

MINUTES OF THE DAVIS CITY COUNCIL
Meeting of July 1, 2025

The City Council of the City of Davis met in regular meeting session beginning at 6:42 p.m. in the Community Chambers, 23 Russell Boulevard, Davis, California. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Bapu Vaitla.

Roll Call: Councilmembers Present: Josh Chapman, Linda Deos, Donna Neville, Gloria Partida, Bapu Vaitla

Councilmembers Absent: None

Other Officers Present: Interim City Manager Kelly Stachowicz, City Attorney Inder Khalsa, City Clerk Zoe Mirabile

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

B. Vaitla moved, seconded by D. Neville, to remove consent calendar item Final Map No. 5238 and Subdivision Improvement Agreement for Palomino Place from the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

City Manager Announcements Interim City Manager Kelly Stachowicz: 2024 Annual Water Quality Report released; no violations of any maximum contaminate levels for water quality. 4th of July—City offices closed for holiday, city celebration in Community Park.

City Council Announcements and Liaison Reports None

Public Comments

- Ning Wan: City should prioritize historical resources.
- Ron Glick: Support annexation of UC Davis campus.
- Leslie Blevins, Yolo County Association of Realtors: City resale inspection program—difficult to receive clear direction and answers from Community Development Department. Clients deserve clarity, not confusion and delay. Ready to work together to communicate requirements accurately and fairly.
- Unnamed individual: Should retain Respite Center operations, consider moving to South Davis.
- Alan Miller: Violence is not a solution to end violence.
- Connor Gorman: Consent calendar item Planning Commission Request to Research Possibility of UC Davis Annexation—Support Planning Commission researching topic,

- Alan Hirsch: Consent calendar item Moving Transportation Forward Plan—does not include standards for trees at bus shelters. Central Park should have multiple drinking fountains.

Consent Calendar

Construction Contract for 2022 Traffic Signal Improvement Project, CIP No. ET8279

Approve Resolution No. 25-112 - Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Construction Contract with St. Francis Electric for the 2022 Traffic Signal Improvements Project, and Finding the Project Exempt From Review Pursuant to CEQA Regulation Guidelines Section §15302(C) Replacement Structures

Amendment 1 to Task Order 31 for On-Call Engineering Services for Flooding Hot Spots Evaluation

Approve Resolution No. 25-113 - Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Amendment No. 1 to Task Order 31 with West Yost Associates for Flooding Hot Spots Evaluation

Amendment 2 to Task Order 36 for On-Call Engineering Services for Design of the Richards Underpass Storm Drain Pump Station (SDS#6) Replacement Project, CIP No. ET0023

Approve Resolution No. 25-114 - Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Task Order No. 36 Amendment 2 with West Yost for the Richards Underpass Storm Drain Pump Station (SDS#6) Replacement Project

Moving Transportation Forward Plan

Approve Resolution No. 25-115 - Adopting the 2025 Moving Transportation Forward Plan

Fourth Extension of Approval of Chiles Ranch Phase 1A, Final Map No. 4953, and Chiles Ranch Phase 1B, Final Map No. 5011, and Approval of Chiles Ranch Unit No. 2, Final Map No. 5088

Approve Resolution No. 25-116 - Fourth Extension of Final Maps Chiles Ranch Phase 1A, (Final Map No. 4953), Phase 1B (Final Map No. 5011), and Approving Chiles Ranch Unit No. 2 (Final Map No. 5088) and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Subdivision Agreements

Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Grant Submission—Playfields Inclusive Playground

Approve Resolution No. 25-117 - Authorizing the City Council of the City of Davis to Approve the Application for Land and Water Conservation Fund for Playfield's Park Inclusive Playground Project

Updated Salary Table Effective July 7, 2025

Approve Resolution No. 25-118 - Approving Citywide Salary Table

City Manager Purchasing and Approval Authorization During City Council Recess

Approve Resolution No. 25-119 - Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Professional Services Contracts, Award Construction Contracts, Manage Grants and Approve Budget Adjustments During the City Council Recess From July 2, 2025 Through August 4, 2025

Updates to the Cross Connection Control Program

Introduce Ordinance Amending Article 39.04 "Cross-Connection Control" of Chapter 39, "Water," of the Davis Municipal Code, Related to Changes in Program Regulations, and Making a Determination of Exemption Under CEQA Pursuant to Sections 15061(B)(3) and 15308

Second Reading: Ordinance Re-Adopting a Military Equipment Use Policy and Re-Approving the Use, Acquisition, and Seeking of Funding for Military Equipment

Adopt Ordinance No. 2675 (Introduced 06/17/2025)

Commission Minutes:

1. Fiscal Commission Meetings of December 4, 2024, and February 5, March 5, April 2, May 7 and 21, 2025
2. Historical Resources Management Commission Meetings of March 17 and June 16, 2025

Informational

J. Chapman moved, seconded by D. Neville, to approve the consent calendar. Motion passed unanimously. Motion passed unanimously.

