MINUTES OF THE DAVIS CITY COUNCIL
Meeting of May 5, 2009

The City Council of the City of Davis met in regular session beginning at 6:30 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, Lamar Heystek, Don Saylor, Stephen Souza

Councilmembers Absent: None

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.

Consent Calendar

Resolutions 09-044 and 09-045 Approving the City of Davis’ Claim for Transportation Development Act:
1. Local Transportation Funds for Fiscal Year 2008-09
2. State Transit Assistance Funds for Fiscal Year 2007-08 and 2008-09

Approved

Early Implementation of Selected FY2009/10 General Fund Cost-Savings Measures (Item also on Redevelopment Agency Consent Calendar)
1. Authorized the City Manager to implement selected FY2009/10 proposed General Fund cost-savings measures so as to realize nearly $313,000 in General Fund savings beginning with the current fiscal year
2. Approved Budget Adjustment #116 ($312,627) – De-Appropriating FY2008/09 General Fund allocations and providing appropriation authority for costs to be shifted to other funding sources, including $154,867 to the Redevelopment Agency

Approved

Commission Minutes:
1. City / Chamber of Commerce 2x2 Committee Meeting of March 19, 2009
2. Civic Arts Commission Meeting of March 9, 2009
3. Finance and Budget Commission Meetings of March 16 and 30, 2009
4. Historical Resources Management Commission Meeting of March 16, 2009
5. Human Relations Commission Meeting of March 26, 2009

Informational

Federal Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Application

Informational
Treasurer’s Report for the Quarter Ended April 5, 2009

Informational

Proclamation Recognizing May 17-23 as National Public Works Week

Ceremonial

L. Heystek moved, second by D. Saylor, to approve the consent calendar as listed above. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments

Mark Haas spoke in favor of keeping the 3rd & B facility a teen center, and suggested using the Depot as the Bike Museum.

David Greenwald invited Council and community to a Davis Vanguard Town Hall meeting to discuss the city budget on May 20.

Hamza El-Nakhal announced a charity basketball game on May 11.

Removed from Consent Calendar:


S. Greenwald moved, seconded by L. Heystek, as follows:

1. Approve receipt of 2007 OHS reimbursement grant award residual funds in the amount of $11,211 for purchase of specialized equipment for the Davis Police Incident Command vehicle, and receipt of 2008 OHS reimbursement grant award in the amount of $112,771 for purchase of specialized equipment for the Yolo County Bomb Squad

2. Approve Resolution 09-046 – to Approve Sole Source Contracts with Northrup Grumman Remotec and General Dynamics for Upgrades to Robotic Retrieval Device and Shocktube Remote Firing Device

3. Approve Budget Adjustment #117 ($128,982) – Appropriating funds to be reimbursed by federal grants

Motion passed unanimously.

Public Hearing: Weed Abatement – Removal of Weeds and Grasses to Eliminate Potential Fire Hazards

Fire Chief Rose Conroy explained that on April 7, 2009, City Council approved a resolution declaring weeds a fire hazard and public nuisance, directing the Fire Chief to provide notification of intent to destroy weeds, and setting a date for a public hearing to hear any objections.

Mayor Asmundson opened the public hearing, and after no comments, closed the public hearing.

Public Hearing: Water, Sanitation and Sanitary Sewer Rates – Effective August

City Manager Bill Emlen reported the city received 26 protests to the proposed rates.

Public Works Director Bob Weir presented an overview of rate setting considerations, which are determined by the operations, maintenance and
capital improvement costs. Assistant Public Works Director Sue Gedestad provided details of the proposed rates.

Mayor Asmundson opened the public hearing.

John Mudd, Dennis Vasquez, Deborah Salon, Rich Hashida, Les Portello, and Jennifer Anderson spoke in opposition to the proposed rates. Comments included: rates have increased nearly 500% since 1980, proposed increases are not sustainable, rates are not an incentive to conserve, renters and small-home owners should not subsidize rate payers, concerned over water rates for large lots, request for a town hall meeting regarding water/wastewater projects, and city should not increase rates in this economy.

Mayor Asmundson closed the public hearing.

D. Saylor moved, seconded by S. Souza, as follows:
1. Introduce Ordinance Amending Chapter 33.04.050-(A) Residential of the Davis Municipal Code Relating to Sewer Rates
2. Introduce Ordinance Amending Chapter 39 of the Davis Municipal Code Related to Water Rates
3. Approve Resolution No. 09-047 - Establishing Customer Rates for Sanitation Services
4. Approve Resolution No. 09-048 - Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Amendment No. 4 to the Agreement with Davis Waste Removal Company, Inc. for Waste Removal Services, setting contract rates for FY2009/10

Motion passed by the following vote:
AYES: Greenwald, Saylor, Souza, Asmundson
NOES: Heystek

S. Souza moved, seconded by D. Saylor, to direct staff and the Natural Resources Commission to develop consumption based services and tiered rates for volume-based sanitation. Motion passed unanimously.

