

MINUTES OF THE DAVIS CITY COUNCIL
Meeting of May 21, 2024

The City Council of the City of Davis met in regular meeting session beginning at 6:39 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, Gloria Partida, Babu Vaitla, Josh Chapman

Councilmembers Absent: Donna Neville

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:
A. May 19-25 as Public Works Week, presented by W. Arnold
B. May as Asian American Pacific Islander Month, presented by B. Vaitla
C. May as Jewish American Heritage Month, presented by J. Chapman
D. May as "May is Bike Month," presented by G. Partida
E. May as Mental Health Awareness Month, presented by J. Chapman

City Council recessed at 6:55 p.m. and reconvened at 7:10 p.m.

City Manager Announcements M. Webb: May 20—Waste sorting monitoring has begun in response to state law requiring annual inspection of garbage containers for proper waste sorting. May 24—June 2—Mellon Music Festival. May 27—City offices will be closed in observance of Memorial Day.

City Council Announcements and Liaison Reports None

Public Comments

- Ning Wan: Personal experience with crime.
- Connor Gorman and unnamed individuals: Concerned with antisemitism incidents on UC Davis campus and within the Davis community.
- Alan Miller: Concerned about recent crime incidents regarding a repeat offender.

- Ethan Sterng and Rina Cohen, CalPerg Students Research Chapter: Would like to collaborate with City Council on environmental issues.
- Unnamed individuals: Regular Item Commission Appointments— Oppose appointment of Amir Kol to the Human Relations Commission.
- Colin Walsh: Some City Councilmembers appear to support ending Measure J and single family zoning.
- David Siegel: Regular Item Commission Appointments—Support appointment of Amir Kol to the Human Relations Commission.
- Carol Gavin: Regular item Davis Community Transit Fee increase— Should have done more outreach regarding proposed increase. Should consider subsidizing fee for those who cannot afford it.
- Harriet Gadisman, Scott Steward, unnamed individuals, Liz Green-Davis and Helen Davis: Support Proclamation recognizing Jewish American Heritage Month. Concerned about antisemitism. Condemn hate.
- Robin Batel: Consent calendar item Chiles Ranch Development Agreement—Oppose project, does not meet current needs and should have higher density.

Consent Calendar

Construction Contract for Playfields Park ADA Improvements Project, CIP No. ET0003

Approve Resolution No. 24-077 - Awarding Contract to B&M Builders, Inc. for Construction of the Playfields Park ADA Improvements Project, and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Contract, and Finding the Project Exempt from Review Pursuant to CEQA Regulation Guidelines Sections §15301 Existing Facilities, §15302 Replacement or Reconstruction and Categorically Excluded Per Title 24, Code of Federal Regulations Section 58.35(A) and Subject to the Laws and Authorities at Section 58.5.

G. Partida recused due to conflict of interest as an employee of Davis Phoenix Coalition.

Authorizing Designated Activities in Support of Pride Month

Approve Resolution No. 24-078 - Authorizing the Coloring of Designated Crosswalks in Honor of Pride Month (June) and the Hanging of Pride Banners on Street Poles

Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Arnold, Vaitla, Chapman
 NOES: None
 ABSENT: Neville
 ABSTAIN: Partida (recuse)

Second Reading: Ordinance Approving the Third Amendment to the Development Agreement Regarding the Chiles Ranch Project

Adopt Ordinance No. 2658 (Introduced 05/07/2024)

Commission Minutes: Open Space and Habitat Commission Meeting of March 4, 2024
Informational

W. Arnold moved, seconded by B. Vaitla, to approve the consent calendar. Motion passed by the following vote:
AYES: Arnold, Partida, Vaitla, Chapman
NOES: None
ABSENT: Neville

Commission Structures and Scopes Assistant City Manager Kelly Stachowicz: Overview of Subcommittee tasks and process. Summarized Subcommittee recommendations and proposed commission scopes.

Council Subcommittee on Commissions Chapman and Vaitla: Majority of existing commissioners are supportive or neutral.

