

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Special/Regular Meeting
4:30 P.M.

August 27, 2019
Council Chambers

SPECIAL MEETING

Mayor Wright called the Special Meeting to order at 4:31 P.M., and City Clerk Simonsen called the roll.

Present: Council Members Wilson, Motts, Ogorchock and Mayor Wright
Absent: Councilmember Thorpe (arrived at 4:36 P.M.)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. EMERGENCY OPERATIONS – DISASTER PREPAREDNESS TRAINING FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS

Paul Bockrath, MPA, MEP Partner Preparative Consulting, gave a professional history of working in law enforcement and training as an OES Instructor. He gave a PowerPoint presentation of the Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS) Executive Course (ICS 402), which included the following:

- Introduction & Course Overview
- Incident Command System (ICS) & The Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS)
- Emergency Operations Center (EOC) & Multi-Agency Coordination Systems (MACS)
- Elected Officials Guide to Emergency Management
- Emergency Proclamations Quick Reference Guide

Mr. Bockrath distributed his business cards and encouraged anyone with additional questions or concerns to reach out to him.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

On motion by Mayor Wright, seconded by Councilmember Thorpe, the City Council adjourned the Special Meeting at 6:23 P.M.

REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Wright called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M., and City Clerk Simonsen called the roll.

Present: Council Members Wilson, Motts, Thorpe, Ogorchock and Mayor Wright

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Motts led the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT OUT FOR AUGUST 13, 2019: CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – Existing Litigation pursuant to California Government Code section 54956.9(d)(1) – Zeka Ranch One, LLC et al. v. City of Antioch et al., Contra Costa Superior Court Case Nos. N18-0228, N18-0229, N18-0231, and N18-0232.

City Attorney Smith reported the City Council had been in Closed Session on August 13, 2019 and gave the following report: **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL** – Council by a 4/1 vote authorized City Attorney Smith to file an appeal if it was determined to be in the best interest of the City, Councilmember Thorpe voting no.

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF CIVIC AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

Shannon Skinner, Somersville Towne Center thanked Velma and Claryssa Wilson for hosting the Stuff the Bus School give-away and recognized the sponsors and volunteers who participated. She announced the following upcoming events for the mall:

- Hot Rods For Paws hosted by Furry Friends – October 19, 2019
- Trick or Treating – October 31, 2019

She encouraged residents to support businesses and events at the mall during the upcoming holiday season. She listed the new mall tenants.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Wright read written comment from John Trizuto, regarding fires caused by homeless encampments; see click fix and Code Enforcement.

COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Motts reported on her attendance at the Lone Tree Golf Course committee meeting.

Mayor Wright reported on his attendance at the Lone Tree Golf Course committee meeting.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Wright welcomed everyone back from summer and wished everyone a great school year. He stated he was excited about changes coming forward for the School District.

On motion by Councilmember Thorpe, seconded by Councilmember Motts, the City Council unanimously suspended the rules and moved Regular Agenda Items #4 and 5 to follow after the Presentation.

PRESENTATION

Director of Economic Development Reed introduced the Presentation, David Kippen, Evviva and Ann Balboa Orange 22 gave a City Branding update PowerPoint presentation.

Councilmember Motts thanked Mr. Kippen for the report.

COUNCIL REGULAR AGENDA

4. RELOCATION OF THE VETERANS' MEMORIAL

City Manager Bernal introduced Regular Agenda Item #4.

Public Works Director/City Engineer Blank recommended that the City Council review the proposed relocation of the Veterans' Memorial at the Antioch Marina and provide direction to staff.

J.R. Wilson, invited Veteran's or anyone acquainted with a Veteran to stand and thanked them for their service. He requested Mayor Wright direct staff to develop a budget for the relocation of the Veteran's Memorial for consideration at the September 10, 2019 Council meeting, for dedication on Veteran's Day. He questioned how long the fence would be surrounding the Memorial.

Dan Aderholt, American River Homeless Crew, spoke in support of the Veteran's Memorial relocation proposal.

Diane Ferguson, DVG and Stand Down on the Delta, thanked Council for allowing her to speak. She gave a history of her and her family's military service. She urged Council to support the relocation proposal.

