

**VALLEJO CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 12, 2023**

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:22 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 and 3B. No other action to report.

5. PRESENTATIONS AND COMMENDATIONS

Action: *Youth Services Coordinator Grace-Barksdale and members of the Youth Delegation provided highlights of the VCUSD Youth Delegation to the NLC City Summit Conference attended in November 2023.*

A. PRESENTATION BY THE CITY OF VALLEJO YOUTH DELEGATION ABOUT THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES CONFERENCE TRIP TO ATLANTA

6. FIRST COMMUNITY FORUM

Speakers: Daniel Boone, Daniel Glaze, Angela Sullivan, Matthew Finkelstein, and Bridget Doherty.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

Speakers: None.

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.*

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Recommendation: Approve minutes for the special and regular meetings of November 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.

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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 A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A SCHEDULE OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS FOR 2024 AND 2025

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution establishing a schedule of regular City Council meetings for 2024 and 2025.

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Action: *adopted Resolution No. 23-200 N.C.*

D. ACCEPT THE HIDDENBROOKE PARKWAY LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENT / REHABILITATION PROJECT (PROJECT NOS. PWL001 AND PW9435), PERFORMED BY MCGUIRE AND HESTER AS COMPLETE, AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY CLERK TO FILE A NOTICE OF COMPLETION WITH THE SOLANO COUNTY RECORDER'S OFFICE

Recommendation: Accept the Hiddenbrooke Parkway Landscape Improvement / Rehabilitation Project (Project Nos. PWL001 and PW9435), performed by McGuire and Hester of Alameda, California, as complete, and authorize the City Clerk to file a Notice of Completion with the Solano County Recorder's Office.

Contact: Mark Helmbrecht, Acting Public Works Director (707) 645-2601

Mark.Helmbrecht@cityofvallejo.net

Action: *accepted the Hiddenbrooke Parkway Landscape Improvement / Rehabilitation Project (Project Nos. PWL001 and PW9435), performed by McGuire and Hester of Alameda, California, as complete, and authorized the City Clerk to file a Notice of Completion with the Solano County Recorder's Office.*

E. ADOPT A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALLEJO APPROVING THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE EQUIPMENT PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH JM SQUARED ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR HIGHLY SPECIALIZED EQUIPMENT FOR A NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$300,000 AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE SAME

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution approving the First Amendment to the Equipment Purchase Agreement with JM Squared Associates, Inc. for deep-well

submersible pumps for the water treatment plants for a not-to-exceed amount of \$300,000 and extend through June 30, 2025 and authorize the City Manager to execute same.

Contact: Beth Schoenberger, Water Director, 707-648-5439

beth.schoenberger@cityofvallejo.net

Action: adopted Resolution No. 23-201 N.C.

F. **ADOPT A RESOLUTION REPEALING RESOLUTION 23-003 N.C. AND MAKING CHANGES TO COUNCIL MEMBER APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES FOR THE YEAR 2023 TO INCLUDE APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL LIAISON TO THE MEASURE P OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

Recommendation: Repeal Resolution No. 23-003 N.C. and adopt a new Resolution consenting to and approving changes to various appointments to Commissions, Boards and Committees for 2023 to include a council liaison to the Measure P Oversight Committee

Contact: Dawn G. Abrahamson, City Clerk (707) 648-4528

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Action: adopted Resolution No. 23-202 N.C.

9. **ACTION CALENDAR**

A. **CONSIDER REQUEST BY MAYOR MCCONNELL TO AGENDIZE COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTING A RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE SITUATION IN GAZA (STEP 1)**

Recommendation: Consider Mayor McConnell's request and direct staff to prepare and present relevant materials at a future meeting when the full Council will be present

Contact: Mayor McConnell

Robert.McConnell@cityofvallejo.net

Speakers: Sally Sears, Huzaifa K., Matt J., Ellen B., Nora T., Luis A., Cindy P., Husni P., S. George, Dayton P., Andrew P., R. Lessem, Maricel C., Henrique P., Matthew Finkelstein, Maribel P., Desiree P., Jazz P. and Maya P., Mary J., S. Goerke-Shrode, Mercedes M., Leah C., Charlie S., J. Leventhal, Geri Kahn, Orange P., Acqi P., Lo P., Linda Rosner, Mitchell Chernock, Lawrence Grossman, Diana Estrin, Shoshana Deutscher-Nurik, Monica Brown, Shastin Svendsen, Ari Val, Steven Pierce, Shiva M., Sara C., Cristal Gallegos, Susan Cohen, Ignacio Mendoza, Nida K., Anna T., Palestina Libre Por Vida, Rabbi Zaklos, Ali Annabell, Anne Carr, Joann, Nimat Shakoor-Grantham, Kemal Abuhan, Breckon, Mimi, Syed H., Bassam, Nandine Mansour, Bella, Sarah Z., and Maha Syed.

