

ANTIOCH CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting
7:00 P.M.

February 14, 2012
Council Chambers

6:30 P.M. - CLOSED SESSION

1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR – City designated representatives: Deborah McHenry and Glenn Berkheimer; Employee organizations: Public Employees' Union Local No. 1; Antioch Police Officers' Association. This Closed Session is authorized by California Government Code §54957.6.

City Attorney Nerland reported the City Council had been in Closed Session and gave the following report: #1 Conference with Labor Negotiator - no reportable action/direction was given to the Labor Negotiator. She reported at the last Council meeting on January 24, 2012, a decision was made by the City Council not to appeal the Superior Court's decision in the Walmart litigation on a 3-2 vote with Mayor Davis and Council Member Agopian voting against the motion to not appeal the decision, this action is reflected in the Minutes and Annotated Agenda.

Mayor Davis called the meeting to order at 7:14 P.M., and City Clerk Skaggs called the roll.

Present: Council Members Kalinowski, Harper, Rocha, Agopian and Mayor Davis

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tem Harper led the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Davis called an emergency town hall meeting on February 21, 2012, at 7:00 P.M. to discuss ways to stop the violence in Antioch. He noted items to be discussed would include; crime statistics, options for funding additional Sworn Police Officers, the Neighborhood Watch Program, and the early release program.

(The City Council later postponed the meeting to give staff time to prepare, given city furloughs and Monday's holiday).

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF CIVIC AND COMMUNITY EVENTS - None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Douglas Tokes, Antioch resident, spoke in support of a flat tax dedicated to emergency services and suggested a utility tax as a more feasible way to provide funding. He also suggested lighting the Antioch Bridge.

Martin Fernandez, Antioch resident, spoke to the budget challenges facing the city and suggested the City Council begin addressing this year's budget as soon as possible.

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Fred Hoskins, Antioch resident, requested the renovation of the Hard House property be placed on the next City Council agenda. He spoke to a previous application for an Internet Café in downtown Antioch.

Julie Young, representing residents in her Antioch neighborhood, provided photos and expressed concern regarding the construction of Nelson Ranch Park. She noted they were never informed of the project and its current design; would negatively impact their quality. She requested the city work with the residents for a solution to these concerns.

Councilmember Rocha suggested looking at Mira Vista Park to see what they had done to mitigate similar concerns.

Councilmember Kalinowski requested this issue be placed on a future agenda to be discussed.

Ms. Young stated she wants to make sure what was approved by the city is what was currently being built and requested the city provide the 2004 map and plans for the park.

Erin Johnson, Policy Coordinator for the East County Alcohol Policy Coalition, introduced himself and gave a brief history and update on the activities of the coalition. Contact information was provided.

Martha Parsons, Antioch resident, provided a list of city's within Contra Costa County with a rotating Mayor position, and suggested the City Council discuss the feasibility of rotating the Mayor position in Antioch.

Bill Moore, Antioch resident, speaking with regards to the Nelson Ranch Park, voiced his support for his neighbors. He thanked the city for addressing his concerns and removing trees to preserve his view. He questioned why they were not notified by the city regarding the impacts of the park, prior to construction.

COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmember Agopian reported on his attendance at the Blight/Shop Antioch subcommittee meeting. He requested this item be agendaized for discussion at a future City Council meeting.

Mayor Davis reported on his attendance at the Blight/Shop Antioch subcommittee meeting.

Councilmember Rocha reported on her attendance at the joint Antioch School District/City subcommittee meeting and announced the next meeting would be March 26, 2012, at Antioch High School. She also reported on her attendance at Supervisor Federal Glover's Breakfast Club.

Councilmember Harper reported on his attendance at the Antioch School Board/City subcommittee meeting and the Foreclosure Prevention Workshop.

Councilmember Kalinowski reported on his attendance at the dedication of the Highway 4 Bypass to CALTRANS and the Highway 4/eBART construction. He announced groundbreaking for the bypass improvements should occur in June 2012.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Davis thanked all Councilmembers for the service they gave the community on the dais and through subcommittee appointments. He reported on his attendance at the California League of Cities Public Safety Policy Committee held in Sacramento on January 20, 2012.

PRESENTATION ON POLICE STATS FOR YEAR 2011

Chief of Police Allan Cantando presented the Antioch Police Department Information Report including crime statistics and the bureaus of support and field services.

In response to the City Council, Chief Cantando stated he would provide the City Council with the following information:

- Recidivism rate of those students who had successfully completed the REACH program
- The number of documented gang members who purport to live in Antioch
- The times calls for service were received and how long on average they were held until dispatched
- The average cost approximation for a homicide investigation
- His vision for the Antioch Police Department

In response to Councilmember Kalinowski, Chief Cantando noted the department was taking seriously and addressing missed court dates.

Councilmember Kalinowski requested Mayor Davis bring a discussion to the Mayor's conference regarding how insufficient funding and staffing in the Deputy District Attorney office, was causing the lack of filing cases.

Chief Cantando announced the following events: Coffee with the Cops, 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. on March 10, 2012, and Volunteers in Police Services Orientation, 6:00 P.M. on March 13, 2012, both events would take place in the Antioch Police Department Community Room.

Councilmember Harper thanked Chief Cantando for the report and transparency in which the Antioch Police Department operated and encouraged the Antioch Police Department to continue focusing on crime suppression in the Sycamore corridor.

Councilmember Rocha spoke in support of foot patrol in high crime areas, once the Antioch Police force was more effectively staffed. Additionally, she suggested the City Council discuss taxing individuals who own more than two income properties in Antioch.

