

MINUTES OF THE DAVIS CITY COUNCIL
Meeting of February 7, 2023

The City Council of the City of Davis met in regular meeting session beginning at 6:40 p.m. in the Community Chambers, 23 Russell Boulevard, Davis, California and via teleconference. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Will Arnold.

Roll Call: Councilmembers Present: Josh Chapman, Gloria Partida, Babu Vaitla, Will Arnold

Councilmembers Absent: None

Other Officers Present: City Manager Michael Webb, City Attorney Inder Khalsa, City Clerk Zoe Mirabile

Approval of Agenda J. Chapman moved, seconded by B. Vaitla, to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

City Manager & City Council Brief Announcements City Manager Mike Webb: Environmental Recognition Awards nomination deadline is March 15. Thong Hy Huynh Memorial Awards nomination deadline is March 16. City offices closed for Presidents Day February 20.

Public Comments

- Alan Hirsch: Proposed project to widen I-80 will increase traffic. Oppose.
- Colin Walsh: Measure J/R/D already includes an exception for affordable housing. Measure doesn't need to be amended.
- Alan Miller: When public transit is built, it should be where there is demand. Transit ridership has decreased significantly since Uber.
- Connor Gorman: Support making downtown more accessible and ways to inform residents about businesses that are located on closed portion of G Street. Suggest vacancy tax or rent control to support businesses downtown.
- John Whitehead: Compared renewable energy use day vs night. Summarized electricity use and provision at designated times on February 5, 2023.
- Unnamed individual: Yolo County receives federal funds and is tasked with assisting unhoused clients in Davis to find permanent housing. Not complying.

Consent Calendar Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention Program 3 (HHAP3) Rental Property Manager/Owner Engagement Program Approve Resolution No. 23-010 - Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into Contract With the Homeless Poverty Action Coalition (HPAC) of

Yolo County to Accept a Grant Award for the Homeless Housing Assistance Program (HHAP3) and Amending the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget for Grants

Appropriation of Vehicle Replacement Funding in Fiscal Year 2022-23 Budget for City Fleet Vehicles

Approve Resolution No. 23-011 - Amending Fiscal Year 2022-23 Vehicle Replacement Fund Budget to Procure One (1) Fire Department Vehicle Due for Replacement in FY 2023-24

Re-Authorize Continuation of Remote Public Meetings

1. Consider the circumstances of the state of emergency and determine to re-authorize continuation of remote (Zoom/teleconference) public meetings for legislative bodies pursuant to Assembly Bill 361
2. Make the following finding: There continues to be a proclaimed state of emergency and meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees

G. Partida moved, seconded by B. Vaitla, to approve consent calendar. Motion passed unanimously.

South Davis
Library/Community Center
Update

City Manager Mike Webb: Currently there is a satellite library at Marguerite Montgomery Elementary School for South Davis residents. Proposal is a county project on land provided by city. County has developed conceptual plans, cost estimates, and fiscal evaluation of construction and operations for a new South Davis Library/Community Center. Projected cost to construct in 2025 is \$21.3 million, with a funding gap of \$4.1 million.

Public comments:

- Jimena Jackson; Gonzalves Family; Holly Bishop, Sharon Hallberg, and Anthony Wright County, Yolo County Library Advisory Board; Colin Walsh; and Connor Gorman: Support project. Public library is important for children. Families in south Davis may have transportation issues or need spaces for children closer to home. Community spaces are important, need to be disbursed throughout community. Need to be equitable.
- Lucas Frerichs and Jim Provenza, Yolo Board of Supervisors: Request financial contribution from city, help county take advantage of grant opportunity. Close to achieving needed funds.
- John Johnston: Support conjunctive use as resilience center for South Davis. Will help justify use of ARP funds for project.
- Alan Hirsch: Library will create an ongoing financial liability. City needs to maintain current facilities and amenities, shouldn't take on extra burden. County should pay for the operations.

- Curtis Ferreira, Carpenters Local Union 46: Should hire local community members for construction projects, spend funds in community. Need responsible contractors with apprenticeships and standard wages and benefits.

B. Vaitla moved, seconded by J. Chapman, as follows:

1. Authorize the Council Subcommittee to engage in person or in writing in the upcoming County Board of Supervisors discussion on the South Davis Library project (anticipated for Feb 21) to signal strong support for the project on behalf of the Davis City Council.
2. Should the County decide to proceed with the South Davis Library project, authorize the Council Subcommittee to work with the City Manager to incorporate a proposal for local financial support to assist the County in South Davis Library construction costs, including but not limited to utilization of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and Park Development Impact fees, as part of the 2023/25 budget proposal. Target dollar amount \$1 million to \$1.5 million

Motion passed unanimously.

City Council recessed at 8:36 p.m. and reconvened at 8:48 p.m.

Workshop:
City Commissions

Assistant City Manager Kelly Stachowicz: Presented information on current structure of commissions, recruitment process, and questions/topics for council to consider. Summarized staff recommendations for clarifications to commission administration.

Public comments:

- Alan Hirsch: Commissions are about public participation and ownership of government. Should consult experts in group process.
- Dillan Horton: Commissioners lack understanding of city policy development process. What projects go to commissions and what goes directly to Council? Support updated application form.
- John Johnston: Natural Resources Commission agendas typically have 4 or 5 regular agenda items. Can't work through difficult and technical items in only 2 hours. When reviewing scopes of work, should consult with commissions.
- Colin Walsh: Commissions have not been informed that Council was discussing this topic. Should consult with current and prior commissioners. No follow up to all-chair meeting from 1.5 years ago.
- Alan Miller: Commissions could run the city instead of Council, elect commissioners through direct vote.
- Donna Neville: Questioned recommendation that commissions not form subcommittees.
- Connor Gorman: Commission membership should include anyone that has substantial interest in Davis community. Human Relations Commission should have a role in drafting city statements around

tragic events that are related to scope of commission. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration and Cesar Chavez Celebration should have a larger funding stream.

- Roberta Milstein: Staff wants to reduce power of commissions. If meetings are too long, should limit time provided for developer presentations. If looking at commissions, should involve them in discussion.

G. Partida moved, seconded by J. Chapman, modifications to/clarifications of commission rules and procedures as follows:

1. Commission alternate role:
 - A. Alternates may be assigned from their respective commission to serve as a representative to another commission on a certain topic. They will represent the commission's interests on the subject matter and not their individual opinion, and will provide regular updates to the commission.
 - B. Alternates may serve on commission subcommittees.
2. Establish Council lead role on tasks undertaken by Council Subcommittees:

When a Council Subcommittee is established on a matter, it will take the lead role on all future actions in order to coordinate resources and efforts. If the Council Subcommittee is interested in seeking commission input, they will coordinate such activities via the commission staff liaison. Commissions should not schedule agenda items or undertake subcommittee work unless they are specifically requested to do so by the Council Subcommittee. This will ensure that council and commissions are not working at cross-purposes and in the most efficient manner.
3. Update development review process:

Staff to return with proposed language for Council adoption. In order to comply with state law, the City must establish a process that streamlines certain projects, such as SB 330 compliance. The process needs to clarify which commissions have purview and what types of projects entail limitations on the number of public meetings permitted under state law.

Motion passed unanimously.

G. Partida moved, seconded by J. Chapman, as follows:

1. Establish two Council Subcommittees for commission recruitment interviews and appointment recommendations for the upcoming commission appointment process for existing vacancies and commissioner terms ending June 30, 2023. Subcommittee A to consist of G.

Partida and W. Arnold. Subcommittee B to consist of J. Chapman and B. Vaitla,

2. Authorize staff to divide up applicants as necessary between sub-committees.

Motion passed unanimously.

G. Partida moved, seconded by W. Arnold, to establish a Council Subcommittee consisting of J. Chapman and B. Vaitla to evaluate commission structures and scopes. Motion passed unanimously.

By consensus, Council tasked the Council Subcommittee on Commissions with a broad charge to look at all things commission related.

W. Arnold moved, seconded by /B. Vaitla, to establish a process to continue or end discussion at commission meetings: No new items shall begin after 2 hours after commission meeting start time unless a majority vote exists to continue. Motion passed unanimously.

Long Range
Calendar

M. Webb: No changes to long range calendar.

Public comments:

- Alan Hirsch: Most productive to hold neighborhood meetings, then commissions, then council. Community dialogue includes conflict.
- Colin Walsh: Council should always check in with commissions before discussing matters. Support forming a commission on commissions.
- Connor Gorman: Should provide 3 minutes for public comments and not limit to 2 minutes. Should re-evaluate when remote public comment line is open, expand to longer hours.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 10:46 p.m.

Zoe Mirabile
City Clerk