The City Council of the City of Davis met in regular session beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Chambers, 23 Russell Boulevard, Davis, California. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Krovoza.

Roll Call: Councilmembers Present: Sue Greenwald, Joe Krovoza, Stephen Souza, Rochelle Swanson, Dan Wolk

Councilmembers Absent: None

Other Officers Present: City Manager Steven Pinkerton, City Attorney Harriet Steiner, City Clerk Zoe Mirabile

Closed Session

City Council convened a closed session pursuant to Government Code §54954.5 to discuss the following: Public Employment: City Manager

City Council returned to open session at 6:36 p.m. with no reportable action.

Approval of Agenda

S. Greenwald moved, seconded by S. Souza, to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Ceremonial

Proclamation Recognizing September 2011 as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month was presented by Councilmember Greenwald.

Proclamation Recognizing September 11, 2011 as the 10th Anniversary of the Terrorist Attacks of September 11, 2001 and Calling for a Moment of Remembrance was presented by Mayor Krovoza.

Brief Communications

S. Souza: Reelected to Board of Directors for Central California at the 2011 Annual Cal LAFCO Conference

City Manager Steve Pinkerton: Budget open house scheduled for tomorrow at 7pm.

R. Swanson: Guests from Sister City Inuyama, Japan ran in Golden Valley Carrier race; 10 year anniversary of Sister City with Inuyama will be celebrated in October. Attended Local Council dinner on September 1, received update on status of Redevelopment Agencies.

S. Greenwald: Also attended local Council dinner.

J. Krovoza: On August 17, spoke before State of California Environmental Caucus, represented City in favor of Clean Cars Initiative. Asked to serve on
Amtrak Mayors Advisory Committee.

Long Range Calendar
S. Pinkerton: Upcoming meetings: September 20-Davis Area Cooperative Housing Association public hearing and parking management plan, September 27-Budget, October 4-Teen Strategic Plan.


Community Development & Sustainability Director Ken Hiatt: Hope to get firm direction from Council; able to postpone, but shouldn’t schedule beyond October 4.

City Attorney Harriet Steiner: Twin Pines has asserted they did not receive notice of the public hearing on the DACHA application for dissolution. Staff has been considering whether to open the public hearing on September 20, take testimony, and possibly continue as a courtesy. Staff will be coming to final conclusion within next few days.

J. Krovoza: Regarding commission joint discussions: Should be as productive as possible; synch up with Council goals.

J. Krovoza moved, seconded by S. Souza, to direct staff to develop a procedure regarding conduct of joint meetings/discussions between Council and Commissions; return to Council no later than October 18.

S. Souza proposed a friendly amendment that the item be agendized on the consent calendar. Accepted by mover.

J. Krovoza clarified: Staff should proceed with City/UC Davis Student Liaison Commission discussion on October 4, but establish procedure for future discussions. Motion passed unanimously.

J. Krovoza: Request initial budget presentation on September 20 before full discussion on September 27. Council consensus.

AB1234 Reporting:
D. Wolk: lunch with potential City Manager candidate.
J. Krovoza: dinner with potential City Manager candidate.

Public Comment
- Murray Morgan: Opposed to utility rates
- Dan Berman: Concerned with issues of public utility ownership; request Council write letter in support of public power; submitted proposed letter.
- Sean Sherman: Request Council postpone decision on water rates for a few months, suggest independent review of new technologies
- Tom Cross: Support Surface Water Project, will have significant impact on children and grandchildren.
• David Greenwald: Council may want to consider amending deadline of September 30 in order to receive full input on proposal to reduce $2.5 million in general funds.
• Gene Wilson, Amtrak Advisory Committee: SB791 will enable local jurisdictions to pass a gas tax to fund transportation projects; solicit Council endorsement.
• David Thompson, Twin Pines Cooperative Foundation: City has not provided notice of DACHA’s application for dissolution to all interested parties at least 120 days prior to hearing; request Council direct staff to re-notice hearing.
• Toby Price: Support Surface Water Project; need clean water supply, current supply degrades pipes.
• Elaine Roberts-Musser, Senior Citizens Commission: Sponsoring informational meeting on September 3 at Senior Center, how to read City utility bill.
• Valerie Ward: Suggest Council consider smoothing water rate increases over 10 years instead of 6
• Alan Pryor, welcomed new City Manager
• Dave: Need better breakdown regarding costs of Surface Water Project, lack of specific information.
• Dr. Leigh, Community Housing Opportunities Corporation: Concerned over proposed water rate increases; as provider of affordable housing, cannot pass along to residents and cannot bear cost as organization; request Council consider exemption for non-profits.

