

**VALLEJO
VALLEJO CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

VIA TELECONFERENCE

JULY 27, 2021

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 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: Acting City Manager Cardwell, City Attorney Nebb and City Clerk Abrahamson

4. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Nebb reported Council provided direction to its negotiators with respect to Closed Session Item 3A, provided direction to the City Attorney's Office with respect to Items 3B and 3C and provided direction to staff and its labor negotiators with respect to Item 3D.

5. PRESENTATIONS AND COMMENDATIONS – None.

6. FIRST COMMUNITY FORUM

Speakers: Melissa Swift, David Haldane and Jeann McDougald.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

Speakers: Melissa Swift (Item 8F), Ken Szutu (Item 8F) and David Haldane (Items 8C, 8D and 8F).

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 removal of Item 8F from the Consent Calendar making it Item 7.1.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Recommendation: Approve minutes of the special meetings of July 6 and July 20 and the special and regular meetings of July 13, 2021

Contact: Dawn G. Abrahamson, City Clerk (707) 648-4527

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Action: Approved minutes.

B. WAIVE READING AND AUTHORIZE 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.

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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. AWARD CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE CAPITOL STREET, DELWOOD STREET, SAUNDERS DRIVE AND WILSHIRE AVENUE PAVEMENT REHABILITATION PROJECT (PW 9738) TO TEAM GHILOTTI, INC.

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution approving project plans and specifications for the CAPITOL STREET, DELWOOD STREET, SAUNDERS DRIVE AND WILSHIRE AVENUE PAVEMENT REHABILITATION PROJECT (PW 9738), and authorize the City Manager to award a construction contract in the amount of \$945,359.50, to Team Ghilotti, Inc., of Petaluma, California, in accordance with the approved plans and specifications.

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

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

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Action: Adopted Resolution No. 21-084 N.C.

D. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION AND ADOPTION OF THE PERMANENT LOCAL HOUSING ALLOCATION (PLHA) PLAN FOR THE 2021 PLHA PROGRAM

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the Interim City Manager to submit a grant application to, and receive funds from, the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for the Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA) Program, in order to provide additional funding to the Homeless Navigation Center Project.

Contact: Anne Cardwell, (707) 648-4576

Anne.Cardwell@cityofvallejo.net

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 21-085 N.C.

E. ACCEPT WT7111 WATERMAIN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT 19-20 AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY CLERK TO RECORD A NOTICE OF COMPLETION WITH THE SOLANO COUNTY RECORDER

Recommendation: Accept the water mains CIP FY 2019-20 project performed by Maggiora & Ghilotti, Inc., of San Rafael California as complete and authorize and direct the City Clerk to file a Notice of Completion with the Solano County Recorder's office.

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

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

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Action: Accepted the water mains CIP FY 2019-20 project performed by Maggiora & Ghilotti, Inc., of San Rafael California as complete and authorized and directed the City Clerk to file a Notice of Completion with the Solano County Recorder's office.

F. APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH FLOCK GROUP, INC FOR THE EXPANSION OF THE SMART CITY INITIATIVE AND CAMERA PROJECT

Recommendation: Authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with Flock Group, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$460,000 for 40 ALPR cameras and 40 CCTV surveillance cameras for an initial term of 24 months.

Contact: Shawny Williams, 707-648-4540

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Terrance Davis, 707-648-4301

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Action: item was removed from the Consent Calendar.

Acting City Manager Cardwell provided introductory comments. Police Chief Williams and Mr. Anderson (Flock Safety Regional Manager) provided an overview of the staff report.

Staff and Mr. Anderson responded to questions from Councilmembers.

Speakers: Tracy Rosenberg and Patricia Wright.

Another question and answer period followed. Councilmembers provided comment.

The Council moved on to Action Calendar Item 9A and returned to this item at 8:52 p.m. with continued questions and answers and Councilmember comments.

