

RESOLUTION NO. 13-115 N.C.

AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014 CIP BUDGET, AUTHORIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF (PB F5 PROJECT) SUPPORTING SCHOOL LIBRARIES AND S.T.E.A.M.

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Resolution No. 12-064 N.C. the City Council of the City of Vallejo declared its intent to establish a Participatory Budgeting process with the goal of allocating a minimum of 30% of the 1% sales tax monies, Measure B funds, collected over a 15 month period from April 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013; and

WHEREAS, upon the completion of the Participatory Budgeting election process, the results were presented to this Council on May 28, 2013, and twelve projects were selected by the public, including 'Support for School Libraries & STEAM Project' as described in the 'Description of voter Approved Project Proposal' attached to the staff report on that date, hereinafter, the "Project"; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Resolution No. 12-138 N.C. the Council adopted the Participatory Budgeting Rulebook determining that Participatory Budgeting Projects are eligible for funding if they meet the following criteria:

1. They benefit the public.
2. Are a one-time expenditure that can be completed with funds from the FY2012/2013 budget.
3. Are implemented by the City of Vallejo, or in collaboration with the Vallejo City Unified School District, the Greater Vallejo Recreation District, or any other Public Agency, non-profit organization, or religious institution that operates in Vallejo. Projects implemented by non-city public agency must also include financial or value in kind contributions. Projects implemented by non-profit organizations or religious institutions must also meet the eligibility guidelines used by the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program; and

WHEREAS, schools and libraries continue to play a major role in fostering literacy in our nation, particularly among those segments of the populations that need special assistance in developing literacy skills, such as preschool and elementary school children; and

WHEREAS, Vallejo elementary school libraries are in a remarkable position to expose children to great quantities of print and meaningful language opportunities that researchers say are crucial to reading achievement; and

WHEREAS, this Project will support educational efforts of the Vallejo City Unified School District, increasing educational and reading opportunities in school aged children and will promote literacy and educational opportunities for its school aged residents; and

WHEREAS, helping the Vallejo City Unified School District expand the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Program will help prepare students for future job opportunities; and

WHEREAS, it is the City of Vallejo's purpose to serve the public interest by promoting the literacy and education of its residents; and

WHEREAS, the 1948 Universal Declaration of Human rights recognizes the right to education, as do other binding international conventions including the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, both adopted in 1966, which, together with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, were proclaimed by the United Nations as constituting the International Bill of Human Rights.¹; and

WHEREAS, in modern societies an educated public and the literacy skills of its participants are fundamental to informed decision-making, personal empowerment, and both active and passive participation in local and global social community; and

WHEREAS, on July 9, 2013 City Council approved a Resolution of Intention to amend the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Vallejo finds the foregoing recitals to be true and additionally finds that implementing this Project will provide a public benefit based on the recitals above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following conditions must be met prior to the disbursement of funds:

1. Execution of one or more Grant Agreement with Vallejo City Unified School District in amounts consistent with the Project Proposal Form and which incorporate(s) above principles.
2. Grant agreement(s) to be in a form as approved by the City Attorney. Each location can proceed individually to meet their requirements and obtain grant funds. The Agreement must include the following:
 - a. A description of the services provided for the public benefit.
 - b. A description of the in-kind contribution from the Vallejo Unified School District.
 - c. Safeguards for accountability and Project delivery including a final report to the City once project is completed.
 - d. Pursuant to Cal.Gov. Code § 1090, no person who participated in any capacity (whether as a delegate, proponent or advisor) during the Participatory Budgeting Process for this Project may personally benefit by receipt of any funds contained in any grant agreement for this Project authorized by this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that subject to the findings and the conditions set forth in this resolution, the City Council hereby:


1. Amend the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 General Fund and Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budgets, redistributing \$270,000 from Project Number PB-000 in the CIP Budget to the City's General Fund to implement the Project, and authorizes the City Manager the administrative authority to execute any and all agreements, subject to review by the City Attorney, and to take any and all required actions to implement the Project, consistent with this Resolution, the Vallejo Municipal Code, the PB Rule book and any other applicable authority and additionally authorizes him to amend the project so as to ultimately promote the goals of the Project as set forth in the 'Description of voter-approved Project Proposal'.

¹ "Why Literacy Matters"; http://www.unesco.org/education/GMR2006/full/chapt5_eng.pdf

2. Directs the City Manager to report to the City Council once the project is complete.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Vallejo at a regular meeting held on July 23, 2013 by the following vote:

AYES: Mayor Davis, Vice Mayor Gomes and Councilmembers Brown, Malgapo,
McConnell, Sampayan, and Sunga
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None


OSBY DAVIS, MAYOR

ATTEST:


DAWN G. ABRAHAMSON, CITY CLERK