

MINUTES OF THE DAVIS CITY COUNCIL
Meeting of June 23, 2009

The City Council of the City of Davis met in regular session beginning at 5:30 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

Closed Session City Council convened a closed session pursuant to Government Code §54954.5 for Conference with Labor Negotiators:
Agency Designated Representatives: City Manager Bill Emlen, Assistant City Manager Paul Navazio, Human Resources Administrator Melissa Chaney, City Attorney Harriet Steiner
Employee Groups/Organizations: Davis City Employee Association, Davis Police Officers Association, Department Heads, Executive and General Management, Firefighters Local 3494, Police Lieutenants, Professional and Support Employee Association

City Council returned to open session at 6:34 p.m. and Mayor Asmundson announced there was no reportable action at this time.

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

Public Comments Joe Sherman spoke regarding civil liberties.

Alan Pryor, Yolo Clean Air, spoke in support of wood burning restrictions.

Pete Martineau, Californians for Election Reform, spoke in support of consent calendar item Resolution in Support of AB 1121, a Bill to Allow Select Communities to Implement a Pilot Ranked Voting System.

Consent Calendar Resolution No. 09-077 - Authorizing the City Manager to Approve the Terms of the Custodial Service Contract for One Year Until June 30, 2010 – in the amount of \$12,106 per month for service to Civic Center Gym, Chestnut Roundhouse, Redwood Park Building, Hattie Weber Museum, Community Transit Building, Community Pool Building, Civic Center Pool Locker Rooms, Arroyo Pool Facility, Public Works Corporation Yard, Parks & General Services Corporation Yard and Downtown Parking Structure

Approved

Resolutions Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into Agreements for Landscape Maintenance of Streetscapes, Greenbelts, Parks and Facilities:

1. Resolution No. 09-078 - GP Landscape – in the amount of \$26,970.50 per month for 102.27 Acres in the Southeast Areas of the City
2. Resolution No. 09-079 - Coast Landscape Maintenance – in the amount of \$30,494.50 for 112.75 Acres in the Northwest Areas of the City

Approved

Resolution No. 09-080 - Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Laboratory Agreement with BSK Analytical Laboratories for Drinking Water Monitoring – Chemical Analysis of Source and Treated Water in Compliance with California Health and Safety Code Title 22 and Federal UCMR 2 Regulation for Fiscal Year 2009/2010

Approved

Resolution No. 09-081 - Ordering the Summary Vacation of Drainage Easements and Public Utility Easement on Sutter Health Property and Reserving Therefrom Any Easements Not Included in This Vacation

Approved

Resolution No. 09-082 - Summarily Vacating Easements Along the Abandoned Portion of Faraday Avenue – appurtenant to the Faraday Avenue public street right-of-way previously vacated at time of approval of Parcel Map 4902, Second Street Crossing (Target)

Approved

Resolution No. 09-083 - Summarily Vacating a Portion of Excess Public Street Right-of-Way on Pole Line Road, Reserving Therefrom an Easement for Public Utilities, Sign and Maintenance Purposes, and Accepting a Dedication of Public Street Right-of-Way on East Eight Street

Approved

Resolution No. 09-084 – in Support of AB 1121, a Bill to Allow Select Communities to Implement a Pilot Ranked Voting System

Approved (per Council policy, resolution appeared on June 16 consent calendar for review and is now appearing a second time for actual approval)

Budget Adjustment #158 (\$11,959) – Transferring Reimbursement Funds from YCPARMIA into Fleet Maintenance to Pay for Repairs to Vehicles

Approved

Commission Minutes:

1. Finance and Budget Commission Meetings of May 11 and 28, 2009
2. Natural Resources Commission Meeting of April 27, 2009

3. Open Space and Habitat Commission Meetings of January 5 and February 2, 2009
4. Senior Citizens Commission Meeting of May 14, 2009
Informational

Commission Minutes (action item): City-UCD Student Liaison Commission Meeting of May 13, 2009
Received minutes as informational and approved commission recommendation to direct staff to analyze options related to landlord accountability issues

City-UCD Student Liaison Commission Request to Schedule a Joint Meeting with City Council to Discuss Renter and Rental Housing Issues
Considered request from commission to schedule an October joint meeting when finalizing the legislative calendar for 2009/2010

City Manager Bill Emlen summarized an amended draft letter to Transmission Agency of Northern California (TANC).

