

**VALLEJO CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
VIA TELECONFERENCE**

MARCH 23, 2021

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor McConnell, Vice Mayor Verder-Aliga, Councilmembers Arriola, Brown, Dew, Diaz, and Miessner

Absent: None

Staff present: City Manager Nyhoff, City Attorney Nebb and City Clerk Abrahamson

4. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION –None.

5. PRESENTATIONS AND COMMENDATIONS – Mayor McConnell indicated that he would be presenting a proclamation under the Information Calendar.

6. FIRST COMMUNITY FORUM

Speakers: Melissa Swift, Brad Beltane and Ruscal Cayangyang.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

Speakers: None.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Action: Moved by Vice Mayor Verder-Aliga and carried unanimously, unless otherwise noted, approval of the Agenda and the Consent Calendar with the noted abstentions of Vice Mayor Verder-Aliga and Councilmember Dew on Item 8G due to a Conflict of Interest as they own property within the Landscape Maintenance District (LMD).

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Recommendation: Approve minutes for the special meetings of March 2, 11 and 16, 2021 and the special and regular meetings of March 9, 2021

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

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Action: Approved minutes.

B. CONSIDERATION OF HUD-REQUIRED CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATION REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-20 DEALING WITH AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NEEDS WITHIN THE CITY OF VALLEJO

Recommendation: Approve the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-20 submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Contact: Judy Shepard-Hall, Housing & Community Development Program Manager (707) 648-4408

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Action: Approved the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-20 submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

C. COUNCIL ACCEPTANCE AND SUBMITTAL TO THE STATE OF THE CITY OF VALLEJO 2020 ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT ON THE GENERAL PLAN

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution accepting the City of Vallejo 2020 Annual Progress Report on the General Plan (APR) and directing staff to submit the APR to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) and the California Office of Planning and Research (OPR).

Contact: Christina Ratcliffe, Interim Planning & Development Services Director, (707) 648-4382

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Action: Adopted Resolution No. 21-026 N.C.

D. ADOPT RESOLUTION APPROVING PROJECT PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS, AWARDED CONTRACT TO DREAM RIDE ENGINEERING, INC FOR THE JFK LIBRARY ELEVATOR MODERNIZATION PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$244,381.81 AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAME

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution approving the project plans and specifications for the JFK Library Elevator Modernization project, and authorizing the City Manager to execute a construction contract in the amount of \$244,381.81 with Dream Ride Engineering, Inc. dba Dream Ride Elevator, of Benicia, California, in accordance with the approved plans and

specifications.

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Melissa Tigbao, Asst. Public Works Director / City Engineer (707) 648-4085

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Action: Adopted Resolution No.21-027 N.C.

E. ADOPT RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH TEAM GHILOTTI INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$500,000, FOR ON-CALL CIVIL ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION SERVICES FOR MAINTENANCE OF WATER INFRASTRUCTURE CRITICAL TO PUBLIC HEALTH AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAME

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution approving the contract for the On-Call Civil Engineering Work Service Contract and authorize the City Manager to execute the Contract in an annual not-to-exceed amount of \$500,000 to Team Ghilotti Inc, of Petaluma, California.

Contact: Mike Malone, Water Director (707) 648-4307

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Action: Adopted Resolution No. 21-028 N.C.

F. ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PREPARATION OF ENGINEER'S REPORT 2021-2022 FOR THE BORDONI RANCH, CARRIAGE OAKS, GARTHE RANCH, GLEN COVE III, GLEN CODE III 2015, HUNTER RANCH III, MARINE WORLD.FAIRGROUNDS, MARIN VIEW, SANDPIPER POINT, SAUTHO VALLEJO BUSINESS PARK AND TOWN AND COUNTRY II-IV LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE DISTRICTS

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to appoint SCI Consulting Group as the Engineer of Record to prepare the Engineer's Reports for the Landscape Maintenance Districts created under the Landscape and Lighting Act of 1972.

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Action: Adopted Resolution No. 21-029 N.C.

G. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PREPARATION OF ENGINEER'S REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021/2022 FOR THE NORTHEAST QUADRANT LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE DISTRICT

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to appoint SCI Consulting Group as Engineer of Record to prepare the Engineer's Reports for the Northeast Quadrant Landscape Maintenance District created under the Landscape and Lighting Act of 1972.

