

MINUTES OF THE DAVIS CITY COUNCIL  
Meeting of March 19, 2024

The City Council of the City of Davis met in regular meeting session beginning at 6:46 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 G. Partida, to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Ceremonial Presentations Proclamations Recognizing March as:  
A. American Red Cross Month, presented by G. Partida  
B. Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month, presented by B. Vaitla  
C. Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month, presented by W. Arnold  
D. Women's History Month, presented by D. Neville

City Council recessed at 7:00 p.m. and reconvened at 7:09 p.m.

City Manager Announcements M. Webb: City and Yolo Land Trust completed purchase of new agricultural conservation easement on 120 acres northeast of Covell Blvd. Hate Free Together launched website last week, partnership with City, UC Davis, Yolo County, Davis Joint Unified School District, etc.

City Council Announcements and Liaison Reports B. Vaitla: Request City Manager make public the information staff provided to council on consent calendar item regarding fleet electrification in response to public comments received via email.  
M. Webb: Will discuss with city attorney what and how to present the information in a public way, after removing attorney client privilege information.

Public Comments

- David Carlson: Property manager of 2121 Second Street business park. Would like to discuss using property for various cannabis purposes.
- Connor Gorman: support Proposition 1.

Consent Calendar Construction Contract for 2023/2024 ADA Parking/Curb Compliance Project, CIP No. ET8126

Approve Resolution No. 24-025 - Awarding Construction Contract to B&M Builders, Inc. for the 2023/24 ADA Parking/ Curb Compliance Project, Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Contract, and Finding Project Exempt From Review Pursuant to CEQA Regulation Guidelines Section §15301 Existing Facilities

Community Park Restroom Replacement Design, CIP No. ET0025  
Approve Resolution No. 24-026 - Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into a Professional Services Agreement with Indigo – Hammond + Playle Architects, LLP for the Community Park Restroom Replacement Project

On Call Engineering Services Task Order No. 12 for the G Street Activation Project, CIP No. ET0029

Approve Resolution No. 24-027 - Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Design Task Order with PSOMAS for the G Street Activation Project to Complete Design

General Services Agreement to Perform Emergency Mold Remediation Work at Fire Station 31

Approve Resolution No. 24-028 - Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a General Services Agreement with CAL-INC to Perform Emergency Testing, Mold Remediation, and Restoration Work at Fire Station 31

Geographic Information Systems (GIS): Advantage Program

Approve Resolution No. 24-029 - Authorizing the City Manager to Purchase Geographic Information Systems Advantage PROGRAM From ESRI

Improvement Agreement for 1123 Olive Drive

Approve Resolution No. 24-030 - Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Improvement Agreement with Volt Coffee for the Property Located at 1123 Olive Drive

California Energy Commission Funding Opportunity for Fleet Charging Infrastructure

Approve Resolution No. 24-031 - Authorizing the Fleet Charging Infrastructure Grant Application to the California Energy Commission

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Funding Opportunity for Greenhouse Gas Reduction Measures

1. Approve Resolution No. 24-032 - Support of *Going Beyond Green: Cultivating Community, Connections, and Crops*, a CPRG Phase 2

Implementation funding request on behalf of the Sacramento-Roseville Combined Statistical Area.

2. Authorize the City Manager to sign a Letter of Commitment to the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District for this grant funding submission.

Name Multi-Use Pathway in Sycamore Park “Karim Abou Najm Pathway”

Approve Resolution No. 24-033 - Authorizing Naming of the Multi-Use Pathway in Sycamore Park to the “Karim Abou Najm Pathway

Designation of Parking Prohibitions at Various Locations Throughout the City to Improve Accessibility of Bus Stops

Introduce Ordinance Revising Locations on Public Streets Where Parking is Prohibited, and Amending Chapter 22 of the Davis Municipal Code

Commission Minutes:

1. Civic Arts Commission Meetings of December 11, 2023 and February 12, 2024
2. Open Space and Habitat Commission Meeting of February 5, 2024  
Informational

G. Partida moved, seconded by D. Neville, to approve consent calendar. Motion passed unanimously.

Appeal of  
February 7,  
2024 Tree  
Commission  
Decision to  
Retain the  
Tree at 1316  
Torrey Street

Urban Forestry Manager Charles Murphy: Summarized removal request, resident comments, Tree Commission action, and staff assessment.

