

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

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Sorce, Vice Mayor Matulac (participated remotely), Councilmembers Bregenzer, Gordon, Lediju, Matias, and Palmares

Absent: None

Staff present: City Manager Murray, Chief Assistant City Attorney 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 its legal counsel.
- Closed Session Item 3C – Council heard 1 case and provided direction to its legal counsel. The other case will be continue to a future meeting.
- Closed Session Item 3D – Council received a presentation from its Chief Labor Negotiator.
- Closed Session Item 3E – Council provided direction to staff.

5. PRESENTATIONS AND COMMENDATIONS

Action: *Mayor Sorce read and presented the proclamation.*

A. PRESENTATION OF A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH, MARCH 2026

6. FIRST COMMUNITY FORUM

Speakers: Sierra Cecchini, Kirk Smith, Tom Camerato, Krupa Naran, Leila W., and Eli Smith.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

Speakers: None.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Action: *moved by Councilmember Bregenzer and carried unanimously by roll call vote of the Council, unless otherwise noted, approval of the Agenda and the Consent Calendar with the removal of Item 8E making it Item 8.1.*

A. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Recommendation: Approve minutes for the special meeting of February 17, 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 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 APPROVING A SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE CONSULTANT AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH BLACK EAGLE FIRE & SECURITY, INC. TO INCREASE THE NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT TO \$125,000 AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAME**

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution approving a Second Amendment to the Consultant and Professional Services Agreement with Black Eagle Fire & Security, Inc. to increase the not-to-exceed amount to \$125,000 and authorizing the City Manager to execute same.

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

Oscar.alcantar@cityofvallejo.net

Action: *adopted Resolution No. 25-021 N.C.*

D. **ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM LICENSING AGREEMENT WITH SOLANO COUNTY AND ANY RELATED DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO TRANSITION THE CITY OF VALLEJO FROM PARTICIPATION IN THE EAST BAY REGIONAL COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AUTHORITY (EBRCSA) TO THE SOLANO COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY RADIO SYSTEM AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAME**

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution approving the Public Safety Communications System Licensing Agreement with Solano County and any related documents necessary to transition the City of Vallejo from participation in the East Bay Regional Communications System Authority (EBRCSA) to the Solano County Public Safety Radio System and authorizing the City Manager to execute same.

Contact: Lance David, Interim IT Director (707) 648-5408

Lance.David@cityofvallejo.net

Action: *adopted Resolution No. 26-022 N.C.*

E. **ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING A THREE-YEAR SMALL GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISE AGREEMENT WITH ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS RESEARCH INSTITUTE, INC. (ESRI) FOR GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS) SOFTWARE AND SERVICES, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAME**

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution approving a three-year Small Government Enterprise Agreement (SGEA) with Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. (ESRI) for enterprise Geographic Information System (GIS) software, licensing, maintenance, and support services, in an amount not to exceed **\$270,900**, and authorize the City Manager to execute same.

Contact: Lance David, Interim I.T. Director (707) 648-5408

Lance.David@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 to adopt Resolution No. 26-023 N.C.*

F. **AUTHORIZE THE COUNCIL TO APPROVE A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING MARCH 2026 AS RED CROSS MONTH**

Recommendation: Vallejo City Council to approve a proclamation recognizing March 2026 as Red Cross Month.

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

Erik.Rzomp@cityofvallejo.net

***Action:** approved proclamation recognizing March 2026 as Red Cross Month.*

9. **ACTION CALENDAR**

Information Item 10A was taken out of order and heard before items under the Action Calendar. The minutes reflect the items in the order they appeared on the agenda.

A. **PRESENT OPTIONS AND RECEIVE FEEDBACK TO ADDRESS THE FORECASTED FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2026-2027 GENERAL FUND BUDGET SHORTFALL AND PROVIDE NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND THE FY 2025-2026 BUDGET (STEP 1 OF 2)**

Recommendation: Present options and receive feedback on the steps to address the forecasted Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-2027 General Fund budget shortfall and provide Notice of Intent to amend the City's FY 2025-2026 Adopted Budget for Mid-Year adjustments.

Contact: Nalungo.Conley@cityofvallejo.net

Assistant City Manager Conley provide a General Fund overview, presented the FY 2026-2027 Balancing Plan, provided a midyear recap, and outlined next steps.

Speakers: Jonathan Albereti, Yessica Martinez, Karol Heppe, and Anne Carr.

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers. Councilmembers provided comment.

Actions: (1) moved by Councilmember Bregenzer and failed to provide Notice of Intent to amend the City's FY 2025-2026 adopted budget for Mid-Year adjustments (Ayes: Gordon; Noes: Sorce, Bregenzer, Lediju, Matulac, Matias, and Palmares).

(2) moved by Mayor Sorce and carried unanimously to provide Notice of Intent to amend the City's FY 2025-2026 adopted budget for a Mid-Year adjustment, authorizing funding for the position of Program Manager for the Vallejo Police Department (Noes: Matias).

