

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

JANUARY 25, 2022

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:21 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor McConnell, Vice Mayor Verder-Aliga (arrived at 7:23 p.m.), Councilmembers Arriola, Brown, Dew (arrived at 7:23 p.m.), Loera-Diaz (arrived at 7:23 p.m.), and Miessner

Absent: None

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

4. PRESENTATIONS AND COMMENDATIONS

A. UPDATE ON CITY MANAGER SEARCH

Update was provided by Assistant Human Resources Director Sifuentes and Human Resources Consultant Valdez.

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers.

Speakers: Melissa Swift and Anne Carr.

Councilmembers provided comment.

5. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Nebb reported there was no reportable action for Closed Session Item 3A and Council provided director to its labor negotiators with respect to Closed Session Item 3B.

6. FIRST COMMUNITY FORUM

Speakers: Nathan Stout, Melissa Swift, Anne Carr, Rusal Cayangyang, David Haldane, Steve Spencer, Brad Beltane, and Robert Brekke.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

Speakers: Zachary Craig (Item B) and David Haldane.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Action: Moved by Vice Mayor Verder-Aliga and carried unanimously, unless otherwise noted, to approve the Agenda and the Consent Calendar with the removal of Item 8F from the Consent Calendar making it Item 8.1.

A. 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.

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

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

Recommendation: Adopt 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: Adopted Ordinance No. 1860 N.C. (2d)

C. PAYMENT OF CLAIMS: NOVEMBER 2021

Recommendation: Ratify the payment of claims for the period of November 1, 2021 through November 30, 2021.

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

Rekha.Nayar@cityofvallejo.net

Action: Ratified payment of claims for November 1-30, 2021.

D. SEVENTH AMENDMENT TO THE PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN SOLANO TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY, THE CITIES OF FAIRFIELD, VACAVILLE, AND VALLEJO AND AKIN GUMP STRAUSS HAUER & FELD

Recommendation: Authorize the City Manager to execute a Seventh Amendment to the Professional Consulting Services Agreement between STA, the Cities of Fairfield, Vacaville and Vallejo and Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld, extending the term by two years to December 31, 2023 and increasing the contract by \$240,000.

Contact: Felicia Escover, Assistant to the City Manager (707) 648-4577

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E. **ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH CALTRANS TO ACCEPT \$1,000,000 IN CLEAN CA GRANT FUNDS FOR ENHANCEMENTS TO THE CITY'S BAY TRAIL/VINE TRAIL PROJECT**

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with Caltrans to accept and manage the \$1,000,000 Clean California grant for improvements to the Bay Trail/Vine Trail Project.

Contact: Melissa L. Tigbao, Acting Public Works Director (707) 648-4085

Melissa.Tigbao@cityofvallejo.net

Mark Helmbrecht, Transportation Manager (707) 645-2601

Mark.Helmbrecht@cityofvallejo.net

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 22-007 N.C.

F. **CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPLY FOR CALIFORNIA PROJECT HOMEKEY ROUND 2 FUNDS AND EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY AGREEMENTS AND DOCUMENTS RELATED THERETO**

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for California Project Homekey funds in conjunction with Firm Foundation Community Housing and Shelter, Inc. for a 48-unit permanent supportive housing project at APN: 0067-140-150 on Broadway Street.

Contact: Felicia Escover, Assistant to the City Manager (707) 648-4577

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Action: item was removed from the Consent Calendar at the request of Councilmember Arriola.

Speakers: Anne Carr, Melissa Swift, Richard Fisher, Andrea Source, Steve Spencer, Robert Brekke, Brad Beltane, David Haldene, Gladys Castillo, and Randy Dawson.

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers. Councilmembers provided comment.

Action: Moved by Vice Mayor Verder-Aliga and carried to adopt Resolution No. 22-008 N.C. (Noes – McConnell and Arriola).

9. **ACTION CALENDAR**

A. **ADOPT RESOLUTIONS MAKING APPOINTMENTS TO CODE ENFORCEMENT APPEALS BOARD AND THE GREATER VALLEJO RECREATION DISTRICT**

Recommendation:

Council to take the following actions:

1. Adopt a resolution making appointments to the Code Enforcement Appeals Board - 4 vacancies
2. Adopt a resolution making an appointment to the Greater Vallejo Recreation District Board - 1 vacancy

Contact: Dawn G. Abrahamson, City Clerk, (707) 648-4528
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The City Council went through an applicant nomination process for the Code Enforcement Appeals Board (CEAB) and the GVRD Board.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Verder-Aliga and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 22-009 N.C., a resolution making the following appointments to the CEAB: David Cates, Carey Hawkins Ash, L. Alexander Matias, and Loretta Gaddies for terms to commence immediately and expire on December 31, 2025.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Verder-Aliga and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 22-010 N.C., a resolution appointing Robert Briseno to the GVRD Board for a term to commence immediately and expire December 31, 2025.

The meeting recessed at 9:52 p.m. and reconvened at 10:01 p.m.

B. NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 BUDGET, MID-YEAR (STEP 1 OF 2)

Recommendation: Provide notice of intent to amend the City's Fiscal Year 2021-22 Adopted Budget and amend the City's Salary Plan.

Contact: Rekha Nayar, Finance Director (707) 648-4592
Rekha.Nayar@CityofVallejo.net

Interim City Manager Malone provided introductory comments and emphasized key mid-year budget priorities focused on Safety, Infrastructure, Public Support, Homelessness, Compliance, and Staffing Re-organization. Finance Director Nayar provided a recap of FY 21-22 General Fund adopted revenue and expenditure and provided a midyear update that included: revenue and expenditure changes, other funds changes and information to note, proposed FTE changes, and concluded the presentation with closing comments.

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers.

Speakers: Anne Carr, Robert Brekke and David Haldane.

