

**MINUTES OF THE DAVIS CITY COUNCIL**  
**Meeting of April 1, 2008**

The City Council of the City of Davis met in regular session beginning at 5:45 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, Deputy City Clerk Zoe Mirabile

Closed Session City Council convened a closed session for conference with real property negotiators pursuant to subdivision (b) of the California Government Code §54954.5 to discuss the following:

A. Property: Staib Easement, APNs: 041-120-003 and 041-120-004  
Agency Negotiator: City Attorney Harriet Steiner; Open Space Planner Mitch Sears  
Negotiating Party: Georgette Staib Trust  
Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment

B. Property: APN 042-130-33  
Agency Negotiator: City Attorney Harriet Steiner, Public Works Director Bob Weir  
Negotiating Parties: John Felix Karrer and Dawn Marie Karrer, Trustees of Karrer Revocable Trust  
Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment of easement acquisition

City Council returned to open session at 6:31 with no reportable action. Mayor Greenwald announced that the City Council did not enter into discussion regarding the Staib Easement property.

Approval of Agenda S. Souza moved, second by R. Asmundson, approval of the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Ceremonial Presentations CCAC President Pamela McCarthy presented a City Clerks Association of California Exceptional Achievement Award to City Clerk Margaret Roberts.

- Mayor Greenwald presented the following:
- Proclamation Declaring April 13-19, 2008 as National Public Safety Telecommunications Week
  - Proclamation in Recognition of March 2008 as Red Cross Awareness Month
  - Proclamation in Recognition of May 2008 as Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month

Brief Communications Long Range Calendar:

- D. Saylor requested Council agendaize a report regarding vehicle traffic and bicycle safety on the Mace Boulevard / Interstate-80 interface.
- D. Saylor requested Council agendaize a Proclamation Recognizing May 2008 as Bike Everywhere Month.

- D. Saylor requested Council agenda discussion of installation of an Interstate-80 freeway sign for the purpose of generating advertising revenue to benefit the School District. City Manager Bill Emlen stated staff will prepare an introductory analysis for April 15, 2008.
- S. Souza requested Council direct the City Council Subcommittee on Commissions to discuss a request from the Davis Downtown Business Association (DDBA) to add an ex-officio member to the Business and Economic Development Commission. In addition, D. Saylor requested the Commission Subcommittee discuss allowing non-residents to serve on city commissions.

S. Souza moved, seconded by D. Saylor, reconsideration of the City Council position on expansion of the Yolo County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) Sphere of Influence map for the City of Davis, previously approved on February 26, 2008. Motion passed unanimously. B. Emlen stated staff will bring an update to City Council on May 6, 2008.

R. Asmundson moved, seconded by D. Saylor, to approve the long range calendar as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

AB1234 Reporting: None

Public Comments

None

Consent Calendar

Resolution 08-041 - Declaring Weeds Growing Upon Private Property Within the City of Davis to be a Public Nuisance: Directing the Chief of the Fire Department to Post or Mail Notice to Destroy Weeds, and Providing Notice of Hearing on Objections Thereto Pursuant to California Government Code, Article 12, Section 39560 Through 39588

Approved Resolution and scheduled a public hearing date on May 6, 2008, to hear objections to proposed removal

Resolution 08-042 - Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Amendment No. 1 to Consultant Agreement with Thomas Garner Company for Construction Support Services of Manor Pool Complex Rehabilitation, CIP No. 8796

Approved

Budget Adjustment #74 (\$105,000) – Allocating Downtown Business improvement District (DBID) Assessment Distribution to Davis Downtown Business Association (DDBA)

Approved

Budget Adjustment #77 (\$55,000) – Allocating Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Architectural Barriers Unspent Funds to the Yolo Community Care Continuum M Street Supportive Housing Rehabilitation Project

Approved

Commission Minutes:

1. Bicycle Advisory Commission Regular Meeting of January 14, 2008

Informational

2. Business and Economic Development Commission Regular Meeting of January 28, 2008

Informational

3. City/UCD Student Liaison Commission Regular Meeting of February 13, 2008

Informational

4. Civic Arts Commission Regular Meetings of January 14 and February 11, 2008  
Informational

5. Finance and Budget Commission Regular Meeting of February 11, 2008  
Informational

6. Human Relations Commission Regular Meeting of January 24, 2008  
Informational

7. Planning Commission Regular Meeting of February 27, 2008  
Informational

8. Safety and Parking Advisory Commission Regular Meeting of February 7, 2008  
Informational

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

Items removed from  
Consent:

Resolution Support-  
ing AB2101 and  
AB2370, Providing  
Protections for Res-  
idents of Residen-  
tial Care Facilities

Ordinance No. 2133  
– Rezoning Two  
Parcels at 555 and  
603 L Street from  
Commercial Service  
and Residential  
One-Family to Pub-  
lic/ Semi-Public  
(Davis Korean  
Church)

Item removed from consent calendar by L. Heystek.

