the City regarding certain allegations raised by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU).

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

Andrew.Murray@cityofvallejo.net

Speakers: Eli Smith, Diana Lang, Daniel Boone, Alyssa Victory, David Haldane, Sam Houston, Cristal Gallegos, and Carol Heap

City Manager Murray provided background information and overview of the staff report.

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers. Councilmembers provided comment.

Mayor requested expansion of scope to include allegations brought by since receiving the ACLU letter to be added to the scope including Shawny William's deposition.

Action moved by Mayor Sorce to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with outside legal services relating to the personnel complaint; to include all allegations that have come out in the interim and expand the scope to consider allegations received between receiving the ACLU letter and time of execution of agreement particularly with respect to Shawny William's deposition.

Alternate Motion: On an alternate motion offered by Councilmember Lediju and carried by members present, authorized the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Shaw Law Group for outside legal services relating to a personnel complaint as outlined in the scope as presented to Council this evening and included with the staff report (Noes: Sorce and Palmares; Absent: Bregenzer).

D. **INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALLEJO AMENDING SECTION 2.27.060A OF THE VALLEJO MUNICIPAL CODE CONCERNING MEETING DATES FOR THE SURVEILLANCE ADVISORY BOARD (FIRST READING)**

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the City Council introduce the ordinance.

Contact: Randy J. Risner, Chief Assistant City Attorney

Randy.Risner@cityofvallejo.net

Chief Assistant City Attorney Risner provided an overview of the staff report and outlined the recommendation

Action: moved by Councilmember Matulac and carried unanimously by members present to introduce an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Vallejo amending Section 2.27.060A of the Vallejo Municipal Code concerning

meeting dates for the Surveillance Advisory Board (First Reading) (Absent: Bregenzer and Palmares).

E. **ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 BUDGET AND APPROPRIATE \$300,000 IN MEASURE P FUNDS TO GREATER VALLEJO RECREATION DISTRICT (GVRD) FOR RECREATION GRANT TO FUND SUBSIDIES OR OTHER MEASURES TO ENHANCE COMMUNITY SAFETY (STEP 2 OF 2) AND RECEIVE A PRESENTATION ON SCOPE OF GRANT AGREEMENT AND PROVIDE FEEDBACK TO STAFF**

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution to Amend the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget and Appropriate \$300,000 in Measure P Funds for the Greater Vallejo Recreation District (GVRD) for Recreation Grant to Fund Subsidies or Other Measures to Enhance Community Safety (Step 2 of 2) and Receive a Presentation on Scope of Grant Agreement and Provide Feedback to Staff
Contact: Andrew Murray, City Manager (707)648-4576
andrew.murray@cityofvallejo.net

Youth Coordinator Grace-Barksdale provided background information and outlined the goal to improve public safety to reduce violence by subsidizing cost to increase participation in recreational activities and access to safe spaces for Vallejo youth, and discussed proposed estimated allocation of funds.

Speakers: Anna Berkman

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers. Councilmembers provided comment

Action: *moved by Councilmember Matulac and carried by members present to adopt Resolution No. 25-204 N.C, a resolution amending the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget and appropriate \$300,000 in Measure P Funds for the Greater Vallejo Recreation District (GVRD) for Recreation Grant to fund subsidies or other Measures to enhance community safety (Step 2 of 2), and received a presentation on scope of Grant Agreement, and provided feedback to staff (Noes: Palmares; Absent: Bregenzer).*

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

Recommendation: Receive the scopes 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

Speakers: Tony Stewart and Kevin Salonke.

Assistant to the City Manager Ackley provided an overview of the status of referrals and outlined next steps.

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers. Councilmembers provided comment.

Action: *moved by Mayor Sorce and carried unanimously by members present to prioritize the following items from the Referral List (Absent: Bregenzer):*

- *Tenant protection*
- *CFD Mare Island update*
- *Economic Development department staffing*
- *Short-term rentals Ordinance*
- *Social nuisance Ordinance*
- *Measure P Commission requested agenda items*
- *Quarterly Public Works and Housing Reports (starting Q3=January through March)*

And eliminating the following:

- *International conflicts*
- *Sonoma Boulevard Ad-Hoc Committee*
- *CFD (previous item is superseded by merging into new CFD item)*

10. INFORMATION CALENDAR – None.

11. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

City Manager Murray provided updates on the following items:

- **Broadway Project:** Keys have been turned over to Shelter, Inc. Tenanting is scheduled to begin on Monday, December 15, with an expectation that the site will be approximately 90 percent tenanted by the end of the month.
- **Private Security:** Private security guards went live on Monday, November 24. The Vallejo Police Department plans to report to the City Council and the community in mid-January.
- **Federal Maritime Funding:** Staff met with the Roosevelt Group to explore support and next steps in pursuing Federal Maritime funding opportunities.
- **Army Reserve Property:** Discussions are underway with the Army Reserve regarding on-site building demolition and an assessment of exterior cleanup needs.

12. CITY ATTORNEY’S REPORT – None

13. COMMUNITY FORUM

Speakers: Cristal Gallegos (Vallejo Housing Justice Coalition), Melvin Cohen and Chris Platzer

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

Councilmember Gordon – Consider pausing requests for future agenda items. Requested installing a safety light outside of City Hall.

Mayor Sorce – Requested staff to provide an update on the Warming Center.

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

Councilmembers reported on various community events and meetings attended.

16. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:43 a.m.

Signed by:

Andrea Sorce

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