Another question and answer period followed. Councilmembers provided comment.

Action: Moved by Vice Mayor Verder-Aliga and carried unanimously to provide notice of intent to amend the City's Fiscal Year 2021-22 adopted budget and amend the City's Salary Plan and directed staff to review and advise on allocation of \$1 million dollars towards street pothole repairs.

C. **CONSIDERATION OF PARK NAMING SIGNAGE FOR THE BARBARA KONDYLIS WATERFRONT GREEN**

Recommendation: Provide direction to staff regarding the signage for the Barbara Kondylis Waterfront Green

Contact: Felicia Escover, Assistant to the City Manager, (707) 648-4577
felicia.escover@cityofvallejo.net

Assistant to the City Manager Escover outlined the recommendation, provided background information, discussed the proposed signage placement, sizes and colors, and shared illustrations of signage renders options for Council's consideration.

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers.

Speakers: Nathan Stout, Stephen Hallett, Terry Rogers, Ruscal Cayangyang, and Robert Brekke.

Another question and answer period followed. Councilmembers provided comment.

Action: Moved by Vice Mayor Verder-Aliga and carried unanimously to approve signage for the Barbara Kondylis Waterfront Green with colors selected in consultation with the family and staff.

D. **ECONOMIC VITALITY COMMISSION PRESENTATION AND PROPOSED WORK PLAN**

Recommendation: Review, provide input, and approve the proposed Economic Vitality Commission (EVC) Work Plan.

Contact: Paul Kelley, Special Advisor to City Manager - Economic Development Manager

(707) 648-4109; Paul.Kelley@cityofvallejo.net

Ivette Iraheta, Economic Development Program Manager

(707) 645-2622; ivette.iraheta@cityofvallejo.net

Special Advisory to City Manager-Economic Development Manager Kelley provided introductory comments and reviewed the purpose of the Commission.

Economic Development Program Manager Iraheta outlined the duties of the Commission and provided background information,

Chair Matias reported on the Commission's accomplishments for 2021, reviewed the Commission's work plan for 2021-22, outlined the Economic Strategic Plan as part of the ARPA funds to be done in 2022.

Special Advisory to City Manager- Economic Development Manager Kelley and Program Manager Iraheta concluded with presenting the Commission's proposed Main Street Program and outlined collaboration efforts with staff.

Speakers: Robert Brekke.

Councilmembers provided comments.

Action: Moved by Vice Mayor Verder-Aliga and carried unanimously to review and approve the proposed Economic Development Commission Work Plan.

E. CONSIDERATION OF CITY COUNCIL GOAL-SETTING FORMAT

Recommendation: Receive information regarding the upcoming City Council team-building and goal-setting sessions and provide additional direction to staff.

Contact: Felicia Escover, Assistant to the City Manager (707) 648-4577

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Assistant to the City Manager Escover provided a recap of the FY 2021-22 goal setting process, priority areas and tentative goals, community and council feedback, and goal setting outcomes, shared the Fiscal Year 2022-23 goal setting efforts which covered facilitator, format, and options for Council consideration.

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers.

Speakers: Anne Carr, Chris Platzer and David Haldane.

Another question and answer period followed. Councilmembers provided comment and direction to staff.

F. ADOPT RESOLUTION CONFIRMING AND CONSENTING TO COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES FOR THE YEAR 2022 AND DISCUSSION REGARDING AD-HOC SUBCOMMITTEES AND PROVIDE DIRECTION ON WHETHER TO CREATE ADDITIONAL STANDING OR AD HOC COMMITTEES

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution consenting to and confirming various appointments to Commissions, Boards and Committees for 2022. Discuss and provide direction to staff regarding the Ad-Hoc Committees as either new standing committees, or define the appropriate purpose and duration.

Contact: Dawn G. Abrahamson, City Clerk, (707) 648-4528
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Action: Moved by Vice Mayor Verder-Aliga and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 22-011 N.C. and directed staff to return to Council at its February 22 regular meeting regarding discussion and direction of ad-hoc subcommittees to be combined with Action Item 9G.

G. **REQUEST BY MAYOR MCCONNELL AND COUNCILMEMBER DEW TO ADD AN AGENDA ITEM AT A SUBSEQUENT MEETING TO RECONVENE THE MARIJUANA AD-HOC SUBCOMMITTEE**

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

Contact: Mayor McConnell
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Councilmember Dew
Pippin.Dew@cityofvallejo.net

Action: Moved by Vice Mayor Verder-Aliga and carried unanimously to combine this request with discussion on Council ad-hoc committees as provided in Action Item 9H and return to Council its February 22 regular meeting.

10. INFORMATION CALENDAR

A. **BROADBAND UPDATE**

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

Contact: Naveed Ashraf, IT Director/Chief Innovation Officer
Naveed.Ashraf@cityofvallejo.net

Action: Upon request by Councilmember Miessner and concurred unanimously by Councilmembers, this item was continued to the February 22 regular Council meeting.

11. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Interim City Manager Malone addressed questions and comments made by members of the public related to Consent Calendar Item 8F.

Assistant Human Resources Director Sifuentes provided the number of City employees who are Vallejo residents.

12. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

City Attorney Nebb outlined her quarterly report for October-December 2021.

- A. **A. QUARTERLY REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021/2022, SECOND QUARTER (OCT - DEC 2021)**
Recommendation:
Contact: Veronica Nebb, City Attorney
Veronica.Nebb@cityofvallejo.net

13. COMMUNITY FORUM

Speakers: Chris Platzter and Robert Brekke.

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

Councilmembers reported on various community events and meetings attended.

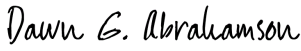
15. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:52 a.m.

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ROBERT H. MCCONNELL, MAYOR

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