City Council recessed at 8:21 p.m. and reconvened at 8:31 p.m.

Community Services Supervisor Anne Marquez provided an overview of teen programming and challenges. Property Management Coordinator Anne Bruenette provided additional details in the context of Central Park area and improvements in city over 20 years. Deputy City Manager Ken Hiatt provided specific details of the reuse proposals.

Bill Roe, CA Bicycle Museum Board, explained the Board has been meeting for a year and a half to plan for a museum, which would be a good attribute for Davis. Although teen programming needs clear direction, the Hall of Fame must be assured that Davis will meet its requirements.
Steve Greenfield, Davis Chamber of Commerce, spoke in support of locating the Hall of Fame in Davis, but questioned the use of RDA funds for purchasing the building.

City Council
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3. Incorporate into the city’s FY 2009/2010 budget an additional $42,000 (a portion of the funds currently dedicated to facility maintenance) for use in providing expanded teen programs, facility rentals, and interim center improvements
4. Direct that the building facilities component of the city’s Parks and Facilities Master Plan Update include options for conversion of existing or development of new facility(ies), including a new multi-use facility, designated for hosting teen program activities
5. Initiate transfer of ownership of the Third and B Building to Davis Redevelopment Agency for the purpose of developing a more intensive use of the building that enhances the park and downtown as a destination and return to the City Council with a purchase and sales agreement
6. Incorporate the revenue from the purchase of Third and B into a special account to supplement Park Impact Fees and Quimby Fees used to implement the city’s updated Parks and Facilities Master Plan that incorporate alternative facility(ies) to accommodate teen programming

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NOES: None
ABSTAIN: Heystek

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D. Saylor proposed a friendly amendment to state the priority is the operation of the museum and Hall of Fame, and only if there is room available for other ancillary activities would a food facility be considered. Not accepted by mover.

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Motion passed unanimously.

**Redevelopment Agency Board**

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Motion passed unanimously.

City Council recessed at 11:10 p.m. and reconvened at 11:16 p.m.

**Fifth Street Corridor**

Principal Planner Mike Web summarized the process and next steps. City Engineer Bob Clarke outlined option categories and possible concepts to be analyzed under each category:

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B. Maintain a four lane roadway, provide a bicycle corridor within the Fifth Street right of way

C. Reduce the number of lanes from 4 to 3, provide on-street bicycle lanes

Steve Tracy, Old North Davis Neighborhood Association; Russell Reagan; Jim Thorne; Igor Raynar, Davis Bicycles; Ken Bradford; Eric Jujuski; Christal Waters; Betty Berteaux; and Dennis Dingemans, Old North Davis Neighborhood Association, spoke in support of Option C. Reasons included: bicycle and pedestrian safety, Option A does not address the primary problem of safety on Fifth Street and Option B is not supported by community members, and benefits all users.

Jennifer Anderson, Downtown Business Association, stated Council should
not exclude any options, and DDBA is concerned over use of RDA funds and impact on downtown if road diet is implemented.

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City Engineer Bob Clarke and Principal Civil Engineer Dianna Jenson explained that I-Bank awarded low interest funding to Davis on April 29, and city must proceed with project within 90 days.

S. Souza moved, seconded by R. Asmundson, to authorize a bid advertisement for the project, with any other recommendations to return to
Council after staff provides details on project costs. Motion passed by the following vote:
AYES: Saylor, Souza, Asmundson
NOES: Greenwald, Heystek

By consensus, Council directed staff to analyze the life cycle cost of concrete v. steel water tanks.

Brief Communications
L. Heystek requested Council agendize a proposal to direct staff to prepare a recommendation for consideration by Recreation and Park Commission and Open Space and Habitat Commission to rename Northstar Ponds and/or Park in memory of former Mayor Julie Partansky. Council concurred.

Council reviewed the agenda items from the joint meeting between the School Board and the City. L. Heystek requested that staff add teen programming. By consensus, Council agreed that 2x2 committee members will help determine agenda items.

Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 1:34 a.m. in memory of Edward Brunelle, Richard Adamsky, and Hugh Damesyn.

Zoe S. Mirabile, CMC
City Clerk
The Redevelopment Agency Board of the City of Davis met in regular session beginning at 6:30
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