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Action: Adopted Resolution No. 21-030 N.C. (Abstained Due to Conflict of Interest: Verder-Aliga and Dew).

H. **ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PREPARATION OF ENGINEER'S REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021/2022 FOR THE HIDDENBROOKE MAINTENANCE DISTRICT**

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to appoint the SCI Consulting Group as the Engineer of Record to prepare the Engineer's Report for the Hiddenbrooke Maintenance District (HMD) created under the Landscape and Lighting Act of 1972.

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Action: Adopted Resolution No. 21-031 N.C.

I. **ADOPT A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE FY 2020-21 CAPITAL GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTION FUND #221 BUDGET TO RECOGNIZE THE 2020 LEAP GRANT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500,000.**

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution to amend the FY 2020-21 Capital Grants and Contribution Fund #221 Budget to recognize the 2020 LEAP grant and appropriate funds in the amount of \$500,000.

Contact: Gillian Hayes, Interim Deputy City Manager, (707) 648-4163

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Action: Adopted Resolution No. 21-032 N.C.

9. **ACTION CALENDAR**

A. **CONSIDER A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALLEJO MAKING APPOINTMENTS TO THE BEAUTIFICATION AND**

PLANNING COMMISSIONS

Recommendation:

1. Adopt a Resolution making the following appointments:

1. 1 appointment to the Beautification Commission for a term to expire 6/30/22
2. 1 appointment to the Planning Commission for a term to expire 6/30/22

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

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The City Council went through an applicant nomination process for the Beautification Commission vacancy.

Action: Moved by Vice Mayor Verder-Aliga and carried unanimously to appoint Arianna Pulido to the Beautification Commission for a term to expire June 30, 2022.

The City Council then proceeded to go through an applicant nomination process for the Planning Commission vacancy.

Action: Moved by Vice Mayor Verder-Aliga and carried unanimously to appoint Donald Douglass to the Planning Commission for a term to expire June 30, 2022.

Action: Moved by Vice Chair Verder-Aliga and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 21-033 N.C., a resolution appointing Arianna Pulido to the Beautification Commission for a term to expire June 30, 2022 and Donald Douglass to the Planning Commission for a term to expire June 30, 2022.

B. WATER DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Recommendation: Present a brief overview to City Council on the Water Department's status of operations, accomplishments in meeting goals, and plans for the year ahead. No action is required.

Contact: Michael Malone, Water Director (707) 648-4308

mike.malone@cityofvallejo.net

Water Director Malone provided an overview of the Department's key water metrics, top accomplishments, activities and projects, and discussed current

challenges.

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers. Councilmembers provided comment.

Speakers: Ken Szutu and Kim Connolly.

C. **APPROVE RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE CITY COUNCIL AD HOC WATER RATE COMMITTEE FOR THE LAKES WATER SYSTEM RATE PLANNING PROCESS AND APPOINT 3 MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO SAME**

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution establishing a City Council Ad Hoc Water Rate Committee for the Lakes Water System (LWS) Rates Planning Process

Contact: Michael Malone, Water Director (707) 648-4308

mike.malone@cityofvallejo.net

Water Director Malone provided an overview of the staff report and outlined the recommendation.

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers. Councilmembers provided comment.

Action: Moved by Vice Chair Verder-Aliga and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 21-034 N.C., a resolution establishing Council Ad Hoc Water Rate Committee and appointing Councilmembers Arriola, Diaz and Miessner to the Committee with Councilmember Brown appointed as the alternate to attend and participate only when one of the other members is not able to attend.

D. **HOUSING DIVISION UPDATE**

Recommendation: Present a brief overview to City Council on the Housing Division's status of operations, accomplishments in meeting goals, and plans for the year ahead. No action is required.

Contact: Judy Shepard-Hall, Housing & Community Development Division Manager, (707) 648-4408 judy.shepard-hall@cityofvallejo.net

Housing & Community Development Division Program Manager Shepard-Hall, Administrative Analyst I Barrera and Senior Housing Specialist Goltiao

provided an overview of the Housing Division's operations, accomplishments and plans for the year ahead.