Consent Calendar

Amendment to Hanlee's Davis Volkswagen’s Commercial Rehabilitation Loan for 5000 Chiles Road.
Approved Resolution No. 11-147 – Authorizing the City Manager to Execute First Amendment to the Owner Participation Agreement with Hanlee Partners

Amendment to Agricultural Lease for Clayton Ranch—approximately 177 net farmable acres.
Approved Resolution No. 11-148 - Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Amendment No. 1 to the Agricultural Lease with Gregory Schmid for the Use of Clayton Ranch

U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security Grant Award and Purchase of Law Enforcement Equipment
Approved Budget Adjustment #17 ($240,527) – Appropriating grant funds for equipment purchases made on behalf of Yolo County agencies

Update on 2010-2012 City Council Goals
Approved updated Goals and Action Items

Davis Odd Fellows World’s Greatest Bicycle Parade on October 2, 2011
Waived the Council policy that prohibits commercial activities to occur in
Central Park for the duration of the World’s Greatest Bicycle Parade event

City Council Minutes from the Meetings of September 7; 2010 and June 28, 2011
Approved

Commission Minutes (action items): Recreation and Park Commission Meeting of July 21, 2011
1. Considered the Commission’s interest to include a Community Lodge/ Neighborhood Center concept as an additional amenity to the Cannery Park development project as presented by members of Choices for Healthy Aging (CHA)
2. Considered the Commission’s request to review the parks and recreation component of the final development application for the Cannery Park project and to provide feedback and/or recommendations to the City Council for consideration.
3. Directed staff to bring forward recommendations on the best use of funding set aside from the sale of the Third and B facility to Council with the discussion of the Teen Services Strategic Plan in October.

Commission/Board Minutes (informational only):
2. Natural Resources Commission Meetings of May 23 and June 27, 2011
3. Planning Commission Meeting of December 8, 2010
4. Recreation and Park Commission Meeting of June 2, 2011
6. Social Services Commission Meetings of March 21, April 11 and June 20, 2011 and Joint Meeting with Senior Citizens Commission and ADA Subcommittee of April 11, 2011

Informational

Proposed Action in Support of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnerships (HOME) Funding.
Directed staff to work with the CDBG Coalition to express City support for CDBG and HOME funding as the federal government prepares its upcoming budget, specifically to include city signature on the joint letter to Senator Feinstein

S. Souza moved, seconded by R. Swanson, approval of consent calendar. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Hearing: Assistant Planner Cathy Camacho: Entitlement requested was to resolve code compliance zoning issue—a 300 square foot carport was constructed on the property in 2008 without the necessary planning and building permit approvals, resulting in setbacks that do not meet the required front and side yard set-
Mission Action to Deny a Revised Final Planned Development for 771 Bianco Court

backs. The Planning Commission vote on the motion to approve the project was 2-2, which results in “no action” and therefore denial of the project. Applicant submitted appeal to Planning Commission decision; staff recommends approving the project.

Mayor Krovoza opened the public hearing.

Rick Rodriguez: Bianco Court is a high access area for greenbelt; adjacent to large apartment complex, many park in neighborhood; structure will provide necessary parking and safer travel into residence.

Emily Jo Hudson: Court serves as overflow parking for apartment; residents often have to park two blocks away.

Mayor Krovoza closed the public hearing.

D. Wolk moved, seconded by S. Souza, as follows:
1. Find that the project is categorically exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15303 of the CEQA Guidelines as new construction or conversion of a small structure
2. Approve Appeal #11-01 and reverse the action of the Planning Commission to deny PA #57-08, Revised Final Planned Development #3-08, thereby reflecting staff’s June 22, 2011 recommendation to approve the application based on the conditions and subject to the Conditions of Approval.

