

**VALLEJO CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

JANUARY 11, 2022

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Councilmember Loera-Diaz

Staff present: Interim City Manager Malone, City Attorney Nebb and City Clerk Abrahamson

4. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Nebb reported Council provided direction to the City Attorney and outside legal counsel with respect to Closed Session Items 3A, 3B and 3C and provided direction to its property negotiators with respect to Closed Session Item 3D.

5. SELECTION OF VICE MAYOR

A. ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION ELECTING A VICE MAYOR

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution electing a member of the City Council to serve as Vice Mayor from January 11, 2022 to January 3, 2023

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

dawn.abrahamson@cityofvallejo.net

Mayor McConnell requested nominations from councilmembers.

Mayor McConnell and Councilmember Arriola nominated Councilmember Loera-Diaz.

Councilmembers Brown, Dew, Miessner and Verder-Aliga nominated Councilmember Verder-Aliga.

Action: Moved by Mayor McConnell and carried unanimously by

Councilmembers present to adopt Resolution No. 22-001 N.C. electing Councilmember Verder-Aliga to serve as Vice Mayor January 2022 to January 2023 (Absent: Loera-Diaz).

6. SELECTION OF COUNCIL SEATING

Councilmembers elected to retain their current seats at the dais.

7. PRESENTATIONS AND COMMENDATIONS

Action: Presentation for Item 7A was made by Councilmember Miessner. The presentation for Item 7B will be rescheduled.

A. **PRESENTATION OF A PROCLAMATION HONORING JEREMY SNYDER AS POET LAUREATE FOR THE CITY OF VALLEJO**

B. **PRESENTATION OF CHECKS FOR 2021 WATERFRONT WEEKEND**

8. FIRST COMMUNITY FORUM

Speakers: Garrett Toles, David Marsteller, Richard Hybels, Juhee Krishan, Carly Goebel, Andrea Source, and Andra Davis.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

Speakers: Ken Szutu (Item 9D).

10. CONSENT CALENDAR AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Action: Moved by Vice Mayor Vice Mayor Verder-Aliga and carried unanimously by Councilmembers present, unless otherwise noted, approval of the Agenda and the Consent Calendar (Absent: Loera-Diaz).

A. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Recommendation: Approve minutes for the special and regular meetings of December 7 and 14, 2021.

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

Dawn.Abrahamson@cityofvallejo.net

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. **EQUIPMENT PURCHASE AGREEMENT - WESTNET INC.**

Recommendation: Authorize the City Manager to execute the attached Equipment Purchase Agreement with WestNet Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$1,331,000 and to purchase various Motorola equipment and programming support from current vendors for a total project amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.

Contact: Naveed Ashraf, Chief Innovation Officer

Naveed.Ashraf@cityofvallejo.net

Action: Authorized the City Manager to execute the attached Equipment Purchase Agreement with WestNet Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$1,331,000 and to purchase various Motorola equipment and programming support from current vendors for a total project amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.

D. **ADOPT A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM BUDGET TO INCREASE EXPENDITURES BY \$753,488 AND RE-AUTHORIZING FUNDING**

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution to Amend the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-22 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Budget to increase the expenditure budget by \$753,488 and reauthorize funding for projects and activities in progress.

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

Gillian.Hayes@cityofvallejo.net

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 22-002 N.C.

E. **ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT A NOTICE OF INTENT TO COMPLY WITH SB 1383 (ORGANIC WASTE RECYCLING REQUIREMENTS)**

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit a Notice of Intent to Comply with SB 1383 to the California Department of Resources, Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle).

Contact: Melissa Tigbao, Acting Public Works Director (707) 648-4301

Melissa.Tigbao@cityofvallejo.net

Derek Crutchfield, Recycling Coordinator (707) 648-5346

Derek.Crutchfield@cityofvallejo.net

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 22-003 N.C.

F. **ADOPT RESOLUTION AWARDED A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TO COBABA BROTHERS PLUMBING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,627,175.00 FOR WATER MAINS CIP FY20-21 PROJECT AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAME**

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution approving the plans and specifications for the Water Mains Capital Improvements Project and authorize the City Manager

to execute a construction contract in the amount of \$1,627,175.00 to Cobabe Brothers Plumbing, in accordance with the approved plans and specifications. Contact: Beth Schoenberger, Acting Water Director (707) 648-5439
Beth.Schoenberger@cityofvallejo.net
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 22-004 N.C.

