

MINUTES OF THE DAVIS CITY COUNCIL
Meeting of September 17, 2024

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 Josh Chapman.

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

Councilmembers Absent: None

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

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

- Ceremonial Presentations
- A. Proclamation Recognizing September as Suicide Prevention Month, presented by J. Chapman.
 - B. Proclamation Recognizing Diane Sommers for Her Work and Advocacy in Suicide Prevention Awareness, presented by J. Chapman
 - C. Proclamation Recognizing September 15 – October 15 as National Hispanic Heritage Month, presented by G. Partida
 - D. Proclamation Recognizing October as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month and Acknowledging the Local Efforts of Thriving Pink, presented by D. Neville
 - E. Proclamation Recognizing October as National Bullying Prevention Month, presented by B. Vaitla
 - F. Proclamations in Appreciation of Dos Coyotes and the Davis Live Music Collective for Their Contributions to the City of Davis 4th of July Community Celebration, presented by W. Arnold

City Council recessed at 6:59 p.m. and reconvened at 7:08 p.m.

City Manager Announcements M. Webb: September 23—UC Davis Fall Quarter starts. September 18 and 22—Dive Into Downtown orientation events, collaboration between Davis Downtown and UC Davis. September 20—Davis Senior High School Homecoming Parade. October 13—Davis Neighbors Night Out, looking for event sponsors/hosts to set up small neighborhood gatherings. Slide Hill Park Improvements completed including art decking repaired, drinking fountain and slide stairs installed.

City Council
Announcements and Li-
aision Reports

G. Partida: Upcoming events from Davis Arts & Cultural Affairs and Hate Free Together: September 19 at Veterans Memorial Theatre—Hearts and Minds by Davis Repertory Theatre and September 20 in Central Park—PopLuck by Bike City Theatre Company.

Public Com-
ments

- Ezra Beeman: Concerned about the state of neighborhoods. Downtown atmosphere—individuals intimidating staff of downtown businesses, refuse to leave premises. Old East Davis neighborhood—individuals loitering around houses, urinating, yelling at residents. Children are afraid to play in yard.
- Alan Miller: Old East neighborhood resident. Garbage in alleys, people loitering. Respite Center should be moved or closed. Negative impacts to neighborhood.
- Beth Bourne: Have been harassed and intimidated when attending city council and school board meetings and making public comment. Public should be able to display signs in chambers.
- Alan Hirsch: Oakshade shopping center—Council provided valuable zoning upgrade to developer, should have required quid pro quo, consider requiring cafes in shopping centers.
- Mark Huising: Volunteer as bike scanner at elementary schools. Many drivers don't pay attention to pedestrians and bike riders, unsafe especially for children. Need to educate parents and enforce rules.
- Ron Glick: Poet laureate appointment is on consent calendar. Should elevate profile, introduce poet to community.
- Connor Gorman: Consent calendar item G Street Activation—support moving forward with project and permanently making portion of street open to pedestrians and bicyclists rather than cars. Should look at other opportunities for similar projects downtown. Consent calendar—Updates to Administrative Process re Water Rates. Subsidy for water rates should be as broad as possible. Think about how to extend subsidies to all households that need them.
- Dillan Horton: Consent calendar—Police Accountability Commission Minutes from May—commission is recommending prohibiting facial recognition technology. Hope city will consider this recommendation soon.

Consent Cal-
endar

Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Program of Projects and Subrecipient Agreement with the University of California at Davis for Operations and Capital Assistance of Unitrans
Approve Resolution No. 24-131 – Approving the FTA Program of Projects, Authorizing the City Manager to Submit an FTA Grant Application, and Executing a Subrecipient Agreement with the University of California-Davis for Operations and Capital Assistance of Unitrans

Public Transportation Agency Safety Plans (PTASP) Annual Certification for Unitrans and Davis Community Transit
Approve Resolution No. 24-132 – Certifying the PTASP for Davis Community Transit and Unitrans

Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Enterprise License Agreement
Approve Resolution No. 24-133 – Authorizing the City Manager to Renew the GIS Enterprise License Agreement from ESRI

Microsoft Enterprise License Agreement
Approve Resolution No. 24-134 – Authorizing the City Manager to Renew the Microsoft Enterprise License Agreement with CDW-G

J. Chapman recused from the following due to a business conflict downtown:

Closing G Street Reactivation Area to Vehicular Traffic

Approve Resolution No. 24-135 – Closing G Street Reactivation Project Area to Vehicular Traffic

Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Arnold, Neville, Partida, Vaitla

NOES: None

ABSENT: Chapman (recuse)

Disposition of Surplus Fire Engine to City of Woodland

Approve Resolution No. 24-136 – Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Memorandum of Understanding with City of Woodland to Donate a Surplus Fire Engine to Woodland

Modifications to the Davis Municipal Code Related to Administrative Process for Setting Water Rates and Other Administrative Updates

1. Introduce Ordinance Amending Sections 39 of the Davis Municipal Code Relating to the Administrative Process for Setting Water Rates, and Making a Determination of Exemption Under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Sections 15061(b)(3), 15378(a) and 15378(b)(4)
2. Approve Resolution No. 24-137 – Updating the Lifeline Low-Income Rate Assistance Program Subsidy for Qualifying Households
3. Approve Resolution No. 24-138 – Enacting City of Davis Customer Rates for Water Services Fees, affirming the existing rates for the Water Utility to remain in place.

