

MINUTES OF THE DAVIS CITY COUNCIL
Meeting of March 18, 2025

The City Council of the City of Davis met in regular meeting session beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Chambers, 23 Russell Boulevard, Davis, California. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Bapu Vaitla.

Roll Call: Councilmembers Present: Josh Chapman, Linda Deos, Donna Neville, Gloria Partida, Bapu Vaitla

Councilmembers Absent: None

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

Approval of Agenda L. Deos moved, seconded by D. Neville, to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Ceremonial Presentation Proclamation in Recognition of Mike Webb for His Outstanding Service to the City and the Davis Community, presented by Mayor Vaitla.

City Manager Mike Webb: Proud to serve the City of Davis for nearly 30 years.

City Councilmembers expressed appreciation and support.

Norbie Kumagai: Personal experience receiving support from City Manager.

City Council recessed at 6:53 p.m. and reconvened at 7:00 p.m.

City Manager Announcements M. Webb: April 15—Golden Heart Award nominations due. May 2—Commission applications due. March 24-28—spring break for UC Davis and Davis Joint Unified School District.

City Council Announcements and Liaison Reports None

Public Comments

- Ellen Kalorik: Consent Calendar Item Housing Element Progress Report—Support ballot measure special tax to support the Housing Trust Fund. Support Measure J/R/D revision to reduce barriers to building affordable housing.
- Alex Achimore, Davis Citizen Planning Group: Need to modify Measure J/R/D, will help accelerate General Plan update process and address issues. Should start talking about amendment immediately.

Group pledges to support process and write articles, campaign, write arguments for ballot.

- Georgina Valencia: Consent Calendar Item Housing Element Progress Report—Measure J/R/D provides exemption only for 100% affordable projects. Should consider amendment.
- Lucas Frerichs, Yolo County Supervisors: Consent Calendar Item Pacifico Update—Support, will have agenda item related to project at next Board of Supervisors meeting. Consent Calendar Item Legislative Platform—Request Council support SB226, will allow entire county to be consolidated into one community college district instead of current three districts.
- Alan Miller: Council should consider whether Davis Downtown Business Association is fulfilling mission and needs.
- Beth Bourne: President Trump has issued Executive Order 2025. Support standing up for women’s rights.
- Vince Wolf and Margaret Graham, Patty on the Binge: Representing 2025 Arts Alliance programming. Thank city for grant from cultural arts program to make event possible. Investments make community strong and connected.

City Council recessed at 7:23 p.m. and reconvened at 7:28 p.m.

- Connor Gorman: Consent Calendar Item Legislative Platform—Support SB239, provides flexibility for public meetings. Should add to platform support for single payer universal health care. Consent Calendar Item Economic Development Subcommittees—Support workforce development. Need to build workers skills so they can contribute to community and have a better life with proper compensation and benefits.
- Barbara Clutter: Need to amend Measure J/R/D. Exemptions should include more affordable housing as well as substantial contribution from developer for community infrastructure.
- Nicole Conn: Tree limb fell in Slide Hill Park during storm. If city is not maintaining trees near park amenities, should remove entirely and replace with other types of shade structures.

Consent Calendar

Increase Funds to Construction Contract for Emergency Sewer Infrastructure Repair, CIP No. ET0034

Approve Resolution No. 25-027 - Authorizing the City Manager to Increase Funds to the Construction Contract with McGuire and Hester with a Not to Exceed Amount of \$850,000 for Emergency Collections Infrastructure Repair

Budget Adjustment for Phase 2 Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) Master Plan Implementations, CIP No. ET8310

Approve Resolution No. 25-028 - Authorizing City Manager to Execute a Budget Adjustment Allocating \$475,000 to CIP No. ET8310 – Phase 2 Scada Master Plan Implementation

Wastewater Utility Annual Fund Review and Rate Adjustment

1. Receive an informational report on the financial status of the City's Wastewater Utility (collectively Funds 531, 532 and 533) for fiscal year 2023-2024.
2. Approve Resolution No. 25-029 - Enacting Modification to City of Davis Customer Rates for Wastewater Service Fees Effective June 1, 2024 to Implement Rate Adjustment on May 1, 2025

California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) Maintenance Agreements for Richards Boulevard/I-80 Interchange Project, CIP No. ET8730
Approve Resolution No. 25-030 - Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into a Landscape Maintenance Agreement and a Freeway Maintenance Agreement with Caltrans for the Richards Boulevard/ I-80 Interchange Project

California Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) Cybersecurity Grant
Approve Resolution No. 25-031 - Accepting the CalOES Cybersecurity Grant in the Amount of \$250,000, Amending the FY25 Budget, and Authorizing the Information Technology Director to Accept and Manage the Grant

Safety Enhancement Zone for Picnic Day 2025

Approve Resolution No. 25-032 - Designating Safety Enhancement Zones for Picnic Day 2025 and Designating the Time During Which Certain Municipal Code Violations Committed Within the Designated Safety Enhancement Zone Will Result in Increased Fines

Legislative Subcommittee Update – 2025 Legislative and Regulatory Advocacy Platform

1. Approve Resolution No. 25-033 - Authorizing the Adoption of an Initial 2025 Legislative Platform
2. Authorize Subcommittee to send a letter of support for Senate Bill 239 and take other actions consistent with the proposed legislative platform.