11. ACTION CALENDAR

The Public Hearing for Action Calendar Item 11A begin at 8 p.m. Following the conclusion of this public hearing, Council returned to Action Calendar Item 11B.

A. CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER FINAL CENSUS DATA FROM THE CONSULTANT AND OBTAIN INPUT FROM THE COMMUNITY REGARDING THE REDRAWING OF ELECTION DISTRICT BOUNDARIES -THIS PUBLIC HEARING WILL BEGIN PROMPTLY AT 8:00 P.M.

Recommendation:

1. Receive and file final Census data report;
2. Provide direction to staff and consultants relative to the drawing of final district maps; or
3. Open the public hearing to receive input from the community regarding the redrawing of election district boundaries; and
4. Alternatively, discuss and take other action related to this item.

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

Mayor McConnell opened the public hearing.

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

City Clerk Abrahamson introduced the item, provided the purpose of tonight's public hearing and introduce the City's consultants Ms. Nentwig (Tripepi Smith) and Mr. Chawkins (NDC, City's demographer).

Ms. Nentwig provided an overview of the outreach and public engagement efforts to date.

Mr. Chawkins reviewed the redistricting process, rules and goals, provided a demographic summary of existing districts using 2020 Census total population counts, reviewed the definition of neighborhoods, communities of interest, public mapping and map review tools available to the public, shared a draft map for Council's consideration that remedies the contiguity problem for District 6 and concluded the presentation requesting Council direction on the maps and

adjustment requested.

Staff and the consultants responded to questions from Councilmembers.

Speakers: Anne Carr.

There being no other speakers, the public hearing was closed.

Another question and answer period followed. Councilmembers provided comment.

Mayor McConnell and Councilmember Arriola expressed concern about disenfranchising voters that are displaced by the remedy who were not allowed to vote in the November 2020 election and would then have to wait 6 more years to vote. The Mayor requested staff and the demographer to keep this principle in mind in redrawing Districts 5 and 6 particularly, but apply it to all districts.

B. INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE FOR PROHIBITION OF POSSESSION OR SALE OF NON-SERIALIZED, UNFINISHED FIREARMS OR RECEIVERS AND NON-SERIALIZED FIREARMS

Recommendation: Introduce an ordinance adding Chapter 7.90 to the City of Vallejo Municipal Code, "Non-serialized, unfinished firearm frames or receivers, and non-serialized firearms."

Contact: Jason Potts, Captain of Police (707) 651-7105

jason.potts@cityofvallejo.net

Action Item 11B was taken up before Action Item 11A since it was before 8 p.m.

Police Chief Williams provided introductory comments. Captain Potts defined privately and personally manufactured firearm (Ghost Guns), reviewed the ease of construction, cost and profit, outlined the impacts on the community, existing laws, provided violent crime percentage and the magnitude of the problem, reviewed shooting incidents in 2021 and firearm and Ghost Gun recovery efforts by law enforcement, discussed Operation P.E.A.C.E. and the composition of the Peace Team and 2021 numbers, and concluded the presentation by identifying possible solutions moving forward.

Following staff's presentation and due to the hour of 8 p.m., Action Item 11A was heard. At the conclusion of that item, Council returned to Action Item 11B.

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers. Councilmembers provided comment.

Action: Moved by Vice Mayor Verder-Aliga and carried unanimously by Councilmembers present to introduce an ordinance adding Chapter 7.90 to the City of Vallejo Municipal Code, "Non-serialized, unfinished firearm frames or receivers, and non-serialized firearms" as amended to include Section 7.90.040

– Violations/Penalty. Violations of any provisions of this chapter shall constitute a misdemeanor (Absent: Loera-Diaz).

The meeting recessed at 8:45 p.m. and reconvened at 8:55 p.m.

C. **PRESENTATION OF THE ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT (ACFR) FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

Recommendation: Receive the presentation of the City's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021.

Contact: Rekha Nayar, Finance Director (707-648-4592)

Rekha.Nayar@cityofvallejo.net

Finance Director Nayar provided background information, defined the acronym ACFR and reviewed the financial highlights of General Fund and Water Fund.

