

**VALLEJO CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 13, 2026**

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 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, Chief Assistant City Manager Risner and City Clerk Abrahamson

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Chief Assistant City Attorney Risner reported the following:

- Closed Session Item 3A – Council provided direction to staff.
- Closed Session Item 3B – Council provided direction to staff.
- Closed Session Item 3C – Council provided direction to its legal counsel.
- Closed Session Item 3D – Council provided direction to its real property negotiators.
- Closed Session Item 3E – Council provided direction to its labor negotiators.
- Closed Session Item 3F – Council provided direction to its real property negotiators.

5. SELECTION OF VICE MAYOR

A. ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION ELECTING AND APPOINTING A MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO SERVE AS VICE MAYOR FOR 2026

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution electing and appointing a Vice Mayor to serve from January 13, 2026 to January 5, 2027

Contact: Dawn G. Abrahamson, City Clerk, (707) 648-4528

dawn.abrahamson@cityofvallejo.net

Following a discussion regarding the process of selecting a vice mayor, Mayor Sorce requested nominations from councilmembers.

Councilmember Bregenzer nominated Councilmember Matulac to serve as Vice Mayor for 2026.

Councilmember Gordon nominated Councilmember Palmares to serve as Vice Mayor for 2026.

Action: *moved by Councilmember Bregenzer and carried to adopt Resolution No. 26-001 N.C., a resolution electing Councilmember Matulac as Vice Mayor for January 2026 to January 2027 (Noes: Gordon)*

6. PRESENTATIONS AND COMMENDATIONS

- A. **VALLEJO YOUTH DELEGATION PRESENTATION: THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES CITY SUMMIT CONFERENCE IN SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH**

7. FIRST COMMUNITY FORUM

Speakers: Linda Rosneer, Fabice Moschetti, David Marsteller, Jr., Tina Arriola, and Ashley Epes.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

Speakers: Anne Carr (Item 9C) and Adjoa McDonald (Item 9D).

9. CONSENT CALENDAR AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Action: *moved by Vice Mayor Matulac and carried unanimously, unless otherwise noted, approval of the Agenda and the Consent Calendar with the removal of Item 9F making it Item 9.1.*

- A. **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.*

- B. **RESOLUTION AMENDING FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 BUDGET TO REALLOCATE PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING FUNDS (STEP 2 OF 2)**

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution amending the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget to reallocate Participatory Budgeting funding totaling \$329,798.70.

Contact: Jason Ackley, Assistant to the City Manager(707) 648-4577

jason.ackley@cityofvallejo.net

Action: *adopted Resolution No. 26-002 N.C.*

- C. **NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 BUDGET TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE \$1,277,604.06 OF INSURANCE**

SETTLEMENT FUNDS FOR FARRAGUT SCHOOL PROPERTY (STEP 1 OF 2)

Recommendation: Notice of Intent to amend the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget to recognize and appropriate \$1,277,604.06 of insurance settlement funds for Farragut School property. (Step 1 of 2)

Contact: Oscar Alcantar, Interim Public Work Director, 707-648-4433

Oscar.Alcantar@cityofvallejo.net

Action: *provided notice of Intent to amend the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget to recognize and appropriate \$1,277,604.06 of insurance settlement funds for Farragut School property. (Step 1 of 2)*

D. ADOPT A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE GENERAL FUND FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 BUDGET TO RECOGNIZE \$1,988,563 OF REVENUE FROM THE PROPOSITION 47 GRANT PROGRAM: SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS AND SCHOOLS ACT COHORT 5 GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA BOARD OF STATE AND COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS (STEP 2 OF 2)

Recommendation:

Adopt a resolution amending the General Fund Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget to recognize \$1,988,563 in revenue from the Proposition 47 Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Act Grant and to appropriate corresponding expenditures to fund the City's community-based, trauma-informed programs for justice-involved residents.

Contact: Sidney Wilson, Administrative Analyst II

Sidney.Wilson@CityofVallejo.net

Action: *adopted Resolution No. 26-003 N.C.*

E. ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE DESIGN PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH GARAVAGLIA ARCHITECTURE, INC. INCREASING THE CONTRACT BY \$12,655 FOR A NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$232,015 FOR THE ADMIRAL'S MANSION/QUARTERS A REHABILITATION PROJECT

Recommendation: Adopt resolution to authorize City Manager to execute the First Amendment to the Design Professional Services Agreement with Garavaglia Architecture Inc. increasing the contract by \$12,655 for a not-to-exceed amount of \$232,015.

Contact: Gillian Haen, Assistant City Manager/Interim Economic Development Director

Gillian.Haen@cityofvallejo.net

Action: *adopted Resolution No. 26-004 N.C.*

F. APPROVE A SIDE LETTER AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF VALLEJO AND THE VALLEJO POLICE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION (VPOA), FOR ONE RETIRED ANNUITANT

Recommendation: Staff recommends adopting a resolution approving the side letter agreement between the City and VPOA to allow one retired annuitant to be hired to assist with CADOJ reforms.

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 Bregenzer.*

Staff provided background information on the item.

Action: *moved by Vice Mayor Matulac and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 26-005 N.C.*

10. ACTION CALENDAR

- A. **CONSIDER A MOTION TO RECONSIDER THE CITY COUNCIL ACTION TAKEN AT THE DECEMBER 16, 2025 COUNCIL MEETING REGARDING ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AB 1600 ANNUAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE REPORTS FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS IMPACT MITIGATION FEE FUND 137, TRANSPORTATION IMPACT MITIGATION FEE FUND 203, AND THE HIDDENBROOKE OVERPASS MITIGATION FEE FUND 211 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025**

Recommendation: The Council is asked to reconsider the action taken at its meeting on December 16, 2025, which failed to adopt a Resolution approving the AB 1600 annual development impact fee reports for the Neighborhood Parks Impact Mitigation Fee Fund 137, Transportation Impact Mitigation Fee Fund 203, and the Hiddenbrooke Overpass Mitigation Fee Fund 211 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025.

