

MINUTES OF THE DAVIS CITY COUNCIL
Meeting of June 4, 2024

The City Council of the City of Davis met in regular meeting session beginning at 6:39 p.m. in the Community Chambers, 23 Russell Boulevard, Davis, California. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Josh Chapman.

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

Councilmembers Absent: None

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

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

Ceremonial Presentations Proclamations Recognizing:
A. June 19 as Juneteenth, presented by W. Arnold
B. June as National Gun Violence Awareness Month, presented by J. Chapman
C. June as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBTQ+) Pride Month, presented by G. Partida

City Council recessed at 6:57 p.m. and reconvened at 7:03 p.m.

City Manager Announcements M. Webb: Excessive heat warning, multiple locations in Davis to stay cool and receive community resources. Announced upcoming graduation ceremonies for Da Vinci High School, Davis Senior High School, UC Davis Graduate Programs, and UC Davis Undergraduate Programs. Getting Around Davis events taking place at Rancho Yolo Mobile Home Park and at Senior Center, focusing on transportation options and services.

City Council Announcements and Liaison Reports None

Public Comments

- Beth Bourne, Julie Young, and unnamed individual: Oppose Proclamation and city displaying pride flag and rainbow crosswalks for Pride Month, transgender identities, and reassignment surgeries.
- Gray Crawford, Linda Deos, Anoosh Jorjorian, Katie Chances, and Liam: Support Pride Month Proclamation. Transphobia in community continues to exist. Thank city for helping LGBTQ+ people feel safe.

- Alan Miller: Oppose city council actions to merge commissions.
- Ning Wan: 30th anniversary of Tiananmen Square massacre.
- Yolo County Supervisor Lucas Frerichs: Support proclamations. Gun violence is overwhelming, many deaths are preventable. Need to do more work to prevent gun violence.
- Norbie Kumagai: Support work by Moms Demand Action against gun violence. Thank council for Pride Festival.
- Carol Gavin: Community Chambers is not accessible as it should be. Concerned about merger of commissions. Believe rights have been violated, and discriminated against since it took 6 months to appoint members to the Finance and Budget Commission.
- Connor Gorman: Need to pursue ways to protect people from excessive heat weather events and provide necessary resources. Support city efforts to communicate tips and resources available in the community.
- Colin Walsh: Council should put a measure on the ballot to revert back to at large elections. District elections were forced on the city by a lawsuit.
- Jeremy Taylor: City should perform a financial audit on all non-profits it works with. City Councilmember should not sit on the board of a non-profit that receives monetary support from city.

Consent Calendar

Short-Range Transit Plan and Cost-Share Agreement between the City and UC Davis

Approve Resolution No. 24-092 - Awarding a Professional Services Agreement to Transportation Management & Design Inc. for the Short-Range Transit Plan and Authorize the City Manager to Sign a Cost-Share Agreement Between the City and UC Davis

General Municipal Election on November 5, 2024 for the Election of Three City Council Members in Districts 2, 3 and 5; Update Council District Boundaries to Include Property Annexed into the City

1. Approve Resolution No. 24-093 - Calling for the Holding of a General Municipal Election on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, for the Election of Three City Council Members as Required by the Provisions of the Laws of the State of California Relating to General Law Cities
2. Approve Resolution No. 24-094 - Requesting the Board of Supervisors of the County of Yolo to Consolidate a General Municipal Election to be Held on November 5, 2024, with the Statewide General Election to be Held on that Date Pursuant to §10403 of the Election Code
3. Approve Resolution No. 24-095 - to Adopt Revised District Voting Boundaries and Designate City Council District 5 as the Contiguous City Council District for Annexed Property Known as The Promenade

Commission Action Item: Police Accountability Commission Meeting of February 5, 2024

Receive Police Accountability Commission's annual review of the Independent Police Auditor as informational.

Commission Minutes: Police Accountability Commission Meetings of December 4, 2023, and January 8, March 4, and April 1, 2024
Informational

G. Partida moved, seconded by D. Neville, to approve the consent calendar. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Hearings:

Police Chief Darren Pytel: Summarized the annual process, overview of use reports for 20 different surveillance technologies to review and reauthorize.

Surveillance Technology Annual Renewals

Mayor Chapman opened the public hearing.

