

**VALLEJO CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 27, 2024**

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:08p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

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 or its negotiators related to Closed Session Items 3A, 3B and 3C. There was no other action to report.

5. PRESENTATIONS AND COMMENDATIONS

Actions: *Presentations were made by Mr. Riley (Co-Chair of Vallejo Waterfront Weekend) and Councilmember Palmares.*

A. WATERFRONT WEEKEND CHECK PRESENTATION

B. PRESENTATION OF A PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE VALLEJO ALUMNAE CHAPTER OF DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.

6. FIRST COMMUNITY FORUM

Speakers: Jackie Jones, Jose Carrizales, Patricia Loufas-Rentschler, Ralph Halford, and John Kenney.

Action: *moved by Vice Mayor Loera-Diaz and carried unanimously to extend the First Community Forum time limit to recognize virtual speakers.*

Speakers: Anne Carr

Action: *moved by Councilmember Palmares and carried unanimously to further extend the First Community Forum to recognize additional in person speakers.*

Speakers: Renee Sykes, Dionne Carter, Lewis Eula, Kerby Lynch, and Isobet Beltane.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

Speakers: None.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Action: moved by Vice Mayor Loera-Diaz and approved unanimously, 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 and moving Information Calendar Item 10C up to be heard immediately following the approval of Item 8.1.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Recommendation: Approve minutes for the special meeting of February 6 and 10 and the special and regular meetings of February 13, 2024

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

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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. RATIFY PAYMENT OF CLAIMS: December 2023

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

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

Rekha.Nayar@cityofvallejo.net

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

D. ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANT AGREEMENT WITH LSA ASSOCIATES, INC. TO PROVIDE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE SONOMA GATEWAY APARTMENTS PROJECT AT 5190 SONOMA BOULEVARD AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAME

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution approving an Environmental Consultant Agreement with LSA Associates, Inc. to provide environmental consulting services for the Sonoma Gateway Apartments

project at 5190 Sonoma Boulevard and authorizing the City Manager to execute same.

Contact: Christina Ratcliffe, AICP, Planning and Development Services Director
Christina.Ratcliffe@CityofVallejo.net

Action: adopted Resolution No. 24-024 N.C.

- E. **ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING LESSEE'S REQUEST FOR A 120-DAY EXTENSION TO THE DUE DILIGENCE PERIOD (WITH A POTENTIAL ADDITIONAL 60-DAY EXTENSION) PURSUANT TO SECTION 3.3 OF THE LEASE AGREEMENT FOR 285 MARE ISLAND WAY AND FINDING THE ACTION EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO CEQA GUIDELINES SECTIONS 15306 AND 15309 RELATING TO INFORMATION GATHERING AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAME**

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution approving Lessee's request for a 120-day extension to the Due Diligence Period (with a potential additional 60-day extension) pursuant to Section 3.3 of the Lease Agreement for 285 Mare Island Way, finding the action exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15306 and 15309 relating to information gathering, and authorizing the City Manager to execute same.

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Michael Nimon, Economic Development Director (707) 648-4109

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

City Manager Malone provided comment.

Assistant City Manager Haen provided comment regarding the proposed extension and responded to questions from Councilmembers.

Councilmembers provided comment.

Omar Carrillo (representing Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation) addressed Council on the item.

Councilmembers provided additional comments.

Speakers: AJ

Action: moved by Mayor McConnell to adopt a resolution approving Lessee's request for an extension to June 30, 2024 to the Due Diligence period pursuant to Section 3.3 of the Lease Agreement for 285 Mare Island Way and finding the action exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15306 and 15309 relating to information gathering and authorizing City Manager to execute same.

A substitute motion was offered by Councilmember Bregenzer and carried to adopt Resolution No. 24-025 N.C., a resolution approving Lessee's request for a 90 day extension to the Due Diligence period pursuant to Section 3.3 of the Lease Agreement for 285 Mare Island Way and finding the action exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15306 and 15309 relating to information gathering and authorizing City Manager to execute same (Noes: Mayor McConnell and Councilmember Arriola).

9. ACTION CALENDAR

A. ADOPT A RESOLUTION MAKING APPOINTMENTS TO THE POLICE OVERSIGHT & ACCOUNTABILITY COMMISSION (POAC)

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution making the following appointments to the Police Oversight & Accountability Commission (POAC):

1. Mayor McConnell - appointment at-large
2. Councilmember Verder-Aliga - District 1 appointment
3. Councilmember Matulac - District 2 appointment
4. Vice-Mayor Loera-Diaz, District 3 appointment
5. Councilmember Palmares - District 4 appointment
6. Councilmember Bregenzer- District 5 appointment
7. Councilmember Arriola - District 6 appointment
8. City Council - collectively appoint 1 community member as Alternate Member

Contact: Dawn G. Abrahamson, City Clerk (707) 648-4528
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The City Council individually made their appointment to the newly created POAC and collectively appointed a community at-large member.

