

MINUTES OF THE DAVIS CITY COUNCIL
Meeting of September 5, 2023

The City Council of the City of Davis met in regular meeting session beginning at 6:51 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 G. Partida moved, seconded by D. Neville, to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

City Manager Announcements City Manager Mike Webb: September 7—Rosecreek Park Grand Opening. August 31—Playfields Park Soccer Field Grand Opening, cork cushion underlayer on field to make dives and falls easier. October 15—Davis Neighbors Night Out.

City Council Announcements and Liaison Reports None

Public Comments

- Ellen Kalorick, Interfaith Housing Justice Davis—consent calendar item regarding revenue measure. Support revenue measure for Housing Trust Fund. Should consider how much is needed to provide down payment assistance, affordable housing development, etc.
- Alan Miller: Read chatGPT written country song of the Davis Library incident and bomb threats. Support free speech and compassion.
- John Johnston: Natural Resources Commission is concerned about a lack of staff resources to implement the Climate Action & Adaptation Plan. Should think about including CAAP implementation needs in revenue measure discussion.
- Gayna Lamb-Bang: Arroyo Park Shade Structure is too costly, should be reconsidered. Use funds for something else such as additional trees in park.
- Connor Gorman: Labor Day—important to support workers and their struggles to earn appropriate compensation and benefits.

- Alan Hirsch: Oppose widening of I-80. Biggest sources of noise and greenhouse gas pollution. Caltrans should consider other alternatives and fully analyze them when they issue the Environmental Impact Report for the project.

Consent Calendar

Contract for Assistance with Community Engagement and Development of a Revenue Measure

Approve Resolution No. 23-119 - Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Professional Service Agreement with TeamCivX for Assistance with Community Engagement and Development of a Revenue Measure

Amendments to On-Call Engineering Services Agreement and On-Call Geotechnical Engineering and Materials Testing Agreement Task Orders for Construction Management and Inspection Services for Bretton Woods

Approve Resolution No. 23-120 - Approving Task Order Amendments for Bretton Woods Inspection: Amendment No. 2 to Task Order 24 for WSP Construction Management and Inspection Services and Amendment No. 1 to Task Order 2 with Terracon Consultants, Inc.

Amendment to Contract to Extend Services at the Daytime Respite Center, 530 L Street

1. Approve Resolution No. 23-121 - Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Amendment to the Contract with CommuniCare-Ole to Manage the Respite Center Through January 31, 2024 in an Amount Not to Exceed \$190,412.03 for Service Provision
2. Authorize staff to conduct an analysis of the outcomes, gaps, and challenges related to Center operations
3. Based on the analysis, authorize staff to determine if operational updates or changes are warranted and report back to Council

Revised Fiscal Year 2023/24 Authorized Position Listing and Updated Salary Table

1. Approve Resolution No. 23-122 - Amending the Authorized Positions Listing for FY23/24
2. Approve Resolution No. 23-123 - Approving Citywide Salary Table

Administratively Approved Budget Adjustments – Fiscal Year 2022/23 1st, 2nd and 3rd Quarter

Informational

J. Chapman moved, seconded by D. Neville, to approve the consent calendar. Motion passed unanimously.

Hate-Free Together Update

Community Engagement Director Jenny Tan: In November 2022, UC Davis, City of Davis and Yolo County started a collaborative joint effort

against the epidemic of hate. Resources, support and opportunities for community, government and other actions to condemn hate, create safety and cultivate change. Improve inclusion, conversation, education and action in the community. Outlined sample actions for community/individual, public agency, and business.

Conducted preliminary input and research, partners committed to initial investment of \$100,000, received \$300,000 grant from California Arts Council. Next steps in campaign: community workshops and conversations, website, knowledge of how to report crimes/incidents, education and resources, collaborations, “umbrella” for actions, events, organizations.