Removed from Consent Calendar:

Item removed by B. Vaitla.

Planning Commission Action Item: Proposed New Commission Task/Project to Assign to Calendar Annexation of UC Davis Campus

B. Vaitla: 15 years since last discussions regarding potential UCD annexation. Nuance to advantages and disadvantages. If move forward, should be in collaborative fashion with UC Davis.

Public comments:

- Ning Wan: Question process and lack of discussion with UC Davis. Kelly Rivas, UC Davis Local Government Relations: University has concerns regarding annexation conversation, but willing to talk as necessary.
- Alan Miller: Support annexation of university.

B. Vaitla moved, seconded by G. Partida, to authorize Planning Commission to gather information on annexation, discuss topic with stakeholders UC Davis and Yolo County, bring information to commission for discussion. Do not involve staff resources in this project. Motion failed by the following vote:

AYES: Vaitla
NOES: Chapman, Deos, Neville, Partida

D. Neville moved, seconded by L. Deos, to not move forward at this time with the Planning Commission's request to undertake research and discussion regarding the City's annexation of the UC Davis campus. The matter of whether or not to pursue annexation is a policy topic outside the Planning Commission's purview, previous City Council direction from 2010 was not to pursue annexation, and staff is not aware of interest expressed by either the City Council or UC Davis administration to pursue the concept at this time. Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Chapman, Deos, Neville, Partida
NOES: Vaitla

Yolo Community Foundation (YCF) Presentation: State of the Nonprofit Sector

YCF Executive Director Jessica Hubbard and YCF Program Manager Carolina Valverde: Overview of YCF model—inspire giving, support philanthropists, serve nonprofits. Most nonprofit organizations are seeing expenses outpacing revenue; over 50% report 6 months or less of reserves. Salaries are keeping pace with inflation, but hiring and retention are a concern. 55% are experiencing volunteer burnout. Ongoing financial constraints: economic uncertainty/government funding cuts, decreased donations and increased costs, shift toward proactive funding strategies. Growing interest in engaging broader demographic group for volunteers and board members.

City Council recessed at 7:40 p.m. and reconvened at 7:47 p.m.

Council Subcommittee Update: Informational Recap on March 2, 2025 Neighborhood Meeting Regarding the Daytime Respite Center for Unsheltered Individuals

Interim City Manager Kelly Stachowicz: Respite Center opened late February 2020 at 530 L Street on the western portion of the city's Corporation Yard. Operating costs are approximately \$500,000 annually.

Neighborhood survey distributed in January 2025. Key takeaways:

- Increase in unhoused individuals, trash/littering, yelling, screaming or violent language, encampments
- Concerns: safety, trash/noise/encampments and no overnight locations for unsheltered
- Ideas to address concerns: move/remove the Respite Center, more police/patrols, and more money, resources or staff for the facility.

Neighborhood meeting held in March 2025 with 60+ participants. Feedback focused on requests to move the center, concerns about safety, costs/funding, adjacent liquor stores, and overnight shelter options.

Update on staff changes at the Center, decrease in calls for service to police department, Downtown Street Team proactively reaching out to businesses, heightened focus on off-site locations with high activity,

Community Development Block Grant program for façade improvements.

Subcommittee on Respite Center—Neville and Partida: Staff is continuing to analyze and review potential duplication of efforts and overlap in services between the Daytime Respite Center and other service providers. Anticipate further Council discussion on homeless services in September.

Public comments:

- Unnamed individual: Teens give money to unhoused individuals at the Respite Center to purchase liquor for them.
- Anna: Homeless issues downtown. Should reopen G Street between Second and Third Streets to vehicle traffic.
- Tracie Fauver, Diane Parro and Doug Buzbee, Davis Community Meals and Housing (DCMH): Thank city and City Council for support. Services are expanding at Paul's Place. Willing to participate and collaborate in city efforts.
- Alan Miller: Personal experiences with crime perpetrated by unhoused individuals. Area between K and L on Second Street is a garbage dump.
- Tim Hoban: City should reach out to K Street residents. Safety concerns at Cedar Park and surrounding area. Constant issues, homeless population is rapidly increasing. Need to move Center.
- Ben Lansing: Center has a high cost for few number of individuals served. Need better location away from liquor store, consider impacts to neighborhood.
- Jessica Muiraz: Davis Manor Neighborhood Association. Increased crime in neighborhood. Neighborhood wants to be part of information sharing and gathering, have more input into decisions.
- Connor Gorman: Center is an important resource. Should consider rotating location of Center or have multiple locations.
- Gayna Lamb-bang: Support keeping Center open and continue improvements. Center needs to be in central location and close to services. Need to provide permanent overnight shelter.

