

MINUTES OF THE DAVIS CITY COUNCIL
Meeting of March 7, 2023

The City Council of the City of Davis met in regular meeting session beginning at 6:33 p.m. in the Community Chambers, 23 Russell Boulevard, Davis, California. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Will Arnold.

Roll Call: Councilmembers Present: Josh Chapman, Gloria Partida, Babu Vaitla, Will Arnold

Councilmembers Absent: None

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

Approval of Agenda G. Partida moved, seconded by J. Chapman, to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

City Manager & City Council Brief Announcements City Manager Mike Webb: Upcoming city facility roofing projects—Veterans Memorial Theatre, Fire Stations 32 and 33, Redwood Park Building. City award nomination deadlines: Environmental Recognition Awards due March 15, Thong Hy Huynh Memorial Awards due March 16.

Public Comments

- Dorte Jensen: Unsafe traffic intersection and Shasta and Arlington.
- Elaine Roberts-Musser: Representing Senior Citizens of Davis non-profit. In May 2015, \$250,000 in assets was donated for outdoor patio project at the Senior Center. Council should make project a top priority for this year.
- John Johnston: WWTP Lighting project on regular calendar—Support project, will save money and reduce carbon.
- Georgina Valencia and Gayna Gambain: First Time Homebuyer Definition on consent calendar—Support. Thank Council and staff for efforts to move item forward. Will help clarify who should get affordable housing in the future
- John Whitehead: Summarized screenshot from website CAISO.com showing energy grid use on a day in May and another in September. Shows challenges of keeping grid balanced when using renewable energy.
- Connor Gorman: Fireworks discussion from a couple weeks ago—Support Council decision to have fireworks display only on 4th of July.
- Alan Hirsch: Upcoming I-80 Causeway widening—Oppose. 75% of GHG comes from driving. If widen freeway, will increase driving. City needs to have a policy to address freeway widening.
- Josh Jones: Submitted picture to Council of frog goddess that controls rain and storm. Davis has a touchpoint with frogs

Consent Calendar

Davis Senior Center Fitness Renovation Project, CIP No. ET8339
Approve Resolution No. 23-019 - Authorizing City Manager to Execute Construction Contract with JJ Construction for the Davis Senior Center Fitness Renovation Project and Finding Project Exempt from Review Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section §15301 Existing Facilities and Categorically Excluded Per Title 24, Code of Federal Regulations Section 58.35(A) and Subject to the Laws and Authorities at Section 58.5

Design Services Agreement for the Wetlands Habitat/Public Access Improvement Project on UC Davis Land

Approve Resolution No. 23-020 - Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Design Services Agreement with ICF Jones & Stokes, Inc. for Design/Engineering Services Related to a Potential Collaborative Wetlands Habitat/Public Access Improvement Project on 32 Acres of Land Owned by the Regents of the University of California and Amending the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Open Space Development Impact Fees Fund Budget

Grant Matching Funds – Possible Acquisition of Agricultural Conservation Easement, 217 Acres on Hamel Lane

Approve Resolution No. 23-021 - (1) Committing Matching Funds for a State Grant Related to the Possible Acquisition of an Agricultural Conservation Easement on 217 Acres on Hamel Lane in the Amount of \$484,375 from Open Space Development Impact Fees and \$484,375 from Measure O Open Space Tax Funds; (2) Amending the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Budget by \$968,750 for the Purchase of the Conservation Easement; and (3) Authorizing the City Manager to (i) Amend the Budget in the Future to Allocate up to an Additional \$31,250 in Open Space Funds Toward the Purchase of the Conservation Easement, and (ii) Sign All Documents Related to Finalizing and Recording the Conservation Easement

Intent to Vacate Right-of-Way (ROW) at 3808 Faraday Avenue: Planning Application #22-48 for ROW Vacation #01-22

Approve Resolution No. 23-022 - Intent to Vacate ROW and Retain a Public Utility Easement, and Reciprocal Access Easement Over Approximately 0.52 Acres Located By 3808 Faraday Avenue

Amendment to the Davis Conflict of Interest Code

Approve Resolution No. 23-023 - Amending Conflict of Interest Code Provisions for Designated Positions and Disclosure Categories

First Time Homebuyer Definition

Introduce Ordinance Amending Davis Municipal Code Article 18.05 to Add the Definition of First Time Homebuyer

J. Chapman moved, seconded by G. Partida, to approve consent calendar as listed above. Motion passed unanimously.

Removed
from Consent
Calendar:

Item removed by G. Partida.

Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Phase I – Mobile Solar EV Charging Stations, CIP No. ET8341

Acting Public Works Engineering & Transportation Director Dianna Jensen: Phase 1 includes implementing EV charging stations throughout town and purchasing equipment: 5 new EV charging locations, 2 mobile solar charging stations, fleet electrification plans. Current proposed location of solar EV charging station at 616 1st Street Parking Lot. Second location has yet to be identified.

City Manager Mike Webb: Mobile chargers are a requirement of the grant. Solar charging locations are mobile in nature and can be shifted over time based on usage and impacts.

Public comment:

Jim Wilson: Support public website for EV chargers. Council should allow time for EV users to provide feedback before deciding locations. Need Level 2 and Fast Chargers. Request staff try to get downtown location removed from grant requirement.

G. Partida moved, seconded by B. Vaitla, to approve Resolution No. 23-024 - Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement to Purchase, Install, and Maintain Two "Pairtree" Mobile Solar Electric Vehicle Charging Stations. Motion passed unanimously.

2022 Nationwide Opioid Settlements

Item removed by G. Partida and B. Vaitla.

City Attorney Inder Khalsa: Settlement is intended to help recover costs from programs related to opioid addiction remediation health services.

Public comment:

Francesca Wright: Support city opting in to receive funds. Should defer decision to forward funds to County. City could use the funds for respite center services. Concern that County will not use funds appropriately.

Nolan Sullivan, Yolo County Health and Human Services: Open to idea of bringing something back to Council for input on Davis priorities for how funding is spent. Funding will be executed through Health and Human Services Department.

B. Vaitla moved, seconded by J. Chapman, to approve Resolution No. 23-025 - Authorizing the City to Enter Into the Proposed 2022 National

Opioid Settlement Agreements with Defendants Teva, Allergan, Walmart, CVS, and Walgreens and to Enter Into the Proposed State-Subdivision Agreements Allocating Settlement Proceeds; and Authorizing the City Manager to Take All Actions Necessary and Convenient to Implement the Settlements. Motion passed unanimously.

Civic Arts
Commission
Minutes from
the Meeting of
February 13,
2023

Item removed by J. Chapman.

Community Engagement Director Jenny Tan: Overview of art piece Frog Totem scheduled for installation in a city park and artist Mary Fuller McChesney.

Public comments:

- Alan Gamage: Need to celebrate diverse cultures rather than display cultural appropriation. City should adopt municipal guidelines related to cultural awareness and sensitivity.
- Colin Walsh: Should have more commissions give consideration to this artwork and cultural appropriation. Statue is of vertically stacked frog icons.

J. Chapman moved, seconded by W. Arnold, as follows:

1. Direct staff to bring discussion of Frog Totem art piece to Human Relations Commission.
2. Accept the Civic Arts Commission Minutes from the Meeting of February 13, 2023 as informational.

Motion passed unanimously.

Davis Joint
Unified School
District
(DJUSD)
Presentation:
Student Popu-
lation School
Year 2022-
2023 Report
and Forecast
2023-24 to
2027-28

Matt Best, DJUSD Superintendent: Overview of latest demographic projections to aid in future decision making. Fewer students of school age in Davis and projected to continue to decline.

Joe DiNunzio, DJUSD Board Member: Enrollment is important because budget is tied to it. Challenge of lack of housing for young families and housing that is affordable for teachers. If enrollment continues to decline, will affect programming.

Hiram Jackson, DJUSD Board Member: Davis is excluding low income and middle income residents. Support DJUSD policy of admitting students through local employment.

Public comments:

- Dave Taormino: Almost impossible to build the type of housing that is needed. Growth control and housing policies have a significant impact. Davis is now an aging community.