Second Reading: Ordinance Amending Section 4 Neighborhood Commercial Area of Ordinance 1842 (as Amended by Ordinance 1867, 1891, and 1997) Planned Development #5-95, Cowell/Lillard/Valdora, and Making a Determination of Exemption Under CEQA
Adopt Ordinance No. 2666 (Introduced 09/03/2024)

Poet Laureate Nomination

Appoint Mercedes Ibanez as City of Davis Poet Laureate. The three-year term runs September 2024-September 2027. With Council approval of this recommendation, a ceremonial Proclamation will take place at a City Council meeting on October 15, 2024.

City Manager Purchasing and Approval Authorization During Council Recess – Summary of Actions

Informational to receive accounting of actions taken by City Manager with additional approval authority granted via Resolution 24-120 during summer 2024 Council recess.

Commission Minutes:

1. Open Space & Habitat Commission Meeting of May 6, 2024
2. Police Accountability Commission Meetings of May 6 and June 3, 2024
3. Planning Commission Meetings of February 14, March 27, and April 24, 2024

Informational

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

Presentation:
Valley Clean
Energy Ef-
forts and Pro-
grams

VCE Executive Officer Mitch Sears: VCE started mid-2018 with Woodland, Davis and Yolo County as members. Winters joined shortly after. Community impacts include increased clean energy capacity, customer savings, community reinvestment programs. Established target of 100% renewables by 2030 with a 25% local storage component. Summarized procurement projects, community outreach, customer service interactions, and programs including rebates. VCE is debt free as of December 2023.

Public comments:

- Alan Hirsch: Support VCE
- Beth Bourne: Concerned about child welfare and civil rights.
- Ron Glick: Agriculture activity creates fine dust particles that filter and spread onto solar panels. Reduces efficiency of panels. Consider program to routinely clean panels.
- Connor Gorman: Support continuing efforts to municipalize gas and electric energy production and distribution.

City Council recessed at 8:26 p.m. and reconvened at 8:35 p.m.

Public

Affordable Housing Manager Iris Grace: TEFRA (Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act) requires a public hearing be held by a local or state

Hearing:
TEFRA Hear-
ing: University
Retirement
Community at
Davis

government unit before bonds can be issued. The city does not have any financial, legal, liability, or responsibility for the project or the repayment of the bonds for the financing of the project. University Retirement Community at Davis (URCAD) is a continuing care community opened to local residents. URCAD intends to use revenue bond proceeds to provide for the financing and refinancing of rehabilitation, equipment, construction and improvement.

Mayor Chapman opened the public hearing.

- Beth Bourne: City spends too much money on Hate Free Together and staff salaries.

Mayor Chapman closed the public hearing

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

1. Approve Resolution No. 24-139 - Approving the Issuance by the California Municipal Finance Authority of Its Revenue and Refunding Bonds, Series 2024 (PRS-California Obligated Group Projects) in One or More Series, in an Aggregate Principal Amount Not to Exceed \$102,000,000.00 for the Purpose of Financing and Refinancing the Construction, Rehabilitation, Improvement, and Equipping of the University Retirement Community and Certain Other Matters Relating Thereto
2. Approve Resolution No. 24-140 - Approving a Subordination Agreement in Favor of U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association as Master Trustee, and Certain Other Matters Relating Thereto Relating to the University Retirement Community at Davis, CA, Inc.

Motion passed unanimously.

Public Hear-
ing: Consoli-
dated Annual
Performance
and Evalua-
tion Report
(CAPER) for
Program Year
2023

Social Services and Housing Director Dana Bailey: City participates in two federally funded programs to assist low-to-moderate income residents. The Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) includes accomplishments and evaluation of funded projects and programs. Overview of plan process.

Mayor Chapman opened the public hearing, and after no comments, closed the public hearing.

W. Arnold moved, seconded by G. Partida, to approve Resolution No. 24-141 - Authorizing the City Manager to Submit Program Year 2023 CAPER to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to Fulfill Required Reporting on City Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnerships (Home) Funds, with inclusion of comments received in writing and verbally during the public review period for the report and the public hearing. Motion passed unanimously.

AB 1234 Re-
porting None

Long Range
Calendar M. Webb: Next regular meetings are October 1 and 15.

 B. Vaitla: Agendize down payment assistance program. Two phases: 1)
 draft ordinance and 2) create administrative structure. Council consen-
 sus.

Adjournment Meeting was adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Zoe Mirabile
City Clerk