

MINUTES OF THE DAVIS CITY COUNCIL  
Meeting of May 25, 2021

The City Council of the City of Davis met in regular meeting session beginning at 6:33 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 L. Frerichs moved, seconded by D. Carson, to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

City Manager & City Council Brief Announcements M. Webb: City offices will be closed in observance of Memorial Day on May 31. City Hall will fully reopen City Hall to public access on June 15 commensurate with the statewide lifting of COVID restrictions. Public meetings will continue via remote online access until further notice.

Climate Action & Adaptation Plan (CAAP) events: CAAP Resilience & Equity Workshop May 27, online survey through May 30.

Public Comments

- Kaitlyn Moroney: Housing Element Update comment: Important to make housing available to all in community.
- Alan Hirsch: Social inequity in Davis—who gets the trees? City needs to enforce the tree ordinance. Treeless areas; need to ensure renters get tree canopy.
- Todd Edelman: All commission subcommittee’s membership and contact information should be on the website. Would be good for public to be able to communicate with subcommittees.
- Jim Wilson: Support climate action efforts.

Consent Calendar Extension of Contract with Management Partners for Financial Consulting Services from Robert Leland  
Approve Resolution No. 21-064 - Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Amendment #4 with Management Partners to Extend Contract with Robert Leland for Financial Consulting Services

Davis Media Access Services Overview and Proposed Budget for FY 2021-22  
Receive the attached Services Overview and Proposed Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget for Davis Media Access (DMA) as informational

Commission Minutes:

1. Bicycling, Transportation, and Street Safety Commission Meeting of April 8, 2021
2. Historical Resources Management Commission Meeting of March 15, 2021 Informational

W. Arnold moved, seconded by J. Chapman, to approve the consent calendar. Motion passed unanimously.

2021-2023  
Council Goals  
Follow Up

Assistant City Manager Kelly Stachowicz: Overview of 6 goal areas:

1. Ensure a Safe, Healthy, Equitable Community
2. Ensure Fiscal and Economic Stability
3. Pursue Environmental Sustainability
4. Fund, Maintain, and Improve the Infrastructure
5. Create a Vibrant Downtown and Thriving Neighborhoods
6. Foster Excellence in City Services

Next steps: Provide feedback on draft goals and objectives and Focus Items, if desired.

Public comments:

- Alan Hirsch, and Tracy DeWit: Support goal relating to trees. Missing enforcement and downtown tree plan. Trees should be a priority.
- Paul Philley: South Davis deserves special consideration. Problem with keeping active modes unobstructed during construction. Need protective barriers.
- Todd Edelman: Goal 1 – Should add conduct community and student outreach on driver safety, laws, and respect. Goal 4 Objective 1C — too wide of streets are dangerous. Objective 2J — I-80 should have a new bike bridge to Sacramento. Add M — work with DJUSD to establish bus system for children too young to ride Unitrans on their own.
- Morgan Poindexter: Support Goal 1 including task of continuing work on reimagining public safety. More could be put into goal document, be more specific. Objective 3 could be expanded.
- Jeremy Taylor: Should ensure people working within the city are in compliance through trainings.
- Jim Wilson: Climate Action—City Council should appoint a single city spokesperson to work with the community on updates regarding energy and electric vehicles.

Council provided individual comments:

D. Carson:

- Goal 3, objective 3C—include UCD as an option to process city’s organic waste.
- Goal 1, object 5F—Explore the development of incentives to property owners to encourage them to provide ADUs as official affordable units.

By consensus, Council interested in that as a separate objective.

L. Frerichs:

- Goal 2, objective 1E—Add to list: fiscal sustainability for the city.
- Goal 1, Add to Objective 2:
  - Recently funded anti-racism training for non-profits. Should try to prioritize that type of training across city apparatus. City employees, commissions, City Council.
  - Or training could be add to Goal 6, Objective 3
- Goal 1, objective 3— Expand. Implement percentage or certain number of items by end of year. Or other type of expansion. Tie to getting items completed.

W. Arnold:

- Should reword Goal 2, objective 1E—Consider revenue options for the 2022 ballot and remove list.
  - By consensus, Council supported removing list.
- Goal 4, objective 2—Merge bike share into this objective.
- Goal 1, objective 3—Continue efforts to reimagine public safety.
- Goal 1, objective 6D—explore year-round shelter option for people experiencing homelessness.
- Goal 3, objective 5D—continue to pursue efforts that lead to non-toxic land management.
- Goal 4—Fund, Maintain and Improve Infrastructure (remove “the”).
  - Objective 1I: Take actions to enhance parking lot tree canopy, including exploring feasibility of a parking lot tree retrofit grant program to replace underperforming trees in existing lots.
    - Could also include “explore enforcement options”
    - Add “pursue a downtown tree plan” or “explore a downtown tree plan”
- Goal 5, objective 3D—Take action to clean sidewalks and other public areas AND determine options for regular cleaning of sidewalks and other public areas.
- Goal 5, objective 3I—Add “...appropriate tree species and care.”
- Top 7 Tasks:
  - Reimagine public safety
  - Develop year round homeless shelter
  - Use for COVID-19 assistance
  - Street vendors
  - Clean sidewalks
  - Plant street trees downtown

J. Chapman:

- Goal 5—“Maintain” or “Foster” instead of “Create” a Vibrant Downtown Council consensus to rename Goal 5 from “Create” to “Foster”

- Goal 1, Objective 2—Develop or explore programs or services that target inequity. Achieve greater equity in services or programs.
- Goal 1, Objective 5—Question ownership of Pacifico
- Goal 2, Objective 4C—Pursue or explore instead of support expansion. Consider impacts on brick and mortar restaurants downtown.
- Add objective to create a downtown tree plan.
- Goal 5, objective 3—Regular cleaning and “maintenance” of sidewalks and other public areas.