Council spoke in support of Veteran community and the memorial relocation project. They directed staff to proceed with cost estimates and draft a resolution for the project, for consideration at the September 10, 2019 Council meeting.

5. HOMELESS ENCAMPMENT AD HOC COMMITTEES UPDATE

Councilmembers Thorpe and Motts gave a PowerPoint presentation of the Antioch Homeless Encampment Task Force Ad Hoc Committee, which included the following:

- Purpose
- Process
- Outreach
- Public Testimony
- Key Takeaways
- Challenges

➤ Recommendations

LaVonna Martin, Contra Costa County Director Health, Housing & Homeless Services, stated she appreciated Councilmembers Thorpe and Motts educating themselves regarding what was occurring in the City. She reiterated that permanent housing ended homelessness and discussed the importance of building houses at very affordable levels. She thanked the City for their partnership.

Councilmember Thorpe thanked City Manager Bernal for his participation and advocacy on behalf of the homeless community.

Dan Aderholt, American River Homeless Crews, discussed his outreach efforts and the advocacy groups who were assisting the homeless. He reported that many stakeholders agreed that a shelter for women and children should take precedence. He noted the impacts from the homeless would diminish, if restrooms and shelters were available.

Joe Bosman, stated he appreciated Councilmembers Motts and Thorpe efforts to investigate homeless issues in Antioch. He explained that he owned a homeless zoned parcel on Wilbur Avenue and gave a history of his attempts to develop the property. He reported he currently had 10-15 good tenants; however, Code Enforcement had threatened him with fines due to people living in RVs, on his property. He asked that Council to direct Code Enforcement to allow him time to find temporary solutions for his tenants to avoid more homeless people in the community.

Lucas Bosman stated he had researched societal issues including homelessness. He commented that it was Council's responsibility to create a response to the people of the community and noted that this issue took precedence over nearly every other issue facing the City.

Nicole Gardner, Antioch resident, thanked Councilmember Thorpe and Councilmember Motts for researching this issue. She asked Council to expedite the process to house homeless Veterans.

Leonard Hernandez, Homeless Advocate of Contra Costa County, stated they had helped the homeless and assisted several in locating shelter. He commented that they had cleaned up the community and with the assistance of the homeless. He spoke in support of the committee recommendations and suggested temporary shelters be placed in locations that were secluded.

Winfred Powell commented that there were many faces of the homeless and it was difficult from them to ask for help.

Jimmy Gordon, speaking on behalf of the homeless community living at 701 Wilbur Lane, noted it would be difficult for any of the tenants to move elsewhere if they were forced to leave the property. He requested the City show compassion and allow them to remain on the property.

Richard Story, Antioch resident, stated he had been a tenant of Joe Bosmen for ten years and commented that most cities looked past property owners who allowed RVs to park on their properties. He stated if the City moved forward with requiring them to leave the property, they would be homeless in thirty days.

Dale Askew, stated he was a retired disabled tenant who resided on Joe Bosman's property for six-seven years. He explained that the City had demanded Mr. Bosman evict his tenants; however, if he did so, it would result in at least fifteen people becoming homeless. He urged the Council to have compassion.

Iris Archuleta, Antioch resident, discussed her personal experience with homelessness and stated many of them were assets in the community that may be lost if the homeless issue was not addressed.

Jerry Collins, resident of 701 Wilbur Avenue, reported that there had been an ongoing issue between Code Enforcement and Mr. Bosman for approximately ten years. He commented that the property had been upgraded and Mr. Bosman was helping those who could not afford to go elsewhere. He encouraged Council to visit the property.

Anna Rodriguez, resident of 701 Wilbur Avenue, stated she was a single parent of two children living on the property and it provided them with a safe, clean, and affordable home. She stated many tenants were seniors who could not afford to live elsewhere and requested the City allow them to remain on the property.

Mayor Wright thanked Councilmember Thorpe and Councilmember Motts for bringing the information back to Council. He stated he wanted to meet with Lavonna Martin to discuss questions he had regarding this issue.

