

**VALLEJO CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JULY 9, 2024**

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:25 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Palmares

Staff present: Assistant City Manager Haen, 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 its negotiators regarding Closed Session Item A, provided direction to its legal counsel regarding Closed Session Item B. Item C was not heard and will be scheduled to a later date.

5. PRESENTATIONS AND COMMENDATIONS

Action: *presentation was made by Gabe Lanusse, General Manager.*

A. GREATER VALLEJO RECREATION DISTRICT ANNUAL REPORT

6. FIRST COMMUNITY FORUM

Speakers: John Kenney, Adjoa McDonald, and Clara Barrios.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

Speakers: Daniel Boone, Kathleen Diohep and Anne Carr (Item 8D).

8. CONSENT CALENDAR AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Action: *moved by Vice Mayor Loera-Diaz and carried unanimously by members present to approve the Agenda and the Consent Calendar with the removal of Item 8D from the Consent Calendar making it Item 8.1. (Absent: Palmares).*

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Recommendation: Approve minutes for the special meeting of June 18 and the special and regular meetings of June 25, 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. ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING A FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE EXISTING CONSULTANT AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH PLACEWORKS, INC. ADDING ADDITIONAL SERVICES, INCREASING THE NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF THE AGREEMENT TO \$141,980, EXTENDING THE TERM THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2025, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO EXECUTE SAME

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution approving a First Amendment to the existing Consultant and Professional Services Agreement with Placeworks, Inc. to increase the maximum not-to-exceed amount of the agreement to \$141,980 and authorizing the City Attorney to execute same.

Contact: Gillian Haen, Assistant City Manager

Gillian.Haen@cityofvallejo.net

Action: adopted Resolution No. 24-110 N.C.

D. DIRECTION TO STAFF REGARDING PROVIDING CITY COMMENTS TO SOLANO COUNTY REGARDING CALIFORNIA FOREVER

Recommendation: Direct staff to prepare comments relating to the impacts of the California Forever proposal and send same to the County of Solano.

Contact: Gillian Haen, Assistant City Manager

Gillian.Haen@cityofvallejo.net

Veronica A. F. Nebb, City Attorney

Veronica.Nebb@cityofvallejo.net

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

Assistant City Manager Haen and City Attorney Nebb shared high level comments gathered.

Councilmembers provided comment.

Action: Moved by Vice Mayor Loera-Diaz and carried unanimously by members present, to direct staff to prepare comments relating to the impacts of the California Forever proposal and provide all councilmembers a copy of the letter

before it is submitted to Solano County with letter to contain signature blocks for each councilmember.(Absent: Palmares).

9. ACTION CALENDAR

A. APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS CITY BOARD, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution making the following appointments:

- Beautification Commission - 2 vacancies
- Civil Service Commission - 2 vacancies
- McCune Collection Commission - 3 vacancies
- PBSC - 6 member and 3 alternate vacancies
- Planning Commission - 2 vacancies
- Surveillance Advisory Board - 1 District 1 vacancy and 1 District 2 vacancy
- Sister City Commission - 1 vacancy
- Solano Commission for Women & Girls - 1 Vallejo representative vacancy

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The City Council went through an applicant nomination process for appointments to the Planning Commission. Councilmember Verder-Aliga appointed Steven Pasholk as the District 1 member to SAB. Councilmember Matulac appointed Anthoney Stewart as the District 2 member to SAB. All other appointments were made by acclimation.

Action: *Moved by Vice Mayor Loera-Diaz and carried unanimously by members present to adopt Resolution No. 24-111 N.C, a resolution making the following appointments (Absent: Palmares):*

BC: LayVette Howard for a term to expire 6/30/28

CSC: Sheila Tennyson and Patricia Wright for terms to expire 6/30/28

MCC: Joel Benson and Amy Nunn for terms to expire 6/30/28

PBSC: Lynda Daniels (Primary) and Corrine Quinn (Secondary), William Richardson and Ebony Smith for terms expiring 6/30/25

PC: Phillip Balbuena and Wanda Madeiros for terms expiring 6/30/28

SAB: Steven Pasholk (District 1 Member) for a term to expire 1/2/25 and Anthoney Stewart (District 2 Member) for a term to expire 1/5/27

SCC: Emanuel Andreas for a term to expire 6/30/27

Solano Commission for Women & Girls: Audrey Galo for a term to expire 7/9/28

B. RECEIVE INFORMATION REGARDING PROPOSED PROCESS OF AN AUDIT FOR THE BROADWAY PROJECT AND PROVIDE DIRECTION TO STAFF

Recommendation: Receive information regarding the process for an audit of the Broadway Project and provide direction to staff.

Contact: Rekha Nayar, Finance Director (707) 648-5433

Rekha.Naya@cityofvallejo.net

Finance Director Nayar provided background information, shared highlights of the 3 RFQ's and outlined staff's recommendation.

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers. Councilmembers provided comment.

Speakers: Daniel Boone, Kathleen Diohep and Jasmine Salmeron.

