

MINUTES OF THE DAVIS CITY COUNCIL
Meeting of October 24, 2023

The City Council of the City of Davis met in regular meeting session beginning at 6:35 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: October 29—Bike Pump Track in Community Park opening and Zombie Bike Ride. Davis Neighbors Night Out was held on October 21, over 130 parties throughout the city. Closed captioning is now available for City Council and Planning Commission meetings.

City Council Announcements and Liaison Reports None

Public Comments

- Aaron Wedra: Request staff consider alternatives to proposed detour for Zombie Bike Ride event.
- Alan Hirsch and Mark Huising: Oppose I-80 freeway widening project.
- Tristan Meyer, Amina, and Isadore, UCD External Affairs Commission; Anike Onneraul: Need to improve lighting throughout city, and especially downtown. Safety issue for pedestrians and bicyclists. Increased crime incidents. Many students return home from campus at night and don't feel safe.
- Todd Edelman: Oppose detour for construction of multi-use path in south Davis. Need better detour option.
- Alan Miller: Support increased lighting for safety. Prioritize dark areas.
- Mary Kay Hoal, owner and operator of Good People Farms: Licensed cannabis business operating in Davis, delivery only. Ask Council to allow business retail shopfront license.

- NJ Mvundo: Need transparency and accountability related to the I-80 widening project. Thank City for co-sponsoring social justice forums.
- Connor Gorman: Support UAW auto workers strike. Consent calendar item Meals on Wheels Agreement—request analysis and discussion regarding ongoing concerns. Consent calendar item Grants acceptance for Bike and Pedestrian Safety Programs—programs should not be administered by Police Department.

Consent Calendar

Professional Services Agreement for Safety Training and Administration Services

Approve Resolution No. 23-137 – Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement Between Du-All Safety, LLC and the City of Davis for Safety Training and Administration Services

Amendment No. 2 to Professional Services Agreement for Additional Design Services for the Davis Senior Center Facility Improvement Project, CIP No. ET8280

Approve Resolution No. 23-138 – Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Amendment No. 2 to the Professional Services Agreement with HMR Architects for Design and Construction Support Services for the Davis Senior Center Facility Improvement Project

Amendment No. 1 to On-Call Engineering Services Professional Services Agreement Task Order No. 9 for Additional Services to Update the Water System Optimization Plan (WSOP)

Approve Resolution No. 23-139 – Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Amendment No. 1 to Task Order No. 9 with Brown and Caldwell to Update the Water System Optimization Plan

Amendment No. 4 to On-Call Engineering Services Professional Services Agreement Task Order No. 16 for Additional Construction Support Services for 2022/23 Pavement Rehabilitation Design, CIP ET8250

Approve Resolution No. 23-140 – Approving Amendment 4 to Task Order No. 16 Under the Professional Services Agreement with Wood Rodgers for Pavement Design and Construction Support

Co-Sponsor Facility Use Agreement for Use of the Davis Senior Center
Approve Resolution No. 23-141 – Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into a Co-Sponsored Facility Use Agreement Between the City of Davis and Meals on Wheels Yolo County / People Resources, Inc.

Grants Acceptance - Office of Traffic Safety and Alcoholic Beverage Control Grants for Minor Decoy and Shoulder-Tap Program, Traffic Records Improvement Project, Selective Traffic Enforcement Program, and Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Program

Approve Resolution No. 23-142 – Accepting Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control and Office of Traffic Safety Grant Funds and Amending the FY23-24 Budget to Incorporate Funding Received

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between the City of Davis and Davis Wastewater Treatment Plant Association (DWWTPA)

1. Approve Resolution No. 23-143 – Adopting MOU with DWWTPA
2. Authorize City Manager to approve budget adjustments as necessary to implement the MOU

Updated Salary Table – Effective October 24, 2023

Approve Resolution No. 23-144 – Approving Salary Table

Second Reading: Ordinance Amending Section 37.02.040 of Chapter 37 of the Davis Municipal Code Regarding Prohibited Acts Related to Street Trees and City Trees and Finding Project Exempt from CEQA Pursuant to Sections 15061 (b)(3) and 15304 (e)

Adopt Ordinance No. 2647 (Introduced 10/03/2023)

Cathy Speck Memorial Bench Donation for Community Park

Approve acceptance of Cathy Speck Memorial Bench, to be sited in Community Park adjacent to the dog park, as recommended by the Civic Arts and Recreation and Parks Commissions

Climate Action and Adaptation Plan Grant Strategy 2023-2026

Receive informational update

Surveillance Impact Report and Use Policy – Police Department Request for Acquisition of Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (Aerial Drones)

Informational. Staff report is submitted on consent calendar at least 30 days prior to a public hearing for Council consideration of the Police Department's purchase of small unmanned aircraft systems (UAS).

D. Neville moved, seconded by B. Vaitla, to approve consent calendar. Motion passed unanimously.

Village Farms Davis Project Notice of Preparation (NOP) and Initiation of Draft Environmental Impact Report Preparation

Principal Planner Dara Dungworth: Summarized Village Farms Davis project proposal and California Environment Quality Act requirements for environmental analysis. The Notice of Preparation (NOP) is the first step in the public review process for an Environmental Impact Report (EIR). It notifies agencies and the public that the city will be preparing an EIR. A public scoping meeting will be held November 29 and the public comment period for the NOP will close December 1. Overview of the proposed alternatives that will be analyzed in the EIR.

