MINUTES OF THE DAVIS CITY COUNCIL
Meeting of January 6, 2026

The City Council of the City of Davis met in regular meeting session beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Chambers, 23 Russell Boulevard, Davis, California. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Donna Neville.

Roll Call:	Councilmembers Present:	Josh Chapman, Linda Deos, Donna Neville, Bapu Vaitla
	Councilmembers Absent:	Gloria Partida
	Other Officers Present:	City Manager Daryel Dunston, City Attorney Inder Khalsa, City Clerk Zoe Mirabile

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

2. Ceremonial Presentations
   A. Welcome Mayor and Vice Mayor for 2026. D. Neville sworn into role.
   B. Proclamation Honoring Bapu Vaitla for His Service to the Davis Community as Mayor During 2025.
   C. Proclamation Honoring Terry Jue for Over 35 Years of Service to the City of Davis, presented by D. Neville.

3. City Manager Announcements
   D. Dunston: January 19—City and Human Relations Commission will host the annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration at Veterans Memorial Theatre.

4. City Council Announcements and Liaison Reports. None

5. Public Comments
   - Ning Wan: Support free speech
   - Spear: Federal government actions have violated domestic and international law. Request Council take actions such as additional crisis response, provision of supplies for impacted residents, withdrawal of city funds in U.S. bonds.
   - Connor Gorman: Consent calendar item Transportation Development Impact Fee Program Nexus Study—support establishing fees that are related to development size. Should also account for distance from services.
   - Alan Miller: Long range calendar item MAPA is currently listed as an upcoming consent calendar item. Oppose.
   - Beth Bourne: Support women’s rights and oppose gender ideology.

6. Consent Calendar
   A. Construction Contract for Public Works Corporation Yard Building A Roof Replacement Project, CIP No. ET8327

Approve Resolution No. 26-001 - Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Building A Roof Replacement Project, and Finding the Project Exempt from Review Pursuant to CEQA Regulation Guidelines Sections 15301 and 15302

B. Construction Contract for Fire Station 32 Improvements Project, CIP No. ET0015
Approve Resolution No. 26-002 - Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Fire Station 32 Improvements Project, and Finding the Project Exempt from Review Pursuant to CEQA Regulation Guidelines Sections 15301 Existing Facilities

C. On Call Transportation Planning and Engineering Services Agreement Task Order 4 for Transportation Development Impact Fee Program Nexus Study
Approve Resolution No. 26-003 - Authorizing the City Manager to Issue Task Order 4 Under the On-Call Professional Services Agreement with Fehr & Peers for a Focused Nexus Study for a Transportation Development impact Fee Program for the Proposed Village Farms and Willowgrove Projects

D. Approval to Continue with Construction Contract with Eaton Drilling for Emergency Cleaning and Rehabilitation of Potable Water Well #33
Reaffirm that due to the necessity of ensuring potable water wells are available for use, there is not time to allow the utilization of public bidding, and the emergency cleaning and rehabilitation of potable water Well #33 can continue with Eaton Drilling.

E. Commission Minutes: Human Relations Commission Meetings of September 25 and November 5, 2025
Informational

L. Deos moved, seconded by J. Chapman, to approve the consent calendar. Motion passed by the following vote:
AYES: Chapman, Deos, Vaitla, Neville
NOES: None
ABSENT: Partida

7. Local Area Formation Commission Presentation: Yolo LAFCo and Local Government Overview

Christine Crawford, Yolo LAFCo Executive Director, and JD Trebec, Yolo LAFCo Deputy Executive Officer: Presented overview on LAFCo purpose and functions.

Public comment:
- Ning Wan: Interested in learning more about LAFCo.

8. Public Hearing: Solid Waste Utility Fee Proposition 218 Hearing

Deputy Director Adrienne Heinig: Summarized background of rate study and fee development, Prop 218 process, and recommendations. No written majority protest exists.

Mayor Neville opened the public hearing.

- Elaine Roberts Musser: Inflation and increased tipping fees at landfill help explain increases in cost.
- William Schoen: No real justification for extension of Recology contract for additional 2 years. Should conduct a competitive procurement process as is industry best practice; will result in lower rates.
- Eric Davis: Appears that major justification for increase is because of detailed rate study from 2023 that showed 18.8% entitlement to Recology. Need more detail about Recology contract and increase in tipping fees.

Mayor Neville closed the public hearing.

L. Deos moved, seconded by J. Chapman, to approve Resolution No. 26-004 - Enacting Modification to City of Davis Customer Rates for Solid Waste Service Fees Effective February 1, 2026. Motion passed by the following vote:
AYES: Chapman, Deos, Vaitla, Neville
NOES: None
ABSENT: Partida

9. AB 1234 Reporting. None

10. Long Range Calendar
D. Dunston: Next meetings will be January 13 and 20.

Public comments:

- Ron Glick: Congratulate new mayor and thank prior mayor for service. Measure J/R/D amendment timing is problematic because previous council decided not to schedule it in 2024.
- Unnamed individual: Ask council to clarify what action was taken on rates.

11. Adjournment Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.