

MINUTES OF THE DAVIS CITY COUNCIL  
Meeting of February 16, 2021

The City Council of the City of Davis met in regular meeting session beginning at 6:35 p.m. via teleconference or otherwise electronically. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Partida.

Roll Call: Councilmembers Present: Will Arnold, Dan Carson, Josh Chapman, Lucas Frerichs, Gloria Partida

Councilmembers Absent: None

Other Officers Present: City Manager Mike Webb, City Attorney Inder Khalsa, City Clerk Zoe Mirabile

Approval of Agenda W. Arnold moved, seconded by L. Frerichs, to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Ceremonial Presentation L. Frerichs presented Proclamation Celebrating the 20 Year Sister City Relationship with Inuyama, Japan.

City Manager & City Council Brief Announcements M. Webb: Storm response update—city crews and contractors continue to clean up downed trees, tree limbs, and other debris. COVID-19 color tiered system—anticipate Yolo County will be shifting to red tier next week (less restrictive).

Public Comments Jan McCaffrey, Jennifer Begun, and Alicia Perry: Thank city for allowing access to Davis Aquamonsters swim program for youth and helping aquatic teams rent pool space. Impressed with COVID safety protocols put into place by Aquamonsters; have no reservations to how practices are conducted. Equitable access to pools for all groups is important.

Morgan Blais-McPherson; David Selka; Nancy Erickson; Adrian Perez; William Alpers; Zoe Rochau; Chris Stinner; Eric Kent; and Xue Chen: Should create independent Public Safety Department and initiate moratorium of law enforcement hiring for 3 years.

John Whitehead: Bike lanes remained full of tree debris from storm event after streets were cleared. Sand and gravel has been tossed onto Russell Blvd bike path by vehicle traffic.

Jeff Roady, Marianne Kursch, and Martha Teeter: Consent calendar item Social Services Contract Extension—Joan Planell has been essential to provision of social services, support extension of contract.

Dillan Horton: Looking forward to April 6 Council discussion regarding public safety. Hope staff recommendation includes separation of services from Police Department.

Russell Tenure: Consent calendar item Social Services Contract—oppose consultant contractor getting a raise. Additional \$25,000 could be better spent.

Alan Hirsch: Thank city for bringing forward draft Tree Ordinance. Davis should be adopting an ordinance modeled after similar progressive cities.

Assistant City Manager Kelly Stachowicz: City contracts with Joan Planell. Summarized scope of services; amount of work needed necessitates additional hours and funding.

Consent  
Calendar

City of Davis COVID-19 Exclusion Leave Policy

Approve Resolution No. 21-024 – Approving the City of Davis COVID-19 Exclusion Leave Policy

Amendment to Professional Services Agreement to Provide Wastewater Lead Operator Assistance

1. Approve Resolution No. 21-025 – Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Amendment No. 3 to the Service Contract Agreement with Water Talent LLC to Continue Providing Interim Wastewater Lead Operator Assistance
2. Authorize increase in expenditure appropriations in Wastewater professional services using salary not expended due to vacancies in the Wastewater 531 Fund

Amendment to Professional Services Agreement for Social Services Consulting

Approve Resolution No. 21-026 – Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Amendment #1 to Agreement with Joan Planell for Social Services Consulting Services

Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program Grant Applications

Approve Resolution No. 21-027 – Authorizing the Application for Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program Grant Funds

Treasurer's Report for the Quarter Ended September 30, 2020

Accept the Treasurer's Report

City Council Minutes from the Meetings of December 15, 2020; January 5, 12, and 19, 2021; and February 2, 2021

Approve

Commission/Committee Minutes:

1. Open Space and Habitat Commission Meeting of January 4, 2021
2. Unitrans Advisory Committee Meeting of October 22, 2020

Informational

L. Frerichs moved, seconded by W. Arnold, to approve the consent calendar. Motion passed unanimously.

2020 Pavement Rehabilitation Project – Bike Path Package, CIP No. 8250

City Engineer Dianna Jensen: Project overview

D. Carson moved, seconded by W. Arnold, as follows:

1. Approve Resolution No. 21-028 – Awarding Contract to E. E. Gilbert Construction, Inc., for Construction of the 2020 Pavement Rehabilitation Project – Bike Path Package, CIP 8250 and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Contract.
2. Authorize the City Manager to approve an additional 4% (\$30,700) for contingency later in the project if it is needed and funding is available.

Motion passed unanimously.

2021 Legislative Platform

City Manager Mike Webb: Legislative platform helps focus the efforts of the city and City Council. Summarized 2020 accomplishments.

L. Frerichs and D. Carson, Council Legislative Subcommittee: proposed 2021 platform will focus on 4 primary issue areas—housing, transportation, environment, and fiscal.

Public comment:

Dillan Horton: State law only allow officers to enforce/issue traffic violations and can lead to possible barriers to moving traffic enforcement out of Police Department. Request Council add an item regarding transportation enforcement reform to 2021 legislative platform.

Council Subcommittee will continue to monitor pending bills and return to Council with platform updates as needed.

W. Arnold moved, seconded by J. Chapman, to approve Resolution No. 21-029 - Authorizing the Adoption of a 2021 Legislative Platform. Motion passed unanimously.

City Council recessed at 8:06 p.m. and reconvened at 8:14 p.m.

Council Goals Update and Goal Setting Process

City Manager Mike Webb: Overview of 2019-2020 goals, highlight accomplishments, next steps to establish 2021-2022 goals. What additional information would be helpful to Council for next goal setting session? Keep current structure for goals? Timeframe for reporting updates?

Public comments:

Mark Simon and Francesca Wright, Yolo People Power; Dillan Horton; Larry Guenther; Morgan Poindexter; Connor Gorman: Council should prioritize a reimaged system of public safety. Ask Council to formalize support for 9 joint

subcommittee recommendations. Under current City Council Goal 5—Ensure a Safe Healthy Equitable Community—should add new objective to implement 9 recommendations. Should have updates to Council goals at least twice per year.

Alan Hirsch: Suggest city select former council members to provide input. Get more perspectives. Most important issue is trust between government and the people. May need to look at processes to build stronger connections.

Jeremy Taylor: Council should include more collaboration with community.

By consensus, Council agreed to direct staff to make an announcement during commission meetings regarding Council goal setting session and request commission workplans to inform discussion. If commissions do not have workplans, a summary may be provided of commission priority focus areas and tasks for the upcoming year.

M. Webb: Goals document is intended to be a living document; can update as needed. Council-commission joint discussions can provide opportunity to discuss topics not currently captured in goals.

W. Arnold moved, seconded by D. Carson, to affirm the proposed schedule to develop goals and priorities for 2021-2022. Following adoption of goals, first check-in shall be within 6 months with subsequent check-ins quarterly. Motion passed unanimously.

L. Frerichs: Request update on Council focus items.

M. Webb: Will provide update March 23. Council can decide if they want focus items in the future and what they might be.

Long Range Calendar      City Manager Mike Webb: March 3—annual town-gown with university. March 16—next regular meeting, includes joint discussion with Utilities Commission. March 23—Council goal setting session.

Adjournment      Meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Zoe Mirabile  
City Clerk