Public comments:

- Alan Hirsch: Project will result in fewer vehicle miles traveled than any other current development. Traffic should be considered an environmental impact.
- Unnamed individual, Elizabeth Rey, and Dana Striezick: Oppose project. Major traffic impacts, need more affordable housing.
- Patrick Huber: Support conservation and enhancement of open space areas such as Channel A drainage and wildlife connectivity across property. Should incorporate rare plant species in area into design.
- John Johnston: Scoping meeting should be in the middle of comment period rather than at the end. Mixed use alternatives should be added to analysis to pursue environmental superiority.
- Judy Ennis, Davis Community Action Network and Alan Pryor: Support moving forward with NOP.
- Jim Flannagan: Traffic impacts are a safety concern. Project size should be reduced.
- Ning Wan: Need to consider environmental concerns.
- NJ Mvundo: Advocate for meeting housing needs, especially affordable housing. Support moving project forward in a way that is inclusive of all community members.
- Jim Watson and unnamed individual: Need more affordable housing and infrastructure improvement to address pedestrian and bike safety and increased traffic. Be thoughtful about how this project will connect to downtown and UC Davis.
- Susan Ranier: Design should focus on nature and conservation.
- Eileen Samitz and Luellen Villanueva: Oppose project. Concerns of water quality from former treatment plant, flood plain, preservation of vernal pool, and safe access across Covell Blvd. Alternatives should lessen impacts and not create high environmental impacts.
- Norbie Kumagai: Support project. Will provide first time homebuyer program and 67% of housing allocation needs.
- Rochelle Swanson, project consultant: Welcome all public input. Affordable housing will be included for different income levels. Project has been very deliberate in its design. Support moving forward and allowing analysis to begin. Development rubric scores average 84%.
- Dr. Glen Holstine: Should analyze bird migration paths and native plant blooming during peak seasons. Rare plants have been found at site and subsequently destroyed.
- Colin Walsh: Support scoping meeting to discuss appropriate levels of housing and alternative options. Suggest alternative with half the amount of housing. Biological surveys should be conducted during peak seasons to properly analyze.
- David Kurani: Support project. Would benefit community by providing high density housing, meet long terms goals of economic and sustainable development.

- Alec Meyer, Pam Hessley, Ellen Callden, Muhammed Malik: Oppose project. Traffic, infrastructure, and safety concerns. Should reduce project size.
- Connor Gorman: Consider direct and indirect impacts of denser alternative. Negative traffic impact. Support maximum affordable housing and community benefits.
- Ronald Kalb: Oppose project. Enough housing in City and surrounding cities already. Need to study evidence of vernal pools on site.
- JP: If project requires Measure J/R/D vote, support minimal housing units. If not, support maximum housing density.

City Council recessed at 8:12 p.m. and reconvened at 8:20 p.m.

M. Webb: Scoping meeting—can look at alternative dates earlier in the schedule, or extend the comment period for a few days. Staff will provide more space for comments after scoping meeting.

Cindy Gnos, Raney Planning & Management: Under CEQA, cannot analyze traffic congestion and level of service. However, can analyze safety, pedestrian and multi-modal factors. Analyze transportation on a broad level, such as Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT).

M. Webb: Alternatives are preliminary at this time. After the NOP comment period, staff can return to Council with summary of public feedback and final alternatives for EIR analysis.

Council consensus to direct staff to wait to establish higher number of dwelling units for Alternative 5 (same footprint, higher density) until after public comment period. Return to Council in December prior to EIR preparation.

J. Chapman moved, seconded by B. Vaitla, to authorize staff to issue the NOP for the Village Farms Davis project proposal for public review and comment. Motion passed unanimously.

Citywide
Grants Update

Grants Administrator Dale Sumersille: Provided informational update on citywide grant activities. City has a comprehensive funding plan in order to prioritize the most important initiatives and match them with appropriate grant funding opportunities. Since 2018, grants-related efforts have generated over \$57.4 million in additional revenue for the City.

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porting

None

Long Range
Calendar

M. Webb: November meeting schedule—will be cancelling meeting on November 21, shifting items to other dates. December meeting schedule—considering shifting dates—December 5 & 12 (instead of 19). Will be scheduling a closed session in the next couple weeks.

Public comment:

- Connor Gorman: Should discuss Council meeting policies on public comment procedures.

B. Vaitla: On January 1, state will be banning sale of new gas powered leaf blowers. Request update on topic.

G. Partida: Agenize cannabis dispensaries update. Lighting for safety—has city conducted safety walks?

M. Webb: City conducted safety walks pre-COVID, primarily downtown.

W. Arnold: Lighting for safety—request information on benefits and drawbacks for additional lighting in parks and other public spaces.

M. Webb: Will talk with Police Chief and Public Works Director. Can bring back report with considerations for additional lighting.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 9:29 p.m.

Zoe Mirabile
City Clerk