

## CITY COUNCIL MEETING

**Special Meeting**  
**5:15 P.M.**

**January 28, 2020**  
**Antioch Community Center**

Mayor Wright called the Special Meeting to order at 5:17 P.M., and City Clerk Simonsen called the roll.

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

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Fred Hoskins, Antioch resident, expressed concern that when he had asked for additional speaking time, his request was denied. He requested that Council be more flexible.

### **COUNCIL REGULAR AGENDA**

#### **1. AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPLY FOR GOVERNOR NEWSOM'S HOMELESS TRAILER PROGRAM**

City Manager Bernal presented the staff report dated January 28, 2020 recommending the City Council authorize the City Manager to apply for Governor Newsom's Trailer Program.

Joe Bosman, Antioch resident, spoke in support of authorizing the City Manager to apply for the Homeless Trailer Program. He stated he would be willing to discuss the use of his property to house some of the trailers.

Fred Hoskins, Antioch resident, requested five minutes for his comments.

Mayor Wright responded that the public would be given three minutes to speak.

Fred Hoskins, Antioch resident, spoke in support of the Homeless Trailer Program and placing them on the Beede Lumber Yard parcel. He suggested Council consider establishing a Homeless Commission to manage the program.

Nicole Gardner advocated on behalf of the homeless community.

Vicki Proctor, Antioch resident, spoke in support of the City submitting an application for the trailers and hiring an Unhoused Resident Coordinator.

Mariah Williams, Antioch resident, spoke in support of the City submitting an application for the trailers and suggested expanding the program by purchasing additional used RVs for housing the homeless.

Vicki Robinson, Antioch resident, spoke in support of the City submitting an application for the Homeless Trailer Program.

Danny Stills, Antioch resident, speaking on behalf of homeowners in Antioch, stated that he felt the trailer program would not have a significant impact. He stated job programs and long-term housing were the solution. He encouraged the City to enforce the laws on trespassing, camping and loitering.

Barbara Kious, Concord resident, spoke in support of submitting an application for the trailers and offered to assist the homeless with resumes to help them transition back to society.

In response to Councilmember Motts, City Manager Bernal explained the guidelines for the trailers.

Councilmember Thorpe explained the goals of the Homeless Encampment Task Force and Unhoused Resident Coordinator position. He encouraged residents to meet with the homeless community. He spoke in support of moving the application forward.

Councilmember Ogorchock spoke in support of the City submitting an application for the Homeless Trailer Program.

In response to Councilmember Ogorchock, City Manager Bernal explained that they did not have property identified for the trailers and they did not know all of the requirements of the program. He noted they would be doing their due diligence after the application was submitted and they would have the infrastructure in place when they arrived.

Councilmember Ogorchock stated that the City should consider if trailers were placed on Mr. Bosman's property and he decided to build on his land, the people would have to vacate the property.

Councilmember Wilson spoke in support of the application moving forward and reported that she had been approached by organizations who had indicated they may be willing to assist monetarily or with a support system.

Mayor Wright stated that he supported the City submitting the application. He noted there was a spectrum of homeless and he believed families living in their vehicles would benefit from this program.

Councilmember Motts commented that the program would offer transitional housing so that the homeless could be provided services to possibly move on to a better life. She noted it was an economic development, public health and human emotion issue. She thanked City Manager Bernal for taking action.

On motion by Councilmember Thorpe, seconded by Councilmember Ogorchock, the City Council unanimously authorized the City Manager to apply for Governor Newsom's Trailer Program.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On motion by Councilmember Thorpe, seconded by Councilmember Ogorchock, the City Council unanimously adjourned to Closed Session at 5:53 P.M.

**ADJOURNMENT to Closed Session – Community Center West Island Room**

Respectfully submitted:

*Kitty Eiden*

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KITTY EIDEN, Minutes Clerk