

MINUTES OF THE DAVIS CITY COUNCIL
Meeting of September 2, 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 L. Deos moved, seconded by J. Chapman, to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Ceremonial Presentations

- A. Recognizing September as Suicide Prevention Month, presented by J. Chapman
- B. Recognizing September 15-October 15 as National Hispanic Heritage Month, presented by G. Partida
- C. Recognizing October as Fire Prevention Month, presented by B. Vaitla
- D. Recognizing October as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month and Efforts of Thriving Pink, presented by D. Neville
- E. Recognizing October as National Bullying Prevention Month, presented by L. Deos
- F. Recognizing and Appreciating Contributions to the City of Davis 4th of July Community Celebration – Davis Live Music Collective, Discovery Christian Church, Dos Coyotes, presented by J. Chapman

City Council recessed at 6:54 p.m. and reconvened at 7:02 p.m.

City Manager Announcements Interim City Manager Kelly Stachowicz: September 3—California Rail Safety Month Kick Off at Davis Amtrak Station. September 5—Chamber of Commerce Family Fun Fest. September 11—Davis Downtown Business Association is hosting Downtown at Dusk concert series every other Thursday through mid-November.

City Council Announcements and Liaison Reports None

Public Comments

- Ning Wan and unnamed individual: Concern about resident interactions.

- Beth Bourne: Oppose transgender ideologies. Support free speech.
- Dorte Jensen: Relayed incidents against Beth Bourne.
- Don Saylor: General Plan Update—Council should focus on children and youth.
- Connor Gorman: Village Farms should be scheduled for November 2026 election.

Consent Calendar

Amendment to Professional Services Agreement for Anderson Road – Chavez Elementary School Improvements Project, CIP No. ET8298
Approve Resolution No. 25-136 - Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Amendment #1 to the Agreement with Rainforth Grau Architects (RGA) for the Design of the Anderson Road-Chavez Elementary School Improvements Project

Amendment to Agreement for Fixed Route Transit and Support Services
Approve Resolution No. 25-137 - Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Amendment #2 to the Agreement with UC Davis Relating to Fixed Route Transit and Support Services

Budget Revision for Mace Overpass Fence Repair Project, CIP No. ET0009
Approve Resolution No. 25-138 - Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Budget Revision for the Mace Overpass Fence Repair Project to Bring the Total Project Budget to \$350,000

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

Item Removed from Consent Calendar:

Item removed by L. Deos: Request Council workshop be rescheduled to November 4 (instead of November 18).

Village Farms Davis – Schedule Options

Public comment:

- Leslie Blevins, Katie Dulehendrick, Mary Jo Bryant, Anna Najhani, Jo Ramiro, Sharlene Agvateesiri, Harris, Allison Jensen, Sienna Gallagher, Frank, Christen, Lauren Theria, Sheryl Leonard, and Krista Altman: Support project and Schedule A, earliest timeline.
- Norbie Kumagai: Only a small percentage of graduating students can afford to buy homes and raise families in Davis.
- Lydia Della-Schlosser, Village Farms project manager: Eager to continue toward Measure J/R/D election in June 2026, support Schedule A. Committed to transparent process that meets community needs.
- Ning Wan: Concern about large amount of agricultural land proposed to be developed.

By consensus, Council supported Schedule A and directed staff to move the City Council workshop for Village Farms from November 18 to November 4.

City Council recessed at 7:47 p.m. and reconvened at 7:53 p.m.

Greater Sacramento Economic Council 2025 Market Velocity Report

Chief Strategy Officer Matt Miller and Manager of Research Joe Figueroa, Greater Sacramento Economic Council: Davis Market Velocity Report includes economic indicator comparative analysis, regional clusters and Davis targets analysis, and defining and promoting sustainable industries.

Takeaways and recommendations: City lags behind major Yolo County communities in population and job growth. Median household income is lower compared to greater Sacramento, yet home prices are nearly 50% higher. Tradable sector targets: Davis and regional cluster alignment in precision manufacturing, life sciences, agri-food-tech; professional, scientific, and technical services. Davis real estate mix support and reinforce its strengths in regional clusters but additional analysis is necessary. Sustainable industries: Sustainable practices promoted through scorecards, performance contracts, traditional economic development tools (grants, tax abatements, etc.). Performance contract milestones could include quality job creation, community benefits and alignment with local climate action and adaptation plans.

City Council recessed at 8:32 p.m. and reconvened at 8:36 p.m.

Police Department 2024 Annual Report

Police Chief Todd Henry: Overview of 2024 Police Department Annual Report, organized into the following categories: Department organization, Professional standards, Patrol, Community policing, Investigations, Records and communications, Collateral assignments, Crime stats, remembering our fallen.

Public comments:

- Norbie Kumagai: Personal experience with relative suffering from dementia. Grateful for officer assistance.
- Connor Gorman: Dispatch and crisis intervention and mental health call response should be independent from Police Department.

AB 1234 Reporting

None

Long Range Calendar

K. Stachowicz: No changes to proposed calendar.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Zoe Mirabile
City Clerk