RESOLUTION NO. 14-175, SERIES 2014

RESOLUTION REGARDING THE STRUCTURE AND PURPOSE OF THE FINANCE AND BUDGET COMMISSION

WHEREAS, this Resolution supercedes all previous resolutions related to the structure and purpose of the City of Davis Finance and Budget Commission; and

WHEREAS, the City Council relies on Boards and Commissions to provide advice and information on subjects within the Commission’s scope.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Davis establishes a Finance and Budget Commission to achieve the following:

1. PURPOSE
   The Davis Finance and Budget Commission is to focus on an independent analysis of technical, financial and budgeting issues.

   As an advisory body of the Davis City Council, the commission is established and guided by the following documents:

   a. Davis Anti-discrimination ordinance; and

   b. Commission Handbook; and

   c. Commission Policy Guidelines

2. MEMBERSHIP
   The Finance and Budget Commission shall consist of seven (7) members and one (1) alternate. All voting members of the Finance and Budget Commission, regular and alternate, shall be appointed by the City Council.

   The alternate member shall not vote except upon one of the following conditions:

   a. Absence of one (1) or more of the regular members of the commission.

   b. Disqualification of a regular member of the commission because of an expressed conflict of interest.

   c. There will be one (1) non-voting liaison from three (3) separate commissions: the Planning Commission, Recreation and Parks Commission and the Open Space and Habitat Commission.

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3. TERMS OF OFFICE
Members of the commission shall serve a term of four (4) years, or until their successors are appointed. For purposes of establishing staggered terms, appointments may be for terms varying between one (1) and four (4) years as the Council may decide. No members shall serve for more than two (2) consecutive terms, except under special circumstances.

4. TERMINATION OF APPOINTMENT
The term of appointment of any member of the commission who has been absent from three (3) consecutive regular or special meetings, or who has missed more than 1/3 of the meetings in a 12-month period, without the approval of the City Council, shall automatically terminate.

Members of the Finance and Budget Commission serve at the pleasure of the Council and may be removed from office by a majority vote of the Council.

5. VACANCIES
Vacancies on the commission shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner in which regular appointments are otherwise made.

6. OFFICERS OF THE COMMISSION
The members of the Finance and Budget Commission annually shall select one (1) of its members as Chairperson and one (1) of its members as Vice Chairperson. No chairperson or vice chairperson shall serve more than two (2) consecutive years as chair.

   a. THE CHAIRPERSON of the commission shall call the meetings to order at the appointed time, shall appoint all committees, subject to the approval of the commission, shall have all the powers and duties of the presiding officer as described in “Rosenberg’s Rules of Order: Simple Parliamentary Procedures for the 21st Century,” and shall perform such other duties as may from time to time be prescribed by the commission.

   b. THE VICE CHAIRPERSON of the commission shall have all the powers and perform all the duties of the Chairperson in the case of absence or inability of the Chairperson to act. The Vice Chairperson shall perform such other duties as may from time to time be prescribed by the commission or the Chairperson.

7. MEETINGS OF THE COMMISSION
The Finance and Budget Commission shall establish a regular time and place of meeting and shall hold regular meetings. Special meetings of the commission may be called by the Chairperson, or by any four (4) or more voting members of the commission, with permission of the Council liaison or the City Council. Personal notice must be given to all members of the commission. If personal notice cannot be given, written notice must be mailed to such members at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to said meeting, unless said notice requirement is waived in writing by said member.
8. QUORUM
For the purpose of transacting business, a quorum of the Finance and Budget Commission shall consist of four (4) of the seven (7) members. An alternate member shall be counted as a full voting member for purposes of attaining a quorum.

9. FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMISSION
The Finance and Budget Commission shall have the responsibilities as provided in this section and such other duties as the Council may, from time to time, decide:

a. Providing transparency of City Finances to the citizens of Davis.

b. Reviewing the spending outlined in the city budget in order to advise the Public that City Council/City Management is accountable for spending taxpayer dollars effectively and in keeping with important city priorities.

c. Searching for and advising actions that could maximize city revenues and reduce governmental costs and help ensure municipal fiscal stability.

d. Providing recommendations/special studies on financial and economic issues to the City Council.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Davis this 16th day of December, 2014, by the following vote:

AYES: Davis, Frerichs, Lee, Swanson, Wolk

NOES: None

ATTEST:

Daniel M. Wolk
Mayor

Zoe S. Mirabile, CMC
City Clerk