

MINUTES OF THE DAVIS CITY COUNCIL
Meeting of March 5, 2013

The City Council of the City of Davis met in regular session beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Chambers, 23 Russell Boulevard, Davis, California. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Joe Krovoza.

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

Councilmembers Absent: None

Other Officers Present: City Manager Steve Pinkerton, City Attorney Harriet Steiner, City Clerk Zoe Mirabile

Approval of Agenda D. Wolk moved, seconded by R. Swanson, to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Closed Session City Council convened a closed session pursuant to Government Code §54954.5 to discuss the following: Conference with Real Property Negotiators:
Property: Yolo County Assessor's Parcel Numbers 70-560-01, 70-211-06, and 70-211-07
Agency negotiators: Community Development & Sustainability Director Ken Hiatt and City Attorney Harriet Steiner
Under negotiation: Price and terms of payment

City Council returned to open session at 6:35 p.m. with no reportable action.

Ceremonial Presentations Proclamation in Recognition of Red Cross Awareness Month March 2013 was presented by Councilmember Brett Lee.

City Manager Communications None

Public Comment • Joe Sherman: Filed lawsuit regarding jail time; want to schedule a meeting with the City Manager to discuss civil rights

Consent Calendar Eoff Phase II Conservation Easement Acquisitions
1. Approved Resolution No. 13-023 - Approving the Purchase and Sale Agreements for Acquisition of Agricultural Conservation Easements on the Eoff 160 Central and Eoff 160 West Farms and Authorizing the City Manager to Complete the Acquisition for the Purposes of Permanently Protecting the Agricultural Values and Open Space Character of the Properties
2. Authorized staff to execute Purchase and Sale Agreements and complete the acquisition of agricultural conservation easements on the Eoff 160 West and Eoff 160 Central Properties

3. Approved Budget Adjustment #130 (\$647,320) – transferring the City’s project funding into escrow for deposit and completion of the conservation easement project

Russell Boulevard California Black Walnut Trees – Funding Mistletoe Removal from 302 Trees

Approved Budget Adjustment #125 (\$28,690) – allocating Tree Preservation funds

Office of Emergency Services Reimbursement for Strike Team Services Summer 2012

Approved Budget Adjustment #128 (\$207,598) – appropriating OES funds

Commission/Task Force Minutes:

- a. Downtown Parking Task Force Meetings of December 13, 2012 and January 10, 2013
- b. Human Relations Commission Meetings of December 20, 2012 and January 10 and 24, 2013
- c. Historical Resources Management Commission Meeting of January 28, 2013
- d. Planning Commission Meetings of September 26, October 10 and 24, 2012

Informational

D. Wolk moved, seconded by L. Frerichs, to approve the consent calendar as listed above. Motion passed unanimously

Removed from Consent Calendar:

Item removed by R. Swanson.

R. Swanson: Thank techDAVIS for stepping forward with funding.

Partnership with techDAVIS for Technology Based Economic Development

Public comment:

Doby Fleeman: Thank Council for support of economic prosperity initiatives.

R. Swanson moved, seconded by D. Wolk, as follows:

1. Approve Resolution No. 13-024 - Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Three Year Contract with techDAVIS to Fund Fifty Percent of a Chief Innovation Officer Position
2. Approve job description for the position of Chief Innovation Officer
3. Approve Budget Adjustment #129 (\$80,000) – allocating the City’s portion of funding for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2012/13

Motion passed unanimously.

City Council Appointments to the Natural Resources Commission

Public comments:

- Anthony Samson, Shannon Morrissey, Josh Stoops and Matt Holland: Introduced themselves as commission applicants.
- Alana Troidle: Concern regarding natural gas leaks; Davis website should provide more information on responses to emergencies.

