

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

The City Council of the City of Davis met in regular session beginning at 5:15 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 for Conference with Labor Negotiators pursuant to Government Code §54954.5:
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 Employees Association; Davis Police Officers Association; Department Heads; Executive and General Management; Firefighters Local 3494; Police Lieutenants; Program, Administrative and Support Employees Association

Council returned to open session at 6:30 p.m. and Mayor Asmundson announced there was no reportable action.

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

Public Comments Jackie Jenia and Julie Athens, The Spokes, invited the community to a fundraising event in support of public schools featuring acapella singers.

Dr. John Moser, Americans for Healthier World, invited the community to a fundraising event focused on zero emissions concepts; goal of Davis as the first community in the United States to create an infrastructure for zero emissions vehicles and technology.

Presentation Regarding Installation of Plaques to Identify Historically-Designated Buildings Historical Resources Management Commissioner Rich Rifkin provided details of the landmarks program, which promotes and preserves landmarks and merit resources within the City. The City owns six landmark properties, each property now has designated plaque in order to preserve and protect the history of the buildings: City Hall, Historic City Hall on F Street, Varsity Theatre, Dressbach-Hunt-Boyer Mansion, Richards Boulevard Underpass, and Southern Pacific Dept.

Consent Calendar

Resolution No. 09-180 - to Amend the General Plan Land Use Map of the City of Davis Relating to “Chiles Ranch Subdivision”, Consisting of Three Parcels Located at 2411 East Eighth Street (APN #071-010-15); the Adjacent Parcel Located East of 2411 East Eighth Street and West of Mesquite Drive (APN #7-071-401-02); and the Parcel Located South of 2411 East Eighth Street and North of East Eighth Street (APN# 71-401-03) Consisting of Approximately 12.1 Acres from “Residential Low Density” to “Residential Medium Density”

Approved by the following vote:

AYES: Saylor, Souza, Asmundson

NOES: Greenwald, Heystek

Resolution No. 09-181 - Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Lease Amendment for the City Property at 512 Fifth Street with Davis Community Meals for its Use of the Property as a Cold Weather Shelter During 2009-2010 Winter Months

Approved

Resolution No. 09-182 - Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Program Supplement No. N025 to Administering Agency-State Agreement No. 03-5238R for Bikepath Reconstruction and Rehabilitation 2009, Program No. 7252, [ESPL 5238(051)]

Approved

Caltrans Bicycle Transportation Account Grant Priorities 2009/10 Funding Cycle – Resolution No. 09-183 - Approving the Application for Grant Funds from the Caltrans Bicycle Transportation Account for the Drummond Bikeway Grade-Separated Crossing and the H Street Tunnel Reconstruction

Approved

Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Amendment No. 2 to Consultant Agreement with West Yost Associates for Additional Services for the East Area Tank and Booster Pump Station Project, CIP No. 8172, in the amount of \$150,000

Removed from agenda by City Manager Bill Emlen (to be rescheduled)

Budget Adjustment #26 (\$-155,287) – Reallocating Past Year’s Savings in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Funds to 2009-2010 Unallocated Reserve for Future Eligible Activities

Approved

Budget Adjustment #27 (\$138,000) – Allocating a Portion of the Union Pacific Settlement Funds for Replacement of Landscaping and Irrigation along the Old Lincoln Highway Bikepath

Approved

Second Reading: Ordinance No. 2349 - Amending Section 33.02.042 of the Davis Municipal Code to Extend Until July 1, 2010 the Temporary Reduction of Sewer Connection Fees for Reuse of Existing Space for Nonresidential Purposes

Adopted (Introduced 11/10/2009)

Revised Job Specification – Fire Chief

Approved

City-UCD Student Liaison Commission Minutes from the Meeting of September 9, 2009

Informational

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

Consider
Amending the
Noise Ordinance
to Exempt
Schools and Day
Care Centers

B. Emlen requested Council defer this item until December 1 in order for staff to provide notification to all affected parties. Council concurred.

Public Hearing:
Resolution Es-
tablishing Fees
for Recreation
Activities and
Programs and
Cost Recovery
for 2010/2011

Community Services Superintendent Christine Helweg explained recreation program fees are determined by the Cost Recovery Policy and are approved each fall in order to meet publication deadlines for upcoming summer brochure.

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

D. Saylor moved, seconded by L. Heystek, to approve Resolution No. 09-184 - Establishing Fees for Recreation Activities and Programs and Cost Recovery for 2010/2011 Through the Community Services Department. Motion passed unanimously.

Request to Re-
name the North
Area Drainage
Pond and Pro-
posal to Estab-
lish “Julie’s Gar-
den” in Honor of
Julie Partansky

Parks Supervisor Sandy Dietrich explained the city received numerous requests to rename the North Area Pond and/or Park in honor of former Mayor Julie Partansky, who passed away on January 9, 2009; outlined proposals and Recreation and Park Commission recommendation to approve the conceptual design plans for “Julie’s Garden” and to rename the Drainage Pond.