S. Greenwald moved a substitute motion to allow carport structure to remain, but direct that it shall be removed upon resale of house. No second.

Main motion passed unanimously.

Public Hearing: Appeal of the July 13, 2011 Planning Commission Action to Deny a Conditional Use Permit for 1808 Oceano Way

Assistant Planner Eric Lee: Applicant submitted a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for a seven bedroom single-family home; currently, a five-bedroom house is under construction. The CUP would allow interior changes to close off two open rooms in order to create two additional bedrooms. The Planning Commission voted 4-3 to deny the CUP; staff recommends limiting the CUP approval to six bedrooms and require one of the proposed rooms to remain open.

Mayor Krovoza opened the public hearing.

Ken Wagstaff: Neighborhoods are changing, large houses are rented out to multiple students; at issue is number of parking spots on street; needs to be adequate.

Ken Whitman: Many nearby residences contain six bedrooms, but none have seven; can be turned into mini dorm in future.
Michael Levy: House is being designed to be a dormitory, can accommodate 12 or more students; concerned over potential number of cars and safety of children in neighborhood; no assurance that home will be owner occupied; multi family residence home is not compatible use in neighborhood.

Frank Skover: House has been designed for the needs of applicants’ family; home owners association already regulates parking.

Tau Chan: Owners proposal to close off rooms is to address safety and acoustics issues; need dark room for work purposes; project meets findings for approval; as of today, received 23 letters of support from neighbors.

Elisa Levy: It is not within jurisdiction of home owners association to look at number of bedrooms; if CUP approved and entitled, can’t undo at later date if it becomes a mini dorm.

Mayor Krovoza closed the public hearing.

D. Wolk moved, seconded by S. Greenwald, to deny the appeal and uphold the Planning Commission’s decision to deny the Conditional Use Permit.

R. Swanson moved substitute motion, seconded by S. Souza, as follows:
1. Determine that the project is categorically exempt from environmental review
2. Approve Appeal #02-11 of the Planning Commission’s denial of Conditional Use Permit #09-10 for a seven-bedroom house with the condition reducing it to six bedrooms, subject to Findings and Conditions of Approval
3. Direct staff and the Planning Commission to review, within the Commission’s workplan, the Mini-Dorm Ordinance/Zoning Code definition of bedroom and compatibility with home based businesses/offices and to possibly streamline intent.

D. Wolk requested motion be segregated.

R. Swanson moved amended substitute motion, seconded by S. Souza, as follows:
1. Determine that the project is categorically exempt from environmental review
2. Approve Appeal #02-11 of the Planning Commission’s denial of Conditional Use Permit #09-10 for a seven-bedroom house with the condition reducing it to six bedrooms, subject to Findings and Conditions of Approval

J. Krovoza moved substitute, substitute motion, seconded by R. Swanson, as follows:
1. Determine that the project is categorically exempt from environmental review
2. Approve Appeal #02-11 of the Planning Commission’s denial of Conditional Use Permit #09-10 for a seven-bedroom house (remove staff recommended condition to reduce to six bedrooms and allow owners to enclose both entertainment room and office) subject to the findings and conditions of approval.

R. Swanson withdrew substitute motion. Substitute, substitute motion becomes the substitute motion.

Staff clarification: Request scope of motion to include removing closet in office room. Accepted by mover and second.

Substitute motion passed by the following vote:
AYES: Souza, Swanson, Krovoza
NOES: Greenwald, Wolk

R. Swanson moved, seconded by D. Wolk, to direct staff, within workplan of Planning Commission, to review the Mini-Dorm Ordinance/Zoning Code to make sure that it is in line with Climate Action Plan goals, to clearly define bedrooms and offices. Motion passed by the following vote:
AYES: Souza, Swanson, Wolk, Krovoza
NOES: Greenwald

Council recessed at 8:59 p.m. and reconvened at 9:09 p.m.

Public Hearing:
Utility Rates to be Effective December 2011 - Five Year Rates for Sanitary Sewer and Water, and One Year Rate for Sanitation

Interim Public Works Director Robert Clarke: On June 7, City Council approved noticing maximum utility rates for the Proposition 218 Notice. Staff recommends adopting the proposed 1-year sanitation and 5-year sanitary sewer rates as published, and adopting new proposed 5-year water rates that are lower than published.