Public comments:

- Barbara Klever, Patrick Huber, Carol Hillhouse, Ron Glick, and Judy: Support restructuring of city commissions. Change is necessary to improve and thrive. Support use of task forces and other public forums for community engagement.
- Trish Price, Bike Davis: Suggest a City Commission should have the word "bike" in its name.
- Alan Pryor, Jim Flannagan, John Reuter, Alan Miller, David Sandino, John Cooper, Gary Darling, David Lachlan, John Johnson, Eileen Samitz, Nancy Price, Elaine Roberts Musser, Colin Walsh, Rina Nire, Tim Hoban, Roberta Millstein, and Elizabeth Rathe: Oppose commission restructuring. Merging commissions reduces transparency and opportunities for public participation and community engagement.
- Daniel Mohica, ASUCD External Affairs and unnamed individual: Suggest Council consider allotting ASUCD or UCD student membership to each commission.
- Lia Givvel, speak on behalf of rabbis Jeremy Simons and Beth from Congregation Bet Haverim; Natalia Schtuleman; Amir; Arrevian; unnamed individuals; Michael Levy; Ari Grande; Robert Holland; Ivan Troia; Naomi; Roy Caplan; Maya Gadisenge; Danielle Marvin; Andrea Walsh; Helen Front; Dana Shlagle; Ulga; Henry; David Blume; Elly Sigler; Liz Green; Maureen Lerner; Mikhail Vossen; and Sylvia Meyer: Support appointment of Amir Kol to the Human Relations Commission. Oppose recent antisemitism incidents on UCD campus and within Davis community. Oppose ASUCD Senate resolution including names of Jewish UCD Professors.

- Christina Harrington: Open Space and Habitat Commission applicant.
- Thomas Howe: Did not have opportunity to provide feedback on commission restructuring.
- Felix Alvarez: Human Relations Commission applicant.
- Annie Temple and Ann Block: Support appointing Deema Tamimi to the Human Relations Commission.
- Deema Tamimi: Human Relations Commission applicant.
- Catherine Brinkley: Planning Commission applicant.
- Jeffrey Salnick: Senior Citizen Commission applicant.
- Carol Gavin: Oppose commission appointment process. Need more diversity on commissions.
- Devon Murphy, Phoebe, Carol, Zane, Agvia, and unnamed individuals: Oppose appointment of Amir Kol to the Human Relations Commission.
- Connor Gorman: Support restructuring commissions. Support Ann Block, Annie Temple, Deema Tamimi, and Ellie Kaplan as commission applicants.
- Dillan Horton: Support Felix Alvarez, Ellie Kaplan, and Deema Tamimi as applicants to the Human Relations Commission.

City Council recessed at 9:58 p.m. and reconvened at 10:10 p.m.

B. Vaitla: Next steps—interested in Council agenda item to discuss and assign commission tasks, considering task forces, and options for further public participation at commission meetings.

W. Arnold moved, seconded by G. Partida, as follows:

1. Approve Resolution No. 24-079 - Regarding the Structure of Advisory Commissions.
2. Approve Resolution No. 24-080 - Recognizing Volunteer Service and Concluding the Work of Specified Advisory Commissions in Order to Implement an Updated Commission Structure
3. Approve Resolution Nos. 24-081, 24-082, and 24-083 - Establishing New Commissions:
 - a. Climate and Environmental Justice (formerly Natural Resources Commission and Tree Commission)
 - b. Fiscal (formerly Finance and Budget Commission and Utilities Commission)
 - c. Transportation (formerly Unitrans Advisory Committee and Bicycle, Transportation, and Street Safety Commission)
4. Approve Resolution Nos. 24-084 through 24-089 - Amending and Re-Establishing the following commissions:
 - a. Human Relations
 - b. Open Space and Habitat
 - c. Police Accountability

- d. Recreation and Parks
 - e. Senior Citizen
 - f. Social Services
5. In furtherance of efforts to incorporate the Historical Resource Management Commission into the Planning Commission, take the following actions:
- a. Modify Historical Resources Management membership. Reduce from seven to five regular members.
 - b. Historical Resources Management Commission shall meet on demand.

Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Arnold, Partida, Vaitla, Chapman
 NOES: None
 ABSENT: Neville

City Council recessed at 10:30 p.m. and reconvened at 10:49 p.m.

Council voted through use of a grid system:

Fiscal Commission							
1 Regular (6/30/2027); 1 Regular (6/30/2025); 1 Alternate (6/30/2025)							
Commission Applicants	WA	JC	DN	GP	BV	TO-TAL	APPOINT
Ang, Leslie	R27	R25		R27	R27	3 R27 1 R 25	Regular (6/30/2027)
Carlson, David						0	
Garritson, Nile	R25	A		R25	A	2 R25 2 A	Alternate
Gavin, Carol						0	
Shanske, Darien	A	R27		A	R25	1 R27 1 R25 1 A	Regular (6/30/2025)
Wan, Ning						0	
Woodruff, Drew						0	

Human Relations Commission
3 Regular (6/30/2027); 1 Alternate (6/30/2025)