By consensus, Council interested in discussion of focus items at a later date.

City Manager Mike Webb: Staff will return with a final goals document for Council adoption and discussion of Focus Items.

American  
Rescue Plan  
Act (ARP)

Assistant City Manager Kelly Stachowicz: City set to receive \$19.7 million. Council subcommittee worked with staff to develop guiding principles. Next step is development of a spending plan.

City Manager Mike Webb: Proposed budget includes \$2.3 million to backfill program revenue due to impacts of COVID. Number will likely change before the budget is finalized. There will also be HUD HOME funding through ARP package of \$1.3 million for assisting low income individuals and households.

Public comments:

- Elaine Roberts-Musser: ARP funds are to address economic impacts from COVID, replace economic losses due to COVID, and invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure. Funds should address damage wrought by COVID and spend for the most good.
- Morgan Poindexter: Should use funds for startup costs for reimagining public safety—Crisis Now startup funds or putting together new department of public safety.
- Francesca Wright: Request clarification as to whether transformational projects includes funding new department of public safety and Crisis Now model.

D. Carson moved, seconded by W. Arnold, to adopt proposed Guiding Principles, and add the following guiding principle: Reserve some funding allocations from second tranche of funding for unexpected circumstances for two years. Motion passed unanimously.

City Council recessed at 8:12 p.m. and reconvened at 8:22 p.m.

Fiscal Year  
2021/22 and  
2022/23

City Manager Mike Webb: Budget drafted with eye toward transition period. Will take time to fully recover to pre-pandemic levels. Summarized new funding requests, organizational changes, and capital improvements projects highlights.

Proposed  
Budget

Finance Director Elena Adair: Overview of citywide revenue and expenditures, general fund and other funds highlights, capital improvement program funding. Next steps: Presentation to Finance & Budget Commission, Council workshop, budget adoption.

W. Arnold: Tulip & Ponteverde project (budget, year 2), Bike Pump Track (not in budget). Council made those approvals years ago. Were slated to be in last year's budget. Interested in getting them back on the table. Assistant Fire Chief defunded, Fire Department request to modify to Battalion Chief. Not included in budget.

M. Webb: If Council wants to add Fire position, will need to discuss funding and potential cuts.

Public comments:

- Olivia and Julie Stark, Lynn Barts, Daphne Peterson, Nate Hartinger, Stephen Barson, Kelly Defuentes, Megan and Steve Pimentelle: Ponteverde and Tulip intersection—Request crossing project be moved to this year's budget. Dangerous crossing on the way to school for many children in area.
- Megan Murphy; Shanice Lambeaux; Jordan Varney, Yolo People Power; Francesca Wright; Connor Gorman; Julea Shaw; Morgan Poindexter; Scott Stewart; Luanna Villanueva; Katherine Higgin; Dillan Horton; Keith Sugoy; and Timothy Bruening: Should implement vision toward new department of public safety. Use American Rescue Plan Act funds for new department and divert police funding to social services management position that reports directly to City Manager. Should fund data analyst and shift costs of homeless outreach from police to City Manager's Office. Budget should reflect direction Council already provided to staff to move forward and include placeholders for anticipated costs.
- Alan Hirsch: Budget for trees—what is basis? What program goals and cost? No briefing was provided to Tree Commission.

G. Partida: Recused from discussion of budget for Tulip and Ponteverde project, leaving the Council meeting. Live within 500 ft of Tulip and Ponteverde intersection. Left the meeting at 10:18 p.m.

M. Webb: If Council wants to advance timing of project, staff can accommodate. The reason for postponing was due to COVID impacts and hope to apply for grant funds.

L. Frerichs moved, seconded by W. Arnold, to move the Tulip and Ponteverde project into 2021/22 fiscal year. Accepted by consensus.

M. Webb: Staff will return with project timing update and potential interim actions based on timing assumptions.

L. Frerichs: Suggest topic for discussion at City-DJUSD 2x2 meeting.

G. Partida rejoined the meeting at 10:33 p.m.

M. Webb: Summarized budget allocations currently included as follow up from reimagining public safety, and recommendations under review by Council Subcommittee with organizational structure and costs to be determined.

Council individual comments included:

G. Partida: Interested in more information on what PD training is funded

D. Carson: Would like to see comparison of aggregate general fund amount, from FY20/21 to FY21/22. Show number of authorized positions and whether department has grown.

L. Frerichs: Request budget include departmental organization charts. Interested in more discussion regarding Fire Department training chief position and cable tv franchise fees.

J. Chapman: Should signal to community that we will be moving forward with social services management position and funding for professional consultant for plan to engage community.

L. Frerichs: Should allow Council Subcommittees to do their work on organizational structure and mental health services. Ok with signaling funding for consultant.

G. Partida: Support adding funding for consultant

M. Webb: Staff will return with a dollar figure and funding source to include line item for outreach engagement effort.

Long Range  
Calendar

M. Webb: June 1—Budget discussion continued, public hearing on fees and charges, water supply and conservation measures, Senior Commission appointment. June 15—Housing Element Workshop. June 22-final budget adoption.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 11:20 p.m.

Zoe Mirabile  
City Clerk