

**VALLEJO CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 27, 2026**

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:22 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Vice Mayor Matulac, Councilmembers Bregenzer, Gordon, Lediju, Matias, and Palmares

Absent: Mayor Sorce

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 its legal counsel. There is no further action to report.
- Closed Session Item 3B – Item was not heard and continued to a subsequent meeting.
- Closed Session Item 3C – No action was taken and there is nothing further to report.
- Closed Session Item 3D – Council provided direction to its real property negotiators. Councilmember Gordon did not participate in the closed session item as she is representing Vallejo Flood Wastewater District. No further action to report.

5. PRESENTATIONS AND COMMENDATIONS – None.

6. FIRST COMMUNITY FORUM

Speakers: Natalia Clarke, Richard Abbot, Vera Mitchell, Glenn Mitchell, and David Marsteller.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

Speakers: Mai-Ling Garcia, Sabiha Betanzos, Michael Moon, Cystal Fraire, Taylor Q. and Santiago G (Consent Item 8D).

8. CONSENT CALENDAR AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Action: *moved by Councilmember Bregenzer and carried unanimously by members present, approval of the Agenda and the Consent Calendar with the removal of items 8G, 8J, 8H, 8I, and 8L from the Consent Calendar making them Items 8.1, 8.2, 8.3, 8.4, and 8.5 (Absent: Sorce)*

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Recommendation: Approval of minutes for the special and regular meetings of December 9 and 16, 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: NOVEMBER 2025

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

Contact: Nalungo Conley, Acting Finance Director (707) 648-4301
nalungo.conley@cityofvallejo.net

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

D. ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 BUDGET AND APPROPRIATE \$100,000 IN MEASURE P FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE ACTIVELY RISING YOUTH'S ROBBIN MACKBEE FIREFIGHTER/ EMS YOUTH ACADEMY (STEP 2 OF 2)

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution to amend the fiscal year 2025-2026 budget and appropriate \$100,000 in Measure P funds to support Actively Rising Youth's Robbin Mackbee Firefighter/EMS Youth Academy (step 2 of 2)

Contact: Andrew Murray, City Manager (707)648-4576
andrew.murray@cityofvallejo.net

Action: *adopted Resolution No. 26-007 N.C.*

E. ACCEPT THE TUOLUMNE, GEORGIA, & CATALINA FOG SEAL PROJECT PERFORMED BY PAVEMENT COATINGS CO. AS COMPLETE AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY CLERK TO FILE A NOTICE OF COMPLETION WITH THE SOLANO COUNTY RECORDER'S OFFICE

Recommendation: Accept the Tuolumne, Georgia & Catalina fog seal project performed by Pavement Coatings Co. 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, Georgia & Catalina fog seal project performed by Pavement Coatings Co. as complete and authorized the City Clerk to file a Notice of Completion with the Solano County Recorder's Office.*

F. ADOPT A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 BUDGET TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE \$1,277,604.06 OF INSURANCE SETTLEMENT FUNDS TO MY2303: REAL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT FOR THE FARRAGUT SCHOOL PROPERTY (STEP 2 OF 2)

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution amending the Fiscal Year 2025-26 budget to recognize and appropriate \$1,277,604.06 of insurance settlement funds to MY2303: Real Property Management for the Farragut School property (Step 2 of 2).

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

Action: *adopted Resolution No. 26-008 N.C.*

G. PROVIDE NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2025-26 GENERAL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE \$65,000 OF UNASSIGNED GENERAL FUND BALANCE TO FUND A VALLEJO GOSPEL ON THE CARQUINEZ STRAIT CONCERT IN JUNE 2026 (STEP 1 of 2)

Recommendation: Provide notice of intent to amend the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 General Fund budget to appropriate \$65,000 of unassigned General Fund balance to fund a Vallejo Gospel on the Carquinez Strait concert in June 2026 (Step 1 of 2).

Contact: Andrew Murray, City Manager (707) 648-4565
Andrew.Murray@cityofvallejo.net

Action: *item was pulled from the Consent Calendar at the request of Councilmember Lediju.*

Councilmembers provided comment. Staff responded to comments raised by Councilmembers.

Speakers: Carol Heppe, Calvin Harrell and Daniel Boone.

Councilmembers provided additional comments.