Councilmember Thorpe commented that when they had discussed RV/Trailer parking locations, one of the locations they had considered was 701 Wilbur Avenue. He noted the concept was working with private property owners to find temporary and permanent solutions.

Councilmember Ogorchock thanked Councilmember Thorpe and Councilmember Motts for all their hard work on the committee, she also thanked everyone who participated. She announced Stand Down on the Delta would be held on September 21, 2019 and the grand opening of the Family Justice Center would be held on September 27, 2019. She commented that she was also interested in meeting with Lavonna Martin to talk about this issue. She discussed the importance of pooling resources and noted that financing for the recommendations had not been discussed. She expressed concern for the amount of students who were homeless and suggested the City/School committee consider the issue. She acknowledged the Community Engagement Team for doing a phenomenal job with the unhoused. She reported that the Care Center was providing detox opportunities and assistance for those who needed identification to get into housing.

Councilmember Wilson thanked Councilmember Thorpe and Councilmember Motts for the presentation and their hard work. She voiced her support for the committee's recommendations. She reported on her participation in the Point in Time count.

Councilmember Thorpe thanked everyone for their comments.

Councilmember Motts stated that the need was urgent, so she recommended staff come back as soon as possible with job specifications for a full-time or contract Unhoused Resident Coordinator position.

Councilmember Thorpe requested cost estimates for the recommendations with the understanding that the resources would come out of the General Fund.

Following discussion, City Attorney Smith confirmed the staff recommendation for this item was to receive and file. He clarified that from a government standpoint it would need to come back with a resolution, based upon the action Council wanted to follow up on.

Mayor Wright stated direction from Council was to bring this item back on the next agenda with the recommended actions for a resolution.

Mayor Wright declared a recess at 9:31 P.M. The meeting reconvened at 9:46 P.M. with all Councilmembers present.

- 1. CONSENT CALENDAR**
 - A. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES FOR AUGUST 13, 2019**
 - B. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL WARRANTS**
 - C. APPROVAL OF HOUSING SUCCESSOR WARRANTS**
 - D. APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT FOR JULY 2019**
 - E. RESOLUTION NO. 2019/133 RE-APPROPRIATING \$41,693 FROM THE FY 2018/19 BUDGET TO THE FY 2019/20 BUDGET FOR CODE ENFORCEMENT NUISANCE ABATEMENT SERVICES**
 - F. RESOLUTION NO. 2019/134 APPROVING EXTENSION OF A TENTATIVE PARCEL MAP FOR CONDOMINIUM PURPOSES FOR ALMOND KNOLLS (PW 357-301-17)**
 - G. RESOLUTION NO. 2019/135 APPROVING THE FINAL MAP, IMPROVEMENT PLANS, AND SUBDIVISION IMPROVEMENT AGREEMENT FOR BLACK DIAMOND RANCH UNIT 4 SUBDIVISION 9370 AND ANNEXING TO CITY WIDE LIGHTING AND LANDSCAPING DISTRICT 2-A ZONE 10 (PW 512-4)**

Director of Community Development Ebbs pulled Item E from the Consent Calendar.

On motion by Councilmember Ogorchock, seconded by Councilmember Thorpe, the City Council unanimously approved the Council Consent Calendar with the exception of Item E, which was removed for further discussion.

Item E – City Manager Bernal introduced Item E. Director of Community Development Ebbs explained that there was a supplemental staff report that included an amended resolution.

On motion by Councilmember Ogorchock, seconded by Councilmember Motts, the City Council unanimously approved the amended resolution for Item E.

PUBLIC HEARING

3. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS SALARIES

City Manager Bernal introduced Public Hearing Item #3.

City Attorney Smith presented the staff report dated August 27, 2019 recommending the City Council: 1) Introduce the ordinance by title only. 2) Introduce the ordinance amending 2-1.203 and 2-1.206 of the Antioch Municipal Code to increase the salaries for the City Council Members.

Mayor Wright opened and closed the public hearing with no members of the public requesting to speak.

Councilmember Ogorchock stated she appreciated the fact that it had been thirteen years since Council had a raise; however, in light of the needs of the community, she believed this money should go elsewhere.