City Attorney Harriet Steiner: Proposition 218 requires the City to hold a public hearing on proposed new rates and to send notices to owners of identified parcels. Property owners have the right to file written protest. If there is no majority protest, Council may adopt rates equal to or less than noticed, but may not change methodology of rates under current notice.

Mayor Krovoza opened the public hearing.

Michael Sheer; Donna Reed; Kathy Guerrero; Martin Lancet; Connie Krup; Nancy Conk, Sacramento Yolo Mutual Housing; John Munn, Yolo County Taxpayers Association; John Pamperin; Mike Bartolic; Ron Glick; David Thompson, Neighborhood Partners; BJ Klosterman; Bob Sturgis; Peter Wolten; Derrick Kelly, Rancho Yolo Community Association; Doby Fleeman; Marsha Cree; Johannes Troost; Bill Kopper; Ali Ghorgonzalla; Ken Wagstaff; Karni Singh; Ernie Head; Daniel Castleville and Sunny Shine, spoke in opposition to the proposed rates. Comments included: Suggest finding other financier
cial resources rather than rate payers; Surface Water Project is not affordable to residents and businesses; postpone rate increases for a few years, consider economic impacts; city should conduct more studies and look at legitimacy of financing; consider seasonal rates; project should be put to a vote of the residents; need more public input.

Maurice Reed, Sacramento Yolo Building Trades Council; Jim Wright; Bob Whitting and Scott Steelman, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers; Richard Kennedy; Alan Pryor; Dave Hart; Elaine Roberts-Musser; Evelyn Glasgow; Ken Wallace; Chad Rodderick; Christi Skibbins, Davis Chamber of Commerce; Cameron Maxwell; Rick Baker; Rob Carrow; Steve Boschken; Julie Aiello and Kari Fry spoke in support of the proposed rates. Comments included: Support Surface Water Project, will provide clean, safe water for generations to come; new water source will taste better and be easier on fixtures; deep water aquifers are finite source and have high levels of chemicals; proposed lower rates are middle-of-road approach, assumes city is able to obtain stable financing.

Mayor Krovoza closed the public hearing.

City Council recessed at 11:24 p.m. and reconvened at 11:45 p.m.

S. Greenwald moved that only the Davis City Attorney will answer Council questions (no advice/analysis from Woodland Davis Clean Water Association counsel). No second.

City Clerk Zoe Mirabile announced 4,860 protests were received; 4,665 valid, 195 either not valid or of questionable validity.

S. Greenwald moved to direct staff to pursue maximum regulatory flexibility with the Regional and State Water Resources Control Board, including but not limited to a variance allowing postponement of the surface water project, working both directly and through all reasonable channels including the Central Valley Clean Water Association. No second.

S. Greenwald moved that prior to every meeting of the Clean Water JPA the agenda will come to Council for full discussion and that Council will be involved with directing the Clean Water JPA representatives to vote in accordance with Council majority. No second.

S. Greenwald moved to direct the Woodland Davis Clean Water JPA to prepare and provide ASAP detailed parameters which allow accurate costs estimates of the surface water project. No second.

S. Greenwald moved to bring the Surface Water Project to a vote of the people after doing everything possible to obtain a variance. No second.
S. Greenwald moved to request Drs. Tschobanoglous and Schroeder to explore interim alternatives to surface water project. No second.

