

MINUTES OF THE DAVIS CITY COUNCIL  
Meeting of February 6, 2024

The City Council of the City of Davis met in regular meeting session beginning at 6:43 p.m. in the Community Chambers, 23 Russell Boulevard, Davis, California. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Josh Chapman.

Roll Call: Councilmembers Present: Will Arnold, Donna Neville, Gloria Partida, Bapu Vaitla, Josh Chapman

Councilmembers Absent: None

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

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

City Manager Announcements M. Webb: Update on storm emergencies and city response. Nominations for Thong Hy Huynh Awards are due March 18, 2024. City offices will be closed on February 19 for Presidents Day.

City Council Announcements and Li-  
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ison Reports None

Public Comments

- Alan Hirsch: Bicycling Transportation and Street Safety Commission has only discussed I-80 widening once. Commission should be more engaged.
- Patrick Huber; Kyle Johnson and Shadee, ASUCD; Joshua Smith; Greg Rowe; Carol Hillhouse; unnamed individual; Johnathon London; and Mark Huising: Support proposed commission restructuring. Process has been thoughtful, lengthy, and inclusive. Support modifying Social Services Commission to Affordable Housing Commission (AHC); ASUCD interested in representation on the AHC, suggest Council consider an ex-officio position. Cities evolve and change over time and so too must the number, structure, and role of city advisory commissions. Support Historical Resources Management Commission tasks being merged into the Planning Commission. Support creation of commission focused on environmental justice. Good idea to align restructure with General Plan update.
- Unnamed individual: Representing American Red Cross. Looking to get more people involved in preparedness efforts. Bring awareness to services and seek volunteers.
- Alan Miller: Sang a song related to commissions.

- Russell Tangren: Consent calendar item Respite Center Agreement—Large contract for respite center should not be on consent calendar. Oppose providing large dollar amount for services already provided by Davis Community Meals.
- Connor Gorman: Support improvements to bus stops. Support broader process to improve commissions, but oppose mergers.
- Lorenzo Kristoff, Elaine Roberts Musser, and Colin Walsh: Oppose proposed commission restricting. Process did not involve commissioners. If commissions are not in line with Council goals/direction, it is because the council has failed to clearly communicate. Oppose proposed community health commission, that is county purview.

Consent Calendar

Agreement for Operation of the Daytime Respite Homeless Navigation Center

Approve Resolution No. 24-014 - Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into an Agreement with the Downtown Streets Team to Operate the Davis Daytime Respite Homeless Navigation Center Through June 2026

On-Call Engineering Services Agreement Task Order 5 for 2023/24 Pavement Rehabilitation Design, Bid and Construction Support Services, CIP ET8250

Approve Resolution No. 24-015 - Approving Task Order No. 5 Under the Professional Services Agreement with Nichols Consulting Engineers (NCE) for Design, Bid and Construction Support Services for the 2023/24 Pavement Rehabilitation Project

On-Call Engineering Services Agreement Task Order 4, Amendment 3 for the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Biofilter Installation, CIP No. ET8291

Approve Resolution No. 24-016 - Authorizing City Manager to Execute Task Order No. 4, Amendment No. 3 for On-Call Engineering Services with West Yost Associates Associated with WWTP Biofilter Installation

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Informational

W. Arnold moved, seconded by D. Neville, to approve the consent calendar. Motion passed unanimously.

Davis Area League of Women Voters Presentation: “A Vision of Our Future

Michelle Famula and Mary Jo Bryan, Davis Area League of Women Voters (LWVD): Summarized their community engagement process exploring the upcoming General Plan update. Focus group discussion topics consisted of housing, land use, conservation, and circulation (transportation). Interested in working collaboratively with the city.

Public comments:

in Davis” Report

- Jean Jackman: Commend LWVD on work. Hope report is given focus by city. Davis needs to think through high density housing that will be welcomed by community.
- Alan Miller: Housing is an important issue.
- Ruth Coleman, LWVD: Great opportunity to meet with community members and discuss Davis’ future. Hope General Plan update will help meet housing needs.

City Council recessed at 7:44 p.m. and reconvened at 7:54 p.m.

G Street Activation Update on Community Engagement and Parking Modifications

City Attorney Inder Khalsa: J. Chapman was recused from the discussion of the closure of G Street. Evaluated Chapman’s business interests downtown and determined that the aesthetics of the G Street project does not have a potential financial impact on Chapman’s downtown business, therefore, Chapman will participate in this item.

Assistant Public Works Engineering & Transportation Director Ryan Chapman: Outlined design concepts: A) Maximize retail/dining, B) Maximize shared use space, C) Outdoor dining next to buildings with platforms.

Summarized community survey responses regarding design concepts and amenities such as benches, music, stage, parking. Summarized staff recommended project elements including platforms, fencing, barriers and planters, decorative lighting, street furniture, retain existing parking for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Streets, and restripe from angled to perpendicular parking and along 2<sup>nd</sup> to South G St. Staff is working on design standards and a permitting process. Will work with Davis Downtown Business Association and businesses in area.

Public comments:

- Alan Hirsch: Trees should be in plan. Trees provide shade for livable spaces.
- Greg Crawford and Connor Gorman: Support G Street Activation project. Should not give up any additional street parking. Seating area should be open to the public and not exclusively reserved for any business.
- Alan Miller: Oppose G Street being closed to vehicle traffic. Circulation should have been considered first, then a plan developed. Parallel parking is problematic.

W. Arnold moved, seconded by D. Neville, as follows:

1. Direct staff to proceed with design to include the following elements:
  - a. Design Concept: A, Maximize Retail/Dining
  - b. Design Style: Comfortable/traditional
  - c. Platform Layout: Angular

2. Direct staff to initiate development of a Civic Arts mural or other civic art feature to be incorporated along with identification of funding.
    - a. Collaborate with civic arts and recreation staff to investigate amenities for children
  3. Direct staff to initiate discussions with local community-based organization(s) to facilitate possible entryway elements for G Street.
  4. Approve staff recommendations for parking plans between 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and 5<sup>th</sup> Street and between 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and South G Parking Lot driveway.
  5. Direct staff to explore options for signage.
  6. Direct staff to explore options for additional points of ADA entry mid-block.
- Motion passed unanimously.

AB 1234 Reporting

None

Long Range Calendar

M. Webb: Council goal setting retreat is scheduled February 9.

Public comment:

- Alan Hirsch: Should let public know whether Council setting retreat will be recorded on video.
- Alan Miller: Should ban singing at council meetings.
- Connor Gorman: Should not hold a council meeting on March 5. It is an election day across the country. Election days should be holidays.

B. Vaitla: Downtown Tree Plan should come to Council soon. Council consensus.

M. Webb: Will discuss timing with staff.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 9:19 p.m. in memory of Corky Brown.

Zoe Mirabile  
City Clerk