

MINUTES OF THE DAVIS CITY COUNCIL
Meeting of September 16, 2025

The City Council of the City of Davis met in regular meeting session beginning at 6:32 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: City Manager Daryel Dunston, City Attorney Inder Khalsa, City Clerk Zoe Mirabile

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

City Manager Announcements City Manager Daryel Dunston: September 18, 20 and 22—Dive Into Downtown Events Welcoming UC Davis Students. September 26—Davis Senior High School Homecoming Parade. October 5—Davis Neighbors Night Out event.

City Council Announcements and Liaison Reports None

Public Comments

- Max Maurning and unnamed individuals: Regular item Homelessness Report—Should retain Respite Center. Temporary closure or removal of services will impact community.
- Alan Miller: Attended Charlie Kirk event on UC Davis Campus. Event was peaceful, but counter protestors were violent.
- Shelly Gilbride, International House: Have lost a lot of federal funding. Thank city for funding programs last year through arts and cultural arts affairs grant program and for commitment to building a culturally vibrant community.
- Brett Lee: Representing Natalie Corona Splash Pad Committee—thank Council for additional aquatics staff. Representing Downtown Business Association—thank Council for downtown police officer.
- Connor Gorman: Consent calendar Opioid Settlement—criminal legal system is not designed for justice. HRC Workplan—support.

Consent Calendar Fee Study and Park Impact Fee Contract Award

Approve Resolution No. 25-139 - Approving an Agreement with Matrix Consulting Group to Conduct a Parks Fee Study and Development Impact Fee Update

Nationwide Opioid Litigation Settlement Agreements

Approve Resolution No. 25-140 - Authorizing the City to Enter Into Settlement Agreements with Purdue Pharma L.P., Alvogen, Amneal, Apotex, Hikma, Indivior, Mylan, Sun, and Zydus, Agreeing to the Terms of the Related State-Subdivision Agreements, and Authorizing the City Manager to Take All Actions Necessary to Implement the Settlement Agreements

Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for Program Year 2024

1. Review CAPER for Program Year 2024.
2. Approve Resolution No. 25-141 - Authorizing the City Manager to Submit the Program Year 2024 CAPER to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to Fulfill Required Reporting on City Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnerships (HOME) Funds, with inclusion of comments received in writing and verbally during the public review period for the report and the public hearing.

Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) and Other Audit Reports for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022

Receive the City's ACFR, along with required auditor communication letters, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022

Treasurer's Reports for the Quarters Covering the Period Between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2025

Accept the quarterly Treasurer's Reports

Human Relations Commission Action Item: Proposed 2025-2026 Workplan
Approve HRC proposed 2025-2026 workplan consisting of the following:

1. Ongoing responsibilities: Oversight of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration, Cesar Chavez Celebration, Thong Hy Huynh Awards, and support of the Hate Free Together initiative
2. New task: Focus work on the "theme" of the City's Sanctuary City status including:
 - Reaffirm/update the City's Sanctuary City language, as needed.
 - Update informational card/Create "know your rights" guide.
 - Education, engagement, and resources for businesses on supporting community members and patrons.
 - Education and training for City staff regarding immigrant rights and protections.
 - Education for the general public, including a potential forum and city website updates.

Commission Minutes:

1. Open Space & Habitat Commission Meeting of June 2, 2025
2. Police Accountability Commission Meeting of June 2, 2025
3. Planning Commission Meeting of May 28, 2025

Informational

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

Solid Waste Utility Cost of Service and Rate Study and Initiation of Solid Waste Utility Fee Proposition 218 Process

Deputy Director Adrienne Heinig: Overview of Solid Waste Utility Cost of Service Study and development of rate adjustment recommendations, initiation of Proposition 218 rate process, and hauling contract extension.

Public comments:

- Unnamed individual: Street sweeper should be scheduled to immediately follow on street yard waste pickup.
- Alan Miller: Oppose rate increase and Prop 218 process. Renters should be able to protest, not landlords.
- Ning Wan: Rancho Yolo Mobile Home Park street sweeping is twice a month.
- Alan Hirsch: City should address cleanup of leaves in bike lanes, especially on non-residential streets.
- Michael Shearer: Oppose high utility rates. West Sacramento has better service for lower cost. Would like to see credit for tree watering.
- Connor Gorman: Rates should be progressive based on usage and size of home. Support municipalizing utility. During moving season, consider collaborations with Recology to divert reusable items.

D. Neville moved, seconded by L. Deos, as follows:

1. Direct staff to initiate the Proposition 218 process and take necessary steps including the preparation of Notices for City customers to be mailed, noticing a public hearing to be held on or after November 18, 2025 to consider implementation of rate adjustments by January 1, 2026.
2. Approve Resolution No. 25-142 - Authorizing the City Manager to Extend the Term of the Agreement for Collection and Handling of Solid Waste Between the City of Davis and Recology Davis Until December 31, 2029.

Motion passed unanimously.

Homelessness System of Care Review

Social Services & Housing Director Dana Bailey: Update on efforts to address homelessness and housing insecurity including Homeless Strategic Plan implementation phase. Overview of dissolution of Downtown Streets Team (DST) and impact on Davis Daytime Respite Center.