D. Wolk moved, seconded by R. Swanson, as follows:
1. Reaffirm the city’s intention to establish a surface water supply project from the Sacramento River
2. Reject staff recommendation on water rates and reject the rates for years 2-5. Limit the rate increase to just year 1, at 10%.
3. Over the next 12 months, we would do the following
   a. Establish a technical advisory committee (TAC), restricting its membership to one individual per councilmember. Appointees shall have strong financial knowledge and no economic conflicts. This is a committee that is intended to have the expertise to review projects, bid processes, bond terms and any other financial matter related to the construction of the water project. The City Manager and an attorney from the City Attorney’s Office with water expertise should staff the committee. The TAC will make recommendations to the Council as the water project and its financing develop over the course of the year.
   b. Ensure any significant decision by the Woodland Davis Clean Water Agency (WDCWA) would be brought before the Council.
   c. Seek flexibility on the timelines for the project and raising capital, including requesting the assistance of the city’s legislative delegation, with the idea of stretching out the rate schedule.
   d. Explore a publicly-operated alternative, not private.
   e. Seek guarantees to ensure the project will only use local and regional businesses and labor, to the maximum extent feasible.
   f. Utilize and lobby for as much federal and state funding as possible, including state water bonds and potential Delta restoration dollars headed toward the Yolo Bypass and look also at utilizing other local dollars besides user fees.
   g. Develop an aggressive water conservation program, which includes accessing state and federal funds if feasible, to offset the costs to residents of implementing water conservation strategies or replacing equipment.
   h. Provide for regular community meetings and updates.
   i. Explore the creation of a rate-subsidy program for low-income households.
4. At the end of the 12-month period, revisit the rate issue.
5. Adopt staff recommendations as follows:
   a. Approve Resolution Establishing Customer Rates for Sanitation Services (one year rate), consistent with the rates published in the Proposition 218 Notice of Public Hearing
   b. Approve Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Amendment No. 6 to the Agreement with Davis Waste Removal Company, Inc. for Waste Removal Services
   c. Introduce Ordinance Amending Chapter 33.04.050 (a) and (b) of the Municipal Code Relating to Sewer Rates (five year rates), consistent
with the rates published in the Proposition 218 Notice of Public Hearing

R. Swanson proposed the following friendly amendments:
1. Regarding #3: Amend 12 months to 6 months
2. Regarding #3A: Advisory committee membership should be a balance between political and community group appointees. From community groups that are already working with staff, direct staff to identify one person from each one of those groups to supplement the 5 people appointed by Council. Accepted by mover.

S. Greenwald requested #3C be more specific: Apply for a variance and attempt to achieve maximum flexibility. Not accepted by mover and second.

J. Krovoza moved substitute motion, seconded by S. Souza, as follows:
1. Approve Resolution No. 11-149 - City of Davis Rates for Sanitation Services Effective December 1, 2011.
2. Approve Resolution No. 11-150 - Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Amendment No. 6 to the Agreement with Davis Waste Removal Company, Inc. for Waste Removal Services
3. Introduce Ordinance Amending Chapter 33.04.050 (a) and (b) of the Municipal Code Relating to Sewer Rates (five year rates), consistent with the rates published in the Proposition 218 Notice of Public Hearing

Motion passed by the following vote:
AYES: Souza, Swanson, Wolk, Krovoza
NOES: Greenwald

J. Krovoza moved, seconded by S. Souza, as follows:
1. Introduce Ordinance Amending Chapter 39 of the Municipal Code Related to Water Rates and to Increase the Base Rates and Metered Rates (five year rates), at alternative rate levels reflecting an across the board 14% maximum increase per year (based on typical residential consumption with 20% residential user class conservation over five-year period).
2. City Council will examine the rate level established in this motion as soon as feasible following completion of the Woodland Davis Clean Water Agency’s Design-Build-Operate process to award the construction and operation contract for the joint facilities, to take place no later than October 1, 2013. In that rate setting: (1) Council will determine the year six rate for the next Proposition 218 process of not more than 14% (based on typical residential consumption), and (2) Council shall consider the feasibility of stretching rate increases over one or more additional years beyond the sixth year.

R. Swanson proposed a friendly amendment to participate in the scoping process for a variance. Not accepted by mover.

Motion failed by the following vote:
AYES:  Souza, Krovoza
NOES:  Greenwald, Swanson, Wolk

