

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Special/Regular Meeting
5:30 P.M.

February 11, 2020
Antioch Community Center

Mayor Wright called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M., and City Clerk Simonsen called the roll.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Wright led the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

SPECIAL MEETING – STUDY SESSION

1. VISION AND STRATEGIC PLAN 2019-2029 UPDATE

City Manager Bernal introduced Study Session item #1.

Director of Parks and Recreation Kaiser presented the staff report and PowerPoint presentation dated February 10, 2020 recommending the City Council receive the Vision and Strategic Plan 2019-2029 Quarterly Update, and review and file the progress report.

Following a discussion on the (7) seven goals identified in the Vision and Strategic Plan, Council provided the following direction:

Goal 2 – Support Public Safety

Councilmember Thorpe requested that the document clarify that adequate funding for appropriate levels of law enforcement personnel was based on staffing levels approved by Council.

Goal 4 – Promote Community Pride

Councilmember Thorpe suggested the Map Tour be expanded to include community development projects.

Councilmember Motts requested staff could provide a map of completed and proposed median improvements projects.

Goal 5 – Strive to be a Healthy Community

Councilmember Wilson suggested expanding outreach/education to the community with regards to the Summer Youth Bus Pass program.

Councilmember Ogorchock suggested staff determine if Little League was self-insured and if so, look into alternative locations that they could utilize without a cost.

Goal 6 – Support Historic Downtown Revitalization

Councilmember Ogorchock suggested expanding days in which the City provided the opportunity for residents to shred documents. She also suggested solar projects encompass lighting and windows.

Councilmember Motts suggested the goals include exploring the establishment of a Community Center/Town Square in the Historic District.

Mayor Wright suggested the City investigate partnerships with private entities that offer free citywide shredding services. He also suggested staff provide a press release regarding the locations of new cellular equipment.

Councilmember Motts suggested staff support the downtown merchant's efforts to establish a farmer's market.

Mayor Wright thanked staff for their hard work and noted that by continuing this item from the last meeting, it allowed them to have a robust conversation.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Councilmember Ogorchock, seconded by Councilmember Thorpe, the City Council unanimously adjourned the Special Meeting/Study Session at 6:35 P.M.

Mayor Wright called the Regular meeting to order at 7:01 P.M., and City Clerk Simonsen called the roll.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF CIVIC AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

Director of Parks and Recreation Kaiser announced the Youth Employment Fair would be taking place from 10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M. on February 22, 2020 at the Nick Rodriguez Community Center.

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF BOARD AND COMMISSION OPENINGS

City Clerk Simonsen announced the following Board and Commission openings:

- Planning Commission: One (1) vacancy: deadline date is February 14, 2020
- Board of Administrative Appeals: Five (5) vacancies: deadline date is March 13, 2020
- Sales Tax Citizens' Oversight Committee: Three (3) vacancies: deadline date is March 13, 2020

He reported applications would be available online at the City's website and at the City Clerk's and Deputy City Clerks offices.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Joe Bosman discussed the positive aspects of living in Antioch. He expressed concern regarding the lack of affordable housing and homelessness. He spoke in support of recent legislation focused on Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) and reported that he had submitted an application for ADUs on his property.

Kenneth Luke speaking on behalf of Elroy Booker stated that Mr. Booker lived in an area that was annexed into the City in 2014. He noted at that time Council included a provision where the City would assist residents by covering the connection costs. He further noted that the City was now demanding residents pay for permits to hook up to city water and sewer. He urged Council to review this issue and consider waiving permit fees.

COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Wilson reported on her attendance at the Tri Delta Transit meeting and announced a free shredding day would take place on April 30, 2020 at their facility. She also reported on her attendance at the Sexual Violence Ad Hoc Committee meeting.

Councilmember Motts reported on her attendance at the Sexual Violence Ad Hoc Committee meeting and the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) meeting.

Councilmember Thorpe reported on his attendance at the Youth Services Ad Hoc Committee, Homeless Encampment Committee and Tri Delta Transit meetings.

