

**VALLEJO CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

**CAL MARITIME ANCHOR-CENTER
201 Georgia Street, Vallejo, California**

**City Council and Limited Staff in Person
Public Participation via Zoom/Teleconference Only**

MAY 5, 2021

1. CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME BY THE MAYOR

The meeting was called to order at 12:43 p.m.

2. 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

3. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING COUNCIL GOAL SETTING

Speakers: Nathan Stout, Alison M., Dr. Carey Hawkins Ash, James Cooper, and Cristal Little.

Following comments from members of the public, "I Love Vallejo" video was shown.

4. AGENDA REVIEW

Urban Strategies workshop facilitator Teri Carlyle provided introductory comments, reviewed the retreat agenda for the day, and outlined meeting agreements.

Following Councilmember introductions, Ms. Carlyle identified retreat expectations and goals to accomplish.

Finance Director Nayar provided an overview of the City's Fiscal Year 2021-22 proposed budget.

David Harris, Urban Strategies Chief Executive Officer, described the overall project goals, methodology and summary of findings.

The meeting recessed at 2:35 p.m. and reconvened at 3:12 p.m.

5. COUNCIL GOAL SETTING DISCUSSION

Ms. Carlyle shared a video "What Can Vallejo Change?" which highlighted residents' recommended changes.

Ms. Carlyle led the City Council through a Vallejo visioning brainstorming session. Councilmember identified key words for a City vision statement/tagline.

Ms. Ahmed and Ms. Carlyle summarized the research feedback based on a survey completed by Vallejo residents.

Councilmembers provided comment.

City Council received a presentation from Youth Town Hall participants summarizing their feedback.

Mr. Harris shared examples of SMART City goals which were then discussed and developed by Councilmembers.

6. SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING COUNCIL GOAL SETTING

Speakers: Ramon A., Brad Beltane, Brian Davis, Amaya Wooding, Robert Brekke, Liat Meitzenheimer, Askari Sowonde, Nefertiti, Tracy Nachand, Cristal Little, and a video was shown as submitted by Chris Plazter (Broadband from Vallejo Fiber Optics Economic Development zone for Artists).

Councilmembers provided closing comments.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

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ATTEST:

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