Action: *moved by Councilmember Bregenzer and failed to provide notice of intent to amend the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 General Fund budget to appropriate \$65,000 of unassigned General Fund balance to fund a Vallejo Gospel on the Carquinez Strait concert in June 2026 (Step 1 of 2). (Ayes: Bregenzer and Gordon; Noes: Lediju, Matias, Matulac, and Palmares; Absent: Sorce).*

H. DIRECT STAFF TO SELECT JACOB GREEN & ASSOCIATES AS THE CONSULTANT TO PERFORM THE CITY OF VALLEJO 2026 COUNCIL GOAL SETTING AND TEAM BUILDING

Recommendation: Direct Staff to select Jacob Green & Associates to perform the 2026 City Council Goal Setting and Team Building at a total cost of \$43,300.

Contact: Andrew Murray, City Manager (707) 648-4576
Andrew.Murray@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 Councilmember Bregenzer and carried by members present to direct staff to select Jacob Green & Associates to perform the 2026 City Council Goal Setting and Team Building at a total cost of \$43,300 (Noes: Matias; Absent: Sorce).*

I. ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH DANNY MURPHY CONSULTING, LLC

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Council adopt a Resolution approving a First Amendment to the Consultant Services Agreement with Danny Murphy Consulting, LLC to increase the not to exceed amount of the Agreement to \$225,000 and authorize 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 Matias.*

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers.

Action: *moved by Councilmember Bregenzer and carried unanimously by members present to adopt Resolution No. 26-009 N.C. (Absent: Sorce).*

J. ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION RECEIVING AND FILING THE SB 165 ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY 2024-25 FOR THE NORTHEAST QUADRANT IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 2003-1, THE HIDDENBROOKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1998-1, AND MARE ISLAND COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NOS. 2002-1, 2005-1A and 2005-1B

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution to receive and file the annual reports relating to special taxes levied in the City's Northeast Quadrant Improvement District No. 2003-01, Hiddenbrooke Improvement District No. 1998-1, and Mare Island Community Facilities District Nos. 2002-1, 2005-1A, and 2005-1B for

fiscal year ended June 30, 2025, to comply with the Local Agency Special Tax and Bond Accountability Act (SB165).

Contact: Florita Cruz, Assistant Finance Director
Florita.Cruz@cityofvallejo.net

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

Speakers: Sherianne Grimm, Daniel Glaze and Daniel Boone.

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers. Councilmembers provided comment.

Action: *moved by Councilmember Bregenzer and carried by members present to adopt Resolution No. 26-010 N.C. (Noes: Palmares; Absent: Sorce).*

The meeting recessed at 9:27 p.m. and reconvened at 9:35 p.m. Council resumed with Consent Items 8I and 8L as removed from the Consent Calendar.

K. ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING A SIDE LETTER AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF VALLEJO AND THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE FIGHTERS (IAFF), LOCAL 1186, FOR THE MEDICAL EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT PLAN (MERP)

Recommendation: Adopt Resolutuon approving the side letter agreement between the City and IAFF for the Medical Expense Reimbursement Plan (MERP).

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

Action: *adopted Resolution No. 26-011 N.C.*

L. ADOPT RESOLUTION CONFIRMING AND CONSENTING TO COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES FOR THE YEAR 2026

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution consenting to and confirming various appointments to Commissions, Boards and Committees for 2026.

Contact: Dawn G. Abrahamson, City Clerk, (707) 648-4528
Dawn.abrahamson@cityofvallejo.net

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

Councilmembers provided comment.

Action: *moved by Councilmember Bregenzer and carried unanimously by members present to continue the item until Councilmembers may request changes to the assignments to Boards, Commissions and Committees of the Mayor (Absent: Sorce).*

9. ACTION CALENDAR

Items on the Action and Information Calendars were taken out of order with Action Item 8B first followed by Information Item 10A and then back to the Action Calendar. The minutes reflect the items in the order as they appeared on the agenda.

A. ADOPT A RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPOINTMENT TO THE GREATER VALLEJO RECREATION DISTRICT (GVRD) BOARD TO FILL A VACANCY WITH A TERM TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 2, 2027

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution making an appointment to fill a vacancy on the GVRD Board with a term to expire December 2, 2027

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

The City Council went through an applicant nomination process for appointment to the GVRD.