Second Reading: Ordinance Amending Various Sections of Article 40 (Zoning) of the Davis Municipal Code to Amend Regulations Regarding the Downtown Davis Form Based Code

Adopt Ordinance No. 2674 (Introduced 03/04/25)

Pacifico Update

1. Receive an informational status update.

2. Direct the City Manager to transmit to Yolo County the City's commitment to funding the City share of the rehabilitation of two Pacifico buildings for the CalWorks program.

Economic Development Strategic Plan's Subcommittees' Assignment

1. Affirm assignments of the two Economic Development Strategic Plan subcommittees, which occurred at the February 4, 2025, City Council meeting.
2. Assign new tasks to the two subcommittees previously formed to guide the development of the City's Economic Development Strategic Plan.
3. Reaffirm Councilmember Deos to continue to serve as the board representative to the Greater Sacramento Economic Council.

Housing Element Annual Progress Report and Residential Development Status Report for Calendar Year 2024

1. City Residential Report: Receive the status report pursuant to Resolution No. 11-077.
2. Housing Element Report: Receive the progress report and submit to the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) and State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) as required by statute.

Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP) Implementation Update Informational. Receive an update on CAAP Implementation.

2023-2024 Certified Local Government (CLG) Annual Report Informational. Receive the September 1, 2023 through October 31, 2024, CLG Annual Report which will be transmitted to the State of California Office of Historic Preservation.

One-Year Extension of Agreement for Public, Education, and Government (PEG) Access Funding for Fiscal Year 2026

Approve Resolution No. 25-034 - Authorizing the Davis City Manager to Execute Amendment #1 to Extend the Agreement Between the City of Davis, Davis Joint Unified School District, and Davis Media Access for the Provision of Educational and Public Access Cable Services and Community Media Services

Commission Minutes:

1. Planning Commission Meeting of January 22, 2025
2. Transportation Commission Meetings of December 9, 2024, and January 13 and February 10, 2025

Informational.

J. Chapman moved, seconded by D. Neville, to approve the consent calendar. Motion passed unanimously.

Removed from Consent Calendar:

Item removed by J. Chapman.

Final Report and Conceptual Plans for Fifth Street Transportation Improvements from L Street to Cantrill Drive

J. Chapman: Would like more information and discussion about proposed new traffic signal phase at intersection of Fifth and L Streets for an exclusive bike and pedestrian use.

Public Works Engineering & Transportation Assistant Director Ryan Chapman: Proposal can return to Council for future discussion.

Public comments:

- Alan Miller: Support staff proposed improvements along entire corridor.
- Beth Bourne: Support bike safety.

G. Partida moved, seconded by L. Deos, to approve Resolution No. 25-035 - Approving the Fifth Street Corridor Study, L Street to Cantrill Drive, amended to remove approval of Fifth Street and Pole Line Road intersection free-right turns removed to become a signalized protected intersection. Discussion of free-right turns and signalized protected intersection will return to Council at a future meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Homeless Services Discussion Follow-Up

Police Chief Todd Henry and Social Services & Housing Director Dana Bailey: On November 20, 2024, City Council received an overview of current and planned programs to address homelessness and public safety and options to enhance capacity. Council directed staff to return with additional information on augmented service options and estimated program costs. Provided information on the following options: encampment clean up assistance, downtown beat police officer, expanded respite center hours, community navigators, sanctioned parking/sanctioned camping, additional homelessness services through Downtown Streets Team (DST) and Davis Community Meals and Housing (DCMH).

Public comments:

- Martha Teeter, Davis Opportunity Village: Support distributed safe parking as a pilot model. Support expanding Davis Community Housing and Downtown Streets Team services, community navigators, and downtown police officer.
- Andy Waterhouse and Shoshanna Zatz, Heart of Davis: Safe parking program proposal modeled after a program in Santa Barbara, provides benefits to guests and business community. Heart of Davis will be able to cover costs for liability insurance and first year of operation; will need help in future years.
- John O'Neil: City should relocate Respite Center in its current location. In current location for 5.5 years.
- Steve Streeter: Support safe parking.
- Beth Bourne: Should carefully select downtown beat officer.

