



**Economic Vitality
Commission**

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**ECONOMIC VITALITY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER**

555 Santa Clara Street, Vallejo, California

**JUNE 12, 2024
6:00PM**

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLIGENCE

3. ROLL CALL

4. FIRST COMMUNITY FORUM

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5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A. Recommendation: By motion, Approve the June 12, 2024 Agenda.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Recommendation: By motion, Approve the Minutes from the April 10, 2024 Regular Meeting.

7. INTRODUCTIONS & PRESENTATIONS (INFORMATIONAL ONLY)

A. Introduction of new Chair and Vice-Chair, Sec. Iraheta/Chair Loufas

8. REPORT FROM THE ED DIRECTOR AND EVC SECRETARY

- A. Updates from Economic Development Director, Michael Nimon
 - i. Business Retention and Expansion, Director Nimon and Ad Hoc Committee, Chair Loufas. Comm. Monroe, Comm Hernandez and City of Vallejo Economic Development Staff

9. ACTION CALENDAR

- A. Request to add Development along Sonoma Blvd. Presentation as future agenda item, Comm. Matias
- B. Request to add Reinstatement of 50 Flags and Sidewalk Plaques on Mare Island as future agenda item, Comm. Barbeiro

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11. REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL LIAISON

City of Vallejo Councilmember Loera-Diaz

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

13. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS

- A. Requests by commissioners, councilmember liaison and/or staff for future agenda items.

14. ADJOURNMENT

I, Ivette Iraheta, Secretary, do hereby certify that we have caused a true copy of the above notice and agenda to be delivered to each of the members of the Economic Vitality Commission, at the time and in the manner prescribed by law and that this agenda was posted at City Hall, 555 Santa Clara Street, CA by 5:00 p.m., Thursday June 6, 2024.
Dated: Thursday, June 6, 2024.

Ivette Iraheta, EVC Secretary



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**MINUTES
ECONOMIC VITALITY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
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1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:09 PM.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLIGIANCE

Pledge of allegiance led by Chair Matias.

3. ROLL CALL

Chair Matias - Present
Vice Chair Harrell - Present
Comm. Barbeiro - Present
Comm. Garcia – Joined the meeting at 6:26 PM.
Comm. Hernandez - Present
Comm. Loufas - Present
Comm. Monroe Jr. - Present

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One Comm. speaker - Harrell

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A. Recommendation: By motion, Approve the April 10, 2024 Agenda.

Motion to approve the agenda by Comm. Monroe, Seconded by Comm.

Loufas.

Chair Matias - Yay
Vice Chair Harrell - Yay
Comm. Barbeiro - Yay
Comm. Garcia - Absebt
Comm. Hernandez - Yay
Comm. Loufas - Yay
Comm. Monroe Jr. – Yay

Agenda approved with 6 (Y) votes.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Recommendation: By motion, Approve the Minutes from the December 13, 2023 Regular Meeting.

Motion to approve minutes by Comm. Loufas, Seconded by Comm. Monroe.

Chair Matias - Yay
Vice Chair Harrell - Yay
Comm. Barbeiro - Abstain
Comm. Garcia – Absent
Comm. Hernandez - Abstain
Comm. Loufas - Yay
Comm. Monroe Jr. – Yay

Motion passes with 4 (Y), 2 (Abstain), 1 (Absent)

7. INTRODUCTIONS & PRESENTATIONS (INFORMATIONAL ONLY)

- A. Holiday Downtown Tree Lighting Program – Written Report from Public Works Director, Melissa Tigbao, P.E.

A written report from Ms. Tigbao was included in the agenda package and discussed by the EVC.

- B. Fiber Optic Broadband Update – Chief Innovation Officer and IT Director, Naveed Ashraf

Ms. Ashraf made a presentation regarding broadband updates and EVC discussed the item.

8. REPORT FROM THE ED DIRECTOR AND EVC SECRETARY

- A. Updates from Economic Development Director, Michael Nimon
 - i. Update on City Council Funding Request, as proposed by the EVC's 2023 Resolutions

Mr. Nimon provided an update on the EVC City Council funding request. He also provided a brief update on the shop local campaign, the Economic Development strategic plan, and a brief Business Retention update.

- B. Updates from EVC Secretary, Ivette Iraheta
 - i. EVC Commissioner Name Tags/Badges – Distribution, When to Use and When not to Use.

Ms. Iraheta offered a list of uses and non-uses for name tags.

- ii. Scheduling any orientations to go over EVC Commission Duties (approved work plan), Municipal Codes and Ordinances for Commissions, Brown Act, Rosenberg's Rules of Order and any other questions about a Commissioner's role within the EVC.