Mayor Wright reported on his attendance the League of California Cities meeting, ABAG meeting, East Bay Economic Development Alliance, Mayor's Conference, Sesquicentennial Ad Hoc Committee meeting, Youth Services Task Force Ad Hoc Committee meeting and a meeting with representative from the Boys and Girls Club of America.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Wright thanked the City Council and staff for all of their hard work on behalf of the residents of Antioch.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. APPROVAL OF SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES FOR JANUARY 28, 2020
- B. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES FOR JANUARY 28, 2020
- C. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL WARRANTS
- D. RESOLUTION NO. 2020/14 UNDERGROUND REPAIR SERVICES BID AWARD
- E. RESOLUTION NO. 2020/15 FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH GARNEY PACIFIC, INC. FOR THE NORTHEAST ANTIOCH ANNEXATION WATER AND SEWER FACILITY INSTALLATION (P.W. 693)
- F. RESOLUTION NO. 2020/16 FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH GRANITEROCK FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT DOWNTOWN ROADWAY PAVEMENT REHABILITATION, PHASE 8 (P.W. 678-8)
- G. RESOLUTION NO. 2020/17 REVISED RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATION NO. 2 OF THE GRAND JURY REPORT NO. 1907
- H. APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2019
- I. RESOLUTION NO. 2020/18 INITIATE PREPARATION OF THE STREET LIGHTING AND LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE DISTRICT CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT FOR FY 2020/2021

On motion by Councilmember Thorpe, seconded by Councilmember Ogorchock, the City Council unanimously approved the Council Consent Calendar.

COUNCIL REGULAR AGENDA

3. CIVIC ENHANCEMENT GRANTS

City Manager Bernal introduced Regular Agenda Item #3.

Director of Parks and Recreation Kaiser presented the staff report dated February 11, 2020 recommending the City Council adopt a resolution approving the 2019-2020 Civic Enhancement Grants.

Councilmember Thorpe moved to approve the Civic Enhancement Grants.

Councilmember Wilson stated under advisement of City Attorney Smith she had to recuse herself from voting on the Celebrate Antioch Foundation Civic Enhancement Grant.

Councilmember Ogorchock seconded the motion to approve the Civic Enhancement Grants.

City Attorney Smith clarified that he did not state that Councilmember Wilson had to recuse herself on this matter. He noted she was choosing to recuse herself and she was entitled to do so.

Councilmember Motts, as president of the Celebrate Antioch Foundation, recused herself from voting on the Celebrate Antioch Foundation grant.

Councilmember Thorpe withdrew his previous motion and made the following motion.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020/19

On motion by Councilmember Thorpe, seconded by Councilmember Ogorchock the City Council adopted a resolution approving the 2019-2020 Celebrate Antioch Foundation Civic Enhancement Grant in the amount of \$20,000.

Councilmember Wilson and Councilmember Motts left the Council meeting during the vote on this item.

The motion carried the following vote:

Ayes: Thorpe, Ogorchock, Wright

Councilmember Wilson and Councilmember Motts returned to the Council meeting.

Councilmember Thorpe moved to approve the El Campanil Theatre Civic Enhancement Grant in the amount of \$8000.

Councilmember Ogorchock commented that she would be recusing herself from the Delta Veteran's Group – Veteran's Memorial Banner Program Civic Enhancement Grant.

Councilmember Thorpe withdrew his previous motion and made the following motion.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020/20

On motion by Councilmember Thorpe, seconded by Councilmember Motts the City Council adopted a resolution approving the 2019-2020 El Campanil Theatre Civic Enhancement Grant in the amount of \$8,000, Soroptimist of Antioch Civic Enhancement Grant in the amount of \$4,000, Delta Blues Festival Civic Enhancement Grant in the amount of \$5,000, Antioch Historical Society Museum Civic Enhancement Grant in the amount of \$4,500, "Delta Veteran's Group", 2020 Veteran's Day Parade Civic Enhancement Grant for \$1,500, Be Exceptional Civic Enhancement Grant in the amount of \$1,000; and, The Drama Factory Civic Enhancement Grant in the amount of \$1,000.

