

**VALLEJO CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 11, 2023**

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Nebb reported Council provided direction to staff with respect to Closed Session Items 3A, 3B and 3C with no other reportable action.

5. PRESENTATIONS AND COMMENDATIONS

Action: *Presentations were made by Councilmembers Loera-Diaz and Matulac.*

A. **PRESENTATION OF A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING FAIR HOUSING MONTH - APRIL 2023**

B. **PRESENTATION OF A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING MUSLIM HOLY MONTH OF RAMADAN**

6. FIRST COMMUNITY FORUM

Speakers: Ryan Elliott, Anne Carr, Stephen Hallett, and Andrea Sorce.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

Speakers: Stephen Hallett (Item 8G) and Daniel Boone (Item 8C)

8. CONSENT CALENDAR AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Action: *Moved by Vice Mayor Verder-Aliga and carried unanimously, unless otherwise noted, approval of the Agenda and the Consent Calendar with the noted recusal of Vice Mayor Verder-Aliga and Councilmember Loera-Diaz from Consent Item 8E due to conflicts of interest related to owning property in the North East Quadrant LMD and with the removal of Items 8C, 8D, and 8G from the Consent Calendar making the Items 8.1., 8.2 and 8.3 respectively.*

A. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Recommendation: Approve minutes for the special meetings of March 21, 2023 and the special and regular meetings of March 28, 2023

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

Dawn.Abrahamson@cityofvallejo.net

Action: *Approved minutes.*

B. **WAIVE FULL READING AND AUTHORIZING 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, MMC, City Clerk (707) 64-4527

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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. **ADOPT RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FIFTH AMENDMENT TO CONSULTANT AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND AKIN GUMP STRAUS HAUER & FELD, INCREASING THE NOT-TO-EXCEED BY \$70,000, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAME**

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution approving the Fifth Amendment to the Consultant and Professional Services Agreement with Akin Gump Straus Hauer & Feld ("Akin Gump") for legislative affairs services, increasing the not-to-exceed amount by \$130,000 and authorizing the City Manager to execute same.

Contact: Terrance Davis, Assistant City Manager (707) 648-4301

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Action: *item was removed from the Consent Calendar.*

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers.

Action: *Moved by Vice Mayor Verder-Aliga and carried unanimously to continue the item to the April 25 regular council meeting due to typographical errors contained in the staff report and attachments.*

D. **ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH RESTORATION MANAGEMENT COMPANY FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$263,000 FOR FIRE DAMAGE REPAIRS TO THE JFK LIBRARY FACILITY LOCATED AT 505 SANTA CLARA STREET**

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Restoration Management Company for an amount not to exceed \$263,000 for fire damage repairs to the JFK Library facility.

Contact: Melissa Tigbao, Public Works Director, 707-648-4433

melissa.tigbao@cityofvallejo.net

Action: *item was removed from the Consent Calendar by Mayor McConnell.*

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers. Councilmembers provided comment.

Action: *Moved by Vice Mayor Verder-Aliga and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 23-046 N.C.*

- E. **ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SCI CONSULTING GROUP TO PREPARE THE ENGINEER'S REPORTS FOR THE BORDONI RANCH, CARRIAGE OAKS, GARTHE RANCH, GLEN COVE III, GLEN COVE III 2015, HUNTER RANCH III, MARINE WORLD/FAIRGROUNDS, MARIN VIEW, NORTHEAST QUADRANT, SANDPIPER POINT, SOUTH VALLEJO BUSINESS PARK, AND TOWN AND COUNTRY II-V LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE DISTRICTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-24**

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution authorizing SCI Consulting Group to prepare the Engineer's Reports for the Bordoni Ranch, Carriage Oaks, Garthe Ranch, Glen Cove III, Glen Cove III 2015, Hunter Ranch III, Marine World/Fairgrounds, Marin View, Northeast Quadrant, Sandpiper Point, South Vallejo Business Park, and Town and Country II-V Landscape Maintenance Districts for fiscal year 2023-2024.

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

melissa.tigbao@cityofvallejo.net

Action: *Adopted Resolution No. 23-047 N.C. (Abstained Due to Conflicts of Interest: Loera-Diaz and Verder-Aliga)*

- F. **ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SCI CONSULTING GROUP TO PREPARE THE ENGINEER'S REPORT FOR THE HIDDENBROOKE MAINTENANCE DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-24**

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing SCI Consulting Group to prepare the Engineer's Report for the Hiddenbrooke Maintenance District (HMD) created under the Landscape and Lighting Act of 1972.

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

melissa.tigbao@cityofvallejo.net

Action: *Adopted Resolution No. 23-048 N.C.*

- G. **ADOPT A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$301,801 FOR THE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES IMPLEMENTING CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAMS GRANT**

Recommendation: As the second step in a two-step process, adopt a resolution amending the Fiscal Year 2022-23 general fund budget to recognize revenue and appropriate expenditures for the 2022 Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Implementing Crisis Intervention Teams grant in the amount of \$301,801.

Contact: Jason Ta, Interim Chief of Police (707) 648-4540

jason.ta@cityofvallejo.net

Action: *item was removed from the Consent Calendar.*

Chief Ta provided an overview of the staff report. Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers. Councilmembers provided comment.

