

MINUTES OF THE DAVIS CITY COUNCIL
Meeting of August 1, 2007

The City Council of the City of Davis met in regular and special session beginning at 8:30 a.m. in the Community Chambers, 23 Russell Boulevard, 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, City Attorney Harriet Steiner, City Clerk Margaret Roberts

Approval of Agenda S. Souza moved, seconded by R. Asmundson to approve the agenda with the removal of above mentioned item. Motion passed unanimously.

Brief Communications Members of the City Council made various announcements including local and regional events, and various meetings with other agencies that they attended.

Long Range Calendar:

September adjustments will be made moving the Fire Staffing to September 18 and moving goals and city survey to September 11. The Tank House EIR will most likely be moving to October 2.

S. Souza moved, seconded by D. Saylor to accept the long range calendar adding the two above mentioned items.

AB1234 Reporting:

D. Saylor and R. Asmundson attended a League of California Cities meeting.

Public Comment

Comments and concerns expressed by citizens:

- D. Berman spoke regarding consent calendar items the public power resolution and the proclamation of appreciation of Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E) for its contribution to the Street Smarts Program. He requested that the PG&E item be held over until after the Council recess.
- J. Becket, Hattie Weber Museum Interim Director, read a letter regarding the museum and its history.

Consent Calendar

Resolution 07-140 in continuing support of public power

Approved

Resolution 07-141 authorizing the City Manager to execute agreement with Valley Instrumentation for equipment instrumentation services of wastewater treatment plant and collections services, Program Nos. 7312, 7313 and 7414

Approved

Resolution 07-142 certifying the code enforcement cost accounting report of unpaid administrative citation fines, abatement penalties, and reinspection fees and assessing affected parcels for penalties and requesting inclusion of the charges on the Yolo County secured tax roll in the same manner as general taxes

Approved

Resolution 07-143 fixing tax rate for Community Facilities District 2007-2 (East Davis Mace Ranch Area II) for the fiscal year 2007-2008; and certification of special tax

Approved and authorized Mayor to sign certification

Resolution 07-144 establishing City Council meeting dates for legislative year 2007-2008

as amended
Approved

Second Reading: Ordinance 2298 amending Chapter 34 of the Davis Municipal Code to add Article 34.06 and to adopt and incorporate by reference Chapter 15 of Title 6 of the Yolo County Code concerning Tobacco Retail Permits
Adopted (Introduced 07/24/2007)

New job specifications – Administrative Operations Supervisor, Senior Engineer/Water, Utilities Engineer
Approved

Civic Arts Commission regular meeting minutes of June 11, 2007
Informational with exception of the following action item: Approve Commission request to initiate a competition for designing a City of Davis flag, with program goals, details, and outreach subject to City Council review and approval prior to implementation

Historical Resources Management Commission special meeting minutes of June 4, 2007
Informational

Natural Resources Commission regular meeting minutes of May 16, 2007
Informational

Planning Commission regular meetings minutes of April 11 and June 27, 2007
Informational

Treasurer's report for the quarter ended June 30, 2007
Informational

City Council minutes from the regular meetings of July 17 and 24, 2007
Approved

Resolution 07-145 approving final map for Shepherds Close, Subdivision No. 4909 and authorizing the City Manager to execute the Subdivision Agreement (Rhode/Shepherds Close L.P.)
Approved

D. Saylor moved, seconded by R. Asmundson, approval of the consent calendar as listed above. Motion passed by the following votes:

AYES: Asmundson, Heystek Saylor, Souza, Greenwald
NOES: None

Items removed from consent Calendar Main motion by L. Heystek, seconded by S. Greenwald to move forward with the proclamation but to send an inquiry regarding PG&E hiring Digistream to conduct surveillance for PG&E connected with the public power campaigns.

Substitute motion by S. Greenwald, seconded by D. Saylor to have staff look into the matter and bring it back at a later date. The motion passed unanimously.

Proclamation in appreciation of Pacific Gas and Electric Company for its contribution to the City of Davis 2006-2007 Street Smarts Campaign
Ceremonial

Item submitted by Councilmember Should the City enter into negotiations with representatives of Mace Covell Gateway, LLC to acquire the property known as Shriners (parcel # 071-130-01) a 228 acre site for the possible purposes of developing a regional park, emphasizing active play fields for youth sports, organic farms and a passive habitat buffer?

S. Souza advised that this came to him via discussions with a neighbor regarding a sports park. He also had discussions with the property owners of the Shriners property to see if they were willing to sell. He would like the Council to determine if staff should look into the acquisition of this property for the purpose of a sports park.

G. Phillips representing Steve Guidaro (Shriner property owner) was present to answer questions.

R. Asmundson moved for adjournment and with no second the motion died.

Main Motin by D. Saylor, seconded by S. Souza to direct staff to investigate the potential acquisition of the Shriners property and at the same time examine other locations adjacent to the city.

M. Dashka spoke in favor of a sports park in any location, but the city needs to move forward.

D. Greenwald asked what the rules would be if there would be a future Measure J vote should residential conversion. S. Souza advised that it would require a Measure J vote.

J. Belenis spoke in favor of a sports park in Davis and that the Council move quickly. He also suggested that the city staff look at what Carson City and Redding have done with sports parks.

Substitute motion by S. Greenwald, seconded by R. Asmundson to amend D. Saylor's motion to include as an equal weight for a sports park, discussions with the Signature property owners.

Substitute, substitute motion by D. Saylor, seconded by R. Asmundson to direct staff to enter into preliminary negotiations for acquisitions for the Shriners property as open space and to look into alternative sites for a sports park. The motion passed by the following votes:

AYES: Asmundson, Heystek Saylor, Souza, Greenwald
NOES: None

Adjournment

The meetings were adjourned at 10:19 a.m.

Margaret Roberts, CMC
City Clerk