Public comments:

- Beth Bourne: Victim of hate crime, had tires slashed. Working to protect children from regressive stereotypes, oppose transgender identities. Have the right to hold different beliefs. Need to be respectful of all individuals.
- Dorte Jensen: Don't agree with three principles. Definition of hate and hateful speech is arbitrary. Instead of condemning hate, should support loving kindness. Should be inclusive, and not exclude people. Should honor the past and cultivate the future.
- Alan Miller: Spoke on this issue last meeting.
- Dillan Horton: Important that campaign works to prevent the increase of hateful rhetoric. Also need to focus on physical safety. Often fast track from hateful rhetoric to physical violence.
- Connor Gorman: Important to recognize that hate comes in different forms. Hate crimes, incidents that don't rise to the level of crime, and structural forms of hate and oppression. Need diversity of tactics and actions to combat hate in different forms.

Council comments:

G. Partida: Support outreach to nonprofits and community, different tactics and responses. Important to build human connections.

B. Vaitla: Metrics for success?

J. Tan: Can quantify data and statistics, but many are underreported. Goal is to create a culture, environment and community that helps spur thought, change, and action.

D. Neville: People that are holding talks and conducting workshops should have defined legal framework, what is a hate crime, common understanding and definitions

W. Arnold: Need to utilize every resource available to combat hateful violence. Not acceptable in our community. Hateful speech should be condemned. Can't get discouraged, long term project that requires full commitment.

Presentation: PFM Asset Management Managing Director Monique Spyke: City investment objectives—safety of assets, liquidity, return on investment. California Government Code limits city to fixed income investments. Long-term portfolio performance remains positive relative to benchmark over the past year and over longer periods. Future outlook: Expect rising interest rate cycle to end in 2023, favor credit to add value, focus on safety of portfolio as top priority.

Public comments:

- Dillan Horton: Expectation that interest rate increase will end soon. Possible that Federal Reserve will not achieve envisioned results. Social responsibility of investing—what is being done to ensure that investments don't conflict with city's values?
- Connor Gorman: City should invest in relatively ethical ways. Under capitalism, there is no truly ethical investment. Should move away from capitalism.

M. Spyke: Federal Reserve controls federal target rate. Feds purpose in raising rate is to slow economic activity. Employment rate hasn't slowed in the way expected and consumer activity is still high. Signs of interest rate working—more entering labor force.

By consensus, Council directed staff to bring the city's investment policy to the Finance & Budget Commission for review.

City Council recessed at 9:13 p.m. and reconvened at 9:20 p.m.

Fire Station 31 Improvements Project, CIP NO. ET0007; Professional Services Agreement for Design and Construction Support

Principal Civil Engineer Kevin Fong: Fire Station 31 constructed in 1965. Approximately 7,000 calls for service annually, roughly half receive response by Fire Station 31. Fire engines and equipment don't have adequate space, living facilities cramped without privacy or room for expansion, station doesn't meet building code requirements, needs structural improvements for seismic loads, and all utilities need to be replaced.

Scope of services for design, 3 phases: (1) Identify best site for replacement, (2) completion of 30%, 60%, and 90% construction documents, (3) completion of 100% construction documents after funding is identified.

City Manager Mike Webb: A project of this size is only brought to Council every 50 years. Anticipate financing mechanism, such as a bond.

J. Chapman moved, seconded by G. Partida, to approve Resolution No. 23-124 - Approving Professional Services Agreement with COAR Design Group, LLP for the Fire Station 31 Improvements Project and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Contract. Motion passed unanimously.

AB 1234 Reporting None

Long Range Calendar M. Webb: Next meeting September 19. Regular October 17 meeting might be rescheduled to October 24, staff will be polling councilmembers for their schedules.

Adjournment Meeting was adjourned at 9:51 p.m. in memory of former mayors Kent Gill and Maynard Skinner, Board of Supervisor Gary Sandy, Jeremy Brooks, and Cap Thomson.

Zoe Mirabile
City Clerk