D. Wolk moved, seconded by R. Swanson, as follows:
1. Reaffirm the city’s intention to establish a surface water supply from the Sacramento River
2. Reject the staff recommendations and limit the (water rate) increase to just the one year rate.
3. Over the next 6 months, do the following
   a. Establish a technical advisory committee (TAC), restricting its membership to one individual per councilmember. Appointees shall have strong financial knowledge and no economic conflicts. This is a committee that is intended to have the expertise to review projects, bid processes, bond terms and any other financial matter related to the construction of the water project. The City Manager and an attorney from the City Attorney’s Office with water expertise should staff the committee. The TAC will make recommendations to the Council as the water project and its financing develop over the course of the year.
   b. Ensure any significant decision by the Woodland Davis Clean Water Agency (WDCWA) would be brought before the Council.
   c. Seek flexibility on the timelines for the project and raising capital, including requesting the assistance of the city’s legislative delegation, with the idea of stretching out the rate schedule.
   d. Explore a publicly-operated alternative, not private.
   e. Seek guarantees to ensure the project will only use local and regional businesses and labor, to the maximum extent feasible.
   f. Utilize and lobby for as much federal and state funding as possible, including state water bonds and potential Delta restoration dollars headed toward the Yolo Bypass and look also at utilizing other local dollars besides user fees.
   g. Develop an aggressive water conservation program, which includes accessing state and federal funds if feasible, to offset the costs to residents of implementing water conservation strategies or replacing equipment.
   h. Provide for regular community meetings and updates.
   i. Explore the creation of a rate-subsidy program for low-income households.
4. At the end of the 6-month period, revisit the rate issue.

R. Swanson proposed a friendly amendment to modify 3A membership: include 5 representatives from user groups. Accepted by mover. Following discussion, superseded by the following:

S. Greenwald proposed a friendly amendment to modify 3A membership: 10 appointees from Council, two individuals per Councilmember. Accepted by mover and second.
J. Krovoza proposed a friendly amendment to establish five year water rate increases at a maximum 14% per year (based on typical residential consumption with 20% residential user class conservation over five-year period). Accepted by mover and second.

R. Swanson proposed friendly amendment to modify 3G to read: Access state and federal funds, if feasible, to offset the costs to residents of implementing water conservation strategies or replacing equipment. Accepted by mover.

H. Steiner clarified: If Council wants to move forward with setting water rates, will need to restate the motion and introduce the ordinance with rates as amended.

J. Krovoza: #4 should be removed from the motion (revisit the rate issue) because the ordinance calls for consideration of rates before October 1 of every year. H. Steiner clarified: Because the ordinance is setting rates, there is an obligation for Council to discuss rates prior to October of each year to determine if they want to modify.

Motion restated:
D. Wolk moved, seconded by R. Swanson, as follows:
1. Introduce Ordinance Amending Chapter 39 of the Municipal Code Related to Water Rates and to Increase the Base Rates and Metered Rates (five year rates), at the revised recommended level below those published in the Proposition 218 Notice of Public Hearing.
2. Direct staff to:
   a. Establish a technical advisory committee (TAC), restricting its membership to 2 individuals per council member. Appointee shall have strong financial knowledge and no economic conflicts. This is a committee that is intended to have the expertise to review projects, bid processes, bonds, terms and any other items that are related to the construction and water project. The City Manager and an attorney from the City Attorney’s Office with water expertise shall staff the committee. The TAC will make recommendations to the Council as the water project and it’s financing develop over the course of the year when we come back in October.
   b. Ensure any significant decision by the Woodland Davis Clean Water Agency (WDCWA) be brought before the Council.
   c. Seek flexibility on the timelines for the project and raising capital, including requesting the assistance of the city’s legislative delegation, with the idea of stretching out the rate schedule.
   d. Explore a publicly-operated alternative, not private.
   e. Seek guarantees to ensure the project will only use local and regional businesses and labor, to the maximum extent feasible.
   f. Utilize and lobby for as much federal and state funding as possible, including state water bonds and potential Delta restoration dollars headed toward the Yolo Bypass and look also at utilizing other local dollars be-
sides user fees.
g. Access state and federal funds, if feasible, to offset the costs to residents of implementing water conservation strategies or replacing equipment.
h. Provide for regular community meetings and updates.
i. Explore the creation of a rate-subsidy program for low-income households.

Clarification: Rates shall be for 5 years, at a maximum increase of 14% per year (based on typical residential consumption with 20% residential user class conservation over five-year period).

Motion passed by the following vote:
AYES: Souza, Swanson, Wolk, Krovoza
NOES: Greenwald

Proposed Resolutions to be Considered at the League of California Cities Annual Conference – September 21-23, San Francisco

Item postponed to September 20, 2011.

Adjournment Meeting was adjourned at 3:20 a.m.

Zoe S. Mirabile City Clerk