

## ANTIOCH CITY COUNCIL

**Regular Meeting  
7:00 P.M.**

**May 24, 2005  
Council Chambers**

### **6:00 P.M. - CLOSED SESSION**

1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR - Agency Negotiator: Holly Brock-Cohn; Employee Organization: All represented groups. This Closed Session is authorized by Government Code §54957.6.

Mayor Freitas called the meeting to order at 7:07 P.M. He reported the City Council had been in closed session; there was no reportable action taken. City Clerk Martin called the roll.

Present: Council Members Kalinowski, Conley, Simonsen and Mayor Freitas  
Absent: Council Member Davis

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

### **PROCLAMATIONS**

Be A Hometown Hero  
Affordable Housing Week, June 4 - 12, 2005  
Philippine Heritage Day, June 12, 2005  
Relay for Life, June 25 and 26, 2005

On motion by Councilmember Conley, seconded by Councilmember Simonsen the Council members present unanimously approved the proclamations.

Councilmember Kalinowski presented the proclamation proclaiming the City of Antioch a participant in the East Contra Costa County "Be A Hometown Hero" program to Barbara Sobalvarro and Julia Harris representing the Friends of Animal Services, Devi Lanphere representing the Antioch Chamber of Commerce, along with representatives from Slatten Ranch and Somersville Towne Center who announced the kick-off events for the "Hometown Heroes" would be held on June 11, 2005 from 1:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M. at Slatten Ranch and 10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. on June 14, 2005 at Somersville Towne Center. A contact number was given for anyone wishing to receive additional information.

Councilmember Conley presented the proclamation proclaiming June 12, 2005 as Philippine Heritage Day to Roberto Compos and members of the United Filipino-American Association of Antioch who thanked the City Council for the recognition and pledged their support to the City of Antioch. He reported their concert at the El Campanil Theater was a successful event.

Councilmember Simonsen presented the proclamation proclaiming June 25 and 26, 2005 as Relay for Life, A Team Event to Fight Cancer to representatives from the American Cancer

Society who thanked the City Council for their support. A contact number and website was given for anyone wishing to receive additional information.

Mayor Freitas stated the Relay for Life is an extraordinary event and encouraged the community to attend.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS OF CIVIC AND COMMUNITY EVENTS - None**

Councilmember Davis presented the proclamation proclaiming June 4-12, 2005 as Affordable Housing Week to Manny Soliz, who accepted the proclamation on behalf of the East Bay Housing Organizations and thanked the City Council for the proclamation. He discussed the importance of providing affordable housing in the community and reviewed the calendar of events pertaining to affordable housing issues.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS OF BOARD AND COMMISSION OPENINGS**

City Clerk Martin announced the following Board and Commission openings for the City of Antioch:

- < A Three expired terms and one unexpired term on the Economic Development Commission
- < One term for the Investment Advisory Committee

The filing deadline for applications is June 21, 2005 at 5:00 P.M. Contact information was given for those interested in applying.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Emil Stein reported he was still having difficulty accessing Council Chambers and the Police Department through the handicapped doors.

In response to Mayor Freitas, City Attorney Galstan indicated he would take responsibility for the issue and make sure handicapped access was provided.

Ken Lee, Antioch resident, discussed the history and contributions of the Chinese-Americans in Antioch. He requested a book that's published honoring those contributions be available at the Antioch Library.

Mayor Freitas suggested Mr. Lee contact Mr. Ruehlig or the Library Commission with his request.

**1. PRESENTATION AND UPDATE BY DISTRICT DELTA DIABLO GENERAL MANAGER GARY DARLING.....#1205-02**

General Manager Gary Darling gave a brief overhead presentation of the history of Delta Diablo Sanitation District as well as current projects and services they provide to the public.

In response to Councilmember Kalinowski, Mr. Darling reported event street sweeps could be requested through a 24-hour hotline.

In response to Councilmember Simonsen, Mr. Darling discussed the District's efforts to reduce mercury in the waterways.

Director of Community Development Brandt stated the City had the ability to require tow companies to sweep the streets following motor vehicle accidents.

Mayor Freitas thanked Mr. Darling and staff for their efforts in being environmental stewards in the community.