Council voted through use of a grid system:

Natural Resources Commission -- 2 Vacancies:								
1 Regular (2-yr term), & 1 Alternate (4-yr term)								
APPLICANT		LF	JK	BL	RS	DW	TOTAL	AP-POINTMENT
Last Name	First Name							
Hanson	Helen						0	
Holland	Matthew	X	X	X			3	Alternate
Locker	Nina						0	
McMullen	Robert						0	
Morrissey	Shannon						0	
Prahl	Jay						0	
Quinn	Patricia						0	
Ryan	Christopher						0	
Samson	Anthony				X	X	2	
Stoops	Joshua						0	
Truscott	Marq						0	
Williams	Matthew	X	X	X	X	X	5	Regular

City Council
Brief Communi-
cations

R. Swanson: March 9 is opening day for Davis Little League

Long Range
Calendar

S. Pinkerton: March 19—Labor negotiations Closed Session. North Davis channel discussion postponed to April.

City Council recessed at 7:09 p.m. and reconvened at 7:17 p.m.

Roundtable Dis-
cussion: Imple-
mentation of Fire
Audit Recom-
mendations –
Appropriate
Staffing Levels
in the Davis Fire
Department

Roundtable Discussion Participants:

City Manager Steve Pinkerton
Interim Public Safety Director Landy Black
UCD Vice Chancellor John Meyer
Interim Fire Chief Steve Pierce
Joe Tenney & Bobby Weist, Davis Professional Firefighters Local 3494
Scott Kenley, former Interim Fire Chief

S. Kenley: Continuance of discussion from January 29, 2013 meeting to address staffing levels. Presented proposed model, daily minimum staffing to 11.

Consider during 2013/14 budget:

- Identify and address the training, operational and policy needs necessary to transition from four-person station staffing to three-person engine and two-person rescue staffing.
- Effective July 1, 2013, implement three-person engine and two-person rescue staffing.

Public comments:

- Glen Burns, Bob Agee, Doug Hatten, Norbie Kumagai, Kevin Kelley, Sam Keebly, Jeff Malenowsky, and Alan Fernandes: Oppose reducing staffing; keep response quick, delayed response could lead to loss of property and life; dramatic increase in calls for service over last decade; superior service to community and firefighter safety with current staffing levels; Wildhorse neighborhood already outside of response time, should instead increase resources and reduce response times.
- David Greenwald: Firefighters are 1 of only 2 groups that have not reached concessions in labor negotiations; City is in continued fiscal peril.

City Council recessed at 9:01 p.m. and reconvened at 9:13 p.m.

Roundtable comments included:

- Bobby Weist: Firefighters have worked 12,000 overtime hours in 1 year. Department hasn't had a full-time Chief in nearly 4 years, important in trying to implement boundary drop.
- L. Frerichs: Looking for savings across all departments. Considering changes to policies during negotiations sets stage for conflict. \$360,000 annual savings could be achieved in another manner. Just starting process of boundary drop, still need to see how proceeds.
- D. Wolk: Support efforts to find long-term savings. Priority should be to not reduce service levels. Would like to see how changes that have already been initiated play out before proceeding further.
- B. Lee: Regardless of cost savings, what is the best model? Look at opportunities to improve delivery model while maintaining costs; possibly reconfigure station 1, change boundaries for better coverage. If able to maintain or reduce costs via current negotiations, will provide for option to keep current staffing levels.
- R. Swanson: If primarily medical calls, will better serve community with change in staffing. Would like to see status with boundary drop, standards of coverage.
- Landy Black: All models are worth considering; 2% of calls that firefighters respond to are fire calls, need flexibility to address all circumstances; priority is saving lives.
- John Meyer: Targeting July 1 for rolling out boundary drop.
- Steve Pierce: During budget, will bring back different options with timelines.

J. Krovoza moved, seconded by R. Swanson, that as a policy decision, City Council approves the audit report recommendation to transition from a four-person station staffing to three-person engine and two-person rescue staffing, a daily minimum staffing model of 11. Direct staff to check-in with Council prior to implementation and after boundary drop discussion, recognizing the process of hiring the new Fire Chief.

D. Wolk moved substitute motion, seconded by L. Frerichs, to set a deadline for Council consideration of all processes by June 30, 2013. Direct staff to return to Council with a report detailing options for Council deliberation, to include cost saving proposals and status update on boundary drop and MOU negotiations.

R. Swanson proposed friendly amendment to set May 14, 2013 as the check-in date. Accepted by mover and second.

S. Pinkerton: Goal is for Council to adopt a budget by June 25, 2013 that includes a final decision on staffing model.

Substitute motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment Meeting was adjourned at 10:29 p.m.

Zoe S. Mirabile, CMC
City Clerk