

MINUTES OF THE DAVIS CITY COUNCIL  
Special Meeting of August 24, 2012

The City Council of the City of Davis met in special session beginning at 9:10 a.m. at International House, 10 College Park Drive, Davis, California. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Krovoza.

Roll Call: Councilmembers Present: Lucas Frerichs, Joe Krovoza, Brett Lee, Rochelle Swanson, Dan Wolk

Councilmembers Absent: None

Other Officers Present: City Manager Steven Pinkerton, City Clerk Zoe Mirabile

Approval of Agenda      The agenda was approved by the following vote:  
AYES:              Frerichs, Krovoza, Lee, Wolk  
NOES:              None  
ABSENT:          Swanson

Brief Communications      None

Public Comments      David Greenwald: Distributed draft of proposed open government ordinance, modeled after the proposed Dixon ordinance; suggested Davis implement the same; requested Council agenda after City Attorney review.

R. Swanson arrived at 9:22 a.m.

Meeting Mechanics      Council discussed scheduling special topics and roundtable study sessions on fifth Tuesday weeks: October 30, 2012; January 29 and April 30, 2013.

Council discussed the start time of the meetings and by consensus decided to remain at 6:30 p.m.

Council discussed ceremonial presentations. Requested that presentations not be scheduled on the same night as a joint meeting or long agendas/closed sessions. J. Krovoza requested brief summaries, pre-determination of who will present proclamation or award, and a focus on community-based groups (rather than organizations from outside of Davis). Council consensus.

Council consensus on the following: move Council comments and the AB1234 to the end of the agenda with the long range calendar; City Manager comments will remain at the start; remove City Attorney comments.

Council request to agenda a check-in at an upcoming Council meeting regarding Rosenberg's Rules of Order.

Regarding the Long Range Agenda and Council Schedule: Council consensus to make all Tuesdays (except holidays) regular or on-call meeting days. Staff will follow up with a Resolution.

J. Krovoza noted several improvements he would like to see in the Community Chambers, including improved audio, lighting, larger screens, different microphones and more constant temperature. Council suggested bringing recommendations back and potentially hiring a consultant.

Council recessed at 11:30 a.m. and reconvened at 11:45 am.

#### Commission work plans

Commission workplans should be consistent and aligned with Council priorities. Staff will return to Council to suggest any obvious combining of scopes.

For reappointment requests, provide attendance information to Council.

The Council recessed at 12:34 p.m. and reconvened at 12:53 p.m.

Council would like to accept and consider all applications for commissions, regardless of residency. Staff directed to remove residency requirement from application form.

Council provided staff with administrative authority to approve moves from Alternate commissioner to Regular commissioner when there is a vacancy.

Staff should work with Council Liaisons to inter-jurisdictional bodies to brief them on relevant issues prior to meetings.

#### Communications

Administrative Analyst Stacey Winton and Deputy City Manager Kelly Stachowicz provided an update on plans for a citywide Facebook page and [www.nextdoor.com](http://www.nextdoor.com). Council requested periodic updates on communications efforts to ensure that communications foster transparency and focus on service delivery.

#### Council Goals 2010-12

Deputy City Manager Kelly Stachowicz provided an overview of the 2010-2012 goals and progress made to date.

B. Lee: Supports full discussion of all goals. Specifically:

- Affordable water program should have a plan when ballot measure is approved by Council.
- Pedestrian/bicycle safety; speed of cars and adherence to traffic laws- cyclists and pedestrians.
- West Village innovations. Council should consider a site visit to learn more.

L. Frerichs: Wants to look closely at community priorities—

services/programs. Focus economic development- revenue growth/job creation.

R. Swanson: With limited resources, need to prioritize and focus on what is achievable over 6-12 months. Focus on community engagement.

- Employee morale, overall climate in the City
- Communicate successes to community/outside.
- Analyze competing policies
- Improve transparency/communication.
- Expand local partnerships-identify top initiatives.

D. Wolk: Budget and fiscal sustainability are key. Need to involve community and employees in discussion.

- Employee morale
- Economic development
- Water
- Environmental measure, prioritize, set goals, actionable items

J. Krovoza: Priorities:

- Communications and Communications staffing
- Sustainability staffing
- Volunteers
- Grants- downtown university gateway as guide
- Infill development
- Sister city support

Staff will schedule a follow up retreat on Council Goals. City Manager Steve Pinkerton and Deputy City Manager Kelly Stachowicz will meet with Council members individually, receive goals and actions, and then bring to Council in the fall.

Adjournment Meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Zoe S. Mirabile, CMC  
City Clerk