Jocelyn Potter (LSL Audit Firm) provided an overview of their audit, what is audited and reviewed the results of the audit.

Speakers: Anne Carr.

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers. Councilmembers provided comment.

D. **CONSIDER AND REALLOCATE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS OF FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM THE DOWNTOWN STREETS TEAM TO HOMELESS RESPONSE EFFORTS AND ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH FIGHTING BACK PARTNERSHIP TO FUND HOUSING VOUCHERS FOR TEMPORARY SHELTER FOR THE UNHOUSED IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TWO HUNDRED NINETY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAME**

Recommendation: Consider and reallocate American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds of four hundred thousand dollars from the Downtown Streets Team to Homeless Response Efforts and adopt a resolution approving a grant agreement with Fighting Back Partnership to fund housing vouchers for temporary shelter for the unhoused in an amount not to exceed two hundred ninety thousand dollars and authorize the City Manager to execute same.

Contact: Gillian Hayes, Interim Assistant City Manager

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Natalie Peterson, Administrative Analyst

Natalie.Peterson@cityofvallejo.net, (707) 649-3415

Interim Assistant City Manager Hayes provided introductory comments.

Administrative Analyst Peterson provided background information, overview of the Agreement and Resolution, and outlined the recommendation.

Richard Fisher (Applicant) addressed the Council on the proposed recommendation.

Speakers: Andrea Source, Gaul Culley, Melisa Swift, Anne Carr, Eunice Malley, Chris Platzer, Ken Szutu, and an unidentified member of the public.

Staff and Mr. Fisher responded to questions from Councilmembers and the speakers. Councilmembers provided comment.

Action: Moved by Vice Mayor Verder-Aliga and carried unanimously by Councilmembers present to reallocate American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds of four hundred thousand dollars from the Downtown Streets Team to Homeless Response Efforts and adopt Resolution No. 22-005 N.C., a resolution approving a grant agreement with Fighting Back Partnership to fund housing vouchers for temporary shelter for the unhoused in an amount not to exceed two hundred ninety thousand dollars and authorize the City Manager to execute same with the addition that vouchers may also be used to pay for mobile home housing (Absent: Loera-Diaz).

E. **DISCUSSION TO EITHER CONTINUE ALLOWING MEETINGS OF LEGISLATIVE BODIES TO BE HELD IN PERSON IN COMPLIANCE WITH ANY FACE-MASK REQUIREMENTS IN PLACE AT THE TIME OF THE MEETING OR ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO RETURN TO REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS OF LEGISLATIVE BODIES OF THE CITY OF VALLEJO IN LIGHT OF THE COVID-19 OMICRON SURGE**

Recommendation: Following discussion, either continue to allow meetings of legislative bodies to be held in person in compliance with any face-mask requirements in place at the time of the meeting or adopt a resolution to return to remote teleconference meetings of legislative bodies of the City of Vallejo in light of the COVID-19 Omicron surge and the number of positive cases.

Contact: Mike Malone, Interim City Manager

Mike.Malone@cityofvallejo.net

Dawn G. Abrahamson, City Clerk

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City Manager Malone provided an overview of the staff report and outlined the two options before Council this evening.

Speakers: Chris Platzer and an unidentified member of the public.

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers.

Action: Moved by Vice Mayor Verder-Aliga and carried unanimously by Councilmembers present to adopt Resolution No. 21-006 N.C., a resolution returning to remote teleconference meetings of legislative bodies of the City of Vallejo in light of the COVID-19 Omicron surge and the number of positive cases (Absent: Loera-Diaz).

12. INFORMATION CALENDAR

A. UPDATE ON HOMELESS NAVIGATION CENTER

Recommendation: This item is for informational purposes only. There is no action or staff report associated with this item.

Contact: Terrance Davis, Interim Assistant City Manager
Terrance.Davis@cityofvallejo.net

Interim Assistant City Manager Davis provided a recap of the timeline, discussed ongoing planning efforts, summarized cost estimates and budget status and concluded with next steps.

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers.

Speakers: Bernard Norman and Anne Carr.

13. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT – None.

14. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT – None.

15. COMMUNITY FORUM

Speakers: Anne Carr, Ken Szutu and Don Jordan.

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

Councilmembers reported on various community events and meetings attended.

17. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 p.m.

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