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VALLEJO TO OFFER LIVE WEBCAST OF COUNCIL, PLANNING MEETINGS

In its ongoing effort to reach out to its residents and bring City Hall to the public, the City of Vallejo will soon be offering live webcasting of City Council and Planning Commission meetings on its website by the end of the year.

"This is an exciting, major step for our city," said Vallejo Mayor Anthony Intintoli, Jr. "Bringing this kind of access to our residents makes the process of government more transparent and provides us one more way to reach a larger audience."

The City will be using Granicus, Inc. to provide live webcasting to the City and its residents. Prior to the addition of webcasting, City Council and Planning Commission meetings could only be seen by those residents with cable television. Now, residents can go online at www.ci.vallejo.ca.us to see the meetings as they take place. Along with viewing live meetings, residents will be able to access an archive of past meetings as well.

"We expect this service to help improve our external communications resulting in improved relationships and knowledge transfer," said Gonzalo Gonzalez, Chief Information Officer for the City of Vallejo. "This is a cost-effective way to provide a vital service to our residents as well."

Granicus, Inc. provides comprehensive solutions for creating, managing and distributing live and on-demand streaming media content to support and enhance public meeting communications for local government.

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"This major step continues our efforts to improve our website and make it a much more vital link to our community," said City Manager John Thompson. "From completing transactions online to now being able to view live council meetings, or archived past meetings, give more access to our residents."

Only two other agencies in Solano County offer live webcasting of public meetings: The City of Fairfield and Solano County.