

MINUTES OF THE DAVIS CITY COUNCIL
Meeting of December 11, 2007

The City Council of the City of Davis met in regular session beginning at 6:00 p.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

Closed Session The Council went into Closed Session regarding conference with legal counsel – Existing Litigation pursuant to subdivision (a) of Government Code §54956.9 in the matter of Waste Discharge requirements for city of Davis wastewater treatment plant; California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region Order No. R5-2007-0132; NPDES No. CA0079049.

The Council returned to open session at 6:40 with the following action:

The City Attorney is authorized to respond on behalf of the City against the petition filed by the California Sports Fishermen Alliance against the city's NPDES permit by the following votes:

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

Approval of Agenda D. Saylor moved, second by R. Asmundson, to approve the agenda. 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.

L. Heystek requested and by consensus of the Council, staff was directed to invite Atria Covell Gardens assisted living and the Covell Garden Resident's Association to participate in community mediation services regarding the rent increase that has been proposed.

Long Range Calendar:

- D. Saylor asked that a location of a cell tower on the city owned property at the water tank be agendaized (consensus was to bring this item forward).

AB1234 Reporting:

D. Saylor attended meeting Convergence on the work force and economic development.

Public Comments Comments and concerns expressed by citizens:

- J. Sherman regarding a settlement offer, which he is now retracting.
- T. Buehler Bicycle Davis regarding work being done on the list of requests the brought forward months ago.
- Rob Abdal discussed about the Hunt Boyer Mansion decision that was made by the City Council.
- J. Partansky talked about the orange trees at the Hunt Boyer Mansion that are being proposed to be removed. She requested that they be preserved and/or moved.

Budget Workshop

Long range financial planning framework was reviewed. Items discussed:

- Goal of long-range financial plan
- Review context for financial planning efforts
- Efforts undertaken since March 2007 workshop
- Framework for development of long-range strategy
- Options evaluated by city staff
- Preliminary staff recommendations
- Next steps

J. Troost thanked Paul Navazio for his leadership and hard work. Timing and educating the public are important.

E. Katir asked what the city of Berkeley is doing that the city of Davis is not in terms of property tax.

B. Weist, Fire Association President spoke to the response time of the fire department. The number of calls the department is receiving is increasing as well as the serious nature of the calls for service.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:59 p.m.

Margaret Roberts, MMC
City Clerk