Action: (1) Moved by Vice Mayor Verder-Aliga to authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with Flock Group, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$460,000 for 40 ALPR cameras and 40 CCTV surveillance cameras for an initial term of 24 months and directed the City Attorney to move forward with a surveillance ordinance no later than October 2021

(2) A substitute motion was offered by Councilmember Diaz and failed to authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with Flock Group, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$460,000 for 40 ALPR cameras and 40 CCTV surveillance cameras for an initial term of 12 months and directed the City Attorney to move forward with a surveillance ordinance no later than October 2021 (Ayes –Arriola and Diaz; Noes – McConnell, Brown, Dew, Miessner, and Verder-Aliga)

(3) Moved by Vice Mayor Verder-Aliga and carried to authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with Flock Group, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$460,000 for 40 ALPR cameras and 40 CCTV surveillance cameras for an initial term of 24 months and directed the City Attorney to move forward with a surveillance ordinance no later than October 2021. (Noes – Diaz).

G. **CONSIDER AND ADOPT A RESOLUTION SETTING FORTH THE CITY'S POSITION ON CALIFORNIA REDISTRICTING EFFORTS**

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution urging the Citizens Redistricting Commission to keep the City of Vallejo in the districts that currently make up State Senate District 3 and Congressional District 5 and to respectfully request

that the City of Vallejo be kept within the same State Assembly District as neighboring cities in Solano and Napa counties.

Contact: Felicia Flores, Administrative Analyst

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Action: Adopted Resolution No. 21-086 N.C.

9. ACTION CALENDAR

The Public Hearing for Action Calendar 9A began at 8 p.m. Following the conclusion of this public hearing, Council returned to Consent Calendar Item 8F. Following the conclusion of that item, the Council returned to Action Calendar Item 9B and all items following in the order as they appeared on the agenda.

A. SECOND PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE INPUT FROM THE COMMUNITY REGARDING THE REDRAWING OF ELECTION DISTRICT BOUNDARIES - THIS PUBLIC HEARING WILL BEGIN PROMPTLY AT 8:00 P.M.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council: 1) receive a report from staff and the demographer on the redistricting process and permissible criteria to be considered to redraw district boundaries; and 2) conduct a public hearing to receive input from the community regarding the redrawing of election district boundaries.

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Mayor McConnell opened the public hearing.

Following announcement of the agenda item and recommendation, City Clerk Abrahamson provided instructions for how to access Spanish and Tagalog translation services through the Zoom meeting.

City Clerk Abrahamson introduced the item, provided the purpose of tonight's public hearing and an update on the redistricting workshops calendar.

Ms. Tilton reviewed the redistricting process, rules and goals, provided a demographic summary of existing Council Districts, defined neighborhoods, communities of interest and communities, introduced the public mapping and map review tools available to the community, and concluded the presentation with 3 questions for discussion and what can be expected at the third post map public hearing scheduled for January 11, 2022.

Staff and Ms. Tilton and Mr. Smith (Tripepi Smith) responded to questions from Councilmembers.

There being no speakers, Mayor McConnell closed the public hearing.

B. CONSIDERATION OF AND APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS CITY COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Recommendation:

Adopt a Resolution making appointments to the following commissions:

1. 2 appointments to the Beautification Commission
2. 2 appointments to the Economic Vitality Commission
3. 3 appointments to the Housing & Community Development Commission
4. 4 appointments to the Human Relations Commission
5. 1 appointment to the McCune Collection Commission
6. 2 appointments to the Planning Commission
7. 4 member/3 alternate appointments to the Participatory Budgeting Steering Committee (PBSC)

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By acclimation, Council agreed to appoint the 4 applicants as presented to Council for its consideration to the Human Relations Commission for terms to expire June 30, 2025, the one applicant to the McCune Collection Commission for a term to expire June 30, 2025, and the 4 member applicants to the PBSC for terms to expire June 30, 2025.

