

MINUTES OF THE DAVIS CITY COUNCIL
Meeting of January 5, 2010

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 (teleconference participation)

Councilmembers Absent: None

Other Officers Present: City Manager Bill Emlen, City Attorney Harriet Steiner, City Clerk Zoe Mirabile

Approval of Agenda L. Heystek moved, seconded by D. Saylor, approval of the agenda as amended by removing Proclamation in Recognition and Appreciation of Bob Weir for Three Decades of Service to the City of Davis Public Works Department. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments Ashman Shrinivassin spoke regarding bicycle safety.
Randii MacNear, Davis Farmers Market, expressed appreciation for community and City Council support and announced that Davis won the award for America's Favorite Farmers Market.

Julia Craighurt and Emily, James and Elizabeth Henderson spoke in opposition to any limitations on homeless services and requested City Council reconsideration of the Memorandum of Understanding with Davis Community Church relative to limitations. Submitted neighborhood petition titled "Don't Limit Homeless Services."

Shoshanna Zatts, Ann Evans, David Thompson and Luke Watkins, Neighborhood Partners (NP), spoke regarding Davis Area Cooperative Housing Association (DACHA). Comments included: housing association members are prohibited from self dealing transactions; request City Council to conduct an independent investigation regarding alleged illegal activities of DACHA Board; and request City Council to include a payment schedule to Neighborhood Partners within the DACHA 2010 budget based on legal judgment.

Rick Entrikin expressed appreciation to the Davis Enterprise and Davis Vanguard for their services in the area of community education and spoke in support of submitting the Measure J Ordinance as it is currently written for renewal on the June 8, 2010 election ballot.

Richard Siemen, David Greenwald, Marcus Clarke, David Thompson and Luke Watkins spoke regarding affordable housing. Comments included: lack of affordable housing translates to transportation issues and increased greenhouse gas emissions; few housing options for low and very low income individuals; support modification to affordable housing model; support land dedication policy; and opposition to single-family ownership restrictions for resale.

Consent Calendar

Budget Adjustment #42 (\$18,434) – Correcting Funding Sources for Fiscal Year 2008/09 Vehicle Replacement Purchases

Approved

Measure J Renewal – Second Reading of Renewal Ordinance and Resolutions to Place the Measure on the June 8, 2010 Ballot:

1. Determined that the Measure J renewal is exempt from environmental review under CEQA
2. Adopted Ordinance 2350 – Amending the City's General Plan to Amend and Extend "Measure J" which Enacted a Policy Requiring Voter Approval for Certain Changes to the Land Use Designations or Entitlements of Properties Shown on the General Plan Land Use Map and Enacting the Citizens' Right to Vote on Future Use of Open Space and Agricultural Lands Ordinance to Extend the Sunset Date of the Measure to December 31, 2020 and to Make Technical Changes to the Ordinance which Provides for Voter Approval of (1) Any General Plan Land Use Map Amendment that Changes a Land Use Designation from an Agricultural or Urban Reserve Designation to an Urban Designation or from an Agricultural Designation to an Urban Reserve Designation and (2) Any Proposal for Development on the Last Two Large Vacant Properties Designated for Urban Use Commonly Known as the Covell Center and Nishi Properties; this Ordinance to Be Adopted By the Voters and Effective Upon Adoption by the Voters of the City
3. Approved Resolution No. 10-001 – Calling a Special Election to Be Held in the City on Tuesday, June 8, 2010, for Submission to the Voters of a Measure Amending the General Plan to Amend and Extend "Measure J" (Citizens' Right to Vote on Future Use of Open Space and Agricultural Lands Ordinance) and Directing the City Clerk to Specify the Deadline for Submission of Arguments for and Against the Measure
4. Approved Resolution No. 10-002 – Requesting the Board of Supervisors of the County of Yolo Consolidate a Special Municipal Election to Be Held on June 8, 2010, with the Statewide Primary Election to Be Held on that Date Pursuant to §10403 of the Elections Code

City Council Minutes from the Regular Meeting of September 29 and Joint Meeting with City-UCD Student Liaison Commission of October 6, 2009

Approved

Commission Minutes:

1. Civic Arts Commission Meeting of October 12, 2009

2. Planning Commission Meeting of July 22, 2009

Recommendation: Informational

S. Souza moved, seconded by L. Heystek, to approve the consent calendar as noted above. Motion passed unanimously.

Brief Communi-
cations

City Manager Bill Emlen stated the Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) license for the Westlake Plaza Shopping Center grocery store is pending based on the location currently designated as a high crime area. ABC licenses are not regulated by city; however, the Police Department will be issuing a letter indicating they do not consider the location in question a high crime area.

City Council recessed at 7:31 p.m. and reconvened at 7:41 p.m.

Workshop: His-
tory and Evolu-
tion of the City's
Affordable
Housing Pro-
gram

Housing and Human Services Superintendent Danielle Foster presented information on the history and current status of the city's affordable housing program. She explained that a follow-up workshop will be held wherein discussion will include concerns, ideas, and goals for the future of the program.

Dave Taormino, David Thompson, Luke Watkins, Don Fouts and Eileen Samitz spoke regarding affordable housing. Comments included: request City Council consider the burden to developers when forming affordable housing requirements; request flexibility in equity caps, co-signer requirements, income qualifications, and infill developments; Dos Pinos and Southfield Park are examples of successful affordable projects; city should leverage other funding sources as much as possible; and lost opportunities for funding has cost the city millions.

Long Range Cal-
endar

By consensus, City Council agendaized an update on Davis Area Cooperative Housing Association (DACHA).

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:29 p.m. in memory of Martha Favreau.

Zoe S. Mirabile, CMC
City Clerk