Davis Police Department Equipment Annual Report and Reauthorization

- Mollie Culper, Mason Harry, Carol Gavin, Connor Gorman, unnamed individual, and Dillan Horton: Concerned about expense and use of equipment. If equipment is not consistently used, should not purchasing it. Need more information on what drones are used for, should rescind approval to use drones.
- Alan Miller: Like to wear clothing that reflect the issue being discussed.
- Norbie Kumagai: Support Davis Police Department.

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

1. Consider the continued use of the technologies
2. Determine that the continued use of the technologies is balanced with the need to investigate and prevent crimes; protect crime victims and society from those who commit crimes; protect civil rights and civil liberties, including privacy and free expression; and the costs to the city
3. Approve the continued use of each technology and the respective use policies
4. Adopt findings pursuant to Government Code §§ 7070 et seq. and introduce Ordinance Re-Adopting a Military Equipment Use Policy and Re-Approving the Use, Acquisition, and Seeking of Funding for Military Equipment

Motion passed unanimously.

City Council recessed at 8:36 p.m. and reconvened at 8:48 p.m.

Fiscal Year (FY) 2024/25 Mid-Cycle Budget;

Finance Director Elena Adair: Highlights of mid-cycle budget—General Fund available balance is 7.5%, some tax revenues are tracking as an-

FY 2024/25
Appropriations
Limit

anticipated while others are declining, staff monitors revenues and expenditures for fiscal stability. State requires city to act on Gann limit/appropriations limit annually. City spends approximately 57% of current limit.

*(City Council
also acting as
the Redevel-
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Agency
Board)*

Public comments:

- Alan Hirsch: Need to understand how cuts will impact service delivery. Should have more detail in the budget, make visible what is going on.
- Elaine Roberts-Musser: City has gone from \$21 million to \$6 million General Fund reserve in just two years. Should prioritize fiscal integrity. Irresponsible expenditures. Need an updated 20 year financial forecast. Proposed increase in taxes is premature.
- Connor Gorman: Should reduce police budget and redirect funds to respite center and transportation programs. City should municipalize services, oppose contract services that can be done by city staff.

D. Neville moved, seconded by B. Vaitla, as follows:

1. Approve Resolution No. 24-096 – Adopting the FY 2024/25 Mid-Cycle Operating and Capital Improvement Program Budget
2. Approve Resolution No. 1280 of the Davis Redevelopment Successor Agency – Approving and Adopting the Budget for FY 2024/25
3. Approve Resolution No. 24-097 – Approving a Loan in an Amount of \$2 Million from the Water Fund to the Solid Waste Fund as a Long Term Obligation
4. Approve Resolution No. 24-098 – Establishing Appropriations Limit for FY 2024/25

Motion passed unanimously.

Proposed
Revenue
Measure –
November
2024

City Manager Mike Webb: Provided a State of the City Presentation.

Economic Development Director Katie Yancey: Summarized efforts to increase economic development.

Assistant City Manager Kelly Stachowicz: Outlined results of the community satisfaction survey. Highlighted potential options to increase revenue to the General Fund.

Public comments:

- Ellen Kalorick and Barbara Clutter, Interfaith Housing Justice; Judy Ennis and Shoshanna Zatz, Heart of Davis; and Martha Teeter: Support revenue measure. New revenue could fully fund Housing Trust Fund, affordable housing programs, and assist unhoused.
- Elaine Roberts-Musser, Alan Miller, Colin Walsh, Jeremy Taylor, Richard McCann, Connor Gorman, and unnamed individual: Oppose tax measure. Should ask UC Davis for funding for Housing Trust

Fund. A tax increase will negatively impact businesses and decrease revenue. Need a long range plan that shows what the tax will fund.

G. Partida moved, seconded by B. Vaitla, to direct staff to return on June 18 with necessary documents to place a ballot measure on the November 2024 ballot to increase the local sales tax by 1%. Motion passed unanimously.

AB 1234 Reporting

None

Long Range Calendar

City Manager Mike Webb: Will discuss July meeting dates with Mayor.

Public comments:

- Jeremy Taylor: City should conduct hybrid meetings. More accessible for the public.
- Alan Miller: Audience members showing signs and messages from the public seats in the Chambers should not be shown on camera. Should use technology to block out the background view of the Chambers.

G. Partida: Facial recognition technology was discussed by the Police Accountability Commission. We currently don't use this technology, but could consider prohibiting future uses.

M. Webb: Would like to have conversations with Police Department staff, city attorney, and police auditor. Need to consider what the council action would be and how it would interact with the existing surveillance technology ordinance.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

Zoe Mirabile
City Clerk