

MINUTES OF THE DAVIS CITY COUNCIL
Meeting of September 20, 2016

The City Council of the City of Davis met in regular session beginning at 5:15 p.m. in the Community Chambers, 23 Russell Boulevard, Davis, California. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Davis.

Roll Call:

Councilmembers Present: Will Arnold, Lucas Frerichs, Brett Lee, Rochelle Swanson, Robb Davis

Councilmembers Absent: None

Other Officers Present: City Manager Dirk Brazil, City Attorney Harriet Steiner

Approval of Agenda W. Arnold moved, seconded by L. Frerichs, 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:

A. Conference with Real Property Negotiators:

Property: Mace Boulevard, unincorporated area of Solano County (APN 110-060-090)

Agency Negotiators: City Attorney Harriet Steiner, City Manager Dirk Brazil, Assistant City Manager Mike Webb, Community Development Administrator Katherine Hess, Property Management Coordinator Tracie Reynolds

Negotiating Parties: David Hansen, Cathryn Nordstrom, and Stanley Hansen

Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment

B. Public Employee Performance Evaluation: City Manager

City Council returned to open session at 6:39 p.m. with no reportable action.

City Manager Announcements Dirk Brazil: UC Davis released a public meeting schedule for their Long Range Development Plan. Includes meetings on October 4-Campus, October 5-Farmers Market, October 6-Senior Center.

September 21-Discover Davis, hosted by Chamber of Commerce.

Next week staff and Commission Chairs will meet to discuss the city's Integrated Pest Management program, will report back on next steps.

City Council Announcements W. Arnold: Attended two meetings regarding Sports Parks and work of the Task Force. Meeting at Binning Track hosted by Yolo Supervisor Saylor. Recreation and Park Commission community forum regarding Task Force report. Commission concurred with recommendation of report.

R. Swanson: September 20-Sun Power opening research and development facility in Davis, south of Mace Blvd. Research includes synergy with agriculture. September 21-Davis Roots holding community open house focusing on partnerships between city, university and upcoming programs.

B. Lee: Attended Water Resource Agency meeting in Woodland. Davis Downtown hosting street chalk fest on October 8.

L. Frerichs: Attended Sacramento Area Council of Governments Board meeting, extended offer of employment for new Executive Director, name to be released soon. Interim Director Kirk Troost serving from January-April 2017. September 21-Capitol Corridor Board meeting.

R. Davis and L. Frerichs met with staff, County Supervisors, and representatives from City of Woodland regarding Community Choice Energy Joint Powers Agency. JPA formation will be agendaized for Council action in October or November.

R. Davis: Opportunity to greet incoming international students at UCD. Over 160 incoming international students took bike ride through city. Collaboration between UC Davis Police Department and city bike/pedestrian staff. September 20-convocation of UC Davis Chancellor.

Public Comments

- Dan Fuchs: Surface water project has enabled city to repave many streets, appreciate commitment for striping to reflect new street standard lane width. Seeking reassurance that will happen.
- Alan Miller: Large influx of homeless into Olive Drive neighborhood. A small structure has been built attached to side of fence, and an open flame has been in use, hidden by mass of dry brush. Fire hazard and serious public safety issue. Pile of brush is still in place.
- Lisa Rogers: Soon there will be 41 houses built on Grande Avenue; twice as many cars will using Catalina and F Street. Need some kind of traffic calming on Catalina, either stop sign or speed bump.
- Roger Gambatese: Support traffic calming on Catalina.

