

**VALLEJO CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 10, 2026**

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Councilmember Matias

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 – Council only heard two items and provided direction to its legal counsel.
- Closed Session Item 3C – Council provided direction to its labor negotiators. There is no further action to report.

5. PRESENTATIONS AND COMMENDATIONS

Action: proclamation was read and presented by Councilmember Lediju.

A. PRESENTATION OF A PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH, FEBRUARY 2026

6. FIRST COMMUNITY FORUM

Speakers: Eli Smith, Jen Seely, Wayne Goodman, Gilda Ledesma, and Daniel Boone.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

Speakers: None.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Action: moved by Vice Mayor Matulac and carried unanimously by members present, unless otherwise noted, approval of the Agenda and the Consent Calendar with the removal of Item 8E making it Item 8.1. (Absent: Matias).

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Recommendation: Approve minutes for the special and regular meetings of January 13 and the special meeting of January 21, 2026

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 the ordinance in its entirety.

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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 the ordinance in its entirety.*

C. CITY TREASURER'S QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT

Recommendation: Accept the City Treasurer's Investment Report for the quarter ended December 31, 2025

Contact: Florita Cruz, Assistant Finance Director, (707) 648-5542

Florita.Cruz@cityofvallejo.net

Action: *accepted City Treasurer's Investment Report for quarter ended December 31, 2025.*

D. ADOPT A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 STAFFING FOR ADEQUATE FIRE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE (SAFER) GRANT AWARD FROM THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL REQUIRED AGREEMENTS AND DOCUMENTS

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the City Council adopt a resolution accepting the Fiscal Year 2024 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant award from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute all required agreements and documents related to the grant.

Contact: Sidney Wilson, Administrative Analyst II

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Action: *adopted Resolution No. 26-013 N.C.*

E. 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.

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

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers. Councilmembers provided comment.

Action: moved by Vice Mayor Matulac and carried unanimously by members present to adopt Resolution No. 26-014 N.C. (Absent: Matias).

9. ACTION CALENDAR

A. (1) RECEIVE UPDATE ON UNHOUSED SITUATION, (2) PROVIDE DIRECTION TO STAFF ON CITY PROGRAMS, AND (3) AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ALLOCATE UP TO \$1,000 FOR A PROGRAM FOR LIVED EXPERIENCE STIPENDS

Recommendation: Receive an update on the unhoused situation and provide direction to staff on the City's unhoused programs. Authorize the City Manager to allocate up to \$1,000 for a program for lived experience stipends.

Contact: Natalie Peterson, Assistant to the City Manager

Natalie.Peterson@cityofvallejo.net

Assistant City Manager Conley and Assistant to the City Manager Peterson provided an update on the following: 1) PIT Count conducted January 29, 2) encampment removal pause and outreach efforts, 3) Warming Center, 4) Lived Experience Stipends, 5) Homeless Roundtable, 5) designated parking/camping, and 6) White Slough.

Speakers: Eli Smith, Dayla W., Sallay Griffieth, Barbara Simpson, Anne Carr, Melvin Cowan, and Cristal Gallegos.

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers. Councilmembers provided comment.

Action: moved by Mayor Sorce to grant Council support for the stipend program and direct staff to put parameters in place and engage some of the stakeholders ensuring it is done thoughtfully.

On a friendly amendment to the main motion offered by Councilmember Lediju, accepted by Mayor Sorce (the maker of the main motion) and carried unanimously by members present, 1) to grant Council support for the stipend program and directed staff to put parameters in place for the same; and 2) the pending unhoused strategy plan is to be brought back to Council in 2 weeks and the parameters for the stipend program should be included in the plan (Absent: Matias).

B. 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

Assistant City Manager Conley summarized the staff report and outlined the recommendation.