- Diane Parro, Davis Community Meals & Housing Board: Thank Council for years of partnership with DCMH, benefits community and most vulnerable. Support expansion of services.
- John Kingston and unnamed individual: Support DCMH services. Personal experience at Paul's Place, welcoming space, medical and personal needs addressed.
- Becky Marigo, Harmony Scopazzi, and Tracy Fauver, Davis Community Meals & Housing staff: Overview of services provided. Hosted cold weather shelter for city and all beds were utilized. Hope to transition to permanent emergency shelter on site. Focus on safety, stability, and collaboration. Should make sure current programs and safe and secure before starting new.
- Alan Miller: Support downtown police officer. Need overnight shelter in a different location. Hard to get neighborhood support for safe parking or safe camping.
- Maryanne Kursch: Operated Interfaith Rotating Winter Shelter safely with mostly volunteer services for 13 years. Support safe parking program.
- Andrew Weir: Support DCMH services.
- Lynne Yackzan: Downtown resident and property owner and manager. Support downtown beat officer and DCMH services. Ask Council to consider providing opportunity for private property owners to opt in to receive encampment cleanup services for fee.
- Lawson Snipes: Support Davis police interactions with community and policies related to homelessness. Support expansion of respite center hours.
- Maricela Cruz and Stu Singh: Use services provided by DCMH and Respite Center. Resources encourage people to maintain housing, look for jobs, attend school.
- JP Dunlevy: Connected with Downtown Streets Team, received support to interview and get employment. Use Respite services, hope funding continues.
- Heather Mundy, Downtown Streets Team: Oversee operations at Respite Center and downtown beautification projects. Respite is a place of restorative community. Weekend hours at Respite will not help people to connect to services because providers work weekday business hours. Support investing in volunteer training.
- Marge Matoba and Dolores Hazahd, Davis Methodist Church: Support safe parking program proposed by Heart of Davis. If successful, can be expanded to more sites. Will need city to fund expansion.
- Ben: Support expanding Respite Center hours or establishing safe parking and safe camping.
- Brett Lee, Downtown Business Association: Support downtown beat officer and expanding Respite Center hours of operation to weekends. Downtown clean up – should allow other entities to step forward with proposals, evaluate cost and public good.

- Judy Ennis: Support prioritizing shelter options. Safe parking, expanded respite center, DCMH. Need concerted effort around outreach so people are not approached by different entities with different messages. Support community navigators trained and managed by city.
- Tara Oldmeyer: Downtown resident. Personal experience with several verbal altercations with homeless individuals. Worry about small businesses with only one employee. Homeless encampment fires are a safety hazard.
- Heather Caswell: Support downtown beat officer. Many downtown business owners and employees have had personal experiences with crime.
- Elaine Roberts-Musser: Staff report does not mention where funds will come from or what will be provided by county. Should not create new programs or duplicate county efforts.
- Ron Glick: Respite Center should have a different entrance, consider 5th Street instead of L Street. Support Paul's Place. Need more sites and programs like Paul's Place.
- Ellen Kalorik and Barbara Clutter: Support safe parking program proposed by Heart. If city provides funding, will ensure future operations and other faith based groups may be able to establish similar programs.
- Gayna Lamb-bang and Willa: Support sanctioned parking/camping, expanded Respite Center hours and DCMH services, year round shelter.
- Connor Gorman: Need permanent safe, accessible, and affordable housing. Support expanding Respite Center hours and implementing community navigators program.
- Judy Wong-Chen: Support community navigators, expand Respite Center hours and DCMH services.
- Jennifer Klovakian, Martina McGuinness, Nancy Lorper, and Espinoza: Support downtown beat officer.
- Dan Clarkson: Need to install fencing and signage at Respite Center to prohibit trespassing and camping.
- Cathy Maxwell: Support expanding Respite Center hours.
- Nadine: Support expanded shelter opportunities.
- Ryan Collins: Support community navigators program.
- Haley: Oppose downtown beat officer. Support expanded Respite Center hours. Community navigators – should consider paying volunteers, especially if interested in employing people with lived experience.

City Council recessed at 9:34 p.m. and reconvened at 9:43 p.m.

Council provided individual priorities and interests as follows:

G. Partida: Priorities—Downtown police officer, encampment cleanup, and expanding year round shelter beds with DCMH/Paul's Place. Defer discussion of expanded Respite Center hours until full discussion of impacts and potential mitigation occurs (follow up from Davis Manor neighborhood meeting). Request more information on Downtown Streets Team program; is program accomplishing downtown cleanliness? Outreach efforts should be coordinated and not duplicated with community navigators concept. Request more information on sanctioned parking, need outreach to neighbors of proposed sites and current residents living in vehicles to determine interest.

