

MINUTES OF THE DAVIS CITY COUNCIL
Special Meeting and Town Hall Meeting of February 24, 2009

The City Council of the City of Davis met in a special session and town hall meeting at Holmes Junior High School Multi Purpose Room, 1220 Drexel Drive, Davis, California. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Asmundson.

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

Councilmembers Absent: None

Other Officers Present: City Manager Bill Emlen, Deputy City Manager Kelly
Stachowicz

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

Public Comment Joe Sherman stated there was a significant drop off (6' drop) on the bike path by Montgomery Elementary School.

Consent Item L. Heystek moved, seconded by S. Greenwald, to approve Resolution No. 09-012 – Supporting the Submission of a Grant Application by the City of Davis to the California Energy Commission for the Renewable-Based Energy Secure Communities Program (RESCO). Motion passed unanimously.

Town Hall Meeting R. Asmundson explained the process for the Town Hall Meeting.

General Plan

- Gerry Adler – Believes projections of 20-25 years are very difficult to make. Spending City money to project into the future is unnecessary at this time and sends the wrong message.

Transportation Issues

- Jeanne Jones – Supports the Woodland Davis Alternative Transportation Study.
- Steve Greenfield – With state budget approved, will 8th Street improvements go forward? Public Works Director Bob Weir responded that we are waiting for project to unfreeze, but we do not know timeline.

Budget

- Gerry Adler – Does not appear that Council's actions are in line with what they know regarding the budget situation and referenced proposed spending on the General Plan process and the 5th Street project. Encouraged Council to provide leadership on the budget.

S. Souza said there is a push to make Woodland Davis Transportation Corridor happen. Noted that General Plan Workshop was for information gathering and not decision making. Council will take action on General Plan updates at a later time. Must be prudent with every dollar City spends.

S. Greenwald stated that City must be focused on getting fiscal house in order. We don't have energy, time or money to do a new General Plan.

L. Heystek noted the primary priority as City Council is to address city's budget. He won't assume that we need new revenue streams until he's satisfied that we use existing funds efficiently because he wants community to enjoy same level of services using fewer dollars.

R. Asmundson would like the Council's energy concentrated on making sure we can make the budget.

Communications

D. Saylor reported on the California Constitution Summit meeting. Also reported on the SACOG Board meeting with approximately \$1.3 million available to Davis for road rehabilitation through the stimulus package.

S. Souza reported out on Capital Corridor Joint Powers Authority. Ridership is up. They are going after funding for multi-modal parking structure at Amtrak station. Interesting in paid parking at the Amtrak lot for non-Davis residents.

S. Greenwald suggested having a meeting and inviting former Council members to gain their insight.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Kelly Stachowicz
Deputy City Manager