Action: Moved by Vice Mayor Loera-Diaz and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 24-026 N.C., make the following appointments to the POAC:

Mayor McConnell (at-large appointment): Naomi Yun for a term to expire February 27, 2027.

Councilmember Verder-Aliga (District 1 appointment): Mike Nisperos for a term to expire February 27, 2028.

Councilmember Matulac (District 2 appointment): Cameron Clark for a term to expire February 27, 2026.

Vice Mayor Loera-Diaz (District 3 appointment): Richard Hybels for a term to expire February 27, 2026.

Councilmember Palmares (District 4 appointment): Renee Sykes for a term to expire February 27, 2028.

Councilmember Bregenzer (District 5 appointment): Derek Roy for a term to expire February 27, 2027.

Councilmember Arriola (District 6 appointment): John Lewis for a term to expire February 27, 2025.

Melvin E. Jones appointed collectively by the City Council as a community

member at-large for a term to expire February 27, 2028 (4 years).

B. ADOPT RESOLUTIONS TO AMEND (1) THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 MID-YEAR BUDGET; (2) THE SALARY PLAN; AND (3) PURCHASE OF VEHICLE (STEP 2 of 2)

Recommendation:

Adopt three Resolutions as follows:

1. Resolution (Attachment A) to amend the City's Fiscal Year 2023-24 Adopted Budget (Exhibit 1).
2. Resolution (Attachment B) to amend the City's Salary Plan (Exhibit 2A & 2B)
3. Resolution (Attachment C) authorizing the City Manager to Purchase Three Additional Vehicles Scheduled and Funded for Replacement in FY 2023-24

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

Rekha.Nayar@CityofVallejo.net

Finance Director Nayar provided an overview of the staff report and outlined the recommendation.

Action: *moved by Mayor McConnell and carried unanimously by members present to adopt: (1) Resolution No. 24-027 N.C., a resolution amending FY 2023-24 adopted budget; (2) Resolution No. 24-028 N.C., a resolution amending the City's Salary Plan; and (3) Resolution No. 24-029 N.C., a resolution authorizing the City Manager to purchase three additional vehicles scheduled and funded for replacement in FY 2023-24 (Absent: Loera-Diaz).*

10. INFORMATION CALENDAR

Items on the Information Calendar were taken out of order. Item 10C was heard immediately following the adoption of the Agenda and the Consent Calendar and Item 8.1. The minutes reflect the items in the order in which they appeared on the agenda.

A. WATER DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Recommendation: Receive an update from the Water Department. This item is for informational purposes only. There is no staff report or action associated with this item

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

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Water Director Schoenberger and Water Resources Manager Cansdale provided introductory comments and the context for tonight's presentation, reviewed the Drinking Water Systems, dams and watersheds, discussed the Water Utility Finance/Water Revenue Bond, outlined the department's strengths and three top challenges, and concluded the presentation discussing strategic next steps.

Councilmember Palmares left the meeting.

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers. Councilmembers provided comment.

B. 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

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.

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers. Councilmembers provided comment.

Speakers: Anne Carr.

C. UPDATE ON PROPOSITION 64 GRANT AWARD

Recommendation: This item is for informational purposes only. There is no staff report or action associated with this item

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

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This item was taken out of order and heard immediately following the adoption of the Agenda and Consent Calendar.

Youth Coordinator Grace-Barksdale and Administrative Analyst Wilson defined the Prop 64 grant and proposed purpose areas and provided an overview of the Club Stride Program.

Pastor Anthony Summers provided an overview of the Healthy Vallejo Community Support Services Program.

Youth Coordinator Grace-Barksdale and Administrative Analyst Wilson concluded the presentation by recognizing support partners.

Staff and Pastor Summers responded to questions from Councilmembers.
Councilmembers provided comment.

11. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT – None.

12. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT – None.

13. COMMUNITY FORUM
Speakers: Francie McInerney MacMillan

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 11:31 p.m.

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ROBERT H. MCCONNELL

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ATTEST:

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Dawn G. Abrahamson

DAWN G. ABRAHAMSON, CITY CLERK