## **2. COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR**

- A. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES FOR APRIL 19 AND 26, 2005 .....#301-02**
- B. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL WARRANT'S .....#401-02**
- C. APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT FOR APRIL 2005.....#401-02**
- D. REJECTION OF CLAIMS .....#704-07**
  - 1. Cherylrae Bostick, #05/06-1562 (pothole)**
- E. LEGISLATION AND ADVOCACY.....#701-04**
  - 1. Funding for Regional Housing Needs Allocation - SB 1102**
  - 2. Letter to Governor Schwarzenegger regarding 2005 special elections**
- F. AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE EAST ANTIOCH CREEK PATHWAY (PW 555-L6) (Con't to 5/31/05) .....#1402-02**
- G. AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE BUCHANAN ROAD/MISSION DRIVE TRAFFIC SIGNAL (PW 392-22TS).....#1104-02**
- H. PROPOSED ALLOCATION OF \$580,000 IN ROBERTI/Z'BERG/HARRIS PARK GRANT FUNDS FOR THE RENOVATION OF CITY PARK (PW 205-F).....#1402-03**
- I. RESOLUTION NO. 2005/60 APPROVING COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH CALTRANS FOR IMPROVEMENTS OF STATE ROUTE 4/STATE ROUTE 4 BYPASS AND DELEGATING APPROVAL OF FUTURE PROJECTS TO THE STATE ROUTE 4 BYPASS AUTHORITY .....#1102-03**

On motion by Councilmember Conley, seconded by Councilmember Kalinowski, the Council unanimously approved the Council Consent Calendar with the exception of items A, E, F and H, which were removed, for further discussion.

Item A - On motion by Councilmember Conley, seconded by Councilmember Simonsen the City Council approved item A. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Conley, Simonsen, Freitas                      Abstain: Kalinowski                      Absent: Davis

Item E - City Manager Jakel gave a brief overview of the Funding for Regional Housing Needs Allocation - SB 1102 and the Letter to Governor Schwarzenegger regarding 2005 special elections.

On motion by Councilmember Kalinowski, seconded by Councilmember Conley, the City Council members present directed staff to write letters regarding Funding for Regional Housing Needs Allocation and the 2005 special elections.

Item F - Following discussion the City Council requested the item be placed on the City Council agenda on May 31, 2005 in its entirety for action.

Councilmember Conley requested staff review the maintenance of the EBMUD trail system.

On motion by Councilmember Kalinowski, seconded by Councilmember Conley the City Council continued Item F to May 31, 2005.

Item H - City Engineer/Community Development Director Brandt presented the staff report dated May 12, 2005 recommending the City Council approve the allocation of \$580,000 from the Roberti Z'berg and Harris grant funds for the renovation of City Park.

Nancy Brandt, Chairperson of the Parks and Recreation Commission reported the Commission has recommended to the City Council the grant funds be allocated to the renovation of City Park.

In response to Councilmember Kalinowski, Ms. Brandt stated with the historical nature of the stone wall the Parks and Recreation Commission recommendation does not include removal, however they have addressed security issues with a proposed circulation plan as included with the plans.

Recreation Services Manager Sanderson stated they had held community meetings which were attended by 10-12 area residents who had been very supportive of the proposed park improvements. He reviewed the proposed lighting and circulation plan.

Dolores McNair and Bill Ohy stated they were neighbors of the park, and were very supportive of the proposal. They acknowledged Dave Sanderson for holding productive community meetings, and urged Council to approve the allocation of grant funds for City Park.

Councilmember Kalinowski voiced his support of the recommendation and requested staff return to Council with a cost analysis for removal of the stonewall from the western portion on 10th Street to the proposed driveway and at the exit on A Street to the break in the walking path.

Mayor Freitas suggested engaging the Antioch Historical Society and Garden Club regarding the stonewall removal.

Mayor Freitas commended the Parks and Recreation Commission, Recreation Services Manager Sanderson and staff for making the recommendation and bringing the proposal to the City Council.

On motion by Councilmember Conley, seconded by Councilmember Simonsen, the City Council members present unanimously approved the allocation of \$580,000 in Roberti/Z'Berg/Harris grant funds for the renovation of City Park. Council further requested a cost estimate for removal of the stonewall. When the project was completed, Council stated they would like a public rededication event of the City Park.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- 3. LONE TREE LANDING/MILL CREEK DEVELOPMENT REQUESTS APPROVAL OF A PLANNED DEVELOPMENT AND USE PERMIT APPLICATION TO DEVELOP AN APPROXIMATELY 82,000 SQUARE FOOT RETAIL SHOPPING CENTER ON APPROXIMATELY 9.5 ACRES LOCATED ON THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LONE TREE WAY AND HILLCREST AVENUE (APN 056-012-024, 025). THE CITY COUNCIL WILL ALSO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THIS PROJECT. PD-04-11, UP-04-24 .....#202-03**

Mill Creek Development, LLC submitted a letter requesting the City Council continue the item to June 14, 2005.