Councilmember Ogorchock recused herself from voting on the "Delta Veteran's Group" – Veteran's Memorial Banner Program Civic Enhancement Grant and left the Council meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020/21

On motion by Councilmember Thorpe, seconded by Councilmember Motts the City Council adopted a resolution approving the “Delta Veteran’s Group” – Veteran’s Memorial Banner Program Civic Enhancement Grant in the amount of \$5,000. The motion carried the following vote:

Ayes: Wilson, Thorpe, Motts, Wright

In response to Councilmember Thorpe, City Attorney Smith stated he would research amending the City’s ordinance to change policy to empower the Parks and Recreation Commission to approve the Civic Enhancement Grants.

Councilmember Ogorchock returned to the Council meeting.

4. AUTHORIZE IMMEDIATE OVERHIRE OF SWORN POLICE OFFICER POSITIONS

City Manager Bernal introduced Regular Agenda Item #4.

Chief Brooks thanked Council for their support of the Antioch Police Department and presented the staff report dated February 11, 2020 recommending City Council adopt the resolution authorizing the City Manager or designee to immediately over hire the Antioch Police Department by up to six (6) sworn Police Officers above the current authorized allocated staffing level of 115 sworn officers.

Councilmember Wilson suggested Council consider a policy regarding the over-hiring of police officers in order to maintain their authorized staffing level.

Councilmember Thorpe agreed with Councilmember Wilson and suggested the policy include Code Enforcement.

Councilmember Motts thanked Chief Brooks for his efforts and creating an environment that makes the Antioch Police Department a first-rate agency.

Chief Brooks thanked Administrative Services Director Mastay and the Human Resources staff for their collaboration in the City’s hiring efforts.

Councilmember Ogorchock thanked Chief Brooks for the report and bringing this item forward. She also supported a policy regarding the over-hiring of police officers in order to maintain their authorized staffing level.

Mayor Wright thanked Chief Brooks for doing a phenomenal job and spoke in support of this item.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020/22

On motion by Councilmember Ogorchock, seconded by Councilmember Thorpe the City Council unanimously adopted the resolution authorizing the City Manager or designee to immediately over hire the Antioch Police Department by up to six (6) sworn Police Officers above the current authorized allocated staffing level of 115 sworn officers.

5. CITY OF ANTIOCH FLAG POLICY

City Manager Bernal introduced Regular Agenda Item #5.

City Attorney Smith presented the staff report dated February 11, 2020 recommending the staff report dated February 11, 2020 recommending the staff report dated February 11, 2020 recommending the City Council adopt the resolution approving the City of Antioch Flag Display Policy.

Dr. Jeffrey Klinger, Antioch resident, stated the flag policy was a well thought out document; however, he was opposed to non-governmental flags flying on the City's flag pole. He suggested if the flag policy goes forward that it explicitly state that each application requires City Council approval and that it clarify how often a flag could be flown.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020/23

On motion by Councilmember Ogorchock, seconded by Councilmember Thorpe the City Council unanimously adopted the resolution approving the City of Antioch Flag Display Policy.

6. RESOLUTION APPROVING A REVISED TRAVEL AND EXPENSE POLICY FOR ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

City Manager Bernal introduced Regular Agenda Item #6.

Administrative Services Director Mastay presented the staff report dated February 11, 2020 recommending the City Council: 1) Discuss and provide direction to staff regarding the redlined revised Travel and Expense Policy for Elected and Appointed Officials; and 2) Adopt a resolution approving any revisions to the Travel and Expense Policy for Elected and Appointed Officials.

Mayor Wright stated he asked for this to be brought back for clarification and understanding regarding the budget allocation for Elected and Appointed Officials travel.

Following discussion, Council consensus agreed to approve the policy as presented and bring it back with the budget revision at which time they would set aside funds for travel, and remove the aspect of travel having to be approved by Council.

Councilmember Ogorchock stated her upcoming travel requests would be coming to Council under the Consent Calendar.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020/24

On motion by Councilmember Ogorchock, seconded by Councilmember Motts the City Council unanimously adopted a resolution approving any revisions to the Travel and Expense Policy for Elected and Appointed Officials.

7. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WITH THOMAS SMITH FOR CITY ATTORNEY SERVICES AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT

City Manager Bernal introduced Regular Agenda Item #7.

Administrative Services Director Mastay presented the staff report dated February 11, 2020 recommending the City Council adopt a resolution approving the First Amendment to the Employment Agreement with Thomas Smith (hereinafter "Smith") for City Attorney Services and authorizing the Mayor to sign the Agreement.

Council expressed their appreciation to City Attorney Smith for his professionalism.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020/25

On motion by Councilmember Thorpe, seconded by Councilmember Ogorchock the City Council unanimously adopted a resolution approving the First Amendment to the Employment Agreement with Thomas Smith (hereinafter "Smith") for City Attorney Services and authorizing the Mayor to sign the Agreement.

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

City Manager Bernal introduced Regular Agenda Item #8.

Administrative Services Director Mastay presented the staff report dated February 11, 2020 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. Please note: Ad Hoc Committees may be dissolved and another created with a different and specific purpose, in the same genre; 3) Determine whether to direct staff to create standing committees to replace certain existing ad hoc committees.

- Waterfront Ad Hoc Committee
- Youth Services Task Force Ad Hoc Committee
- Sesquicentennial Ad Hoc Committee
- Homeless Encampment Ad Hoc Committee
- Senior Ad Hoc Committee
- Cannabis Ad Hoc Committee
- Sexual Violence Prevention 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 reiterated that an Ad Hoc Committee may

be turned into a Standing Committee or dissolved and another created with slightly different goals, in the same genre. He reminded Council that all Brown Act procedures applied to Standing Committees. He offered to meet with the members of dissolved committees to set new objectives that would constitute a separate Ad Hoc Committee, if that were their choice.

Mayor Wright suggested Ad Hoc Committees approaching one-year dissolve and meet to discuss how to focus an extension based on a specific goal. He noted those committees could then come back for their formation at a future Council meeting.

Waterfront Ad Hoc Committee

Councilmember Motts reported on the Waterfront Ad Hoc Committee. She requested that it be dissolved and another created with a different purpose, in the same genre.

Youth Services Task Force Ad Hoc Committee

Mayor Wright and Councilmember Thorpe reported on the Youth Services Task Force Ad Hoc Committee. They requested it be dissolved and another created with a different purpose, in the same genre.

Sesquicentennial Ad Hoc Committee

Mayor Wright and Councilmember Motts reported on the Sesquicentennial Ad Hoc Committee. They requested it be dissolved and another created with a different purpose, in the same genre.

Homeless Encampment Ad Hoc Committee

Councilmembers Thorpe and Motts reported on the Homeless Encampment Ad Hoc Committee. They requested that the Ad Hoc committee be extended to April 9, 2020.

Senior Ad Hoc Committee

Mayor Wright and Councilmember Ogorchock reported on the Senior Ad Hoc Committee. The requested the Committee be dissolved and another created with a different purpose, in the same genre.

Cannabis Ad Hoc Committee

Councilmembers Wilson and Thorpe reported on the Cannabis Ad Hoc Committee. They requested it be extended to May 28, 2020.

Sexual Violence Prevention Committee

Councilmember Motts and Wilson reported on the Sexual Violence Prevention Ad Hoc Committee. They requested that it be extended to September 10, 2020.

Mayor Wright thanked everyone working on the Ad Hoc Committees.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Bernal announced that City offices would be closed on February 12, 2020 and February 17, 2020 in observance of President Lincoln Birthday and President's Day.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Ogorchock requested staff research the issue of the residents living in the annexed area being required to pay fees to hook up to the city's water and sewer. She reported that when the area was annexed there was an agreement made to waive the permit fees for their connections.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Councilmember Thorpe, seconded by Councilmember Ogorchock the City Council unanimously adjourned the meeting at 8:22 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Kitty Eiden

KITTY EIDEN, Minutes Clerk