

MINUTES OF THE DAVIS CITY COUNCIL
Meeting of April 1, 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: Interim City Manager Kelly Stachowicz, City Attorney Inder Khalsa, City Clerk Zoe Mirabile

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

Ceremonial Presentation
A. Proclamation Recognizing April 12, 2025 as the Oddest Day of the Year, presented by L. Deos
B. Proclamation Recognizing April as Arab American Heritage Month, presented by B. Vaitla
C. Proclamation Recognizing April as Child Abuse Prevention Month, presented by J. Chapman
D. Proclamation Recognizing April as National Donate Life Month, presented by D. Neville

City Council recessed at 6:55 p.m. and reconvened at 7:03 p.m.

City Manager Announcements Interim City Manager Kelly Stachowicz: Davis improvement projects have received \$7.5 million in grants since last June including community resilience, electrical charging, cybersecurity, regional mobility, and public safety projects. Davis waste-sorting monitoring currently in progress pursuant to state mandate. City has appointed new Deputy Police Chief Matt Petersen. April 5—Arbor Day celebration in Wildhorse with a greenbelt tree planting project. April 9—Congressman Mike Thompson’s staff will hold office hours in Community Chambers. April 12—UC Davis Picnic Day. April 13—Make Davis Sparke event after Picnic Day to help keep community clean.

City Council Announcements and Liaison Reports None

Public Comments

- Jesse Ortiz, Yolo County Superintendent of Schools: Request City Council support SB226, bill to consolidate multiple school districts into one community college district.
- Unnamed individual: Used the My Davis app to report issues. Support new exercise amenities at city facilities.
- Alan Hirsch: Support Hate Free Together rethinking strategy with new RFP. Should not frame work around the word and concept of hate.
- Alex Benadidas: Encourage Davis police officers to stop vehicles that have overly loud mufflers. They violate Davis noise ordinance and state law.
- Connor Gorman: Consent calendar item Development Impact Fee Annual AB1600 Report—should establish a housing impact fee for non-residential developments and reimage definition of public safety and use funds for matters such as tree trimming. Consent calendar item Design-Build Contract for the Community Park Skatepark Replacement Project—support.

Consent Calendar

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

Approve Resolution No. 25-036 - Authorizing the City Manager to Increase Funds to the Construction Contract with McGuire and Hester to a Not to Exceed Amount of \$1,900,000 for Emergency Collections Infrastructure Repair

Design-Build Contract for the Community Park Skatepark Replacement Project, CIP No. ET0027

Approve Resolution No. 25-037 - Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Design-Build Contract for the Construction of a Replacement Skatepark with Grindline Skateparks for the Community Park Skatepark Replacement Project, and Finding the Project Exempt from Review Pursuant to CEQA Regulation Guidelines Section §15302 Replacement Structures

On-Call Landscape Architecture Professional Services Agreement Task Order for Playfields Park Inclusive Playground Design

Approve Resolution No. 25-038 - Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Task Order with GHD Engineering for Design Services and Establish a Capital Improvement Project for the Playfields Park Inclusive Playground Project

Professional Services Agreement for School Crossing Guard Services from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2028

1. Approve Resolution No. 25-039 - Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement with Safesite Guard Services, LLC for Operating the School Crossing Guard Program
2. Approve Resolution No. 25-040 - Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Reimbursement Agreement with the Davis Joint Unified

School District (DJUSD) to Share Expenses of the School Crossing Guard Program

Extend Approval of Final Map 5216 and Subdivision Agreement for 715 Pole Line Road

Approve Resolution No. 25-041 - Extending Approval of Final Map 5216 for 715 Pole Line Road and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Subdivision Agreement with 715 East, LLC, a California Limited Liability Company

Appointment of City Manager on an Interim Basis and Amendment No. 1 to Employment Agreement with Current Assistant City Manager

Approve Resolution No. 25-042 - Approving the Appointment of and Amendment to the Employment Agreement with the Interim City Manager and Authorizing Mayor to Execute Same

Weed Abatement 2025 – Setting a Public Hearing on May 13, 2025 for Owners to Object to Proposed Removal of Weeds

Approve Resolution No. 25-043 - Declaring Weeds Growing Upon Private Property within the City of Davis to be a Public Nuisance: Directing the Chief of the Fire Department to Post or Mail Notice to Destroy Weeds, and Providing Notice of Hearing on Objections Thereto Pursuant to California Government Code, Article 2, Section 39560 Through 39588

Development Impact Fee Annual AB1600 Report for Fiscal Year 2023/24 *Unfortunately, certain numbers were inadvertently transposed in the March 4, 2024 version of this staff report. This is the corrected staff report.* Receive the Annual Development Impact Fee Report which has been prepared for the public and City Council review, pursuant to the requirements of Government Code Section 66006(b) and Government Code Section 66001(d) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024

Commission Minutes:

1. Historical Resources Management Commission Meeting of September 16, 2024
2. Police Accountability Commission Meetings of November 4 and December 2, 2024, and January 6, 2025

Informational

City Attorney Inder Khalsa: Interim City Manager contract will be increased to City Manager rate. Appointment starts March 31 and will continue until successor hired.

Linda Deos moved, seconded by J. Chapman, to approve the consent calendar as listed above. Motion passed unanimously.

Removed from Consent Calendar:

Item removed by G. Partida.