G Street Activation Update

Parks & Community Services Director Deanne Machado: G Street maintenance activities include hardscape, electrical, routine upkeep of daily cleaning, weekly power washing and landscaping, and graffiti and signage response as needed. Maintenance demands are heightened by impacts from unhoused individuals including litter, debris, misuse of facilities, drug paraphernalia, etc.

Economic Development Director Katie Yancey: Programming: staff launched quarterly pop-up events, Big Day of Giving event in May hosted 25 nonprofits, businesses had temporary licenses on Picnic Day weekend. Placemaking and public art activities: pursuing ongoing partnerships and public art designed to bring color, creativity, and sense of identity to G Street. Community mural is slated for the center lane, contracted with UC Davis Design faculty to create civic artworks. Outdoor dining: staff actively working with businesses, currently managing three outdoor dining applications; two applications have received approval letters.

Public comments:

- Unnamed individuals: Missed opportunity to resurface streets and complete other improvements to enhance space. Should reduce burden on businesses to use space, need to expedite processes.
- Connor Gorman: Support improvements to infrastructure and furniture, additional art projects, and maintenance efforts. Great space for community events
- Alan Hirsch: Need new trees planted and a downtown tree plan.

Councilmember feedback included:

J. Chapman: Need more direct engagement with businesses, umbrellas or shade structure for unshaded side of street, and low barrier events for community. Support mural on road. Engage with Davis Downtown Business Association (DDBA) and Chamber of Commerce.

D. Neville: Alleviate burden on staff, coalesce around arts groups. Need more shade. Need seating more conducive to small groups and regular, low barrier popup events.

L. Deos: Support regular events and streamlined permit process. Support art projects with UCD.

G. Partida: City can improve process and partner with DDBA. Support low barrier events, highlight nonprofits in town.

B. Vaitla: Explore artists willing to work with existing infrastructure constraints. Need colorful mural or design on street.

G. Partida and L. Deos: Interested in exploring entertainment districts

K. Stachowicz: Staff can work on placemaking activities in the immediate near term, work with DDBA on proposal for shade sails, additional art and furniture.

B. Vaitla moved, seconded by L. Deos, to create a subcommittee consisting of G. Partida and D. Neville to work with staff on G Street activation improvements in the short term. Motion passed unanimously.

City Council recessed at 9:32 p.m. and reconvened at 9:40 p.m.

Council Meeting Administration: Consider Legislative Calendar Meeting Options and Subcommittee Updates and/or Consolidations

Interim City Manager Kelly Stachowicz: Consider options for legislative calendar dates and summer recess, meeting administration, and subcommittee tasks.

Public comment:

- Alan Miller: Consider changes carefully.

Councilmember feedback on calendar and administration options included:

- L. Deos: Flexible for summer recess options. December 16 meeting—will be out of the country. Open to exploring ceremonial presentations on only one meeting per month. Public comment period: 20-30 minutes general public comment at beginning of meeting, postpone remaining comments to end.
- G. Partida: Interest in mid-July to mid-August recess.
- Vaitla: Support enforcing public comment time period indicated on agenda: 20 minutes. Explore transcribing voicemail comments instead of playback during meeting, and send to City Council via email.

B. Vaitla moved, seconded by D. Neville, to rename the Subcommittee on Inclusionary Multifamily Rental Housing Ordinance to Inclusionary Housing Ordinance with assigned tasks to review the performance of the Ordinance on multifamily rental and focus on for-sale inclusionary requirements. Motion passed unanimously.

D. Neville moved, seconded by L. Deos, to combine Long Range Growth and General Plan Subcommittees into a General Plan Update Subcommittee and dissolve the Subcommittee on General Plan: Solicit Staff Input. Motion passed unanimously.

By consensus, Council dissolved the Budget Subcommittee and retained the Business Retention and Expansion and Business Attraction and Economic Growth Subcommittees with intent to revisit the two subcommittees in the Fall.

AB 1234 Reporting

None

Long Range Calendar

K. Stachowicz: August 5—first meeting back after recess.

Public comments:

- Alan Miller: Present.
- Marnie: Should discuss restrictions and eventual ban on gas powered landscape equipment.
- Alan Hirsch: Oppose any urban forestry program reduction.

D. Neville: Request staff presentation on two reform bills Governor signed related to homelessness and housing, general sense of bills. Council consensus.

D. Neville: List of additional housing money available in state budget. Council consensus.

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

Zoe Mirabile
City Clerk