Consent Calendar

Emergency Operations Plan
Approved Resolution No. 16-135 - Approving the City of Davis Emergency Operations Plan Revision

Memorandum of Understanding with the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 6949 for Continued Use of the Veterans Memorial Center
Approved Resolution No. 16-136 - Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into a Memorandum of Understanding with the VFW Post 6949

Environmental Documents and Grant Application Associated with Public Accessibility Improvements at South Fork Preserve

1. Approved Resolution No. 16-137 - Authorizing the City Manager to Certify the Initial Study/ Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Public Accessibility Improvements at South Fork Preserve, Approve the Project as a Project Under the California Environmental Quality Act, and File a Notice of Determination with the Yolo County Recorder's Office, Assuming No Negative Public Comments Are Received
2. Approved Resolution No. 16-138 - Approving the Application for Grant Funds From the Habitat Conservation Fund Program, to Help Fund Public Accessibility Improvements at South Fork Preserve, a City-Owned Nature Preserve Adjacent to the South Fork of Putah Creek at County Road 104
3. Approved Budget Adjustment #22 (\$480,000) – allocating Open Space Tax and Open Space Development Impact Fee Funds

City of Davis Response to Yolo County Grand Jury Report on the Yolo Habitat Conservancy

Approved Resolution No. 16-139 - Authorizing the Mayor to Sign and Send, on Behalf of the City Council, a Response to the Presiding Judge Overseeing the Yolo County Grand Jury Report on the Yolo Habitat Conservancy

Recreation and Park Commission Minutes (action items)

Received Commission Minutes as informational and approved the following commission recommendations:

1. April 21, 2016: Approved the continuation of the pilot Pickleball program as a permanent offering by the City at Covell and Slide Hill Parks
2. June 16, 2016: Approved the 2016-2017 Work Plan for the Recreation and Park Commission

Commission Minutes:

1. Bicycling, Transportation and Street Safety Commission Meeting of July 14, 2016
2. Recreation and Park Commission Meetings of July 21, August 18 and September 1, 2016

Informational

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

Public Hearing: Administrative Aide Adrienne Heinig: Summarized allocations and projects conducted in partnership with local organizations; served 5,000 households.
CAPER for Program Year 2015

Mayor Davis opened the public hearing, and after no comments, closed the public hearing.

R. Swanson moved, seconded by W. Arnold, to approve Resolution No. 16-140 - Authorizing the City Manager to Submit Program Year 2015 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (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. Motion passed unanimously.

Fifth Street
Corridor Reconfiguration – Update

Senior Civil Engineer Roxanne Namazi: Collected data showed traffic volumes west of railroad tracks down by approximately 19%, east of tracks up by 20%. North of Fifth down, south went up. East of F Street went up 20%. Traffic has disbursed to several streets.

Collected bicycle and pedestrian volumes at intersections. Bicycle volume has increased 2-3 times; pedestrian no significant change. Changed posted speed limit from 35 to 25, critical speed has reduced to approximately 30. Will continue to collect additional data throughout corridor.

Public comments

- Eric Gudz: Research scientist UCD, willing to provide details of research. Conducted additional counts and looked at travel times along corridor. Travel times for personal autos reduced by 8-12 seconds. Efficiency of route increased.
- Alan Miller: Concern, small sample volume. Bicycle traffic has increased, so surprised that collisions have only increased slightly. Data should not be misinterpreted as failure of redesign. Should extend design down to Pole Line Road as soon as possible.
- Dan Fuchs: Small sample size, hard to draw conclusions. If project had resulted in disproportionately more collisions, then would be concerned. Should continue experiment and collect more data.
- Roger Gambatese: Lighting at intersection of D and Fifth should be re-configured. Lighting should be located where bicycles enter intersection, not leave intersection. Going east on Fifth St, approaching D, no lighting on corner where bicycle would enter.
- Ann Marie Soika: Should compare report to what we were expecting to accomplish. One of the major objectives was to decrease accidents. Need to analyze what we did and did it accomplish goals.

Council comments included:

R. Swanson:

- Request comparison of goal/objective from outset of project; were they accomplished?
- May need to look at increasing lights, stop signs may not be adequate to control traffic on C and D Streets.

- Request timing of counts as well as population counts (increased student population). Same timeframes for data collection.
- Recommend staff solicit feedback from Davis Downtown and Chamber of Commerce.
- Concern over blocked access on C and D impacting Fire Department response to I-80. Look at feasibility of putting stoplights at Fire Station.