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

Chief Assistant City Attorney Risner provided an overview of the Council's Rules of Order and Debate for reconsidering action taken at a prior meeting.

Action: *no action was taken as there was not a motion to reconsider from Councilmembers on the prevailing side of the vote taken on December 16, 2025.*

- B. **PROVIDE DIRECTION TO STAFF REGARDING REQUEST FROM THE VALLEJO-SOLANO CONTINUUM OF CARE (COC) TO PAUSE ENCAMPMENT CLEAN-UPS IN ADVANCE OF THE 2026 POINT-IN-TIME (PIT) COUNT**

Recommendation: Provide City Council direction on the request to pause encampment clean-ups in advance of the 2026 Point-In-Time (PIT) Count

Contact: Natalie Peterson, Assistant to the City Manager
Natalie.Peterson@cityofvallejo.net

Assistant to the City Manager Peterson provided an overview of the Point-In-Time (PIT) process, presented the request from Vallejo-Solano Continuum of Care (CoC) Board, shared addressing public health concerns if the temporary pause request is approved by Council, and outlined council options for consideration.

Speakers: Eli Smith, Shawn OMalley, Anne Carr, Paul Theiss, Cristal Gallegos, The People, Lila Walton, Melvin Cowan, and an unidentified member of the public.

Staff and Barbara Simpson (4th Second) responded to questions from Councilmembers. Councilmembers provided comment.

Action: *moved by Councilmember Matias and carried, the City Council approved a pause on encampment clean-ups/removals and vehicle enforcement in advance of the Point-in-Time (PIT) Count through February 15. During this period, the City of Vallejo will take the lead in coordinating outreach efforts. City staff are directed to resume encampment clean-ups thereafter and to return to the City Council at the beginning of next month with a proposed plan that includes service provisions and coordinated clean-up efforts in partnership with Recology.*

The motion included a friendly amendment offered by Councilmember Gordon and accepted by Councilmember Matias (the maker of the motion) directing staff to provide the City Council with information on all costs incurred by the City of Vallejo, the County, nonprofit organizations, and other service providers. (Ayes: Gordon, Lediju, Matulac, and Matias; Noes: Sorce, Bregenzer and Palmares).

C. **ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING A FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE OPERATOR AGREEMENT FOR THE VALLEJO NAVIGATION CENTER WITH FIVE KEYS SCHOOLS AND PROGRAMS TO INCLUDE A WARMING CENTER IN THE SCOPE OF WORK**

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution Approving a First Amendment to the Operator Agreement for the Vallejo Navigation Center with Five Keys Schools and Programs to include a warming center in the Scope of Work.

Contact: Nalungo Conley, Assistant City Manager
nalungo.conley@cityofvallejo.net

Administrative Analyst Magallanes outlined the recommendation, provided background information, reviewed services to be provided and program requirements, discussed the Warming Center budget and shared additional information if Council's approves the recommendation this evening.

Speakers: Marissa Serafino, Anne Carr, The People, and Melvin Cowan.

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers. Councilmembers provided comment.

Action: moved by Vice Mayor Matulac and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 26-006 N.C.

11. INFORMATION CALENDAR

Mayor Sorce announced for the new year she would be instituting a procedure in which if the Council meeting is past 10 am, she will move to continue all of the remaining items and the Council can decide if remaining items are urgent enough for the Council to see them. If the meeting extends to 11 pm, she will make a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Action: moved by Mayor Sorce and carried unanimously to continue Information Calendar Item 11A.

A. RECEIVE UPDATE FROM STAFF ON THE SELECTION AND ENGAGEMENT OF THREE ON CALL PROFESSIONAL AUDIT FIRMS TO CONDUCT AUDITS AND ASSESSMENTS AS DESIRED FROM TIME TO TIME

Recommendation: This item is for informational purposes only. There is no staff report or action associated with this item

Contact: Nalungo Conley, Assistant City Manager/Interim Finance Director
Nalungo.Conley@cityofvallejo.net

12. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Murray provided an update on the Broadway project; informed Council and the community that staff is meeting with Caltrans and SolTrans to discuss safety improvements on Sonoma Boulevard; shared information regarding the Mare Island site visit with The Roosevelt Group; and provided an update on the VA's planned upgrades to the Mare Island cemetery.

13. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT – None.

14. COMMUNITY FORUM

Speakers: Sherianne Grimm, Daniel Boone and Troy Skillman.

15. REQUEST & ACTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS OR SPECIAL PROJECTS

Action: moved by Mayor Sorce and carried unanimously to add to the following item to the referral list for a future agenda item: discussion of ongoing safety and operational concerns related to a local business (Moschetti Coffee parking lot). The purpose of the request is to ensure a transparent, forward-looking process that supports public safety, small business, and effective governance.

Action: moved by Mayor Sorce and carried unanimously to (1) agendize Mare Island Infrastructure within the next month and (2) directed staff to provide an overtime report for 2025 by department that includes dollar amount, comp time, and the mechanism for approving overtime as part of the FY 2025/26 midyear budget update as requested by Councilmember Lediju.

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

Councilmembers reported on various meetings and community events attended.

17. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:38 p.m.

Signed by:

Andrea Sorce

ANDREA SORCE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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Dawn G. Abrahamson

DAWN G. ABRAHAMSON, CITY CLERK