

**VALLEJO CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 3, 2023**

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

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:23 p.m.

**2. ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY ELECTED COUNCILMEMBERS**

Vice Mayor Verder-Aliga administered the Oath of Office to District 2 Councilmember Matulac and presented him with a Certificate of Election. Councilmember Matulac resumed his seat at the dais.

Mr. Palmares administered the Oath of Office to District 4 Councilmember Palmares and presented him with a Certificate of Election. Councilmember Palmares resumed his seat at the dais.

Adam Bregenzer administered the Oath of Office to District 5 Councilmember Bregenzer and presented him with a Certificate of Election. Councilmember Bregenzer resumed his seat at the dais.

**3. ROLL CALL OF NEW COUNCIL**

**Present:** Mayor McConnell, Vice Mayor Verder-Aliga, Councilmembers Arriola, Bregenzer, Loera-Diaz, Matulac, and Palmares

**Absent:** None

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

**4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**5. REMARKS BY NEWLY ELECTED COUNCILMEMBERS**

Councilmembers Matulac, Palmares and Bregenzer expressed their gratitude and spoke of challenging issues and concerns the City Council will be addressing in the months ahead.

**6. 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 3, 2023 to January 9, 2024

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Mayor McConnell acknowledged Vice Mayor Verder-Aliga for serving as Vice Mayor for the 2 years and requested nominations from Councilmembers.

Following Councilmember comments, Councilmember Loera-Diaz nominated Councilmember Verder-Aliga to continue to serve as Vice Mayor for 2023.

**Action:** Following the nomination process, it was moved by Mayor McConnell and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 23-002 N.C. electing Councilmember Verder-Aliga to serve as Vice Mayor for January 2023 to January 2024.

**7. SELECTION OF COUNCIL SEATING**

In order of seniority, with the Vice Mayor going first, Councilmembers selected their seats at the dais.

**8. FIRST COMMUNITY FORUM**

**Speakers:** Christina Murphy, William Baker, Ada Brown, and Jameelah Hanif.

**9. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS**

**Speakers:**

**10. CONSENT CALENDAR AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Action:** Moved by Vice Mayor Verder-Aliga and carried unanimously to approve the Agenda and the Consent Calendar.

**11. ACTION CALENDAR – None.**

**12. INFORMATION CALENDAR – None.**

**13. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT**

City Manager Malone congratulated and welcomed the new councilmembers and encouraged members of the community to volunteer to help operate the center starting January 4.

**14. CITY ATTORNEY’S REPORT**

City Attorney Nebb also congratulated and welcomed the new councilmembers.

**15. COMMUNITY FORUM**

**Speakers:** Daniel Boone, Gretchen Zimmermann, Anne Carr, Tehra M., and Marie. City Clerk Abrahamson read a written communication on behalf of Alex Matias.

**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 8:39 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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