The meeting recessed at 10:15 p.m. and reconvened at 10:29 p.m.

Councilmembers discussed the request and provided comments.

The meeting recessed at 10:47 p.m. and reconvened at 11:01 p.m.

Councilmembers provided additional comments.

Action: *Moved by Mayor McConnell and carried that Council appoint 2 volunteers to attempt to draft a properly worded proclamation concerning the middle east issue (Noes-Bregenzer).*

B. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION TO STAFF AS REQUESTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BREGENZER TO CONSIDER ADDITIONAL RED LIGHT ENFORCEMENT CAMERAS AND/OR POSSIBLY OTHER TECHNOLOGY TO ASSIST THE POLICE DEPARTMENT (STEP 2)

Recommendation: Provide direction to staff on the possible acquisition and implementation of additional red light enforcement cameras and/or other technology which could assist the Police Department.

Contact: Councilmember Bregenzer
Peter.Bregenzer@cityofvallejo.net

Councilmember Bregenzer discussed the nature of his initial request followed by Council discussion.

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers. Councilmembers provided comment.

Action: *by consensus of the Council, staff was directed to return to Council following review and discussion with recommendations from the Surveillance Advisory Board on the acquisition and implementation of additional red light enforcement cameras and/or possibly other technology to assist the Police Department to include analysis and recommendations on the purchase and number of cameras, selection of neighborhoods and intersections, cost, and staffing, and a cost analysis on other traffic calming measures.*

C. CONSIDER REQUEST FROM COUNCIL MEMBER BREGENZER RELATING TO THE POSSIBLE SALE OF HERBERT HOUSE, CURRENTLY LOCATED AT 2 FLORIDA STREET, WITH OR WITHOUT THE SALE OF THE UNDERLYING PROPERTY AND/OR RELOCATION THEREOF AND PROVIDE DIRECTION TO STAFF (STEP 2)

Recommendation: Provide direction to staff relating to: (1) the possible declaration of the Herbert House as Surplus Property; (2) authorization for sale thereof, either with or without the underlying property; and (3) possible relocation thereof.

Contact: Councilmember Bregenzer
Peter.Bregenzer@cityofvallejo.net

Councilmember Bregenzer discussed the nature of his initial request.

Economic Development Director Nimon provided background information, discussed potential uses and considerations and concluded by outlining options for Council consideration and next steps.

Speakers: Gretchen Zimmermann, Anne Carr, Jimmy Genn, and Amy Herbert Labowitch.

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers. Councilmembers provided comment.

Action: *by consensus of the Council, staff was directed to return to Council with lot diagrams and obtain further direction on the sale.*

10. INFORMATION CALENDAR

A. RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE PUBLIC SAFETY STAFFING EMERGENCY

Recommendation: Receive an update on the public safety staffing emergency proclamation. This item is for informational purposes only. There is no staff report or action associated with this item

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

Jason.Ta@cityofvallejo.net

Captain Ramsay provided an update on Phase 1 (Service Model Reduction), Phase 2 (Rotation of Officers to Patrol Shifts), Phase 3 (Collapsing Traffic & Detective Divisions), Phase 4 (Modifying Patrol Shifts to 12-hours or another Staffing Model), and outside assistance, provided updated current staffing numbers, and the status of police facilities (Dispatch Center and Police Headquarters).

Human Resources Director Sifuentes provided an update on recruitment and retention efforts.

Speakers: Anne Carr.

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers. Councilmembers provided comment.

11. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT – none.

12. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT – none.

13. COMMUNITY FORUM

Speakers: None.

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 1:01 a.m.

DocuSigned by:

ROBERT H. MCCONNELL

ROBERT H. MCCONNELL, MAYOR

ATTEST:

DocuSigned by:

Dawn G. Abrahamson

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CITY CLERK