- Alan Hirsch: Need to support industry to buttress tax base. Support more affordable housing, especially for young families.
- Victor Eligas: DJUSD relies on inter-district transfers to maintain funding levels. To ensure future health of district, need to bring in new and younger families into community.

Council comments included:

B. Vaitla: Interested in additional data: What number of new housing units are needed to result in student enrollment to maintain school programming? What housing development projects in Davis have resulted in larger student enrollment?

W. Arnold: Next step could be taking certain proposed developments and projecting what student enrollment will be.

G. Partida: Subcommittee on peripheral growth—Consider school enrollment when developing guidelines.

City Council recessed at 8:44 p.m. and reconvened at 8:55 p.m.

Yolo County
Update on
988 System,
211 Yolo, and
Crisis Now

Nolan Sullivan, Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency Director: 211 Yolo—24/7 call center to access information on local community services, funded locally. Flexible resource, can scale up or down. Budget 2023/24 = \$238,000. Asking cities to contribute additional \$53,000, shared across system. Two funding options: population or number of calls. 988 System: replaces suicide prevention lifeline network. Funding is primarily federal. Currently not interfacing with 211 and 911 in Yolo County, working on solution.

Crisis Now: Current efforts include crisis intervention training, co-responder staff, diverting drug charges, and dispatch connection. Implement 2022/23 for a 24/7 mobile crisis, and spring 2024 for a high tech crisis center used for real-time coordination. Crisis stabilization program will be at a future to be determined date. Revised proposal will be brought to Yolo Board of Supervisors shortly, then will return to cities with estimated cost.

Next steps include: Request for Proposals for 24/7 access line; site location and renovation for receiving/sobering center; RFP/contract for crisis provider; potentially moving from co-responder to clinician/peer response.

Public comments:

- Robert Canning: Mobile crisis—County received program grant last year. How will it be implemented? Programs being evaluated? Need data for funding agencies.
- Connor Gorman: 988—support implementing locally, should integrate with 911 dispatch. Support increasing funding for services and programs for information and direct crisis response.

N. Sullivan: Willing to return to Council with data at regular intervals

B. Vaitla moved, seconded by W. Arnold to direct staff to look at options for supporting 211 effort. Motion passed unanimously.

W. Arnold clarification: Intend staff to bring back options to Council and coordinate discussions with neighboring jurisdictions, including UCD.

Public Hearing: Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) LED Lighting Replacement Project – On-Bill Financing Loan Agreement and Energy Conservation Agreement

Public Works Utilities & Operations Director Stan Gryczko: Payback on loan is approximately 9 years, lighting will be in use for 20 years. Program has identified a number of potential projects, looking at battery storage and other resiliency ideas.

Mayor Arnold opened the public hearing.

Connor Gorman: Support project.

Mayor Arnold closed the public hearing.

G. Partida moved, seconded by J. Chapman, to approve Resolution No. 23-026 - Approving an On-Bill Financing Agreement with PG&E, and Energy Conservation Agreement with Eco-Green; for Provision and Installation of LED Lighting Fixtures and Lights; and Making Findings in Support Thereof Pursuant to Government Code Section 4217.10, et seq. Motion passed unanimously.

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None

Long Range Calendar

M. Webb: March 14 closed session—timing conflict. Will be polling Council for availability of alternative date and time.

G. Partida: Public comment regarding Senior Center project. Agendize status update?

M. Webb: Staff will engage in conversation with representative of group regarding challenges, status, and next steps of CIP project. Will return back to Council as part of budget in May.

W. Arnold: March 21—Agendize National Donate Life Month, Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month, and resolution in support of Women Life Freedom movement in Iran. Council consensus.

G. Partida: Request Proclamation Supporting Planned Parenthood.

Public comment:

- Connor Gorman: City should have kept emergency declaration, even if just for symbolic reasons. Potential to maintain some of the accessibilities that were created during COVID. Interested in remote participation for commission meetings. Should pursue statewide legislation and reform Council Legislative Subcommittee.
- Alan Hirsch: Should revise CAAP to increase mitigation to offset increase GHG from I-80 freeway widening.

Adjournment Meeting was adjourned at 10:33 p.m.

Zoe Mirabile
City Clerk