

MINUTES OF THE DAVIS CITY COUNCIL
West Davis Town Hall Meeting
July 14, 2009

The City Council of the City of Davis met in a town hall meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room at Patwin Elementary, 2222 Shasta Drive, 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, Deputy City Manager Kelly Stachowicz

Approval of Agenda Agenda approved by consensus.

Consent Calendar Second Reading: Ordinance No. 2343 - Amending Chapter 40 of the Davis Municipal Code Rezoning Property at the Northeast Corner of Lake Boulevard and Arlington Boulevard from Planned Development #10-81 to Planned Development #04-07
Adopted (Introduced 07/07/2009)

Proposed Correspondence to General Manager of Transmission Agency of Northern California (TANC) Regarding TANC's Proposed Transmission Project
Approved correspondence and authorized Mayor to execute

Consent calendar approved by consensus.

Public Comments Lees Fleming – Would like to preserve drainage channel through fields west of town.

Transportation Michelle Alvarez (Principal of Patwin Elementary) asked for crosswalk in front of Patwin. Situation is dangerous in the morning.

Art Hayman – Traffic lights on Russell/5th are too long. Lights need to be synchronized. Also need bells on bikes to warn people.

Robert Smith – Enjoys cycling in Davis.

Westlake Shopping Center Gretchen Coyle – Thanks the Council for keeping grocery requirement and expresses desire to keep Westlake vibrant.

Russ Snyder – Would like signage on Russell and Covell directing people to neighborhood shopping center

Paul (from Stonegate) – Signage is important. Center needs businesses other than food services.

Robert Smith – Center needs grocery and other small stores.

Eric Nelson – Hopes City and Delanos can get permits completed so Delanos can open prior to Thanksgiving.

Land Use/
Development

G. Coyle – Area to the west of Stonegate (Russell, Covell, Rd 98) received a low ranking in the housing study. Asks City to use Measure O fund to purchase property to preserve as agricultural land.

West Village

Gary Sandy, UC Davis – University has broken ground and is installing infrastructure. Los Rios plans to locate Sac City College on the site. In August, large earth moving equipment will start to work on site. When the project is completed, it will include 2000 student beds.

E. Nelson – Asked about retail component. (G. Sandy responded that there is a small retail component with a convenience store and some other uses.)

R. Snyder asked about access to the city. (G. Sandy answered there would be bike and pedestrian and emergency vehicle access only to Russell.)

R. Smith suggested if there was access, then there would need to be lights.

Water/
Wastewater

George Palumba asked about costs of projects. If we continue to develop, there will be more pressure on water/wastewater systems.

Sustainability

Jim Zanetto – Shared information with Council about liquid fuels and ethanol fireplaces. They are renewable, portable, and do not require a flue. Might help with wood burning conversation.

Parks and
Facilities Master
Plan

G. Coyle complimented Sandra Montgomery on her supervision of high schoolers involved with aquatic programs.

Public Safety

E. Nelson stated bike paths along Lake Blvd are disrupted by trees/roots. This is a dangerous situation, especially at night.

R. Snyder – thanked the graffiti staff, particularly Sandy Dietrich.

R. Smith – Many Davis cyclists do not wear lights at night. Need to emphasize in schools the need for lights at night.

- City Budget No comments
- Council Goals Matt Williams – City should have sense of where it wants to go long-term.
Would like a whole-city plan for the long-term.
- Council
Communications S. Souza –
- Believes Conaway will be an important topic in the near future, as it is valuable property for water, habitat, possible wastewater issues
 - Suggests using drainage pond for community gardens
- L. Heystek –
- Requests clarification on transportation issues. B. Weir explains synchronization is difficult in some areas.
 - Expresses concern about the condition of streets, bike paths, greenbelts and suggests the city needs to look at greater support
- D. Saylor –
- Suggests City consider a “green zone” at the Westlake Shopping Center Supports the idea of a community garden at the drainage area
 - Explained the CA State Budget affects Davis. Notes groups looking at structural reform: CA Forward, Bay Area Council, Rebuilding CA.
- R. Asmundson –
- Supports analysis of light synchronization on 5th Street
 - Need to find ways to conserve water
- Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Kelly Stachowicz
Deputy City Manager