Commission Applicants	WA	JC	DN	GP	BV	TOTAL	APPOINT
Alvarez, Felix	R	R		R	R27	4 R	Regular
Ballinger, Erica						0	
Block, Ann						0	
Gadisman, Harriet						0	
Kaplan, Ellie	A	A		R	A	1 R 3 A	Alternate
Kol, Amir	R	R		R	R27	4 R	Regular
Mayho, Angela A.A.						0	
Mellon-Anibaba, Kate						0	
Morgan, Janel						0	
Pazdral, Elizabeth						0	
Qaqundah, James						0	
Tamimi, Deema	R	R		R	R27	4 R	Regular
Temple, Annie						0	

Open Space and Habitat Commission

**1 Regular (6/30/2027); 1 Regular (6/30/2025);
1 Alternate (6/30/2025)**

Commission Applicants	WA	JC	DN	GP	BV	TOTAL	APPOINT
Alberts, Christopher	A	A		R27	R27	2 R27 2 A	Alternate
Greco, Steve	R25	R25		A	R25	3 R25 1 A	Regular (6/30/2025)
Harrington, Christina	R27	R27		R25	A	2 R27 1 R25 1 A	Regular (6/30/2027)

Planning Commission							
1 Alternate (6/30/2025)							
Commission Applicants	WA	JC	DN	GP	BV	TOTAL	APPOINT
Alberts, Christopher						0	Alternate
Brinkley, Catherine	A	A		A	A	4 A	
Carlson, David						0	
Echols, Keith						0	
Seeberger, Ryan						0	
Wan, Ning						0	
Woodruff, Drew						0	

Police Accountability Commission							
1 Alternate (6/30/2025)							
Commission Applicants	WA	JC	DN	GP	BV	TOTAL	APPOINT
Ballinger, Erica						0	Alternate
Faber, Shana						0	
Wan, Ning						0	
Wilson, Angela	A	A		A	A	4 A	
Woodruff, Drew						0	

Senior Citizen Commission							
2 Regular (6/30/2027); 2 Regular (6/30/2025); 1 Alternate (6/30/2025)							
Commission Applicants	WA	JC	DN	GP	BV	TOTAL	APPOINT

Pazdral, Elizabeth	R27	R27		R27	R27	4 R27	Regular (6/30/2027)
Seeberger, Ryan	R27	R27		R25	A	2 R27 1 R25 1 A	Regular (6/30/2027)
Stalnick, Jeffery	R25	R25		A	R25	3 R25 1 A	Regular (6/30/2025)
Wan, Ning						0	

Staff read off Council votes for the record.

Fiscal Year 2024/25 Mid-Cycle Budget Update

Finance Director Elena Adair: Provided FY24-25 mid-cycle budget update. Overview of revenue and expenditure summaries for all funds. Staff will return on June 4 with further details on \$1 million departmental reductions. City fees and charges—highlighted proposed fee changes. Most changes are Council-approved CPI annual inflator, other changes are cost-recovery related or a reduction or elimination. Summarized proposed Unitrans and Davis Community Transit fare increases.

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Public Hearing: City Fees and Charges

City Manager Mike Webb: Overview of proposed cuts and deferral of projects.

1) Unitrans & Davis Community Transit Fare Increases

Mayor Chapman opened the public hearing.

- Alan Miller: Oppose concept of free public transit. Support transit fare increase to maintain levels of service.
- Connor Gorman: City should advocate for universal healthcare which would reduce employee costs. Should reduce and redirect police department funds. Oppose Unitrans fee increase; public transit should be free.

2) FY24/25 Changes to User Fees & Charges

Mayor Chapman closed the public hearing.

B. Vaitla: Interested in sales tax trends for different sectors, how that relates to economic development strategic plan. Would like information on what to invest in based on trends.

M. Webb: Can return to Council with aggregate data on sales tax.

W. Arnold moved, seconded by B. Vaitla, as follows:

1. Receive the Fiscal Year 2024/25 Mid-Cycle Budget Update, with recommendations from the City Manager for mid-cycle adjustments
2. Direct staff to return in June 2024 for an adoption of the proposed mid-cycle updates
3. Approve Resolution No. 24-090 - Adopting Unitrans and Davis Community Transit Fare Increases for 2024 and 2025

4. Approve Resolution No. 24-091 - Approving Changes to Certain Fees and Charges for the Provision of Services by City Departments

Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Arnold, Partida, Vaitla, Chapman

NOES: None

ABSENT: Neville

AB 1234 Reporting

None

Long Range Calendar

M. Webb: June 4—Mid cycle budget action.

Public comments:

Alan Miller: Council should reconsider allowing voicemail public comments.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 11:58 p.m.

Zoe Mirabile
City Clerk