B. Lee:

- Look at protected pedestrian refuges for people trying to walk north-south on Fifth Street. Request staff come back with proposals, analysis of whether appropriate, estimate of cost.
- Hard to see pedestrians crossing, especially with large amount of tree canopy and large structures. Interested in staff analysis of lighting.

L. Frerichs:

- Support staff returning with updated information on possibility of pedestrian refuges.
- Should continually monitor, have regular check-ins, make improvements as necessary.

W. Arnold: Support analysis of lighting.

R. Davis:

- Request analysis of how fire station is configured, lighting, pedestrian refuges.
- Level of service analysis might be helpful on C and D Streets.
- Interested in information regarding severity of crashes, pre and post.
- Right hooks—what are best practices for dealing with right hooks in urban environment?

Cannery Grade Separated Crossing Options Feasibility Study

Assistant City Engineer Brian Mickelson: Summarized options for the Covell Blvd. Bike Path Connection and Slope Enhancement project.

Council Subcommittee Davis/Lee: Discussed alternative designs. Intent is to maximize users in safe manner.

Public comments:

- Alan Hirsch: Suggest complete crossing on F Street, provide space for turning. Need directional signs for bicycle users. In interim, need to fix bike lanes on Covell, end 200 feet away from end of street.
- Trish Price, Bike Davis: Hook on east side is going to create problems, needs to be designed by firm with modern path design experience. Hawk actuators need to be conveniently located by bicyclists as well as pedestrians.
- Alan Miller: Doesn't solve problem, don't believe people will use it. Underwhelmed by Dutch intersection. Urge Council not to approve.
- Noay Guterrez: Options not straight forward and do not have infinite resources. Request Council pay careful attention to design from top of bridge to

F Street corner. Regarding F Street crossing to park—can there be more efficient path from crossing to school?

- Dan Fuchs: Questioned need for north facing section on far west end, will be inconvenient as configured. Suggest improving crossing at J Street and H Street tunnel.

W. Arnold moved, seconded by L. Frerichs, to direct staff to:

1. Proceed with the design effort of the Covell Blvd. Bike Path Connection and grade reduction enhancement
2. Approve Budget Adjustment #17 (\$245,000) – allocating Cannery Community Enhancement Funding-Traffic to proceed with final design and environmental clearance of the recommended project

Motion passed unanimously.

By consensus, Council directed staff to proceed carefully with the design and agendize for Bicycling, Transportation & Street Safety Commission review. Return to Council with update on Covell Corridor in the fall.

City Council
Brief Commu-
nications

None

Long Range
Calendar

R. Davis: October 18 meeting will not be held, regular meeting on October 25 instead.

D. Brazil: October 4-Public comment timing. December 6—Entertainment permit review. Request from Councilmembers to agendize panhandling discussion. Staff will schedule for Council after Human Relations and Social Services Commissions review.

R. Swanson: Potential traffic calming measures on Catalina related to Grande development.

D. Brazil: Will look into

L. Frerichs: Request health of downtown workshop. Issues of cleanliness, recycle/waste containers, empty store fronts, panhandling.

R. Swanson: Support. Invite downtown businesses.

D. Brazil: Significant projects underway. Staff will determine best way to move forward.

R. Davis: Big picture view, then bring back specifics for individual projects later.

R. Swanson: Suggest on call meeting date used for workshop

R. Davis: Council consensus. Special meeting with one item.

H. Steiner: Benecia City Council voted tonight to unanimously deny Valero project.

R. Swanson: Request reschedule City Manager evaluation.

L. Frerichs: Not available October 4. Council agreed to reschedule. Special meeting, whenever Council available, not Tuesday evening.
D. Brazil: Staff will check Council calendars.

Adjournment Meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Zoe S. Mirabile
City Clerk