Councilmember Agopian expressed his appreciation to the Antioch Police Department. He stated he felt it was time for the citizens of Antioch to work proactively and approve a parcel tax to provide targeted resources to address criminal activity in Antioch.

Mayor-Davis, speaking on behalf of the City Council, stated they would do whatever they could to help the Antioch Police Department and spoke to the value of the Neighborhood Watch program.

City Manager Jakel stated if the City Council deem increasing the staffing levels of the Antioch Police Department a priority, they could use the city's reserves, to fund additional positions.

Councilmember Agopian suggested holding monthly Coffee with the Cops events throughout the community to engage the public on the issues.

Mayor Davis stated he would work with staff to schedule a date for a town hall meeting.

City Manager Jakel stated he would bring an item to the City Council on the next agenda, regarding the funding of additional positions for the Antioch Police Department.

Councilmember Kalinowski requested Chief Cantando provide the City Council with his vision for the Antioch Police Department for the next two years prior to considering the usage of the city's reserve funds to staff additional positions.

Mayor Davis thanked Chief Cantando for the presentation this evening.

COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES FOR JANUARY 24, 2012**
- B. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL WARRANTS**
- C. REJECTION OF CLAIMS**
 - 1. Isaiah Akinsanya 11/12-2029A (personal injury)**
 - 2. Randall Thomas 11/12-2029B (personal injury)**
- D. REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE USE OF CITY LOGO FOR CESAR CHAVEZ DAY**
- E. RESOLUTION NO. 2012/09 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ANTIOCH SUPPORTING THE CHOOSE CIVILITY INITIATIVE SPONSORED BY THE CONTRA COSTA COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION**
- F. PURCHASE LOADER FOR WATER TREATMENT PLANT IN FISCAL YEAR 2011/2012**
- G. AWARD OF COPIER LEASE CONTRACT**

- H. **RESOLUTION NO. 2012/10 STREET LIGHTING AND LANDSCAPING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT ENGINEER'S REPORT FOR FY 2012/2013**
- I. **APPROVAL TO INCREASE FUNDS FOR THE HILLCREST AVENUE WIDENING, PHASE II PROJECT (P.W. 276-10)**
- J. **AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH RANEY PLANNING & MANAGEMENT, INC. FOR ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT PREPARATION FOR THE WALMART EXPANSION PROJECT**
- K. **RESOLUTION NO. 2012/11 IN SUPPORT OF THE CITY FILING A GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA UNDER THE STATE'S "SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PLANNING GRANT AND INCENTIVE PROGRAM" TO RECEIVE FUNDING TO PREPARE A SPECIFIC PLAN FOR THE CITY'S DOWNTOWN AREA**

On motion by Councilmember Rocha, seconded by Councilmember Agopian, the City Council unanimously approved the Council Consent Calendar with the exception of items J and K, which were removed for further discussion.

Item J – In response to Fred Hoskins, Antioch resident, City Attorney Nerland reported the property owner submitted the application, and by law, the city was required to process that application. She noted the applicant would be paying the costs of the Environmental Consultant.

On motion by Councilmember Kalinowski, seconded by Councilmember Agopian, the City Council unanimously approved item J.

Item K – Councilmember Rocha clarified the specific plan was for the city's downtown area.

Fred Hoskins, Antioch resident, stated he felt the plans and timeline for downtown needed to be outlined prior to submittal of the grant application.

On motion by Councilmember Rocha, seconded by Councilmember Kalinowski, the City Council unanimously approved item K.

Mayor Davis declared a recess at 9:17 P.M. The meeting reconvened at 9:32 P.M. with all Councilmembers present.

COUNCIL REGULAR AGENDA

2. ELECTED CITY CLERK AND ELECTED CITY TREASURER

City Attorney Nerland presented the staff report dated February 7, 2012, recommending the City Council provide direction to staff regarding 1) A ballot measure for the June 5, 2012, election to appoint the City Treasurer, 2) A ballot measure for the June 5, 2012, election to appoint the City

Clerk. Provide other direction to staff regarding the elected positions of City Clerk and/or City Treasurer.

On motion by Councilmember Agopian, seconded by Councilmember Harper, the City Council unanimously directed staff to prepare a resolution and other documents needed to place one ballot measure on the June 2012 ballot to make both the City Clerk and City Treasurer appointive positions.

3. REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE A WATER BILL INSERT FOR FOURTH OF JULY EVENT

City Manager Jakel presented the staff report dated February 7, 2012, recommending the City Council provide direction.

Joy Motts and members of the 4th of July Committee voiced their appreciation to the City Council for agendizing this issue and gave a brief update on the fundraising efforts and activities for the event.

Mayor Davis stated he it was encouraging to hear the event returning to Antioch.

Councilmember Rocha encouraged the committee to consider providing healthy food options for children.

On motion by Councilmember Harper, seconded by Councilmember Rocha, the City Council unanimously approved allowing the Fourth of July group to place fundraising and publicity inserts in the City's water bills with the organization paying costs.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Jakel announced a joint meeting of the City and Antioch Unified School District would be held at 5:30 P.M. on March 26, 2012, at Antioch High School and the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting was February 28, 2012.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Davis requested staff agendize a discussion on making the Mayor's position, a rotating position.

Councilmember Rocha stated she felt the City Council needed to discuss taxing individuals who own more than two income properties in Antioch.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Mayor Davis adjourned the meeting at 9:50 P.M. to the next regular Council meeting on February 28, 2012.

Respectfully submitted:

Kitty Eiden

KITTY EIDEN, Minutes Clerk