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers. Councilmembers provided comment.

Speakers: Ally, Melissa Swift, Cristal, Anne Carr, and Ken Szutu.

E. **INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE FOR MANDATORY COMMERCIAL AND ORGANICS RECYCLING**

Recommendation: Introduce and Waive First Reading of an Ordinance Amending Chapters 7.40, 7.44, 7.48, 7.52, and 7.53 of the Vallejo Municipal Code and Adopting Regulations for the Collection, Disposal, and Processing of Solid Waste, Organic Waste, and Recyclable Materials.

Contact: Terrance Davis, Public Works Director (707) 648-4301

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Derek Crutchfield, Recycling Coordinator (707) 648-5346

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Public Works Director Davis provided introductory comments. Recycling Coordinator Crutchfield reviewed legislation and the City's compliance, provided highlights of SB 1383, key implementation dates, reviewed the proposed mandatory ordinance and changes to the existing Municipal Code, discussed recent outreach activities and more ordinance adoptions in California, outlined enforcement and implementation schedule, and concluded with a recap of the presentation.

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers. Councilmembers provided comment.

Action: Moved by Vice Mayor Verder-Aliga and carried unanimously to introduce and waive First Reading of an Ordinance Amending Chapters 7.40, 7.44, 7.48, 7.52, and 7.53 of the Vallejo Municipal Code and Adopting Regulations for the Collection, Disposal, and Processing of Solid Waste, Organic Waste, and Recyclable Materials.

F. **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALLEJO ESTABLISHING A THREE-MEMBER AD-HOC SUB-COMMITTEE ON CONDUCTING A CITYWIDE EQUITY STUDY**

Recommendation: Adopt the resolution forming a three-member Council ad-hoc subcommittee tasked with exploring options for funding and conducting a citywide equity study.

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

Assistant City Manager Cardwell provided an overview of the staff report and outlined the recommendation.

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers. Councilmembers provided comment.

Action: Moved by Vice Mayor Verder-Aliga and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 21-035 N.C. a resolution establishing a Citywide Equity Study 3-member Council ad-hoc committee and appointing Councilmembers Arriola, Brown, and Dew (serving as Chair).

G. **REQUEST FROM THE MAYOR TO ADD AN AGENDA ITEM AT A SUBSEQUENT MEETING REGARDING FORMING A POLICE TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**

Recommendation: Consider Mayor McConnell's request that the Council add to a future agenda the formation of an advisory ad hoc police technology citizen's committee with a suggested composition of 1 Vallejo resident from each of the 6 council district areas, 2 police department designees, and 2 volunteer police technology expert advisors not limited to being from within the City of Vallejo city limits. The charge of the committee would be to study and discuss the available and developing police technology, use thereof, the cost effectiveness of present, developing, and anticipated police technology, and provide recommendations to the Council on purchase of police technology devices and policy and procedure relating to use.

Contact: Mayor McConnell
Robert.McConnell@cityofvallejo.net

Action: Item was continued to the April 13, 2021 regular Council meeting.

H. **REQUEST FROM COUNCILMEMBER BROWN TO ADD AN AGENDA ITEM AT A SUBSEQUENT MEETING REGARDING FUNDING OF THE ADVANCED PEACE PROJECT**

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

Contact: Councilmember Brown
Hakeem.Brown@cityofvallejo.net

Councilmember Brown discussed the nature of his request.

Staff and Councilmember Brown responded to questions from Councilmembers.

Speakers: Jameelah Hanif.

Action: Moved by Vice Mayor Verder-Aliga and carried unanimously to direct staff to prepare and present relevant materials to the City Council at its April 27 regular meeting.

10. INFORMATION CALENDAR

Mayor McConnell presented a proclamation recognizing March 24, 2021 as “Education & Sharing Day.”

11. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

City Manager Nyhoff addressed concerns raised related to Covid-19 and Public Safety Emergency Orders.

12. CITY ATTORNEY’S REPORT – None.

13. COMMUNITY FORUM

Speakers: Ally.

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

Councilmembers reported on community and constituent matters and events attended.

15. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:39 p.m.

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