The meeting recessed at 10:38 p.m. and reconvened at 10:46 p.m.

Action: moved by Councilmember Bregenzer and carried unanimously to continue Action Calendar Items 9B and 9E.

B. RECEIVE UPDATE ON THE CITY OF VALLEJO'S UNHOUSED STRATEGIC PLAN AND PROVIDE DIRECTION ON NEXT STEPS, RECIEVE AN UPDATE ON THE WHITE SLOUGH SITUATION, AND APPROVE ALLOCATING UP TO \$1,000 TOTAL FOR A LIVED EXPERIENCE STIPEND PROGRAM

Recommendation: Receive an update on the City of Vallejo's Unhoused Strategic Plan, receive an update on the White Slough situation, and approve allocating up to \$1,000 total for a lived experience stipend program.

Contact: Natalie Peterson, Assistant to the City Manager

Natalie.Peterson@cityofvallejo.net

Action: item was continued to a future meeting.

C. ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT (ACFR) AND OTHER ANNUAL REPORTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution to receive and file the City's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) and other annual reports for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025.

Contact: Florita Cruz, Assistant Finance Director (707-648-4592)

Florita.Cruz@cityofvallejo.net

Assistant City Manager Conley provided introductory comments.

Steven Warnick (LSL) provided an overview of the scope of engagement, reviewed the results of the audit and compilation of the ACFR, shared financial highlights, reviewed the results of the audit for Measures B & V, and discussed the status and upcoming 2025 Audit.

Action: moved by Councilmember Bregenzer and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 26-024 N.C.

D. ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING A MASTER SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH OPENGOV INC. FOR BUDGET SOFTWARE SERVICES FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$440,392.77 AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAME

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution approving a Master Services Agreement with OpenGov. Inc. for budget software services for an amount not to exceed \$440,392.77 and authorizing the City Manager to execute same.

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

Nalungo.Conley@cityofvallejo.net

Finance Manager Bean and Phil Fischer (OpenGov Inc.) discussed the reason for change, provided background about OpenGov and what it delivers, shared how employees and the public can use the software, reviewed training and support and the implementation plan and concluded the presentation outlining the cost of services.

Speakers: Yessica Martinez.

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

Action: *moved by Councilmember Bregenzer and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 26-025 N.C.*

E. ADOPT A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE GENERAL PLAN AND HOUSING ELEMENT ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025 AND DIRECTING STAFF TO SUBMIT THE SAME TO THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF LAND USE AND CLIMATE INNOVATION AND THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution accepting the General Plan and Housing Element Annual Progress Report for calendar year 2025 and directing staff to submit the same to the Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation and the California Department of Housing and Community Development.

Contact: Kristin Pollot, AICP, Planning & Development Services Director, (707) 648-4326

kristin.pollot@cityofvallejo.net

Action: *item was continued to March 24, 2026 regular council meeting.*

10. INFORMATION CALENDAR

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

A. PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATE

Recommendation: Receive a general update on public safety and have a discussion on current initiatives the Police Department is undertaking.

Contact: Robert Knight, Deputy Chief of Police (707) 648-4540
bobby.knight@cityofvallejo.net

Deputy Police Chief Knight reviewed staffing numbers and strategies underway to increase staffing, reporting structure, shared End-of-Year Crime Report and End-of-Year Operations statistical information from 2025, reviewed average responded times from February 2024-January 2025 and February 2025-January 2026, provided stats for abandoned vehicles, and outlined priority programs and initiatives and key measures entering 2026.

Sheriff DeWall concluded the presentation sharing the Solano Sheriff's Office Law Enforcement Services response times from January 21 to March 1, 2026.

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers. Councilmembers provided comment

Speakers: Yessica Martinez and Anne Carr.

11. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT – None.

12. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT – None.

13. COMMUNITY FORUM

Speakers: Daniel Boone and Yessica Martinez.

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

Councilmember Gordon

Referral request to agendize short-term rental ordinance. City Manager Murray committed to presenting options for Council to consider and provide direction to staff at a meeting in April. (supported unanimously by Council).

Councilmember Palmares

Requested a letter of support for Council's action on AB 1761 regarding electricity data disclosure (supported unanimously by Council)

Councilmember Matias

Referral to the Housing & Community Development Commission to evaluate and recommend specific actions the Council may consider to obtain Pro-Housing Designation from the State, with a report and recommendation to return to Council within 90 days. (Passed unanimously by Council).

Councilmember Gordon

Referral to direct staff to issue a RFP to engage additional towing companies, including companies based in Vallejo and throughout the Bay Area, to assist with the towing and removal of abandoned vehicles (Passed unanimously by Council).

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 12:06 a.m.

Signed by:

Andrea Sorce

ANDREA SORCE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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Dawn G. Abrahamson

DAWN G. ABRAHAMSON, CITY CLERK