Bill Kopper, Carolyn Kopper, Barbara Misner, Morgan, David Caldwell, Holly Bishop, Eileen Samitz, and Erin Gardner spoke in support of Commission recommendations. Comments: Julie’s efforts helped to protect Davis’ quality of life and environment; she visited ponds nearly everyday; neighbors opposed to renaming entire park, but support garden proposal; and commitment to provide

volunteer service to maintain area.

Susan Sabatier, Recreation and Park Commission, stated the Commission attempted to reach a win-win solution, wanted to honor Julie but also respect neighbors' wishes.

Samantha McCarthy provided details on garden proposal.

L. Heystek moved, seconded by D. Saylor, as follows:

1. Approve Recreation and Park Commission recommendation to name the North Area Drainage Pond in honor of former Mayor Julie Partansky
2. Approve Resolution No. 09-185 – Authorizing the Naming of the North Area Drainage Pond Located on the Corner of Anderson Road and F Street “Julie Partansky Pond”

Motion passed unanimously.

3. L. Heystek moved, seconded by S. Souza, to approve the Recreation and Park Commission recommendation to move forward with the “Julie’s Garden” proposal in concept, and direct staff to work on the development of the final plans and maintenance agreement and return to the Commission prior to any work starting on the site. Motion passed unanimously.

City Council recessed at 7:56 p.m. and reconvened at 8:08 p.m.

Public Hearing: Willowbank Park Residential Sub-division Proposal on the Vacant Property Located on the West Side of Mace Boulevard, South of San Marino Drive and North of Redbud Drive (Planning Application #42-08)

Planner Xzandrea Fowler provided details of the project for a medium-density residential subdivision of 27 dwelling units on 4.48 acres.

Megan Dunnigan questioned the adequacy of the Negative Declaration.

Tim Ranstrom, Matt Hubbard, and Leo Ritter requested Council preserve a 50 foot buffer along Putah Creek.

Deborah Lair requested Council preserve more green space, suggested shifting drainage basin east.

Walt Ecklund spoke in support of the proposal.

Matt Williams spoke in opposition; project will compete with residents selling homes.

Julie Elman requested Council include amenities that provide for neighborhood residents, such as a play area.

Eileen Samitz stated the current proposal is not ready for adoption, neighborhood concerns should be addressed and design improved.

Dave Taormino, developer, outlined specifics of the project: solar efficient, local builders, well-designed homes, desired price range; stated neighborhood concerns have been address: added more parking, changed Pistachio through street to a cul-de-sac, provided alternatives to removing turf, concept for community amenity pavilion. Should Council decide on a 50 foot buffer, request project be redesigned with Pistachio as through street.

Jason Taormino stated the project is the most energy efficient built in Davis, 30% above Title 24, solar on nearly all houses.

D. Saylor moved, seconded by R. Asmundson, to determine that Mitigated Negative Declaration #5-08 prepared for this project adequately addresses the environmental impacts associated with the proposed project. Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Saylor, Souza, Asmundson

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Greenwald, Heystek

D. Saylor moved, seconded by S. Souza, to direct staff to work with the applicant and community on issue of 50 foot buffer and alternative drainage system.

Motion clarified: staff analysis of proposed alternative drainage basin and 50 foot buffer requirement. Motion passed unanimously.

L. Heystek moved, seconded by R. Asmundson, to reject the notion of a city maintained park-like amenity within the project.

Bill Emlen stated staff will return to Council with an analysis of potential amenity costs. Motion withdrawn.

S. Souza moved, seconded by D. Saylor for pedestrian path to be open to public, and closed during the breeding season within 50 foot buffer. Motion passed unanimously.

R. Asmundson moved to continue the project in order to redesign, and direct staff to return to Council no later than end of January. No second.

L. Heystek moved to direct staff to return with a project no sooner than feasible; as early as January, but no sooner than otherwise ready. No second.

D. Saylor moved, seconded by L. Heystek, to direct staff to return with a project no later than end of March. Motion passed unanimously.

City Council recessed at 11:02 p.m. and reconvened at 11:09 p.m.

Olive Drive
Freeway Sign
Options

(Joint Discussion
with Redevel-
opment Agency
Board)

Community Development Director Katherine Hess outlined sign options.

Tim Ranstrom and Eileen Samitz spoke in opposition to the proposed sign. Reasons: out of character with Davis, freeway signage creates a message about nature of city and current signage is a classic design, aesthetically unpleasing, oppose removing mature trees, and city should solicit input from South Davis residents.

D. Saylor moved, seconded by R. Asmundson, to approve a tri-vision sign and allow the process for implementation to move forward.

S. Souza proposed friendly amendment to direct staff to negotiate with owner for the Agency to become the owner of the sign within a set time period, such as 30 years. Accepted by mover and second. Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Saylor, Souza, Asmundson

NOES: Greenwald, Heystek

Long Range Cal-
endar

R. Asmundson requested the City Manager look at contracting for a state/federal lobbyist, consider possible partnership with other cities. Council concurred. B. Emlen stated staff will return to Council with pros and cons.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:38 p.m.

Zoe S. Mirabile, CMC
City Clerk

MINUTES OF THE DAVIS REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD
Meeting of November 17, 2009

The Redevelopment Agency Board 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.

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