Judy Ennis and Chris Ringer, Social Services Commissioners: Provided Subcommittee Report. Task to develop landscape of existing services focused on outreach and navigation, and assess need and potential for a community navigators program. Top finding based on interviews and analysis: Do not support establishing a volunteer based community navigators program at this time. Summarized suggested priorities:

1. Shelter of all types—daytime, emergency, temporary, multi-day, permanent supportive, safe parking
2. Lack of consistent access to mental health professionals
3. Lack of access to detox and residential substance abuse treatment
4. Increasing numbers of housing insecure seniors and rates of seniors experiencing homelessness

B. Bailey: Request Council direction on Respite Center as DST ceases operations, potential options to consider:

1. Operate site with in-house staff at current location as temporary measure
2. Seek alternative contractor to assume operations at current location
3. Research alternative site locations
4. Plan for closure of site effective October 31, 2025

City Council recessed at 8:14 p.m. and reconvened at 8:22 p.m.

Ian Evans, Yolo County Housing: Funding uncertainties due to changes in federal grants. Focus on prevention and outreach is important. Support data driven decision making.

Public comments:

- Alan Hirsch: Need to prioritize limited resources.
- John O'Neil, Ezra Beeman, Allan Miller, Jennifer Nakranauf, Benton, and unnamed individual: Should look at alternative locations for Center.
- Gayna Lamb-bang: Center needs improvements. Support Safe Parking Program, pilot has worked out well.
- Ning Wan: City has a lot of homeless individuals.
- Larry Gunther, Old East Davis Neighborhood Association: Support concerns expressed by neighborhood.
- Michaela: Potential move needs a plan and community process.
- Etta, Alex, Thomas Alvarez, Alan Butlers-Ruben, Barbara Clutter, Scarlett Hubert, Annmarie McNulty, Amy Medovoy, Steer, Connor Gorman: Oppose closing Center, need to continue services.
- Ben Grietzling: Support permanent closure, redirect funding to address homelessness at root cause.
- Michael Freric-Esparto and Will: Suggest creation of community navigators union sited at Center as base of operations. Need additional

shelter beds and job opportunities for people that have experienced living unhoused.

- Dillan Horton: Look for a permanent service provider; in the interim use in-house staff and try to employ Downtown Streets Team employees.
- Brett Lee: Opportunity to reach out to other providers focusing on hours of operation when Paul's Place is not available. Need services 7 days/week to community. Consider Old Davis Landfill location.
- Shoshanna Zatz, Heart of Davis: Safe parking program has been running successfully for 3 months, support extension. Currently serving 5 individuals, primarily seniors. Support Center services continuing, consider city gym as alternative location.
- Jessica Maria-Ross, Davis Manor Neighborhood Council: Thank council subcommittee for meeting and working with neighborhood. Need equitable solution and transparent process to educate community on what has been done and analyzed.
- Ron Glick: Need to build more housing and another Paul's Place project.
- Jeffrey Stalnick: State legislation has made it easier to build housing. Large tracts in Davis are eligible for infill housing.
- Unnamed individual: Should retain at least 2 staff members from Downtown Streets Team. Consider Center hours of operation when Paul's Place is not open. Long term solution is finding land and building a purpose-built facility.
- Megan Clifford, Manuel Montoya, and Rebecca Cortez, Downtown Streets Team employees: Support continuation of services offered at Center. Provides case management, meals, showers, services, safe space.
- Martha Teeter, Deborah Brunn, Paul Kalorik, Dillan Riley, Metta Stanbury, Victor, Miriam Moore, Sarah Smith and unnamed individual: Support transitioning to another provider.
- Alzeda and Cindy: Center services have decreased, one of the only locations of this kind in the region. Need more funding and additional volunteers.
- Ellen Kalorik: Support safe parking program extension. Heart of Davis does not have the funding to continue the pilot long term. City needs to provide financial assistance to provide porta potties, insurance, and county can provide case management services.

B. Vaitla moved, seconded by D. Neville, to direct staff to:

1. Continue with current plan to operate the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Winter Shelter program with existing budget
2. Extend the HEART of Davis "Safe HEART / Safe Park" three month pilot program permit for an additional three months
3. Continue to operate the Daytime Respite Center

- A. To ensure continuity of services: Until a permanent operator is sought and decided upon (process will include release of Request for Proposals (RFP) or Request for Qualifications (RFQ) and returning to Council for action), operate the Center with in-house staff (either current city employees or potential temporary part time employees sought from Downtown Streets Team who is ceasing operations as an organization on October 31, 2025)
- B. Explore options for long term use(s) of the site at 530 L Street
- C. Invest in site infrastructure improvements as needed
- D. Research alternative locations for siting the Respite Center
- E. Analyze homeless services spending

D. Neville proposed a Friendly Amendment: Direct staff to include the following provisions in the RFP/RFQ:

- Provider must be willing to perform neighborhood outreach
- Ability to worker non-traditional hours
- Enhanced Care Management (ECM) Certification is a desirable qualification

Accepted by mover.

B. Vaitla clarification: Direct staff to ensure to the extent possible that services are provided 7 days a week, in coordination with operations at Paul's Place.

J. Chapman proposed a Friendly Amendment: Direct staff to analyze the alternative of operating the Respite Center solely with in-house staffing options on a permanent basis. Accepted by mover and second.

Motion passed unanimously.

AB 1234 Reporting	None
Long Range Calendar	Assistant City Manager Kelly Stachowicz: No changes to meeting calendar.
	Public comment:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alan Miller: Should have a 2.5 minutes public comment time period.
Adjournment	Meeting was adjourned at 10:33p.m.

Zoe Mirabile
City Clerk