Action: *moved by Vice Mayor Loera-Diaz and carried unanimously by members present to direct staff to initiate the process of an audit for the Broadway project with MRG and to provide the outcome to City Council and the City Manager and follow the directions as articulated by all councilmembers this evening (Absent: Palmares).*

C. CONDUCT A FIRST READING AND INTRODUCE AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALLEJO AMENDING SECTION 3.20.050 OF THE VALLEJO MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED TO AUTHORIZATION LIMITS AND EXECUTION OF CONTRACTS

Recommendation: Introduce an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Vallejo Amending Section 3.20.050 of the Vallejo Municipal Code Related to Authorization Limits and Execution of Contracts

Contact: Gillian Haen, Assistant City Manager (707) 648-4576

Gillian.Haen@CityofVallejo.net

Assistant City Manager Haen provided introductory comments.

Planning & Development Services Director Pollot provided background information, reviewed the proposed revisions to the Vallejo Municipal Code, outlined the recommendation and concluded with next steps.

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers. Councilmembers provided comment.

Speakers: AJ Zmudosky and Anne Carr.

Action: *moved by Mayor McConnell and carried to introduce an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Vallejo Amending Section 3.20.050 of the Vallejo Municipal Code related to Authorization Limits and Execution of Contracts as revised to add an additional paragraph (Paragraph E) as follows: the authorization limits set forth in this Section 3.20.050 A and B do not apply to*

contracts for which funds are provided through a reimbursement agreement with a developer and which do not involve the appropriation of public funds from the city's budget. Staff shall provide notice of such contracts to the City Council on a quarterly basis (Noes: Bregenzer and Loera-Diaz; Absent: Palmares).

D. ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE HAWK INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT FIVE LOCATIONS PROJECT (PW9736) AFTER FINDING THE PROJECT EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO CEQA GUIDELINES SECTION 15301-EXISTING FACILITIES, AWARDING A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TO KEREX ENGINEERING, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,525,104, REJECTING ALL OTHER BIDS, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAME

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution approving plans and specifications for the HAWK Intersection Improvements at Five Locations Project (PW9736) after finding the Project exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301-Existing Facilities, awarding a construction contract to Kerex Engineering, Inc. in the amount of \$1,525,104, rejecting all other bids, and authorizing the City Manager to execute same.

Contact: Melissa Tigbao, PE, Public Works Director (707) 648-4433

Melissa.Tigbao@cityofvallejo.net

Assistant Public Works Director/City Engineer Sequeira outlined the scope of the project, defined "hawk signal" and how it works, reviewed the advertisement for bids and bid opening process, discussed the bid protest and the good faith efforts, shared information regarding the interviews with Kerex to discuss their good faith efforts in reaching the DBE goal which lead to City staff determining Kerex made good faith efforts, reviewed the fiscal impact for this project, and concluded the presentation by outlining staff's recommendation.

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers. Councilmembers provided comment.

Action: *moved by Vice Mayor Loera-Diaz and carried unanimously by members present to adopt Resolution No. 24-112 N.C. (Absent: Palmares)*

E. ADOPT RESOLUTIONS: (1) APPROVING A SUCCESSOR MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF VALLEJO AND THE INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS, LOCAL 1245 (IBEW); AND (2) PROVIDING NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND THE FY 2024-2025 BUDGET AND APPROVE A SALARY PLAN AMENDMENT (STEP 1)

Recommendation: Adopt resolutions: 1) Approving a Successor Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Vallejo and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 1245 (IBEW), and (2) providing notice of intent to amend the City's Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Adopted Budget and amend the Salary Plan.

Contact: Stephanie Sifuentes, Human Resources Director (707) 649-4852
stephanie.sifuentes@cityofvallejo.net

Human Resources Director Sifuentes reviewed the key terms of the MOU and outlined the recommendation.

Speakers: Josh Davidson

Councilmembers provided comment.

Action: moved by Vice Mayor Loera-Diaz and carried to (1) adopted Resolution No. 24-113 N.C. and (2) adopt Resolution No. 24-114 N.C. (Noes: Bregenzer; Absent: Palmares).

10. INFORMATION CALENDAR

This item was taken out of order and heard following Items 11 and 12.

A. RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE DECLARATION OF A STATE AND LOCAL EMERGENCY RELATED TO PUBLIC SAFETY STAFFING

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 highlighted average response times (ART) as shown in a chart.

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

Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers. Councilmembers provided comment.

11. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

This item was taken out of order and heard prior to the Information Calendar (Item 10A).

Assistant City Manager Haen reported the Mare Island Bridge is fully operating as of July 5 and provided an update on the progress of the Navigation Center construction and cleanup efforts of an encampment off Mare Island Way.

12. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

This item was taken out of order and followed the City Manager's Report but heard prior to the Information Calendar (Item 10A).

City Attorney Nebb reported her office will be providing Council an analysis on the

recent Supreme Court's ruling on homeless encampments.

13. COMMUNITY FORUM

Speakers: None.

14. REPORT OF THE PRESIDING OFFICER AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Councilmembers reported on various meetings and community events attended.

15. ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 10:47 p.m. and in memory of Julie Stratton.

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ROBERT H. MCCONNELL

ROBERT H. MCCONNELL, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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Dawn G. Abrahamson

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CITY CLERK