On motion by Councilmember Thorpe, seconded by Councilmember Motts, the City Council 1) Introduced the ordinance by title only. 2) Introduced the ordinance amending 2-1.203 and 2-1.206 of the Antioch Municipal Code to increase the salaries for the City Council Members. The motion carried the following vote:

Ayes: Wilson, Motts, Thorpe, Wright

Noes: Ogorchock

COUNCIL REGULAR AGENDA

4. RELOCATION OF THE VETERANS' MEMORIAL

5. HOMELESS ENCAMPMENT AD HOC COMMITTEES UPDATE

By previous action of Council, Agenda Items #4 and #5 were moved to after the Presentation.

6. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE NORTHERN WATERFRONT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AMONG THE COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA AND THE CITIES OF ANTIOCH, BRENTWOOD, CONCORD, HERCULES, MARTINEZ, OAKLEY, AND PITTSBURG, CALIFORNIA

City Manager Bernal introduced Regular Agenda Item #6.

Director of Economic Development Reed presented the staff report dated August 26, 2019 and a PowerPoint presentation of the Northern Waterfront Economic Development Initiative recommending the City Council adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute the Northern Waterfront Economic Development Initiative Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") among the County of Contra Costa and the Cities of Antioch, Brentwood, Concord, Hercules, Martinez, Oakley, and Pittsburg, California.

Keith Archuleta, Chairperson of the Economic Development Commission and President of Emerald HPC International, commented that Antioch had unique resources and in addition to the MOU he encouraged the City to continue working with the Economic Development Commission and staff to implement the Waterfront Initiative. He thanked fellow Economic Development Commissioners for their service.

Council thanked Mr. Archuleta for his service on the Economic Development Commission and thanked the Economic Development Commission for supporting this item.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019/136

On motion by Councilmember Wilson, seconded by Councilmember Thorpe, the City Council unanimously adopted a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute the Northern Waterfront Economic Development Initiative Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") among the County of Contra Costa and the Cities of Antioch, Brentwood, Concord, Hercules, Martinez, Oakley, and Pittsburg, California.

7. UPDATES TO THE CITY OF ANTIOCH MASTER FEE SCHEDULE FOR ANIMAL SERVICES TO ALLOW CERTAIN FEES TO BE WAIVED, DISCOUNTED OR DEFERRED

City Manager Bernal introduced Regular Agenda Item #7.

Animal Services Manager Harding presented the staff report dated August 26, 2019 recommending the City Council adopt the resolution approving updates to the Master Fee Schedule to allow the Chief of Police, or designee, to waive, discount, or defer certain Animal Services Fees, effective October 1, 2019, when such action is deemed to be in the best interest of the animal.

Councilmembers Motts and Ogorchock thanked Animal Services Manager Harding for presenting this recommendation to Council.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019/137

On motion by Councilmember Ogorchock, seconded by Councilmember Thorpe, the City Council unanimously adopted the resolution approving updates to the Master Fee Schedule to allow the Chief of Police, or designee, to waive, discount, or defer certain Animal Services Fees, effective October 1, 2019, when such action is deemed to be in the best interest of the animal.

8. POLICY FOR NAMING AND RENAMING OF PARKS, RECREATION FEATURES, OR PUBLIC SPACES

City Manager Bernal introduced Regular Agenda Item #8.

Director of Parks and Recreation Kaiser presented the staff report dated August 26, 2019 recommending the City Council approve the Policy for Naming and Renaming of Parks, Recreation Features, or Public Spaces.

On motion by Councilmember Ogorchock, seconded by Councilmember Wilson, the City Council approved the Policy for Naming and Renaming of Parks, Recreation Features, or Public Spaces.

9. THIRD TUESDAY FOR WORK STUDY SESSION

City Manager Bernal introduced Regular Agenda Item #9.

Administrative Services Director Mastay presented the staff report dated August 26, 2019 recommending the City Council discuss the proposal and direct staff regarding whether or not to schedule the third Tuesday of each month for a work study session.

