

**VALLEJO CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
CAL MARITIME
MARKETPLACE – COMPASS ROOM (3rd Floor)
200 Maritime Academy Drive, Vallejo**

APRIL 11, 2022

1. CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME BY THE MAYOR

The meeting was called to order at 8:57 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor McConnell, Vice Mayor Verder-Aliga, Councilmember Arriola, Brown, Dew (arrived following roll call), Loera-Diaz, and Miessner

Absent: None

Staff present: Interim City Manager Malone, City Attorney Nebb and Interim Assistant City Manager Davis

3. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING COUNCIL GOAL SETTING

Speakers: Anne Carr, Gaul Culley and Cristal Little.

4. AGENDA REVIEW

Facilitators Christine Butterfield and John Bramble (Management Partners) reviewed the workshop agenda and ground rules. Following agenda review for the workshop, the Facilitators and Council reviewed and discussed behaviors of high-performance teams including areas and action needed to improve and heighten team performance and current practices, and started a discussion on characteristics of effective governing bodies.

The meeting recessed at 11:45 a.m. and reconvened at 12:37 p.m.

Facilitators Butterfield and Bramble reviewed Council Teamwork and how to get there, the role of the City Manager and City Attorney and concluded with the morning's discussion on preparation and communications to improve Council effectiveness.

Interim City Manager Malone acknowledged accomplishments since 2019.

5. COUNCIL GOAL SETTING DISCUSSION

Facilitators Butterfield and Bramble reviewed the themes that were provided during one on one interviews with each of the council members ahead of this meeting, which included:

- Homeless services and strategy (Mare Island, Solano 360, Costco, Blue Rock Springs, and Downtown revitalization)
- Economic development
- Recruit and attract permanent City Manager

- Police Oversight and relationship building
- Grow community engagement opportunities

Challenges that threaten the success of achieving success in the identified theme areas was discussed followed by a review of key priorities that staff submitted prior to this special meeting.

The meeting recessed at 1:45 p.m. and reconvened at 1:55 p.m.

A discussion and selection of one of the top priority themes for short term Council 2022 key goals followed. *Strategy to address Economic Development and projects in the pipeline* received 4 votes followed by *Strategy to address needs of Vallejo's unhoused* which received 2 votes. *Strategy to attract and retain staff* received 1 vote. *Strategy to improve community appeal and image both real and perceived* received zero votes.

A discussion regarding multi-year top 2 priorities ensued including Council agreements. The workshop concluded with a recap of follow up/action items.

6. SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING COUNCIL GOAL SETTING

Speakers: Charles Palmares, Liat Meitzenheimer, Cristal Little, Gretchen Zimmermann, and Andrea Sorce.

6. WRAP UP

Facilitators Butterfield and Bramble discussed next steps, which includes staff taking the priorities and preparing an action plan and returning to Council for discussion and approval.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:33 p.m.

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ROBERT H. MCCONNELL, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK