

MINUTES OF THE DAVIS CITY COUNCIL
Meeting of August 29, 2023

The City Council of the City of Davis met in regular meeting session beginning at 6:42 p.m. in the Community Chambers, 23 Russell Boulevard, Davis, California. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Will Arnold.

Roll Call: Councilmembers Present: Josh Chapman, Donna Neville, Gloria Partida, Bapu 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 D. Neville, to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

City Manager Announcements City Manager Mike Webb: September 4—City offices will be closed in observance of Labor Day. September 7—Rosecreek Park Grand Opening. September 8—Spin e-scooters and e-bikes launches, micromobility program partnership between city and UC Davis.

City Council Announcements and Liaison Reports G. Partida: Acknowledge and support statement released by Mayor regarding bomb threats at the library. Reassure community that voices are heard and concerns are taken seriously.

Public Comments

- Alan Miller: Oppose Yolo County Library staff person using position to influence policies related to free speech and regulating use of facility based on content.
- Alan Hirsch: I-80 widening project—three members of Yolo County Transportation District Board have already stated their preference for widening the freeway regardless of community opposition.
- Joe and Janet Krovoza: Oppose Arroyo Park Shade Structure Project—item on July 18 City Council meeting. Project has exceeded estimated costs. Staff claimed project was priority for community based on a survey, however, the public was not asked whether or not they wanted a permanent structure that replaces grass area with concrete slab.
- Himali Thakur, ASUCD Grad Student Association: Interested in participating in Hate Free Together campaign.
- Sabrina Debrassey: Shared use paths in Russell Park—pavement replacement not scheduled for six years. Paths are in poor condition and frequently used by vulnerable users. Should be prioritized for funding over playground and picnic amenities.

- David Abramson: Oppose aerial spraying by Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito & Vector Control District.
- Connor Gorman: Bomb threats are hate threats to library. Part of larger pattern—hate rhetoric and ideas have existed for a long time. Need to strongly oppose.

Consent Calendar

Central Park Splash Pad Project – Natalie’s Corner Art Contract
Approve Resolution No. 23-108 - Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into an Arts Contract with Susan Shelton for the Natalie’s Corner Project

Community Needs Assessment and Strategic Plan Request for Qualifications Contract Award

Approve Resolution No. 23-109 - Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into a Professional Services Agreement with Dudek for a Community Needs Assessment and Strategic Plan

Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) Annual Certification
Approve Resolution No. 23-110 - Certifying the PTASP for Davis Community Transit and Unitrans

Authorizing Unitrans to Act on Behalf of the City for Obtaining and Administering Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) Funding
Approve Resolution No. 23-111 - Authorizing Unitrans General Manager to Act on Behalf of the City of Davis for the Purpose of Obtaining and Administering LCTOP Funding, and to Execute All Documents Related Thereto for the Unitrans’ Electric Bus Purchase - \$209,169

Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) Between the City of Davis and Davis Police Officers Association, the Davis City Employee Association, and Individual General Management Employees

1. Approve Resolution Nos. 23-112 through 23-115 - Adopting MOUs with (1) DCEA, (2) DPOA, (3) Individual Sworn Police Management, and (4) Individual General Management Employees
2. Authorize City Manager to approve budget adjustments as necessary to implement the approved MOUs

Amendment to General Services Agreement for Janitorial Services
Approve Resolution No. 23-116 - Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Amendment No. 4 to the General Services Agreement with Spencer Building Maintenance, Inc. for Janitorial Services

City Council Responses to 2022-2023 Yolo County Grand Jury
Approve City Council responses to the Yolo County Grand Jury for the report titled *A Forest for the Trees - A Report on a Davis Resource*, and direct staff to transmit responses to the Grand Jury no later than September 1, 2023

Commission Minutes:

1. Bicycling, Transportation, and Street Safety Commission Meeting of June 8, 2023
2. Human Relations Commission Meetings of February 23, March 23, April 27, and May 25, 2023
3. Social Services Commission Meetings of May 16, July 17, September 19, October 17, and November 21, 2022; January 23, February 27, March 20, April 17, and May 15, 2023

Informational

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

Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito & Vector Control District Presentation: Update on 2023 Mosquito Activity and Mosquito Control Matters

SYMVCD District Manager Gary Goodman: Increased mosquito activity in 2023. So far, Yolo County has four confirmed cases of West Nile Virus with one fatality with an estimate of 20-30 total cases for the season. When mosquito population and infections rise, SYMVCD increases testing; when warranted, District will proceed to ground level localized control activities. If not able to curb rates locally and they become widespread throughout the region, will perform targeted aerial spraying. Urge residents to protect themselves from mosquitos for the next month or two until season ends.

Public comments:

- Alan Miller: Need more notification when aerial spraying occurs in order to make informed decisions to protect ourselves and our pets.
- Janet Krovoza: Didn't receive alert. Understand District sends out press alerts, but would like more active notification.
- Alan Hirsch: Request notification; will not turn on whole house fan.
- Unnamed individual: Bomb threat at public library in opposition to LGBTQ community. Feel unsafe. Would like Davis to do more to protect vulnerable community members.

District Manager G. Goodman: Residents can sign up to receive email notifications of spraying, also post on website and social media platforms. Notify at least a day in advance.