Action: *moved by Councilmember Bregenzer and carried unanimously by members present to adopt Resolution No. 26-012 N.C., a resolution appointing Rita Fryar to the GVRD Board with a term to expire December 2, 2027 (Absent: Sorce).*

B. PRESENTATION OF AN OVERVIEW OF THE CITY'S GENERAL FUND DEBT AND CONSIDERATIONS FOR DEVELOPING A FUNDING AND FINANCING PLAN BY KNN, THE CITY'S MUNICIPAL ADVISOR, AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION TO STAFF

Recommendation:

Receive a presentation from KNN, the City's municipal advisor, of an overview of General Fund debt and considerations for developing a funding and

financing plan for significant future capital projects and possibly provide direction to staff.

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

Assistant City Manager/Acting Finance Director Conley provided introductory comments.

Melissa Shick (KNN Public Finance) presented General Fund Debt and consideration for developing a funding and financing plan.

Speaker: Melvin Cowan

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers. Councilmembers provided comment.

Action: *moved by Councilmember Bregenzer and carried unanimously by members present to approve City staff and KNN reaching out to U.S. Bank (formally UBOC) to discuss renegotiating the release of City assets currently leased under the Master Lease Agreement and look into steps regarding financing a Police headquarters and other large-scale CIPs within the constrained amount dictated by the UBOC agreement.*

Councilmember Matias offered an amendment to the motion which was accepted by Councilmember Bregenzer (the maker of the motion) to include a request for a 5-year financial plan for the City of Vallejo, research on energy programs and collaborations with other city districts or agencies (Absent: Sorce)

- C. DIRECT CITY STAFF TO SELECT THREE FIRMS, AS FOLLOWS: (A) GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE & POLICY ANALYTICS, INC. (B) SJOBERG EVASHENK CONSULTING (C) MACIS GINI & O'CONNELL, LLP., TO PERFORM VARIOUS AUDIT AND ASSESSMENT SERVICES ON AN ON-CALL BASIS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION TO STAFF ON INITIAL SPECIFIC SERVICES**

Recommendation: Direct City staff to select three firms to perform various audit and assessment services on an on-call basis and provide direction on initial specific services.

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

Action: *item was continued to the February 10 regular council meeting.*

10. INFORMATION CALENDAR

Information Calendar Item 10A was taken out of order and heard after Action Calendar Item 9B but before Action Calendar 9A. The minutes reflect the order of items as they appeared on the agenda.

A. BLUE ROCK SPRINGS GOLF COURSE UPDATE

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

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

Jeb Elmore (Lewis Group) introduced the project team and project timeline, reviewed project milestones and RFQ goals and community outreach, presented the Golf Concept Plan, showed illustrations of the Clubhouse conceptual renderings, and provided a cost estimate summary.

Staff and Mr. Elmore responded to questions from Councilmembers. Councilmembers provided comment.

B. BROADWAY PROJECT MONTHLY UPDATE

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

Contact: Gillian Haen, Assistant City Manager
gillian.haen@cityofvallejo.net

Action: item was continued to the February 10 regular council meeting.

C. FEDERAL FUNDING UPDATES AND IMPACTS TO THE CITY OF VALLEJO

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
Nalungo.Conley@cityofvallejo.net

Action: item was continued to the February 10 regular council meeting.

11. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Murray provided an informational report which included general updates on City operations and administrative activities, as well as an update regarding immigration enforcement.

12. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

City Attorney Nebb reported on research conducted by her office concerning a potential ordinance to prohibit the use of City property as a staging area for immigration enforcement, noting that Council direction would be required to proceed.

13. COMMUNITY FORUM

Speakers: Sherianne Grimm and William Baker.

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

Councilmember Bregenzer:

Requested agendaizing an item regarding the possibility of advertising on the Vallejo Ferry for items such as Board, Commission openings and hosted City events. (Passed unanimously by members present to scope).

• **Councilmember Bregenzer:**

Direct the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance prohibiting the use of City property as a staging area for immigration enforcement. (Passed unanimously by members present)

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 12:09 a.m.

Signed by:

Andrea Sorce

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ANDREA SORCE, MAYOR

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DAWN G. ABRAHAMSON, CITY CLERK