

**CALL AND NOTICE OF
SPECIAL MEETING
AT 6:00 PM
OF THE VALLEJO CITY COUNCIL
VIA TELECONFERENCE**

****Agenda Has Been Revised to Continue Action Calendar Items 9C and 9D on the
March 9, 2021 Regular Council Meeting Agenda****

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MARCH 11, 2021

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE VALLEJO CITY COUNCIL:

You are hereby notified that I do hereby call the Vallejo City Council in special session to consider only the matters stated on the agenda listed below.

NOTICE: Due to the current Shelter at Home Order and in conformance with the Governor's Executive Order N-29-30, the City of Vallejo has opted to hold City Council meetings via teleconference. Members of the public may provide public comments during the City Council Meeting via ZOOM:

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No other items may be discussed during this special meeting. There will be no public access to City Hall for any City Council meetings until further notice.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

4. ACTION CALENDAR

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A. DIRECTION TO STAFF REGARDING ALLOCATION OF FUNDING FOR FROM CITY COUNCIL BUDGET FOR CITY COUNCIL TECHNOLOGY AND OFFICE SUPPLY NEEDS

Recommendation: Discuss the allocation of funding from the City Council budget to cover office supply and technology needs of Council members and provide direction to staff.

Contact: Anne Cardwell, Assistant City Manager (707) 648-4579
anne.cardwell@cityofvallejo.net

B. REQUEST FROM COUNCILMEMBER DEW TO ADD AGENDA ITEM AT A SUBSEQUENT MEETING REGARDING DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTING A POLICY PERTAINING TO SOCIAL MEDIA POSTINGS BY INDIVIDUALS THAT REPRESENT THE CITY OF VALLEJO

Recommendation: Consider Councilmember Dew's request and direct staff to prepare and present relevant materials at a subsequent meeting

Contact: Councilmember Dew
Pippin.Dew@cityofvallejo.net

5. INFORMATION CALENDAR

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A. **LITTER AND ILLEGAL DUMPING REDUCTION UPDATE**

Recommendation: Receive an update on the City's litter and illegal dumping reduction efforts, including a presentation on impacts and a report on current and upcoming initiatives. No action is required.

Contact: Greg Nyhoff, City Manager (707) 648-5404

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Felicia Flores, Administrative Analyst II

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6. **ADJOURNMENT**

Dated: Wednesday, March 10, 2021

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Robert H. McConnell", written over a horizontal line.

Robert H. McConnell, Mayor

I, Dawn Abrahamson, City Clerk, do hereby certify that I have caused a true copy of the above notice and agenda to be delivered to each of the members of the Vallejo City Council, at the time and in the manner prescribed by law and that this agenda was posted at City Hall, 555 Santa Clara Street, CA at 12:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 10, 2021.

Dated: Wednesday, March 10, 2021

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Dawn G. Abrahamson", written over a horizontal line.

Dawn G. Abrahamson, City Clerk



DATE: March 11, 2021
TO: Mayor and Members of the City Council
FROM: Greg Nyhoff, City Manager
SUBJECT: **DIRECTION TO STAFF REGARDING ALLOCATION OF FUNDING FOR FROM CITY COUNCIL BUDGET FOR CITY COUNCIL TECHNOLOGY AND OFFICE SUPPLY NEEDS**

RECOMMENDATION

Discuss the allocation of funding from the City Council budget to cover office supply and technology needs of Council members and provide direction to staff.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

This item has been agendized for the City Council to allow for a discussion regarding whether there is a desire to allocate additional funds to each of the Council members, beyond the current monthly stipend, to assist in covering office supply and/or technology related needs.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

Currently City Council members receive an iPad, which is provided by the City's IT Department, in order to access City Council meetings, but do not receive office supplies or other technology related items, such as printers. City Council members also currently receive a monthly stipend of \$1,225, plus medical benefits, intended to assist with covering expenses related to serving as a City Council member.

