MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE DAVIS CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 17, 2006

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


Councilmembers Absent: None.

Other Officers Present: City Manager James Antonen, City Attorney Harriet Steiner, Deputy City Clerk Zoe Mirabile.

Approval of Agenda

T. Puntillo moved, seconded by D. Saylor, approval of the agenda as submitted. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Greenwald, Puntillo, Saylor, Souza, Asmundson.

NOES: None.

Ceremonial Presentation of Proclamations Honoring SACOG Award Recipients

Mayor Asmundson presented Proclamations Honoring the following SACOG Award Recipients:

1. Elizabeth Kemper, Yolo County LAFCO Director, for Receiving the Sacramento Area Council of Government’s Special Recognition Award.

2. Unitrans for Receiving the Sacramento Area Council of Government’s Regional Agency of the Year Award.

Consent Calendar

Resolution No. 06-09 - Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into Contract with Yolo County First Five to Administer the Retention Incentive Opportunity Project and Submit All Reporting Requirements for this Contract; Budget Adjustment #36. Approved.

Resolution No. 06-10 - Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into Contract with the California Department of Education to Administer a Centralized Eligibility List and Submit all Reporting Requirements for this Contract; Budget Adjustment #38. Approved.

Resolution No. 06-11 - Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Amendment No. 2 to the Consultant Agreement with Winzler & Kelly Consulting Engineers for Well 29 Quality Investigation; Budget Adjustment #37. Approved.

Ordinance Amending Section 22.08.310 of the Municipal Code of the City of Davis Relating to No Parking on Valencia Avenue. Introduced.

Ordinances Modifying the Municipal Code of the City of Davis Relating to the Intersection of Shasta Drive and Hampton Drive:


Commission Minutes:
Human Relations Commission Regular Meeting and City Council Joint Meeting of September 22, 2005.
Informational.

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City-UCD Student Liaison Commission Regular Meetings of November 9 and December 7, 2005.
Informational with the following exception: December 7, 2005: Item 6 – Approve formation of standing subcommittee entitled Police-Student Relations Subcommittee.

Ordinances Modifying the Municipal Code of the City of Davis Relating to No Parking 2 a.m. to 6 a.m. within the Core Area and Along Russell Boulevard:
1. Ordinance No. 2235 - Amending Section 22.08.340 Relating to No Parking Except Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays.
2. Ordinance No.2236 - Amending Section 22.08.350 Relating to No Parking on Tuesdays.
3. Ordinance No. 2237 - Amending Section 22.08.360 Relating to No Parking on Thursdays.
4. Ordinance No. 2238 - Amending Section 22.08.365 Relating to No Parking on Fridays.
Adopted (Introduced 1/10/06).

T. Puntillo moved, seconded by S. Souza, approval of the consent calendar as submitted. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Greenwald, Puntillo, Saylor, Souza, Asmundson.
NOES: None.

Council, City Manager and City Attorney Communications

a. City-County 2x2
Councilmember Saylor attended the City-County 2x2 meeting which included an overview of the County Development Impact Fee Study.

b. City Council & City-UCD Student Liaison Commission Joint Meeting
Councilmember Souza reported on the joint meeting between the City Council and the City-Student Liaison Commission where discussion focused on the commission workplan and formation of a standing subcommittee regarding police-student relations.

c. Senior Citizens Commission
Mayor Pro Tem Greenwald attended the Senior Citizens Commission and received a presentation on senior population statistics.

Public Comments
Greg Russell, City-UCD Student Liaison Commission/ASUCD, spoke regarding the joint meeting with the City Council wherein topics were identified for continued discussion, namely, an entertainment partnership, efforts to increase voter turnout, and parking and lighting issues. Russell spoke in opposition to a comment at the joint meeting which indicated students are a negative economic impact to Davis, and stated students are an integral part of the community.

Avi Singh and Rob Roy, ASUCD, also spoke in opposition to comment regarding negative economic impact by UCD students. They stated students provide a positive
cultural, intellectual and economic contribution to the city, and requested a formal retraction and apology.

Anne Evans requested the inclusion of disabled participants in the planning and presentation of community events such as the Martin Luther King, Jr., Celebration.

Joanne White, Jim Kane and Raider Johnson, Jr., spoke in support of the Police Department. They relayed personal experiences wherein the police provided fast and efficient service, and stated the department is well run and professional with a youth academy that is effective and personally rewarding.

Michael Levy requested Council provide a full, deliberative process regarding analysis of options for charter city status.

The following were applicants to the Natural Resources Commission: Roger Bockrath; Herman Boschken; Charles Ehrlich; Darcie Houck; Adrienne Kandel (current alternate) and Michael Lindquist.

City Council voted through use of a grid system. Mayor Asmundson announced the votes cast as follows:

- Greenwald: Regular: Kandel; Alternate: Boschken
- Puntillo: Regular: Kandel; Alternate: Boschken
- Saylor: Regular: Kandel; Alternate: Houck
- Souza: Regular: Kandel; Alternate: Boschken
- Asmundson: Regular: Kandel; Alternate: Houck

As a result of the votes cast, Adrienne Kandel was appointed as a regular member and Herman Boschken was appointed as an alternate member.

City Manager James Antonen detailed amendments to the proposed lease.

Housing Programs Manager Danielle Foster summarized the proposal from Davis Community Meals for a cold weather shelter at Fifth and D Streets to operate through April 2006, which would then be used as transitional housing. Neighborhood outreach was conducted including mailing notices to all neighbors within 500 feet, conduction of neighborhood meetings, and Planning and Social Services Commission meetings where discussion focused on alleviating neighborhood concerns and providing mitigation measures.