J. Chapman: Priorities—Encampment cleanup, downtown beat officer, and expanding DCMH shelter beds. Respite Center—ok with either expand or shift day/hours or defer to discuss comprehensively; request update on services provided and people served. Support looking at community navigators program, don't duplicate existing services. Support proceeding with pilot parking program with Heart of Davis. Downtown Streets Team—if interest is best way to clean downtown, consider other proposals.

B. Vaitla: Highest priority: Community navigators program; build relationships, make connections, service based volunteerism. Support Heart of Davis safe parking proposal.

D. Neville: Support encampment cleanup, expanding shelter beds at DCMH/Paul's Place year round, and downtown beat officer. Defer change in Respite Center hours until comprehensive discussion. Look further at Downtown Street Team-evaluate in terms of cost. Request more information on community navigator program run by city. Support moving forward on sanctioned camping proposal by Heart; before issuing permit, return to Council and report out to ensure safe operations.

L. Deos: Support encampment cleanup, downtown beat officer, and expanding shelter beds at DCMH/Paul's Place. Respite center—defer to Subcommittee request for a comprehensive discussion; interested in moving toward services 7 days a week and later hours. Support moving forward with Heart parking program. Downtown Streets Team—explore other options for downtown cleanup and Respite Center. Willing to explore community navigators, but similar activities are already occurring.

M. Webb staff clarification: Council consensus support for downtown officer, encampment contract, DCMH expansion, safe parking proposal by Heart with report back to Council before issuing permit. Staff will come back with more information and options for the following: Downtown

Streets Team—alternatives/options/RFP. Defer to Council Subcommittee on Respite Center (Neville/Partida). Interest in additional information and details on city run community navigators program.

B. Vaitla moved, seconded by G. Partida, to task the Social Services Commission as follows:

1. Conduct a landscape assessment of organizations already providing community navigation (outreach and/or referral) to the unhoused and identify gaps in service.
2. Draft concept of City administered and coordinated “Community Navigator” program.

Motion passed unanimously.

M. Webb: Downtown beat officer will be incorporated into next year’s budget approval and position allocation list. Staff will proceed with RFP for encampment cleanup and return to Council with contract. Staff will discuss outreach needs with Heart of Davis safe parking proposal and develop coordinated process/plan.

Initiate Process to Review Suitability of the City Corporation Yard at 1717 Fifth Street as a Site for Re-development

City Manager Mike Webb: Overview of site and current use. Assessment conducted in 2019; Corporation Yard operations can be relocated. Site could be an infill opportunity for mid to high density housing; adjacent DJUSD Corporation Yard is another potential option for infill. Current site is industrial and would need to be assessed for potential contamination or other issues. Staff recommends issuing a Request for Proposals to conduct a feasibility assessment of the former Wastewater Treatment Plant and Landfill site for relocation of the Corporation Yard operations and to undertake preliminary sampling and background investigation for any potential environmental risks at the 1717 site that would impact re-development of the site.

Public comments:

- Ron Glick: Support feasibility assessment. May need to consider re-configuring 5th Street. If narrow street width, may be able to get additional acreage.
- Nancy Price: Assessment of former treatment plant and landfill sites should include mapping and characterizing extent of PFFA and other possible contaminants.
- Alan Miller: Should not further impact Duke Drive neighbors. Already issues with Respite Center on L Street. If build dense affordable housing, will cause shade impacts.
- Ben Waiting: Davis Manor neighbor. Potential for good development to improve area, tentatively support.
- Connor Gorman: Support studying feasibility. Should use city property for public housing or affordable housing. Need to find suitable location for Respite Center that has access to resources.

- Roberta Millstein: Concerned with moving Corporation Yard to old landfill site. Location has been contaminated by forever chemicals. Project will be costly, site has too many constrictions for housing development.
- Susan Ranier: Oppose use of old landfill site, contaminated with toxic chemicals.

D. Neville moved, seconded by J. Chapman, as follows:

1. Direct staff to prepare and issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) to conduct a feasibility assessment of the City property located immediately north of the city limits to the west of Pole Line Road (former Wastewater Treatment Plant and Landfill site) for relocation of the City Corp Yard.
2. Direct staff to undertake preliminary sampling and background investigation for any potential environmental risks at the 1717 site that would impact redevelopment of the site.

Motion passed unanimously.

AB 1234 Reporting

G. Partida: Attended Civic Well Conference in Yosemite

Long Range Calendar

M. Webb: April 1—regular items DJUSD Enrollment Presentation, Mid-year budget update, Public hearing designating flood plan administer designee.

Public comments:

- Alan Miller: Support beat cops.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 11:07 p.m.

Zoe Mirabile
City Clerk