

MINUTES OF THE DAVIS CITY COUNCIL
Special Meeting of April 12, 2007

The City Council of the City of Davis met in special meeting session beginning at 7:23 p.m. in the Senior Center, 646 A Street, Davis, California. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Greenwald.

Roll Call: Councilmembers Present: Ruth Asmundson, Lamar Heystek, Don Saylor, Stephen Souza, Sue Greenwald

Councilmembers Absent: None

Other Officers Present: City Manager Bill Emlen, Deputy City Clerk Zoe Mirabile

Approval of Agenda S. Souza moved, seconded by D. Saylor, approval of the City Council agenda as submitted. Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Asmundson, Heystek, Saylor, Souza, Greenwald

NOES: None

Public Comment None

Resolution in Support of Assembly Bill 1294 to Allow Local Jurisdictions to Implement Choice Voting City Manager Bill Emlen explained this item was brought forward at a special meeting because it is time sensitive due to the scheduled State Assembly hearing to discuss the bill. He provided a brief summary of the bill, which presents cities with options to initiate alternative voting procedures without requiring charter city status.

Joseph Stewart, Davis Citizens for Representation, stated AB1294 will probably require revisions due to technical issues regarding implementation of choice voting.

David Cary stated AB1294 provides relief from the current state restrictions on the conduction of elections by local jurisdictions.

Jerry Adler, Governance Task Force, cautioned that the overly technical language of the legislation may hamper the passage of it. In addition, he requested city representation at the State Assembly hearing.

D. Saylor moved, seconded by S. Souza, approval of Resolution No. 07-051 – Supporting Assembly Bill 1294 to Allow Local Jurisdictions to Implement Choice Voting.

R. Asmundson proposed a friendly amendment to direct staff to write a letter expressing concerns regarding the lack of clarity in the language of the bill, and to designate a city representative to attend the State Assembly hearing. Accepted by mover and second.

S. Souza proposed a friendly amendment to direct staff to send the resolution to all members of the State Elections and Redistricting Committee. Accepted by D. Saylor.

Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Asmundson, Heystek, Saylor, Souza, Greenwald

NOES: None

Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Zoe S. Mirabile
Deputy City Clerk