

**VALLEJO CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 17, 2022**

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor McConnell, Vice Mayor Verder-Aliga, Councilmembers Arriola, Brown (arrived at 6:09 p.m.), Dew, and Miessner

Absent: Councilmember Loera-Diaz

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

4. ACTION CALENDAR

A. VALLEJO EARLY LEARNING CENTER PRESENTATION AND FUNDING REQUEST

Recommendation: Receive presentation and request from First 5 Solano Children and Families to assist with \$500,000 in funding to establish the Early Learning Center at Beverly Hills Elementary School site in South Vallejo. Provide direction to:

1. Confirm the previously allocated \$160,000 in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Youth Initiative budget, to be used toward the Project; and
2. Return to Council with a future action item to appropriate an additional \$240,000 of funding by the future allocation of ARPA funding, provided such funding is received, and contingent upon Vallejo Early Learning Center procuring the balance \$3.5 mil required for the project.

Contact: Natalie Peterson, Interim Assistant to the City Manager (707) 649-3415
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When announcing the item and recommendation, City Clerk Abrahamson noted a correction in the appropriation of additional funding in Recommendation 2 to be \$340,000 instead of \$240,000 as reflected on the agenda.

Interim Assistant to the City Manager Peterson provided introductory comments.

Lorraine Fernandez (First 5 Solano Program Manager) and Supervisor Hannigan outlined the planning process for the Center, discussed the need for the project, provided a project description with key details, reviewed the plans for renovations and concluded the presentation with funding request.

Ms. Fernandez, Supervisor Hannigan and staff responded to questions from Councilmembers.

Speakers: David Haldane.

Councilmembers provided comment.

Action: Moved by Vice Mayor Verder-Aliga and carried unanimously by Councilmembers present to confirm the previously allocated \$160,000 in the FY 2021-22 Youth Initiative budget, to be used toward the Project, and directed staff to return to Council with a future action item to appropriate an additional \$340,000 of funding by the future allocation of ARPA funding, provided such funding is received, and contingent upon Vallejo Early Learning Center procuring the balance of \$3.5 million required for the project (Absent: Loera-Díaz).

B. INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE POSSESSION OF CATALYTIC CONVERTERS

Recommendation: Introduce an Ordinance adding Chapter 7.72 to the City of Vallejo Municipal Code, "Prohibiting Possession of Catalytic Converters."

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

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Captain Potts defined catalytic converters for context purposes, reviewed theft statistics and reasons for increase in thefts, discussed law enforcement challenges and victim impacts, shared prevention efforts and common vehicles victimized, and concluded the presentation outlining benefits of the proposed ordinance.

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers.

Speakers: David Haldane and Anne Carr.

Another question and answer period followed. Councilmembers provided comment.

Action: Moved by Vice Mayor Verder-Aliga and carried unanimously by Councilmembers present to introduce an Ordinance adding Chapter 7.72 to the City of Vallejo Municipal Code, "Prohibiting Possession of Catalytic Converters" (Absent: Loera-Díaz)

C. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION APPROVING THE VALLEJO BROADBAND MASTER PLAN & DIGITAL EQUITY STRATEGY 2022

Recommendation: Adopt Resolution approving the 2022 City of Vallejo Broadband Master Plan and Digital Equity Strategy, making broadband accessibility more equitable.

Contact: Naveed Ashraf, Chief Innovation Officer & IT Director (707) 648-5200

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Chief Innovation Officer/IT Director Ashraf provided an overview of the staff report and outlined the recommendation.

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers.

Speakers: David Haldane.

Another question and answer period followed. Councilmembers provided comment including a desire for staff to prepare and return to Council with a Dig Ordinance.

Action: Moved by Vice Mayor and carried unanimously by Councilmembers present to adopt Resolution No. 22-080 N.C. as revised as follows: 1) first Whereas to include “and businesses” following the word residents in the second sentence of the paragraph, 2) seventh Whereas to include “and businesses” following the word residents in the last sentence of the paragraph; and 3) twelfth Whereas to include “to be determined and added to as necessary” following the wording specific locations in the next to the last sentence of the paragraph. (Absent: Loera-Diaz)

5. INFORMATION CALENDAR

A. PROGRESS REPORT ON POLICE REFORM/OIR IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Recommendation: Receive and comment on this report and presentation covering: Progress and activities associated with implementing the OIR independent assessment report recommendations – Implementation Plan (IP) and Collaborative Reform Agreement with the Department of Justice.

Contact: Shawny K. Williams, Chief of Police (707) 648-4540

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Police Chief Williams reviewed the history and why we are here, provided an update on the California DOJ Collaborative Reform process and progress to date and provided closing comments and outlined next steps.

City Clerk Abrahamson read a statement on behalf of Councilmember Loera-Diaz related to the item.

Speakers: David Haldane, Melissa Swift, Anne Carr, and Brian Farrell.

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers. Councilmembers provided comment

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

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