

**VALLEJO CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 19, 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, Councilmembers Arriola, Bregenzer, Loera-Diaz, and Matulac

Absent: Vice Mayor Verder-Aliga and Councilmember Palmares

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 the item on the Closed Session agenda held prior to the start of the Successor Agency meeting. No other action to report.

5. PRESENTATIONS AND COMMENDATIONS

Action: *members of the Sister City Commission and Association provided a presentation.*

A. SISTER CITY COMMISSION/ASSOCIATION PRESENTATION ON TRIP TO AKASHI, JAPAN

6. FIRST COMMUNITY FORUM

Speakers: Richard Hybels and Mustafa Abdul-Ghanee.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

Speakers: None.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Action: *Moved by Councilmember Loera-Diaz and carried unanimously by members present, unless otherwise noted, approval of the Agenda and the Consent Calendar with the removal of Item 8E from the Consent Calendar making it Item 8.1 (Absent: Verder-Aliga and Palmares).*

A. 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) 648-4527

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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

B. PAYMENT OF CLAIMS: October 2023

Recommendation: Ratify the payment of claims for the period of October 1, 2023 through October 31, 2023.

Contact: Rekha Nayar, Finance Director (707) 648-4592

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Action: ratified payment of claims for period of October 1-31, 2023.

C. ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE PAVING TUOLUMNE ST. & GEORGIA ST. PROJECT, AWARDING A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$563,762, PLUS CONTINGENCY, TO CONSOLIDATED ENGINEERING, INC., AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAME

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution approving the project plans and specifications for the Paving Tuolumne St. & Georgia St. Project, awarding a construction contract in the amount of \$563,762, plus contingency, to Consolidated Engineering, Inc., and authorizing the City Manager to execute same.

Contact: Melissa Tigbao, P.E., Public Works Director (707) 648-4433

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Action: adopted Resolution No. 23-203 N.C.

D. ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM AND HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM FUNDING PROCESS AND CRITERIA FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-25

Recommendation: Adopt the enclosed Resolution approving a funding process and criteria for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 (July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025).

Contact: Alicia Jones, Housing Director (707) 648-4408

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Action: adopted Resolution No. 23-204 N.C.

E. ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN HISTORIC PROPERTY PRESERVATION AGREEMENT PURSUANT TO THE MILLS ACT, CONSISTENT WITH THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE AND LANDMARKS COMMISSION, FOR THE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 812 YORK STREET

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a Historic Property Preservation Agreement pursuant to the Mills Act, consistent with the Architectural Heritage and Landmarks Commission recommendation, for the residential property located at 812 York Street.

Contact: Christina Ratcliffe, AICP, Planning and Development Services Director (707) 648-4326

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Action: item was removed from the Consent Calendar at the request of Councilmember Bregenzer.

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers. Councilmembers provided comment.

Action: Moved by Councilmember Loera-Diaz and failed to adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a Historic Property Preservation Agreement pursuant to the Mills Act, consistent with the Architectural Heritage and Landmarks Commission recommendation, for the residential property located at 812 York Street. (Ayes: Mayor McConnell; Noes: Arriola, Bregenzer, Loera-Diaz, and Matulac; Absent: Verder-Aliga and Palmares).

F. **ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION RECEIVING AND FILING THE SB 165 ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY 2022-23**

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution to receive and file the annual reports relating to special taxes levied in the City's Northeast Quadrant Improvement District No. 2003-01 and Hiddenbrooke Improvement District No. 1998-1 for fiscal year ended June 30, 2023.

Contact: Rekha Nayar, Finance Director (707-648-4592)

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Action: adopted Resolution No. 23-205 N.C.

G. **ADOPT RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SIXTH AMENDMENT TO CONSULTANT AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND AKIN GUMP STRAUS HAUER & FELD, INCREASING THE NOT-TO-EXCEED BY \$140,000, AND EXTENDING THE TERM AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAME**

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution approving the Sixth 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 \$140,000 and extending the term thereof and authorizing the City Manager to execute same.

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

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Action: adopted Resolution No. 23-206 N.C.

H. **ADOPT A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE CLEAN CALIFORNIA GRANT AWARD AND PROVIDE NOTICE TO AMEND THE BUDGET TO ACCEPT THE GRANT FUNDS (STEP 1)**

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution accepting the Clean California grant award and providing notice of intent to amend the budget to accept the awarded grant funds (Step 1).

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

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Action: adopted Resolution No. 23-207 N.C.

9. ACTION CALENDAR

A. UPDATE ON ACTIONS TAKEN AND CONFIRMATION OF THE CONTINUED EXISTENCE OF THE CONDITIONS LEADING TO THE DECLARATION OF A STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY STAFFING

Recommendation: Receive the update and confirm the continued existence of the conditions leading to the declaration of a state of local emergency

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

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Interim Police Chief Ta 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: Mustafa Abdul-Ghanee and Anne Carr.

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers. Councilmembers provided comment.

Action: moved by Councilmember Loera-Diaz and carried by members present, to receive the update and confirm the continued existence of the conditions leading to the declaration of a state of local emergency (Noe: Bregenzer; Absent: Verder-Aliga and Palmares).

10. INFORMATION CALENDAR

A. CITY OF VALLEJO BROADBAND & MUNICIPAL FIBER BUILDOUT UPDATE

Recommendation: Item is for informational purpose only and no action is required. There is no staff report associated with this item.

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

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Chief Innovation Officer/IT Director Ashraf provided historical background information, discussed milestones to reach achievement, reviewed current activities, the re-branding and marketing strategy, Smart Fiber Partnership, Digital Equity and Digital Divide projects and future projects, and concluded the presentation outlining revenue projections.

Speakers: Anne Carr and Chris Platzer.

Staff and Mr. Stukas responded to questions from Councilmembers. Councilmembers provided comment.

B. COUNCIL UPDATE FROM THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Recommendation: Item is for informational purpose only and no action is required. There is no staff report associated with this item.

Contact: Christina Ratcliffe, Planning & Development Services Director (707) 648-4326

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Michael Nimon, Economic Development Director (707) 649-5452

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Economic Development Director Nimon shared a look at the Vallejo indicator numbers and a comparison from 2021 to 2023 and what has changed, provided an update on the Department's ongoing work and special projects.

Planning & Development Services Director Ratcliffe provided an update on the Department's ongoing work moving forward, shared a look at the numbers and a comparison from FY 20-21 to FY 23-24 related to Building & Planning Permits, Code Enforcement Cases, Building, Planning and Code Enforcement Revenue Comparisons, and concluded the presentation by providing visual aides and renderings of projects recently approved.

Speakers: Anne Carr.

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers. Councilmembers provided comment.

11. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Malone announced the upcoming launching of the first Citizens Academy starting in February 2024 and reported the Vallejo Weekly featured an article on the Employee Retention Program and an update on ARPA funds.

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 10:09 p.m.

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ATTEST:

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