

**CALL AND NOTICE OF
SPECIAL MEETING
AT 7:00 PM
OF THE VALLEJO CITY COUNCIL
MAY 7, 2024**

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

NOTICE: Members of the Public will be able to participate in-person or remotely via Zoom.

City Hall and the Council Chambers will be open to members of the public 30 minutes prior to the start of the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Members of the Public may provide public comments during the City Council Meeting in person or via ZOOM (<https://ZoomClosed.Cityofvallejo.net>), or via phone, by dialing (669) 900-6833.

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VIEW THE MEETING:

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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE VALLEJO CITY COUNCIL:

You are hereby notified that I do hereby call the Vallejo City Council in special session to consider only the matters stated on the agenda listed below.

NOTICE: Members of the public shall have the opportunity to address the City Council concerning any item listed on the agenda *before or during* consideration of that item. *No other items may be discussed at this special meeting.*

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. CLOSED SESSION

- A. Public Employee Appointment
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1)
Title: City Manager
- B. Liability Claims: Desere Heminger v. City of Vallejo Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.95
- C. Public Employee Performance Evaluation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957
Title: Interim City Manager

4. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION TO ANNOUNCE RESULTS OF CLOSED SESSION

5. ACTON CALENDAR

NOTICE: Members of the public wishing to address the Council on Action Calendar Items may do so in person by signing in to the Public Speaker's kiosk located in the back of the Council Chambers or via ZOOM (<https://ZoomClosed.Cityofvallejo.net>), or via phone, by dialing (669) 900-6833. Enter Meeting ID: 8452542999#. Press *9 to digitally raise your hand from the phone. Press *6 to unmute/mute. For additional instructions on how to speak remotely during public comment, please visit, www.cityofvallejo.net/publiccomment. Each speaker is limited to five minutes pursuant to Vallejo Municipal Code Section 2.02.420 or as approved and announced by the Mayor. In person speakers will be recognized first.

A. CONSIDER AND PROVIDE DIRECTION TO STAFF RELATING TO EXPLORATION AND POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTION ON A BALLOT MEASURE TO BE ADDED TO THE NOVEMBER 5, 2024 GENERAL

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MUNICIPAL ELECTION REGARDING AN INCREASE IN THE REAL PROPERTY CONVEYANCE TAX - SECTION 3.10 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE LEW EDWARDS GROUP TO PROVIDE CONSULTING SERVICES RELATING TO SAME

Recommendation: Consider the question of whether to proceed to (1) direct staff to research the issue of the possibility of increasing the real property conveyance tax; and (2) enter into a contract with the Lew Edwards Group to explore the feasibility of a ballot measure on the November 2024 ballot relating to same in an amount not to exceed \$100,000, with the contract to be in a form approved by the City Manager and City Attorney.

Contact: Beverli Marshall. Interim City Manager
beverli.marshall@cityofvallejo.net

6. ADJOURNMENT

Dated: Monday, May 6, 2024

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Robert H. McConnell for".

Robert H. McConnell, Mayor

I, Dawn Abrahamson, City Clerk, do hereby certify that I have caused a true copy of the above notice and agenda to be delivered to each of the members of the Vallejo City Council, at the time and in the manner prescribed by law and that this agenda was posted at City Hall, 555 Santa Clara Street, CA at 5:15 p.m., Monday, May 6, 2024.

Dated: Monday, May 6, 2024

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Dawn G. Abrahamson".

Dawn G. Abrahamson, City Clerk

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DATE: May 7, 2024
TO: Mayor and Members of the City Council
FROM: Beverli Marshall, Interim City Manager
SUBJECT: **CONSIDER AND PROVIDE DIRECTION TO STAFF RELATING TO EXPLORATION AND POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTION ON A BALLOT MEASURE TO BE ADDED TO THE NOVEMBER 5, 2024 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION REGARDING AN INCREASE IN THE REAL PROPERTY CONVEYANCE TAX - SECTION 3.10 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE LEW EDWARDS GROUP TO PROVIDE CONSULTING SERVICES RELATING TO SAME**

RECOMMENDATION

Consider the question of whether to proceed to (1) direct staff to research the issue of the possibility of increasing the real property conveyance tax; and (2) enter into a contract with the Lew Edwards Group to explore the feasibility of a ballot measure on the November 2024 ballot relating to same in an amount not to exceed \$100,000, with the contract to be in a form approved by the City Manager and City Attorney.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

City Council requested information on moving forward with a ballot measure to increase the City's real property transfer tax. Hiring Lew Edwards will provide needed information for that process.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

Recently, Council requested information relating to possible revenue sources to provide funding toward the ongoing design and construction costs for the new police facility at 111 Amador Street. One such potential revenue measure mentioned was an increase in the real property conveyance tax collected by the City upon the sale of real property in the City.

Such a tax increase would require voter approval and needs to be researched before any decision is brought before the City Council for consideration. It is late in the election cycle to consider such a measure for the November 2024 ballot. However, staff contacted the Lew Edwards Group, the consultant that the City has used for ballot measures in the past to see if it would be at all possible to entertain such a measure. Staff was informed that, while it is very late in the cycle, it is technically possible. Though such a measure may be possible, it may not be advisable. However, given the late date, the Council would have to determine at this meeting whether Council is interested in pursuing this possibility. If the Council is interested in pursuing the possibility, staff would need to do more in depth research and get the consultant on board to provide advice and potentially assist with vetting such a measure.

Staff proposes entering into a contract with The Lew Edwards group for consulting services relating to such a measure with a not to exceed budget of \$100,000.

FISCAL IMPACT

If Council decides to hire the Lew Edwards Group, there will be a payment of up to \$100,000 with additional potential expenses to be incurred if the Council decides to move forward with a ballot measure.

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ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

This action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it is not a project which has a potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, pursuant to CEQA Guideline section 15378.

ATTACHMENTS

None

CONTACT

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