Recently, Council Member Arriola inquired about being reimbursed for ink cartridges for her home printer. Typically reimbursement for such expenditures have not been requested, but with COVID, the demands of working from home can certainly create new challenges. Thus, staff recommended bringing this item to the City Council for a discussion regarding whether there is a desire to allocate additional funds to Council members, beyond the existing monthly stipend, to assist Council members in covering office related expenses.

FISCAL IMPACT

Currently the City Council's budget is \$481,942 for salaries and services & supplies and covers a variety of expenses, including a monthly stipend of \$1,225 per Council Member. (Note: the Mayor's position receives an additional allowance, per City ordinance) and medical benefits.

Should the City Council wish to provide an additional amount for office/technology related expenses, the Council may direct staff to make a corresponding adjustment to the City Council's budget.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

This action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it is not a project which

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has a potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, pursuant to CEQA Guideline section 15378.

ATTACHMENTS

None

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SUBJECT: LITTER AND ILLEGAL DUMPING REDUCTION UPDATE

RECOMMENDATION

Receive an update on the City's litter and illegal dumping reduction efforts, including a presentation on impacts and a report on current and upcoming initiatives. No action is required.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

To provide an update on the City's litter and illegal dumping reduction efforts.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

The City of Vallejo continues to address the pervasive issue of litter and illegal dumping. These are separate but related matters- litter is defined as synthetic material, such as cigarette butts, plastic bottles, and cardboard boxes, that are disposed of improperly and illegal dumping is the dumping a large volume of household and construction waste in an unauthorized method.

The COVID-19 pandemic has increased the quantity of waste around the country, contributing to the substantial rise in illegal dumping. Public Works has noted an increase in the tonnage of material collected from 1.5 million pounds in 2019 to 2.4 million pounds in 2020.

The persistence of litter in the community has direct and indirect costs to the City and partner agencies, service clubs, and community members.

According to a 2009 nationwide study conducted by Keep America Beautiful, nationally, litter cleanup costs an estimated \$11.5 billion each year. States, cities, and counties together spend an estimated \$1.3 billion on litter abatement. Litter removal is often a hidden cost within employee expenses or other projects, making it difficult to determine the actual costs to specific municipalities. Due to this, the City cannot produce a fully loaded cost associated with litter and illegal dumping reduction efforts other than estimates based on staff time.

In addition to direct costs associated with staff time and tools, there are significant indirect costs to the community. The presence of litter may reduce property value, impact a business's decision to locate to a community, and limit business development opportunities. Additionally, visible litter can promote additional littering by about 15%, further exacerbating the issue.

To minimize and mitigate these impacts, the City addresses litter and illegal dumping through cleanup and removal, education, and enforcement. Several departments and divisions, including Public Works, City Attorney's Office, and City Manager's Office, take part in initiatives to reduce blight such as: Illegal Dumping

Enforcement Against Litter (IDEAL) Vallejo, Volunteer Clean-Up Pick Ups, the Community Tool Trailer, and the implementation of an Adopt-A-Block program.

The City is exploring additional measures to reduce litter and illegal dumping in the areas of collection, mitigation, education, and enforcement through the formation of an interagency task force. The task force would assist with the vetting of ideas and creation of a strategic plan to address litter and illegal dumping in a comprehensive and sustainable way.

Available resources are being used to address this problem, yet the problem persists due to limited staffing and funds. However, community interest and support and agency coordination present significant opportunities for progress.

References

Mid Atlantic Solid Waste Consultants. (2009). *2009 National visible litter survey and litter cost study*. Keep America Beautiful, Inc.

Sarkodie, S. A., & Owusu, P. A. (2020). *Impact of COVID-19 pandemic on waste management*.
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s10668-020-00956-y>

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact on the General Fund associated with this item.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

As the action is limited to receiving an update, it is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it is not a project which has a potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, pursuant to CEQA Guideline section 15378.

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