Action: *moved by Vice Mayor Matulac and carried unanimously by members present to select the three firms to perform various audit and assessment services on an on-call basis and directed staff to return to Council with the organizational assessment/benchmarking for discussion before the work beings (Absent: Matias).*

C. **PROVIDE NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE \$11,500,000 OF MEASURE P FUNDING FOR: 1) THE BAY TRAIL/VINE TRAIL MAINTENANCE - \$50,000; 2) FY 2026-27 PAVING PROGRAM (CONSTRUCTION) - \$11,000,000; AND 3) CITYWIDE POTHOLE REPAIR SERVICES - \$500,000 (STEP 1 OF 2)**

Recommendation: Provide Notice of Intent to amend the Fiscal Year 2025-26 budget to appropriate \$11,500,000 of Measure P funding for: 1) The Bay Trail/Vine Trail Maintenance - \$50,000; 2) FY 2026-27 Paving Program (Construction) - \$11,000,000; AND 3) Citywide Pothole Repair Services - \$500,000 (STEP 1 OF 2).

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

Action: *moved by Vice Mayor Matulac and carried unanimously by members present to provide Notice of Intent to amend the Fiscal Year 2025-26 budget to appropriate \$11,500,000 of Measure P funding for: 1) The Bay Trail/Vine Trail Maintenance - \$50,000; 2) FY 2026-27 Paving Program (Construction) - \$11,000,000; and 3) Citywide Pothole Repair Services - \$500,000 (Step 1 of 2) (Absent: Matias).*

D. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION TO STAFF ON FACILITATING DIALOG AND PROGRESS REGARDING MARE ISLAND INFRASTRUCTURE OPTIONS**

Recommendation: Discuss and possibly provide direction to staff on facilitating dialog and progress regarding Mare Island infrastructure between three major stakeholder organizations, the City, Vallejo Flood and Wastewater District (VFWD), and Mare Island Company.

Contact:

Andrew Murray, City Manager (707) 648-4576
Andrew.Murray@cityofvallejo.net

Mayor Sorce provided context on the item as it was requested by her and Councilmember Palmares.

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers.

Speakers: Daniel Boone and Sherianne Grimm.

Another question and answer period followed. Councilmembers provided comment.

Action: *moved by Mayor Sorce and carried unanimously by members present, the Council directed staff to bifurcate the Mare Island Infrastructure discussions into two distant paths. The first path will focus on engineering and implementation, with regular workgroup meetings to include the Mayor and Councilmembers Palmares working with staff to determine the appropriate structure and scheduling. The second path will focus on the legal track, directing staff to engage with VFWD first to identify a mediator and pursue resolution of ownership issues as expeditiously as possible with Mare Island Company and the City and to include Channel 6A in those discussions (Absent: Matias).*

10. INFORMATION CALENDAR

A. 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
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Assistant City Manager Haen provided background information and an update on lease-up and project timeline.

Councilmembers provided comment.

B. 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
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Assistant City Managers Conley and Haen provided a verbal update.

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers. Councilmembers provided comment.

11. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Murray reported staff is working on launching a website in recognition of Black History Month and a catalogue of various Council directions will be distributed to Council this week.

12. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT – None.

13. COMMUNITY FORUM

Speakers: None.

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

Councilmember Lediju:

Requested as part of the Fiscal Year 2026/27 budget process, staff return with information regarding the SAFER grant, including how the City will accommodate the Year 3 cost share. It was further requested that all grant-funded positions be included in the budget discussion to address long-term funding strategies and/or plans to wind down positions under grant expiration. Additionally, it was requested the establishment of a monthly reporting cadence to track and demonstrate how grant funding reduces overtime costs. The request carried unanimously by councilmembers present.

Councilmember Matulac:

Requested that staff agendaize discussion regarding the implementation of a policy or ordinance to address gang-related graffiti citywide, with particular attention to the Rancho area, and to explore the potential use of community volunteers to assist with graffiti abatement and cleanup efforts. The request to scope carried unanimously by councilmembers present.

Councilmember Gordon:

Requested that staff agendaize development of a long-term infrastructure plan to improve lighting citywide, with particular emphasis on District 6 and the Waterfront. The request to scope carried unanimously by members present.

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

Councilmember reported on various community events and meetings attended.

16. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:53 p.m.

Signed by:

Andrea Sorce

ANDREA SORCE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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