Louise Heller and Shula Blumenthal spoke in support of the resolution and proposed Assembly bills.

L. Heystek moved, seconded by D. Saylor, approval of Resolution 08-043 - in Support of AB 2101 and AB 2370 which Provide Protections for Residents of Residential Care Facilities, with the amendment of adding the Assembly Committee on Human Services to the "Whereas" clause listing the recipients of the resolution. Motion passed unanimously.

Item removed from consent calendar by D. Saylor.

D. Saylor moved, seconded by R. Asmundson, adoption of Ordinance No. 2311 – Amending Chapter 40 of the Davis Municipal Code, Rezoning Two Parcels Located at 555 and 603 L Street, Consisting of Approximately 1.45 Acres, From Commercial Service (C-S) and Residential One-Family (R-1-6) to Public/Semi-Public (P-SP). Motion passed unanimously.

D. Saylor moved, seconded by R. Asmundson, reconsideration of the Conditional Use Permit for the Davis Korean Church project (555 and 603 L Street) to include a public hearing notice thereof, previously approved by City Council on March 18, 2008, and specifically, the provision requiring solar panels.

S. Greenwald moved substitute motion, seconded by L. Heystek, to clarify the language of the March 18, 2008 motion regarding the Conditional Use Permit solar panel requirement as follows: Direct staff to return to City Council for further discussion if solar panels prove infeasible. Motion failed by the following vote:

AYES: Heystek, Greenwald  
NOES: Asmundson, Saylor, Souza

Main motion passed by the following vote:

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

City Council recessed at 7:59 p.m. and reconvened at 8:13 p.m.

Continued Public Hearing: Resolution Adopting Negative Declaration for the Updated Housing Element

Housing Programs Manager Danielle Foster provided a synopsis of the updated Housing Element, and explained that State Housing Law requires cities to update their Housing Elements every five to six years to address provisions of sites to meet their Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA). The current planning period covered by this Housing Element is January 1, 2006 through June 30, 2013.

The General Plan/Housing Element Steering Committee was appointed by City Council to review both the Housing Element and its RHNA requirements, along with overall residential housing development through 2013. The final report of the Steering Committee will be presented to City Council on April 22, 2008. The sites considered by the Steering Committee do not include the sites projected for development in this current Housing Element update, with the exception of the New Harmony affordable housing project.

Mayor Greenwald opened the public hearing.

Kim Coontz, Yolo Mutual Housing Association, and Wendy Carter, Sacramento Mutual Housing Association, provided an update on the New Harmony affordable housing development.

Joe Sherman stated his civil suit against the city was dismissed by a Yolo County Superior Court Judge.

Eileen Samitz stated the General Plan/Housing Element Update Steering Committee is recommending UC Davis provide on-campus housing consisting primarily of high-density apartments instead of dormitories in order to accommodate a student's entire residency term.

Mayor Greenwald closed the public hearing.

R. Asmundson moved, seconded by S. Souza, approval of Resolution 08-044 – Adopting a Negative Declaration for the Updated Housing Element and Directing Staff to Submit the Draft Housing Element to the State Department of Housing and Community Development for Review and Certification for Final Action by the City Council Subsequent to State Certification. Motion passed unanimously.

Climate Action Plan – Greenhouse Gas Inventory and Status Update

Open Space Planner and Sustainability Program Manager Mitch Sears provided an update on activities related to development of the Davis Climate Plan, and outlined next steps.

Senior Utility Resource Specialist Richard Tsai presented information regarding the Davis Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory currently underway, and summarized existing reduction measures undertaken by the city and community at large.

L. Heystek requested Council agendaize a report on circulation patterns of electric vehicles, and means of increasing potential usage by the community. Council concurred. B. Emlen stated staff is already in the process of compiling this information, and will shortly present a report to City Council.

City Council recessed at 9:55 p.m. and reconvened at 10:05 p.m.

Presentation Regarding Integrated Pest Management

Integrated Pest Management Specialist Martin Guerena presented a report on integrated pest management policies and practices, and outlined potential strategies and concepts to enable the city to achieve minimum pesticide use while maintaining quality parks, greenbelts, and open spaces.

Discussion on City Use of General Electric Motors (GEM) Car Fleet

City Manager Bill Emlen and Deputy City Manager Kelly Stachowicz provided background on the city's electric vehicle fleet which has been utilized for the past six years. Fleet Manager Dan Doolan outlined the operational and maintenance costs of the current fleet consisting of 27 vehicles. K. Stachowicz explained that staff has analyzed the current fleet usage, and determined that approximately 9 cars may be sold or donated while maintaining current efficiency standards.

By consensus, City Council directed City Attorney Harriet Steiner to prepare a legal analysis regarding the possibility of the city conducting a GEM car raffle in order to raise money for the School District, or alternatively, the city donating a GEM car to the School District with the intent of the District conducting a raffle.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 p.m.

Zoe S. Mirabile, CMC  
Deputy City Clerk