City Comments to Western Area Power Association Regarding the Proposed Transmission Agency of Northern California (TANC) Project
Authorized Mayor to sign correspondence and direct staff to submit by the scoping comment deadline of July 30, 2009

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

Continued Discussion of Fiscal Year 2009/2010 Proposed Budget

Assistant City Manager Paul Navazio presented information related to proposed budget amendments submitted by Council and refined reduction contingency proposals.

Pete Petersen, Davis Media Access (DMA), thanked City Council for considering request from DMA to provide full funding.

City Council provided direction to staff on Council proposed amendments as follows:

Revenue assumptions

By consensus, Council agreed to retain current revenue assumption of 0% for both property and sales tax growth rate

Revenue items

By consensus, Council agreed to retain current revenue items as proposed. P. Navazio stated staff will return to Council before the August recess with a report on reinstating the business license tax for rentals program.

Citywide cost-savings

By consensus, Council directed staff to quickly provide an analysis of Citygate

recommendations regarding Fire Department operations, to include clear staff recommendations.

City Council recessed at 8:21 p.m. and reconvened at 8:26 p.m.

Personnel cost savings

S. Greenwald moved, seconded by L. Heystek, to adopt L. Heystek's proposed personnel cost savings placeholder figure of \$1,575,000 which equals 5% of payroll.

S. Souza moved substitute motion, seconded by D. Saylor, to adopt a personnel cost savings placeholder figure of \$1,250,000. Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Saylor, Souza, Asmundson

NOES: Greenwald, Heystek

Program/service reductions

R. Asmundson moved, seconded by S. Souza, to uphold agreement with DJUSD and DMA to use cable franchise tax monies for Public, Education and Governmental access (PEG) services. Motion passed unanimously.

City Council recessed at 8:56 p.m. and reconvened at 9:03 p.m.

S. Souza moved, seconded by L. Heystek, to restore \$61,000 of proposed reductions--\$48,000 to Parks and General Services Department for temporary part-time staff hours and \$13,000 to Community Services for recreation swim at Community Pool, and to allocate any excess city-wide savings to transportation.

L. Heystek proposed friendly amendment to restore an additional \$33,642 to Parks and General Services Department--\$12,000 for professional services for tree project work, \$11,642 for additional temporary part-time staff hours, and \$10,000 for contractual services for block pruning.

P. Navazio clarified that the motion moves proposed reductions from Tiers 1 and 2 to Tiers 3 and 4. Motion passed unanimously.

D. Saylor moved, seconded by S. Souza, to direct the City Manager to find \$10,332 in funding for vegetation management on Highway 113. Motion passed unanimously.

By consensus, Council directed staff to delegate proposed restoration of funding in the most feasible manner.

L. Heystek moved, seconded by S. Souza, to reduce the City Attorney contract by 15%, \$63,000. Motion passed unanimously.

L. Heystek moved, seconded by S. Greenwald, to restore \$10,000 of proposed reduction to Ombudsman contract. Motion failed by the following vote:

AYES: Greenwald, Heystek

NOES: Saylor, Souza, Asmundson

L. Heystek moved, seconded by S. Souza, that the de-funded Police Department Sergeant position shall be a priority for restoration once funding is available. Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Greenwald, Heystek, Souza

NOES: Saylor, Asmundson

Long Range Calendar

S. Souza requested Council agendaize a presentation by car dealerships regarding their business operations and how city can help. No consensus. R. Asmundson suggested having the dealerships present to the Business & Economic Development Commission (BEDC).

R. Asmundson requested Council agendaize a meeting evaluation for August 3.

Closed Session

City Council returned to closed session at 9:52.

Closed Session: Conference with Labor Negotiators pursuant to Government Code §54954.5:

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No reportable action.

Adjournment

Adjourn at 11:20 p.m.

Zoe S. Mirabile, CMC
City Clerk