

MINUTES OF THE DAVIS CITY COUNCIL  
Meeting of February 17, 2009

The City Council of the City of Davis met in regular session beginning at 6:37 p.m. in the Community Chambers, 23 Russell Boulevard, Davis, California. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Asmundson.

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

Councilmembers Absent: Lamar Heystek

Other Officers Present: City Manager Bill Emlen, City Attorney Harriet Steiner, City Clerk Zoe Mirabile

Approval of Agenda D. Saylor moved, seconded by S. Souza, approval of the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Ceremonial Presentation The Council presented Golden Heart Awards Recognizing Outstanding Youth in Grades 7 – 12 in two categories: service and personal challenge. The service award recognizes individuals who have given significant service to the community, their peers, and/or their school. The personal challenge award recognizes individuals who have overcome a significant challenge in their life.

City Council recessed at 7:00 p.m. and reconvened at 7:17 p.m.

Public Comments None

Consent Calendar Budget Adjustment #74 (\$65,226) – Allocating Department of Social Services Funding for Foster Youth Transitional Housing Plus Program  
Approved

Budget Adjustment #78 (\$15,223) – Allocating Adjudicated/Unclaimed Property and Evidence Cash Proceeds for Police Department Incident Command Vehicle Equipment  
Approved

Budget Adjustment #80 (\$19,000) – Allocating Fleet Services Funding for a Fuel Facility Preliminary Contamination Site Work Plan  
Approved

Commission Minutes:

1. Bicycle Advisory Commission Meeting of January 12, 2009
2. Recreation and Park Commission Meeting of November 20, 2008  
Informational

Treasurer's Report for the Quarter Ended January 11, 2009  
Accepted report

S. Souza moved, seconded by D. Saylor, approval of the consent calendar as listed above. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Hearing:  
Haussler Subdivi-  
sion Proposal to  
Reconfigure  
Greenbelt and  
Residential Prop-  
erty at 2627 E.  
Covell Boulevard  
– General Plan  
Amendment, Zon-  
ing Amendment,  
Final Planned De-  
velopment, Tenta-  
tive Map and  
Negative Declara-  
tion

Principal Planner Michael Webb summarized the project, which involves a land swap between the City and applicant to realign the existing greenbelt and residential property. The reconfigured property will result in a 4 unit subdivision after the existing residence on the property is demolished.

Mayor Asmundson opened the public hearing.

Mark Rutheiser, applicant, stated the site is constrained by drainage issues, and the affordable housing requirements and city fees are cost prohibitive for the project.

Dennis Smith stated the design should blend visually and aesthetically with the neighborhood, and the bike path should be more secure with improved pathway surface and lighting.

Ed Patrick asked if there is any ability to modify setbacks in the future if they are approved by Council tonight, as he is concerned over which trees will be removed.

Mayor Asmundson closed the public hearing.

D. Saylor moved, seconded by S. Souza, the following:

1. Adopt the Initial Study/Negative Declaration prepared for the project pursuant to Section 15070 (a) of the CEQA guidelines
2. Introduce Ordinance Amending Chapter 40 of the Davis Municipal Code Amending Planned Development #3-89, Area H Low Density Residential – Haussler Property Consisting of Approximately 0.8 Acres Located on the North Side of Covell Boulevard, South of Moore Boulevard, East of Whistler Court and West of Sargent Court
3. Approve Resolution No. 09-011 - Passing an Intent to Adopt an Amendment to the General Plan Map for Changes in the Boundaries to the Community Greenbelt and Residential Low Density Areas for the Properties Located at 2627 E. Covell Boulevard (APNs 071-140-06 and 071-262-23)
4. Approve Planning Application #27-05, Revised Final Planned Development #04-05 and Tentative Map #05-05 based upon the findings and subject to the conditions contained in the staff report

Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Saylor, Souza, Asmundson

NOES: Greenwald

ABSENT: Heystek

City Council recessed at 8:27 p.m. and reconvened at 8:34 p.m.

Update on Fifth Street Corridor – Civic Engagement Efforts and Revised Workplan

Principal Planner Michael Webb provided an overview of community outreach efforts for the Fifth Street Corridor and presented the proposed workplan. City Engineer Bob Clarke outlined data needs and specific issues regarding side streets, parallel corridors, accidents, speeds, pedestrians and bicyclists.

Steve Tracy and Sherryl Garrety, Old North Davis Neighborhood Association; Alan Miller and Tim Alice, Old East Davis Neighborhood Association; and Cindy Marshall spoke in support of a road diet/Complete Street proposal. Comments included: 35 accidents on Fifth/Russell between A and L Streets during 2007, safety needs to be a major priority, need for bicycle in the downtown, traffic speeds too high, and data gathering needs to be transparent

David Greenwald stated accident data understates safety issues.

Steve Greenfield, Davis Chamber of Commerce, stated Fifth Street is dangerous to cross for all modes of transportation, and access to downtown is paramount for businesses. Further, the Chamber opposes use of Redevelopment Agency funding for this project.

City Council provided input to staff on criteria to be used in guiding the development of alternatives. Comments included: protected turns on Fifth Street may need to be considered to improve cross lane traffic, all modes of transportation should be planned for, concern over potential tree removal, limit impacts to parallel corridors, concern over potential cost, and support bicycle connectivity throughout city.

D. Saylor moved, seconded by S. Souza, to approve the workplan and direct staff to return in April with a list of preliminary project options. Motion passed unanimously.

Council recessed at 10:13 p.m. and reconvened at 10:23 p.m. D. Saylor left the meeting at this time.

Consideration of Fiscal Year 2010 Federal Legislative and Funding Priorities

Assistant City Manager Paul Navazio provided an update of staff efforts to identify short-term federal legislative and funding priorities in response to pending congressional federal appropriations request deadlines as well as regional efforts to coordinate submission of projects eligible for Federal Economic Stimulus funding.

S. Souza moved, seconded by R. Asmundson, the following:

1. Authorize the Mayor to submit necessary documents for Federal Appropriations requests and Federal Stimulus projects on behalf of the city, as well as letters of support for appropriations requests from other agencies

2. Direct staff to further develop long-term federal funding priorities, in conjunction with the city's long-range capital planning efforts, with the goal of enhancing the city's ability to secure future funding opportunities

Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Greenwald, Souza, Asmundson

NOES: None

ABSENT: Heystek, Saylor

Fiscal Year  
2008/2009 Mid-  
Year Budget Up-  
date

City Manager Bill Emlen explained revenues across the board are down but goal is still to retain a 15% reserve. Assistant City Manager Paul Navazio provided the mid-year budget update.

Brief  
Communications

City Manager Bill Emlen and the City Council thanked staff and volunteers for their assistance with the Stage 1 Start of the Amgen Bicycle Tour of California.

Long Range Cal-  
endar

R. Asmundson relayed a request she received from Associated Students of UC Davis (ASUCD) for a joint meeting with the City Council sometime after Picnic Day. By consensus, Council supported scheduling a meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 p.m.

Zoe S. Mirabile, CMC  
City Clerk