Bill Pride, Rosanna Zatts, Lynn Zander and Jerry Kaneko spoke as representatives from Davis Community Meals. They spoke in support of neighborhood acceptance for the proposed shelter and relayed information regarding operational activities.

Brad Schafer, Mike Harrington, and Richard Cipian spoke in support of proposed shelter. They stated neighborhood concerns have been addressed by staff and Davis Community Meals and requested Council work towards providing additional shelter services during the winter.

Cindy Berger, Grace in Action, spoke in support of proposed shelter and read a letter in support from Bill Hobbit, Davis Community Church.
Tom Cross spoke in opposition to the proposed shelter, and stated the shelter houses only a limited number of people who may loiter and deface the neighborhood after the shelter reaches capacity.

Steve Jerome Wyatt stated the Davis homeless population is underreported as it is a transitional population and accurate statistics are difficult to tally.

T. Puntillo moved, seconded by S. Souza, the following:

1. Approval of Resolution No. 06-12 – Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement with Davis Community Meals for Lease of Home at 512 Fifth Street; and Resolution No. 06-13 – Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Interim Change in Use of 512 Fifth Street Property by Davis Community Meals.

2. Direction to Davis Community Meals to implement a daily voucher system in order to gain access to the shelter. Individuals with a voucher shall be permitted to arrive at the Fifth Street Shelter when it opens at 6pm, with other interested individuals directed to wait at 1111 H Street until it is determined whether additional spaces are available.

3. Direction to Davis Community Meals to work with the Davis Police Department to enforce the no loitering policy for non-shelter residents at the 512 Fifth Street site and Davis Community Church. In addition, direct Davis Community Meals to inform the Police Department when instances occur where individuals are not permitted into or are expelled from the shelter due to intoxicated or unpredictable behavior.

4. Direction to Davis Community Meals to conduct a neighborhood check-in with the surrounding residential blocks, including the 400 and 500 D Street blocks, the Davis Fire Station, as well as the Davis Community Church, after the cold weather shelter has been open for three to four weeks.

5. Direction to staff to provide a follow-up report to the City Council after April 2006 discussing shelter operation, neighborhood issues that emerge, and Davis Community Meals’ request regarding future use of the site. Based on that informational report and a staff assessment of community needs for homeless services, options will be considered for future cold weather shelters.

D. Foster indicated the approved amended lease includes the ability for inspection of the property by the Fire and Building Departments.

The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Greenwald, Puntillo, Saylor, Souza, Asmundson.

NOES: None.

Report on Ongoing Changes to the Police

City Manager James Antonen reported on initiatives which will be undertaken to address concerns of the community and to enhance Police Department operations. These include increased staff training; an annual presentation to the Council on statistics regarding crime rates, citizens complaints, enforcement data, etc.; and establishment of a Citizen Advisory Board and Police Advisory Committee.

The Citizen Advisory Board will be selected by the Police Chief, subject to City Manager approval, and consist of 12 people representing a cross-section of the community based on race, religion, gender, representation such as the business community and other factors. The Board will meet with the Police Chief on a monthly basis and maintain an open and sustained dialogue on issues of mutual concern.
The Police Advisory Committee will be a three-member panel appointed by the City Manager consisting of leaders in the justice system to serve as a liaison on police issues. The Committee will meet on quarterly basis and review fully adjudicated police complaints/investigations looking for trends and thoroughness of investigations.

Jim Pearson, Bob Glenn, Cindy Schultz, Suzanne Smith, Rod Seffer, Marilyn Bailey, Joanne White, Ben Norman, Ken Bernard, and Jim Kang relayed personal experiences working with and receiving services from the Police Department; and spoke in support of the Department and proposed initiatives. Statements included: Police Department has demonstrated dedication to serving citizens; a three-member advisory panel will ensure an open and transparent process; an independent review board will provide justice free from personal and societal prejudice; caution regarding establishing too many regulatory groups; and a citizens review board would not be able to provide services that professionals would.

Anne Evans requested inclusion of a representative with disability and substance abuse awareness within the Police Advisory Committee.

Jann Murray-Garcia, Blacks for Effective Community Action, stated public professions need public accountability; the current complaint process is intimidating, burdensome and injurious; and requested an independent citizens review board.

Cecilia Escamillia-Greenwald and Hamza El-Nakhal, Human Relations Commission, requested Council agendize discussion of commission recommendation to establish a citizen review board.

J. Antonen outlined the methods available to the Human Relations Commission for agendizing an item.

Analysis of Charter City Options and Possible Next Steps Assistant City Manager Bill Emlen provided background and initial staff analysis on the charter city issue, including the Governance Task Force recommendation of 2004. He explained the potential benefits are weighty enough for further investigation, and outlined timelines for a possible ballot measure.

S. Souza moved, seconded by D. Saylor, appointment of a Council Subcommittee consisting of Councilmembers Saylor and Souza to work in conjunction with the City Attorney and city staff on drafting a charter for submittal on a future ballot measure. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Puntiilo, Saylor, Souza, Asmundson.
NOES: Greenwald.

Continued Council Communications

d. SMUD Subcommittee By consensus, Councilmember Souza was appointed to replace Mayor Asmundson on the SMUD Council Subcommittee.

Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m. to the next regularly scheduled meeting.

ZOE S. MIRABILE
Deputy City Clerk