Ms. Iraheta asked EVC members to reach out if they need a review on the items listed.

9. ACTION CALENDAR

- A. Nomination and Selection of Chair of the EVC for a 1-year term. (April 11, 2024 to April 10, 2025)

Vice-Chair Harrell nominates Comm. Loufas for Chair.
Chair Loufas accepts the nomination.

Votes for Chair Loufas to be Chair.

Chair Matias - Yay
Vice Chair Harrell - Yay
Comm. Barbeiro - Yay
Comm. Garcia - Yay
Comm. Hernandez - Yay
Comm. Loufas - Yay
Comm. Monroe Jr. – Yay

Chair Loufas is unanimously voted as the Chair of the EVC to commence on April 11, 2024.

- B. Nomination and Selection of the Vice-Chair of the EVC for a 1-year term. (April 11, 2024 to April 10, 2025)

Comm. Monroe nominates himself for Vice-Chair.
Comm. Harrell nominates Comm. Garcia

Comm. Garcia declines the nomination.

Vote to appoint Comm. Monroe for Vice-Chair.

Chair Matias - Yay
Vice Chair Harrell - Yay
Comm. Barbeiro - Yay
Comm. Garcia - Yay
Comm. Hernandez - Yay
Comm. Loufas - Yay
Comm. Monroe Jr. - Yay

Comm. Monroe is unanimously voted as Vice-Chair of the EVC to commence on April 11, 2024.

- C. Banner Policy – Consider and possibly make a recommendation to the City Council regarding Draft Banner Policy, Chair Matias & City Attorney Nebb

City Attorney Nebb presented the recommendation going before City Council regarding Banner Policy.

Comm. Harrell makes a motion to approve the administrative rule on the display of banners on city facilities.

Comm. Matias amends to make a recommendation that the banner policy becomes a City Council policy and to make such recommendation to City Council.

Comm. Monroe seconds the amendment.

Chair Matias - Yay
Vice Chair Harrell - Yay
Comm. Barbeiro - Yay
Comm. Garcia - Yay
Comm. Hernandez - Yay
Comm. Loufas - Yay
Comm. Monroe Jr. – Yay

Motion unanimously passes.

- D. Municipal Code Amendment and Resolution– Consider and possibly provide input on Draft amendments to Vallejo Municipal Code Chapter 2.36 and draft resolution relating to the Economic Vitality Commission

for City Council Consideration, Chair Matias & City Attorney Nebb
City Attorney Nebb shared that this item is going to City Council for
the name change and frequency of EVC meetings, and EVC duties
and powers as proposed on the documents for this item.

The item is more informative, and no action is needed.

Ordinance going before City Council to introduce the Ordinance, and
then after 5 days, Ordinance gets Adopted. Ordinance takes effect 30
days after adoption. (Applies for Name change and Duties and
Powers changes). Meeting frequency takes effect immediately.

City Council will introduce the ordinance. Then at least 5 days after
the introduction City Council will adopt the ordinance and then the
ordinance takes effect 30 days after adoption. This applies to name
change and duties and powers. Meeting frequency takes effect
immediately.

Votes to move forward with Ordinance going before City Council:

Chair Matias - Yay
Vice Chair Harrell - Yay
Comm. Barbeiro - Yay
Comm. Garcia - Yay
Comm. Hernandez - Yay
Comm. Loufas - Yay
Comm. Monroe Jr. - Yay

Unanimously passes.

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No speakers during Second Community forum.

11. REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL LIAISON

City of Vallejo Councilmember Loera-Diaz
Council Member Loera-Diaz absent.

Council Member Matulac was present and made brief comments to the
Economic Vitality Commission.

12. ACTIVITY REPORTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Report on Business Retention and Expansion Ad Hoc Committee,
Comm. Monroe, Comm Hernandez and City of Vallejo Economic
Development Staff

Comm. Monroe make brief comments regarding his recent visit with a
local business (Earthquake Protection Services).

13. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS

- A. Requests by commissioners, councilmember liaison and/or staff for
future agenda items.

Comm. Matias request to add item on a future agenda regarding Sonoma
Blvd. development.

Comm. Loufas made a brief comment re. farmer's market.

Comm. Barbeiro made a request for future agenda item regarding flags
on Mare Island.

Vote to include this item on future agenda:

Chair Matias - Yay
Vice Chair Harrell - Yay
Comm. Barbeiro - Yay
Comm. Garcia - Yay
Comm. Hernandez - Yay
Comm. Loufas - Yay
Comm. Monroe Jr. - Yay

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 PM.

Nicole Loufas, EVC Chair

ATTESTED

Ivette Iraheta, EVC Secretary