Public Hearing: Recycled Water Program CEQA Negative Declaration

Public Works Utilities & Operations Director Stan Gryczko: Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrade resulted in treated wastewater available for beneficial use. Petitioned State Water Board to reduce discharge stream by 1.8 million gallons per day to reuse at Yolo County Landfill and compost facility, storage for use for land near treatment plant, watering city trees in parks and greenbelts, and other low-demand uses within the city.

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

B. Vaitla moved, seconded by D. Neville, as follows:

1. Approve Resolution No. 23-117 - Adopting a CEQA Negative Declaration for the Davis Recycled Water Program
2. Direct staff to complete the following:
 - a. The approved Resolution and Final IS-ND will be submitted to the State Water Resources Control Board as part of the City of Davis Wastewater Change Petition submitted on December 5, 2022
 - b. The Notice of Determination will be submitted to the Yolo County Recorder's Office within 5 days of Council approval of the Resolution. The NOD will also be submitted to the State Clearing House.

Motion passed unanimously.

Wastewater Utility Cost of Service and Rate Study; Initiate City Wastewater Utility Fee Proposition 218 Process

Public Works Utilities & Operations Director Stan Gryczko: Service study reviewed current and projected costs of utility and existing rate structure, developed long-term financial plan, determined ratepayer share of expenses based on customer class and developed rate to equitably recover costs. Study findings: expenses outpacing revenue, cost of treatment increased, costs should be more fixed than volumetric as currently reflected in rate (proposed is 60% fixed, 40% volumetric), condense multi-family and commercial classes and introduce new rate for larger dormitory-study housing units. Utilities Commission recommends new proposed rate structure.

Public comments:

- Unnamed individual: Per bed rate for dormitory style housing—utility cost will be passed down to renters. Why is rate higher per bed?
- Elaine Roberts-Musser: Support Rates will make sure expenditures do not exceed revenue. Failure to make adjustments will lead to backlog of maintenance and replacement of facilities.

S. Gryczko: Rate methodology divides single family rate by number of beds. Average cost will be \$8.78/bed. Per state law, rates must allocate fair share of costs to all customers.

B. Neville moved, seconded by G. Partida, to direct staff to initiate the Proposition 218 process and take necessary steps including the preparation of Notices for City and County Service Area customers to be mailed noticing a public hearing to be held on or after November 7, 2023 to consider implementation of rate adjustments by January 1, 2024. Motion passed unanimously.

City Council recessed at 8:13 p.m. and reconvened at 8:21 p.m.

Mace Boulevard Reconstruction Project, CIP ET8257

Public Works Engineering & Transportation Director Dianna Jensen: In March 2023, Council approved the final plan for bidding which included an alternate option with a cycle track. Proposed project includes two full-width traffic lanes between Cowell Blvd and N El Macero Dr, striping modifications, reconfiguration of islands at San Marino Ave, modifications to on-street parking, revisions to median. Option for cycle track would include reconstruction of western bikeway buffer, replace raised median with paved painted median, and additional traffic signal modifications. Summarized bid results, low bidder was McGuire & Hester. Construction anticipated to start mid to later September.

Public comments:

- Brandon Hurley: El Macero resident. Support reconfiguration back to two lanes. Also need to follow through with future phases of project.
- Alan Miller: Support two way cycle track.
- Jeffrey Bouchette, Bike Davis: Support two way cycle track. Need to continue to support safe access for bicycles, Safe Routes to Schools program should be priority.
- Alex Kinnefix: Undoing a bike focused \$5 million project that received grant funding. Not a good value. How will city secure additional transportation grant funding in the future with this track record?
- Gayna Lamb-Bang: Support reconfiguration. Oppose two-way cycle track.
- Andy Furrillo: Support two way cycle track. Disappointed that CEQA environmental review document terms this an active transportation project when it is widening the street for cars, not exactly "active" transportation. Cars lead to more environmental impact.

J. Chapman moved, seconded by B. Vaitla, to approve Resolution No. 23-118 - Awarding Contract to McGuire and Hester for Construction of the Mace Blvd Reconstruction Project, Authorizing City Manager to Execute Contract, and Acknowledging the CEQA Categorical Exemption, with Option B (including cycle track extension):

1. Awards project of \$2,199,590 with construction contingency of 10% (\$220,000)
2. Authorizes additional 5% (\$110,000) for contingency later if needed and funding is available
3. Authorizes Budget Revision moving \$1,246,770 from 2022/23 Pavement Rehabilitation Project, CIP ET8250, into CIP ET8257, and \$100,000 from streets operational budget for projects, program 7252

Motion passed unanimously.

AB 1234 Reporting

None

Long Range
Calendar

M. Webb: Next meeting is September 5. Will be adding a closed session.

D. Neville: Interested in doing more to make community feel safe, specifically LGBTQ+ members. Update on Hate Free Together?

M. Webb: Work proceeding. Received \$300,000 grant for arts related content. Considering partnership efforts with DJUSD, UCD, County, and others. Will be able to report out soon on actionable items.

Public comment:

- Alan Miller: Initiative against hate doesn't do anything to reduce hate. Thankful that discriminatory laws have been abolished. Takes years for hate to go away, but going in right direction even if current activities have increased slightly.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Zoe Mirabile
City Clerk