

MINUTES OF THE DAVIS CITY COUNCIL Special Meeting of July 12, 2008

The City Council of the City of Davis met in regular session beginning at 8:37 a.m. at International House, 10 College Park, Davis, California. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Asmundson.

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

Councilmembers Absent: None

Other Officers Present: City Manager Bill Emlen, City Clerk Margaret Roberts

Approval of Agenda Moved and seconded (Souza/Saylor) to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments There were no public comments.

Review of 2007/2008 Goals and Objectives B. Emlen provided an overview and the status of the goals and objectives from 2007/2008.

Discussion of Potential 2008-2010 Goals and Objectives These would be examples of how you can go from general goal to being more specific. The current planning documents do not have a clear priority for the current goals. There was consensus to have specificity for objectives. How do the ideas that come from the community and commissions get included in the structure and don't get ignored?

Work on the wording of current goals:

- Aesthetics – should it be a separate goal
- Change Ensure top quality fire, police, and emergency services to read/include achieve high quality public health and safety

New goals:

- Embark on General Plan and coordinate planning efforts
- Enhance effective civic engagement

Eliminate the following current goals:

- Achieve long-term financial stability

The 9 Strategic Goals

#1 - Maintain and improve the infrastructure

- Submit to the City Council the first 5-year Capital Improvement Plan
- Surface Water Project (Remove tasks completed and add next steps)
- Wastewater Treatment Plant Project (Remove tasks completed and add next steps)
- Bicycle Mater Plan (Remove first draft of Bicycle Master Plan update and the remaining items will remain as on-going)
- Howat Ranch Project
- Youth sports complex
- Update Parks and Facilities Master Plan
- Complete comprehensive citywide parking needs study
- Work with UC Davis on mitigations of LRDP impacts
- Improve traffic safety in the downtown corridor
- Identify ways to improve bike paths, roadways and sidewalks

- Preserve Natural Resources
- Five year RDA improvement plan

Items that could possibly go under this goal that will need further discussion

- Review the projects for the federal and state funding through Yolo County Transportation

#2 - Achieve long-term financial stability

- Develop and present to the City Council a work plan/timeline for maintaining or replacing existing revenue sources
- Conduct community wide engagement process on revenues and services and alternative means of creating sustainable long term financial planning
- Develop a long-term phased in strategy for addressing unfunded liabilities
- Unfunded Liabilities – Develop policy and funding strategies to address City's unfunded liability related to other post-employment benefits, with the goal of funding the full annual required contribution rate by 2015
- Capital Budget – Complete development of citywide five-year capital improvement plan, ensuring that priority capital infrastructure needs are addressed within both capital and operating funding constraints
- Long-Range Financial Planning – Implement long-range financial strategy to address renewal of sales tax and replacement of the Parks Maintenance Tax as well as possible funding to address priority unmet needs, while ensuring that cumulative impact of City taxes, assessments and service fees over the City's financial planning horizon do not place undo burden on residents and businesses
- Cost Recovery Policy – Develop a citywide policy on cost-recovery to guide implementation of the indirect cost allocation plan, including level of reimbursements to the General Fund and full-costing of all city services
- Multi-Year Budget – Assess merits of implementing a multi-year budget, in support of two-year goals, objectives and department work plans as well as enhance focus on long-term fiscal stability through the budget process
- Develop a plan for making the labor negotiation process as public as legally possible
- Enhance Destination Davis
- Signage strategy

Items that could possibly go under this goal that will need further discussion

- Work for a sustainable total compensation
- Hire a professional labor negotiator

#3 - Enhance the vitality of downtown

- Take action on an exclusive negotiating agreement with a private development entity regarding Third, Fourth, E & F Streets
- Present to the City a proposal for partnership to develop a Nelson Gallery within downtown
- PG&E Service Yard Redevelopment Project
- Hotel / conference facility project: Facilitate development of downtown hotel/conference center
- Bicycle Museum Project: Facilitate development of a Bicycle Museum
 - Develop options for locations and concepts for a Bicycle Museum or adjacent to the downtown area
- Hunt Boyer and Tankhouse
 - Establish plan to use Hunt Boyer and tankhouse plaza for increased activity and synergy downtown
 - Finalize and certify the tankhouse EIR