Councilmember Motts recommended Council consider holding additional Study Session meetings to allow for conversations to occur in a more informal setting.

Following discussion, consensus of Council was to hold Study Sessions only on an as needed basis.

10. AD HOC COMMITTEE DISSOLUTION OR EXTENSION UNTIL A SPECIFIC DATE; UPDATES ON AD HOC COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

City Manager Bernal introduced Regular Agenda Item #10.

Administrative Services Director Mastay presented the staff report dated August 26, 2019 recommending the City Council: 1) Provide updates on ad hoc committee activities, 2) Determine whether to dissolve or extend the term of the existing ad hoc committees until a specific date; 3)

Determine whether to direct staff to create standing committees to replace certain existing ad hoc committees.

- Waterfront Ad Hoc Committee
- City/School Ad Hoc Committee
- Youth Services Task Force Ad Hoc Committee
- Civic/Municipal Center Ad Hoc Committee
- Human Trafficking Ad Hoc Committee
- Sesquicentennial Ad Hoc Committee
- Homeless Encampment Ad Hoc Committee
- Senior Ad Hoc Committee
- Cannabis Ad Hoc Committee

Dan Aderholt expressed interest in participating in the Sex Trafficking committee.

City Attorney Smith explained that Ad Hoc committees were intended for a specific purpose and should not carry on for extended periods of time. He noted if extended, he would recommend December 10, 2019 or January 14, 2019, as deadline dates. He further noted an Ad Hoc committee may be dissolved and another created with a different and specific purpose, in the same genre.

Waterfront Ad Hoc Committee

Councilmembers Wilson and Motts reported on the Waterfront Ad Hoc Committee. They requested the committee be extended to December 10, 2019.

City/School Ad Hoc Committee

Councilmembers Ogorchock and Motts reported on the City/School Ad Hoc Committee. They requested that the Ad Hoc Committee be converted to a standing committee.

City Attorney Smith stated staff would follow up with a resolution to create the standing committee.

Youth Services Task Force Ad Hoc Committee

Councilmember Thorpe reported on the Youth Services Task Force Ad Hoc Committee. He requested the committee be extended to December 10, 2019.

Civic/Municipal Center Ad Hoc Committee

Councilmembers Thorpe and Wilson reported on the Civic/Municipal Center Ad Hoc Committee. They requested the committee be disbanded and reconsidered at a future date.

Human Trafficking Ad Hoc Committee

Councilmember Wilson reported on the Human Trafficking Ad Hoc committee and requested City Attorney Smith agendaize an update for the massage parlor ordinance. She requested the Ad Hoc Committee be disbanded and renamed the Sexual Violence Prevention Ad Hoc committee, to be established for nine months.

Sesquicentennial Ad Hoc Committee

Councilmember Motts and Mayor Wright reported on the Sesquicentennial Ad Hoc Committee. They requested the committee be extended to December 10, 2019.

Homeless Encampment Ad Hoc Committee

Councilmember Thorpe requested the committee be extended to January 14, 2019.

Senior Ad Hoc Committee

Councilmember Ogorchock reported on the Senior Ad Hoc Committee. Councilmember Ogorchock and Mayor Wright requested the committee be extended to December 10, 2019.

Cannabis Ad Hoc Committee

Councilmembers Thorpe and Wilson reported on the Cannabis Ad Hoc Committee. They requested the committee continue within their 6-month timeframe.

City Attorney Smith stated staff would like to bring forward a resolution that would speak to an operational agreement for cannabis businesses, for the next Council meeting.

Councilmember Ogorchock requested a cannabis tax be included in the discussion for the operational agreement.

Mayor Wright thanked Council for serving on the Ad Hoc Committees.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Bernal announced City Hall would be closed on Sept 2, 2019 in observance of Labor Day.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Ogorchock requested staff reach out to AUSD Superintendent of Schools to set up the City/School meetings. She also requested staff agendaize additional parking enforcement.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Councilmember Thorpe, seconded by Councilmember Ogorchock, the City Council unanimously adjourned the meeting at 10:46 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Kitty Eiden

KITTY EIDEN, Minutes Clerk