Councilmember Kalinowski stated he agreed with the staff's position and requested staff notify the applicant he would not support a liquor store at the location.

On motion by Councilmember Simonsen, seconded by Councilmember Conley the City Council members present unanimously continued the item to June 14, 2005.

### **COUNCIL REGULAR AGENDA**

- 4. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CONSOLIDATED ENGINEER'S REPORT AND DECLARING THE INTENTION TO LEVY AND COLLECT ASSESSMENTS FOR THE HILLCREST, CITYWIDE, DOWNTOWN, ALMONDRIDGE, LONE TREE, AND EAST LONE TREE LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE DISTRICTS, AND SETTING PUBLIC HEARING (PW 500).....#806-03**

Administrative Analyst Hoffmeister presented the staff report dated May 4, 2005 recommending the City Council adopt the Resolution approving the Engineer's Report and setting July 12, 2005 as the date of the Public Hearing.

A motion was made by Councilmember Conley and seconded by Councilmember Kalinowski to approve the Engineer's Report. No action was taken.

Councilmember Kalinowski requested when the item returns for the Public Hearing, staff provide a report of the additional improvements provided with the funding.

In response to Councilmember Simonsen, Director of Community Development Brandt clarified the resolution presents assessments for the third and final increment of a 3-year planned increase to reduce the impact on the General Fund.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2005/61**

On motion by Councilmember Kalinowski, seconded by Councilmember Conley the City Council members present unanimously adopted the resolution.

Mayor Freitas announced he would not be present at the July 12, 2005 Public Hearing.

**5. VLF LICENSE FEE PROGRAM - ROUND 2 .....#409-01**

City Manager Jakel presented the staff report dated May 20, 2005 recommending the City Council direct staff as to Council's desired course of action.

Councilmembers Conley and Simonsen withdrew their motion to reconsider the item due to the fact it was not necessary since action had not been taken to pursue the bond issue.

On motion by Councilmember Conley, seconded by Councilmember Simonsen, the City Council rescinded prior action to participate in the VLF License Fee Program - Round 2. The motion carried the following vote:

Ayes: Conley, Simonsen, Freitas

Abstain: Kalinowski

Absent: Davis

**6. ENVIRONMENTAL GRAPHIC DESIGN PROPOSAL FROM ENGLUND DESIGNWORKS, INC.....#901-01**

Assistant City Manager Pappas Diaz presented the staff report dated May 16, 2005 recommending the City Council approve the Design proposal from Englund Designworks, Inc. for the design and consultation for developing a City entry gateway sign program not to exceed \$30,000 and approve the Mayor's nomination of two initial-design review subcommittee members.

Following discussion the City Council agreed to hold the item over to May 31, 2005 with direction to staff to identify the funding mechanism.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** - None

**STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

City Manager Jakel announced the City Council would be meeting for a Budget Study Session on May 31, 2005 at 6:00 P.M. and the agenda would include the agenda items held over this evening.

Following discussion, the City Council agreed to discuss the County's determination on how to proceed with the Urban Limit Line on June 7, 2005.

**COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS**

Councilmember Kalinowski reported that the City of Richmond addresses the city's rental issues through the master fee schedule with rental inspections. He requested staff follow-up on the issue as an alternative to a citywide vote on a rental tax. He further requested a report on the additional dollars the Police Department is picking up from the proposed budget reductions. He reported he had received a number of calls commending the city on the upgrades to the park on Larkspur.

Councilmember Simonsen encouraged residents to visit the website [finish4now.com](http://finish4now.com) which had been created to collect names in support of expediting the completion of Highway 4. He announced the trip to Washington D.C. to lobby for federal dollars for the expansion of Highway 4 was very successful.

Mayor Freitas stated he had received numerous emails and phone calls regarding the Planning Commission's action on the Antioch Youth Sports Complex application. He requested staff provide the City Council with a report on the issues related to the item. He reported Anna Delle Fontana had passed away and he would adjourn the meeting in her honor.

With no further business, Mayor Freitas adjourned the meeting at 8:51 P.M. to the Budget Study Session on May 31, 2005 at 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted:

L. JOLENE MARTIN, City Clerk