- Support efforts to create and promote the Gateway Corridor
- Improve parking and directional signage to and in downtown
- Create a nice Sister-City park entrance to Davis / Downtown
- Encourage more downtown outside dining

Items that could possibly go under this goal that will need further discussion

- Work

#4 - Provide a mix of high-quality housing to meet community needs

- Consider the rights and responsibilities Lamar's (Sheet 8)
- Update the 2003 Housing Needs Assessment to address changed conditions
- Process Grande school site planning application expeditiously and in partnership with DJUSD
- Work with DJUSD as active partners in consideration of the best uses for the Nugget Fields and DJUSD Administration building sites
- Ensure that the cumulative mix of new housing units addresses true community housing needs, mitigates all impacts, and provides sufficient revenues to address both infrastructure and service needs (combine and reword with the following bullet)
- Review the cost burden of city policy requirements on new housing and consider approaches to achieve the goals in a cumulative approach rather than requiring each individual project to address all policy objective (combine and reword with the previous bullet)

#5 - Conserve natural resources and protect the environment

- Present to the City Council for action on the enforcement for non-compliance of the parking lot shade ordinance – be more proactive
- Present to the City Council for action recommendations of the BAC to be implemented
- Update the IPM Plan
- Develop Wildlife and Agricultural Resources Inventory and Monitoring Plan
- Develop focused implementation on policies and action for the Davis Greenway Concept, including locally based sustainable farms at the city's edge
- Complete the Putah Creek Interpretive Area
- Complete Community Greenbelt resolutions with Woodland and Winters
- Discuss adoption of a water conservation and recycling ordinance
- Act on the recommendations of the NRC and the PW department regarding global warming, air quality and reduction of our carbon footprint, including a ban on polystyrene
- Complete the Climate Action Team efforts by December 2008
- Adopt a Green Building Ordinance by September 2008
- Develop and implement an energy efficiency program and explore financing sources including rebates, loan and third party sources
- Begin to develop a plan for a community wide energy generation including but not limited to biomass and photovoltaic
- Consider eliminating plastic bags and polystyrene in the City of Davis

#6 - Ensure organizational strength

- Work with department heads to identify employees with potential to become first time managers/supervisors or current managers with skills for increased management responsibilities and begin an active training program to build a future management team
- Develop and implement performance-based evaluation system for department heads

- Develop living wage ordinance for city contracts and contract workers

#7 - Promote economic development

- Enhance "Destination Davis"
- Develop strategies to site student-friendly, late-evening businesses in Davis
- Develop a Green Business Parks/Zones
- Continue work to ensure sustainability of Westlake Shopping Center
- Locate a Trader Joe's in Davis (re-word)
- Complete Eighth Street Corridor Improvements and continue to pursue to fill vacancy in Davis Manor

#8 – Public Safety and health

- Review approaches and standards for response times for fire and medical calls throughout the city. Determine funding source for fourth fire station/fourth engine company
- Plan for location of firing range and public safety training facility
- Explore funding options for city-owned ladder truck and feasibility of acquisition
- Continue to evaluate police and fire operational models for maximum efficiency and service capability.
- Focus on community concerns over youth issues/ crime and traffic safety and to participate actively in a county wide reduction in youth substance
- Promote youth, adult and senior citizens' programs, parks, and other actions, such as planning that improve the health of the citizenry
- Focus on the City emergency preparedness efforts

#9 - Enhance effective civic engagement

- Ensure organizational strength for superior constituent services (increased responsiveness to citizen requests, increased communication with citizens through multimedia, etc.

#10 – Embark on General Plan and coordinate planning efforts

The retreat subcommittee will work on the two new goals and bring back suggestions to the entire City Council.

Adjournment

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:19 p.m.

Margaret S. Roberts, MMC
City Clerk