Mayor Chapman opened the public hearing.

- Bob Traverso, home owner: Support tree removal. Tree is incorrect species and has caused multiple incidents of damage to the property which required expensive repairs. City should consider damage to property as a criterion for removing trees.
- Colin Walsh: Support retaining tree. If Council approves removal, should charge the full tree mitigation fee.

Mayor Chapman closed the public hearing.

W. Arnold moved, seconded by G. Partida, to grant the appeal. City will charge the resident the full tree mitigation fee. Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Arnold, Neville, Partida, Chapman

NOES: Vaitla

Appeal of August 2, 2023 Tree Commission Decision to Retain the Tree at 1104 Los Robles Street

J. Chapman recused himself from this item as he owns real property within 500 feet of the site.

Urban Forestry Manager Charles Murphy: Summarized removal request, resident comments, Tree Commission action, and staff assessment.

Mayor Chapman opened the public hearing.

- Sophia Mattingly, home owner: Support tree removal. Tree has further damage including buckling, potential increase in tree lean, termites, and unstable and broken limbs. Safety concerns.
- Colin Walsh: Support retaining tree. If Council approves removal, should charge the full tree mitigation fee.

Mayor Chapman closed the public hearing.

W. Arnold moved to grant the appeal and charge reduced fee for removal only. Motion fails due to lack of second.

D. Neville moved, seconded by G. Partida, to uphold the Tree Commission decision to retain the tree. The tree is 44 years old and in fair health and vigor, albeit poor form. The lifespan of a Brutia Pine can be hundreds of years. Direct staff to inspect the tree within no more than 10 days to assess the leaning of the tree. Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Arnold, Neville, Partida, Vaitla

NOES: None

ABSENT: Chapman (recuse)

City Council recessed at 8:16 p.m. and reconvened at 8:24 p.m.

Downtown Decorative Lighting Survey Results and Next Steps for Replacement Decorative Lighting

Public Works Utilities & Operations Deputy Director Adrienne Heinig: Summarized background, tree work, survey results, options to consider, consultations with Davis Downtown Business Association and Davis Chamber of Commerce.

Public comments:

- Colin Walsh, Elaine Roberts Musser, Eileen Samitz, Alan Pryor, Donna Lemongello, Nancy Price, Jen, unnamed individual, and Wendy Tutah: Support staff recommendation to string lights on poles instead of trees to preserve tree health. Proposed lighting will contribute to ambiance and safety.

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

1. Direct staff to move forward with the staff recommended option of decorative lighting strung on poles

2. Direct staff to return with options for proposed implementation (in consultation with applicable business representatives) and a maintenance plan on preferred option for decorative lighting, to include cost estimates.
3. Direct staff to engage in discussions with DDBA regarding the use of funds allocated in the budget for DDBA beautification

Motion passed unanimously.

Water Assistance Program (Low Income Subsidy for City Utility Charges)

Assistant City Manager Kelly Stachowicz: Provided background on water assistance program for \$10 monthly credit to offset cost for water charges for eligible households. Law prohibits using rate revenues to subsidize any user; possible sources of funding include donations, late fees, grant programs, or the General Fund. Currently late fees and donations are primary sources. 77 out of a ceiling of 250 households currently enrolled, reauthorization process every year. Next steps: return with documents to increase dollar amount of monthly subsidy, expand outreach to increase number of participants to ceiling, and report back to Council by end of year.

Public comments:

- Connor Gorman: Support expanding and increasing water assistance program. Should have a sliding scale if possible. Expand number and types of households that are eligible, including renters and residents of trailer parks.

B. Vaitla moved, seconded by G. Partida, as follows:

1. Direct staff to increase efforts to publicize the program to ensure it is maximized, bring back the necessary ordinance changes to allow the subsidy to be set by resolution, and bring back a resolution to increase the subsidy to \$20/month, with an annual inflator.
2. Direct staff to report on progress by December 2024 to determine if additional adjustments need to be made.

Motion passed unanimously.

AB 1234 Reporting

None

Long Range Calendar

M. Webb: Next meeting is April 2. Proposed regular items are City Council Goals Discussion and Mid-Year Budget Update. Staff is working on both items, will discuss with Mayor if need to reschedule.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

Zoe Mirabile  
City Clerk