Expand Pilot Effort of Increased Frequency of Tree Assessments Around Higher Occupancy Zones

Assistant City Manager Stan Gryczko: Overview of pilot program to increase assessment of trees in high occupancy zone such as parks and greenbelts that host summer recreation programs and request to fund expanded operations for upcoming summer season.

Public comments:

- Alan Hirsch: Support expanded pilot. Need public input and collaboration on management of trees.
- Ron Glick: Support expansion of tree inspections. Reported to city dead tree at corner of Russell and Anderson. Not a city tree, but someone needs to take responsibility.

G. Partida moved, seconded by D. Neville, to approve Resolution No. 25-044 - Authorizing the City Manager to Amend the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Urban Forestry Program Operating Budget. Motion passed unanimously.

Davis Joint Unified School District (DJUSD) Presentation: Boundaries and Planning – The Housing-Schools Connection

DJUSD Superintendent Matt Best and Chief Strategy Officer Maria Clayton: Declining school enrollment throughout state. DJUSD expects a decline of approximately 100 students each year for the next decade. Enrollment determines school funding. Upcoming Measure J/R/D projects Village Farms and Willowgrove anticipated for elections in 2025 and 2026 could result in approximately 1,000 school age youth attending school in the next 15 years which would maintain current enrollment numbers.

Public comment:

- Alan Hirsch: UC Davis will be facing major cuts which could further impact enrollment.
- Leslie Blevins and Greta Oak, Yolo County Association of Realtors: Aging Davis population means fewer workers and more demand on services. Need more housing and specifically affordable housing. Lack of housing affordability impacts school enrollment. Development projects need to be approved.
- Hiram Jackson and Joe DiNunzio, DJUSD Board Trustee: Community needs affordable housing for families. Continual topic of discussion at Board meetings.
- Andrew Scaggs: Support citizen input on development projects rather than state mandated.
- Vanessa Erecarte: Working on outreach for Willowgrove project. Project will shortly be ready for election ballot. Many young families have moved out of town because of lack of housing.
- Anna Javady and Rochelle Swanson: Grown children cannot afford to live in Davis.

- Ron Glick: Declining enrollment is a result of Measure J/R/D. Either need to build housing or community will lose its children.
- Kim Eichorn: Davis needs more housing and growth. Need to educate people; there may be some negative tradeoffs such as traffic impacts, but the repercussions are dire.
- Alex Benadidas: Initially concerned about parcel tax and future home affordability, but support nonetheless. Hope it pays off in the end.
- Connor Gorman: Davis housing should meet varied community needs. Consider public housing.
- Unnamed individual: Oppose Village Farms project, bad location and large impacts.
- Roberta Milstein: DJUSD is overestimating potential school enrollment generated by Village Farms. Houses will be unaffordable. Environmental concerns with site, traffic impacts.

City Council recessed at 8:30 p.m. and reconvened at 8:41 p.m.

FY 2024/25
Mid-Year
Budget Up-
date and Mid-
Year Budget
Amendments

Finance Director Elena Adair: Summarized mid-year budget update, revenue amendments from tax increases/decreases, and expenditure amendments for General Fund and Other Funds. Overall, General Fund tax and fee revenues are at or above expectations and revenues are within budget except for water and irrigation charges. Citywide expenditures are within acceptable ranges. Staff is monitoring development-related revenue due to continued delays in construction and financing considerations outside the city's control.

Public comment:

- Elaine Roberts-Musser: General Fund falling short due to lack of construction, increased overtime costs due to increased wages, declining sales tax and cannabis tax revenue. Projection of tax revenues for first quarter of new sales tax are overestimated. City should prioritize road maintenance and get General Fund reserve back up to 15%.

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

1. Accept the mid-year report as informational, which reflects revenue and expenditure results through the second quarter of FY 2024/25
2. Approve Resolution No. 25-045 - Amending the FY 2024/25 Budget and Authorized Positions Listing

Motion passed unanimously.

City Council recessed at 9:22 p.m. and reconvened at 9:27 p.m.

General Plan
Update: Pre-
liminary Mo-
bility Element

Community Development Director Sherri Metzker: City Council directed staff to work with General Plan consultant Raimi+Associates to develop a scope of work for preparation of a preliminary mobility concept plan for the north-east quadrant of the city. Analysis would include development

Network Concept projects such as Willowgrove and Village Farms currently in review, potential future projects in downtown, and potential affordability sites. Concept and final numbers will be different than the future model developed during the General Plan Update; however, this preliminary concept will provide a snapshot to project potential growth and infrastructure improvement projects.

Public comment:

- David Thompson: support.

J. Chapman moved, seconded by D. Neville, to approve Resolution No. 25-046 - Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Professional Services Contract Amendment with Raimi+Associates for the Preparation of a Preliminary Mobility Concept for the General Plan Update. Motion passed unanimously.

AB 1234 Reporting None

Long Range Calendar K. Stachowicz: April 15 regular items include Valley Clean Energy presentation on municipal electric utilities and pavement management program update. If time allows, will add a presentation from Valley Vision on We Proper Together.

L. Deos: Update from Council Subcommittee on Measure J/R/D. When will it be coming to Council?

B. Vaitla: Subcommittee will meet and update Council soon.

Adjournment Meeting was adjourned at 9:44 p.m.

Zoe Mirabile
City Clerk