Action: *Moved by Vice Mayor Verder-Aliga and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 23-049 N.C.*

9. ACTION CALENDAR

A. MOTION TO RECONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A SIDE LETTER OF AGREEMENT APPROVAL BETWEEN THE CITY OF VALLEJO AND THE VALLEJO POLICE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION AS REQUESTED BY COUNCILMEMBER BREGENZER

Recommendation: As requested by Councilmember Bregenzer, reconsider action taken by the City Council at its meeting on February 14, 2023, which failed, to authorize the City Manager to execute a side letter of agreement approval between the City of Vallejo and the Vallejo Police Officers' Association. If the motion to reconsider passes by a majority vote of the Council, the item will return to Council at its April 25 regular meeting for reconsideration

Contact: Councilmember Bregenzer

Peter.Bregenzer@cityofvallejo.net

Councilmember Bregenzer provided comments on the nature of his request to reconsider the matter.

Speakers: Anne Carr, Stephen Hallett and Phillip Balbuena.

Councilmembers provided comment.

Action: *Moved by Vice Mayor Verder-Aliga and carried unanimously to reconsider action taken by the City Council at its meeting on February 14, 2023, which failed, to authorize the City Manager to execute a side letter of agreement approval between the City of Vallejo and the Vallejo Police Officers' Association. The item will return to Council at its April 25 regular meeting for reconsideration.*

B. RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON POLICE BUILDING FEASIBILITY STUDY AND PROVIDE STAFF DIRECTION

Recommendation: Receive an update on Vallejo Police headquarters feasibility analysis and provide staff with additional direction.

Contact: Terrance Davis, Assistant City Manager (707.648.4301)

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Assistant City Manager Davis provided a recap of the policy facility assessments and current police station situation, discussed the JFK building with existing occupants/tenants and community engagement efforts including 6 in-person workshops. Bruce Poole (Consultant) outlined the basic scenario and two alternate scenarios, and Assistant City Manager Davis concluded the presentation by reviewing a cost matrix and financing strategy.

Speakers: Phillip Balbuena, Renee Sykes, Dennis Yun, Bill Carpenter, Christine Watson, Mark Lampkin, Paula Conley, Dan Levin, Josette Lacey, Erin Hannigan, James Cisney, Hank M., Mark Harmon,

The meeting recessed at 9:29 p.m. and reconvened at 9:42 p.m.

Speakers continued: Stephen Hallett, Anne Carr, Melissa Swift, Dave Haldane, Kenneth, Gretchen, Shastin, Andrea Sorce, and Sam Houston.

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers. Councilmembers provided comment and direction to staff with a unanimous preference to relocate the Corporation Yard and expand the Police Department at 111 Amador Street.

C. **CONSIDER REQUEST FROM COUNCILMEMBER BREGENZER TO AGENDIZE AT A SUBSEQUENT MEETING A PRESENTATION FROM THE LGBTQ MINUS TOBACCO ON HOW BIG TOBACCO INDUSTRIES ARE TARGETING TEENS IN VALLEJO HIGH SCHOOL TO PURCHASE PRODUCTS AND REQUEST FOR COUNCIL TO CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE RAISING THE MINIMUM PRICE AND ELIMINATION OF COUPONS (STEP 1)**

Recommendation: Consider Councilmember Bregenzer's request and direct staff to coordinate presentation at a subsequent meeting

Contact: Councilmember Bregenzer

Peter.Bregenzer@cityofvallejo.net

Councilmember Bregenzer discussed the nature of his request.

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers.

Speakers: William Downer, Brian Davis, Joseph Hayden, Daniel Boone, Tracy Nachand, and Calyn Kelley.

Councilmembers provided comment.

Action: *Moved by Mayor McConnell and carried unanimously to agendize a presentation from the LGBTW Minus Tobacco on how big tobacco industries are targeting teens in vallejo high school to purchase products and request for council to consider an ordinance raising the minimum price and elimination of coupons. Following the presentation, staff can receive direction from Council on proceeding forward with an ordinance to include an educational component as requested by Councilmember Matulac and adding enforcement capacity and already licensed established businesses as requested by the Mayor.*

D. **CONSIDER REQUEST FROM COUNCILMEMBER LOERA-DIAZ TO AGENDIZE AT A SUBSEQUENT MEETING OPTIONS FOR LOCATING SAFE RV/VEHICLE LOCATIONS AND POTENTIALLY SERVICES IN PARTNERSHIP WITH LOCAL NONPROFITS FOR THE UNHOUSED (STEP 1)**

Recommendation: Consider Councilmember Loera-Diaz's request and direct staff to prepare and present relevant materials at a subsequent meeting

Contact: Councilmember Loera-Diaz

Mina.Loera-Diaz@cityofvallejo.net

Councilmember Loera-Diaz discussed the nature of her request.

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers.

Speakers: Kenneth and Dave Haldane.

Action: *Moved by Mayor McConnell and carried unanimously to agendize options for locating safe RV/vehicle locations and potentially services in partnership with local nonprofits for the unhoused to be determined by the City Manager but no later than June 30, 2023.*

10. INFORMATION CALENDAR

A. FISCAL YEAR 2022-23 DEPARTMENT GOALS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS UPDATES

Recommendation: Receive report. There is no action or staff report associated with this item

Contact: Mike Malone, City Manager, (707) 648-4576

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Presentation was continued to the City Council's Goal Setting to be held on Friday, April 14, 2023.

11. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Malone announced the City of Vallejo won an EPIC award for our Vallejo Weekly Publication in the Creative Marketing category. Public Information Officer Lee will accept the award at the California Association of Public Information Officials Annual Conference on May 2.

12. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT – None.

13. COMMUNITY FORUM

Speakers: Daniel Boone.

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 11:54 p.m.

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