The City Council went through an applicant nomination process for the Beautification, Economic Vitality, Housing & Community Development, and Planning Commissions.

it was moved by Vice Mayor Verder-Aliga and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 21-087 N.C., a resolution making the following appointments:

Beautification Commission: appointed LayVette Howard for a term to expire June 30, 2024 and Sheila Tennyson for a term to expire June 30, 2025.

Economic Vitality Commission: appointed Thomas Barbeiro for a term to expire June 30, 2022 and Nicole Loufas for a term to expire June 30, 2023.

Housing & Community Development Commission: appointed Tara Beasley-Stansberry, Jared Bunde and Cassandra James for terms to expire June 30, 2025.

Human Relations Commission: appointed Andra Davis, Morgan Hannigan, Demetra Stall-Nash, and Dela Weeks-Morris for terms to expire June 30, 2025.

McCune Collection Commission: appointed Tiffany Flores for a term to expire June 30, 2025.

Planning Commission: appointed Eric Blind and Peggy Cohen-Thompson for terms to expire June 30, 2025.

PBSC: appointed Patricia Baisden and Donald Jordan (Africa-American Alliance), Tara Beasley-Stansberry (at-large), Jessica Lozano (at-large), and Jasmine Salmeron (at-large) as members for terms to expire June 30, 2023.

C. **CONSIDER AND ADOPT A RESOLUTION CONCERNING LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES AND ADVOCACY PROCEDURES**

Recommendation: Receive an update on 2019 and 2020 legislative advocacy and adopt a Resolution amending legislative priorities and advocacy procedures for state and federal legislation for 2021.

Contact: Felicia Flores, Administrative Analyst
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Administrative Analyst Flores and Susan Lent (Akin Gump) provided an overview of the priorities and procedures.

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers.

Speakers: None.

Another question and answer period followed. Councilmembers provided comment.

Action: Moved by Vice Mayor Verder-Aliga and carried unanimously to adopt

Resolution No. 21-088 N.C.

The meeting recessed at 10:04 p.m. and reconvened at 10:11 p.m.

D. **APPOINTMENT OF ANNE CARDWELL AS INTERIM CITY MANAGER AND APPROVAL OF EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT**

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution appointing Anne Cardwell as Interim City Manager, approve Employment Agreement and authorize the Mayor to execute same.

Contact: Mark Love, Interim Director of Human Resources (707) 648-4852
mark.love@cityofvallejo.net

Acting Human Resources Director Love provided an overview of the staff report and outlined the recommendation.

Speakers: Melissa Swift, Patricia Wright and Calvin Harrell.

Councilmembers provided comment.

Action: Moved by Vice Mayor Verder-Aliga and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 21-089 N.C.

E. **DESIGNATE A VOTING DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE FOR THE BUSINESS PORTION OF THE ANNUAL LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES CONFERENCE**

Recommendation: Designate a City of Vallejo voting delegate and voting alternate for the business portion of the Annual League of California Cities Conference.

Contact: Dawn G. Abrahamson, City Clerk (707) 648-4527
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City Clerk Abrahamson provided an overview of the staff report and outlined the recommendation.

Speakers: None.

Action: Moved by Vice Mayor Verder-Aliga and carried unanimously to designate Councilmember Dew as voting delegate and Vice Mayor Verder-Aliga as the first voting alternate and Mayor McConnell as the second voting

alternate for the business portion of the Annual League of California Cities Conference.

10. INFORMATION CALENDAR – None.

11. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT – None.

12. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

City Attorney Nebb provided highlights of her quarterly report.

A. QUARTERLY REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020/2021, FOURTH QUARTER (APRIL – JUNE 2021)

Recommendation: Informational only, no action required.

Contact: Veronica A.F. Nebb, City Attorney

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13. COMMUNITY FORUM

Speakers: None.

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

Councilmembers reported on various meetings and community events attended.

15. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:57 p.m.

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ROBERT H. MCCONNELL

ROBERT H. MCCONNELL, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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Dawn G. Abrahamson

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