

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
INCLUDING THE ANTIOCH CITY COUNCIL
ACTING AS HOUSING SUCCESSOR
TO THE ANTIOCH DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

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

**April 28, 2020
Meeting Conducted Remotely**

The City of Antioch, in response to the Executive Order of the Governor and the Order of the Health Officer of Contra Costa County concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19), held Antioch City Council meetings via Comcast channel 24, AT&T U-verse channel 99, and live stream (at www.antiochca.gov). The City Council meeting was conducted utilizing Zoom Audio/Video Technology.

6:00 P.M. - CLOSED SESSION

- 1. 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.
- 2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION** Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2): (3 potential cases).

City Attorney Smith reported the City Council had been in Closed Session and gave the following report: **#1 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION**, Direction given to City Attorney; and, **#2 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (3 cases)**, Case #1 - Council by a 4/0/1 vote rejected the claim, Councilmember Thorpe Abstaining, Case #2 – No reportable action; and, Case #3 – No reportable action.

Mayor Wright called the meeting to order at 7:03 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.

City Manager Bernal announced that The City of Antioch, in response to the Executive Order of the Governor and the Order of the Health Officer of Contra Costa County concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease, had made the Antioch City Council meeting available via Comcast channel 24, AT&T U-verse channel 99, or live stream at www.antiochca.gov. He stated anyone wishing to make a public comment, may do so any of the following ways: (1) by filling out an online speaker card, located at <https://www.antiochca.gov/government/city-council-meetings/live/>; (2) by emailing the City Clerk prior to or during the meeting at cityclerk@ci.antioch.ca.us; or

(3) by dialing (925) 776-3057 during the meeting.

1. PROCLAMATION

Be Kind to Animals Week, May 3 – 9, 2020

On motion by Councilmember Ogorchock, seconded by Councilmember Motts, the Council unanimously approved the Proclamation.

Animal Services Manager Harding thanked the City Council for the *Be Kind to Animals Week* proclamation.

Mayor Wright thanked Animal Services Manager Harding and the volunteers at the Antioch Animal Shelter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF CIVIC AND COMMUNITY EVENTS – None

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF BOARD AND COMMISSION OPENINGS

City Clerk Simonsen announced the following Board and Commission openings:

- Board of Administrative Appeals: Five (5) vacancies; deadline date is May 15, 2020
- Sales Tax Citizens' Oversight Committee : Three (3) vacancies; deadline date is May 15, 2020
- Police Crime Prevention Commission: Two (2) vacancies; deadline date is May 15, 2020
- Parks and Recreation Commission: Three (3) vacancies; deadline date is May 15, 2020

He reported applications would be available online at the City's website.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Administrative Services Director Mastay read Public Comments

Deborah Polk, Christina Clark and Brendon O'Laskey provided written comments expressing concern regarding comments made on social media by Ken Turnage, Chair of the Antioch Planning Commission, and requested that he resign or be removed from the Commission.

COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Wilson reported on her participation in the Tri Delta Transit meeting with Councilmember Thorpe. She thanked City staff for working hard on behalf of the citizens of Antioch during the COVID-19 health crisis. She expressed concern regarding comments made on social media by Ken Turnage, Chair of the Planning Commission, and asked that he either resign or be removed from the Commission.

Councilmember Thorpe reported on his participation in the Tri Delta Transit meeting and the Homeless Encampment Task Force meeting. He agreed with and thanked Councilmember Wilson for her remarks pertaining to the resignation or removal of the Chair of the Planning Commission.

Councilmember Motts reported on her participation in the Homeless Task Force meeting with Focus Strategies and the Waterfront Ad Hoc Committee meeting. She explained the County mandate for Shelter in Place included homeless encampments and because of that the City was not allowed to remove or relocate them. She noted the Coordinated Outreach Referral, Engagement (CORE) team worked with the homeless and there was also a State Program available to relocate some of the highest risk homeless to motel/hotel rooms. She reported that some of the median work had been delayed due to the Shelter in Place order. She commented that she expected City officials act professional and care, and value all community members. She thanked Councilmember Wilson for her comments regarding the Chair of the Planning Commission. She stated the City would be doing everything possible to save as many lives as possible.

Mayor Wright reported on his participation in East Bay Economic Development Alliance meetings.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Wright explained that he had stopped viewing Facebook because there was so much division. He noted he became aware of comments made on social media by the Chair of the Planning Commission through an email he received yesterday, and he believed those comments were abhorrent, and should not have been stated. He commented that he would fight for the right to have freedom of speech; however, individuals representing the City needed to be held to a higher standard, so there was discussion to be had regarding this matter.

Mayor Wright congratulated City Clerk Simonsen who had completed the training required to be recognized as Master Municipal Clerk. He noted City Clerk Simonsen was the first Master Municipal Clerk in Antioch and one of only 1,300 Master Municipal Clerks in the world.

City Clerk Simonsen thanked Mayor Wright for the recognition.

- 3. CONSENT CALENDAR for City /City Council Members acting as Housing Successor to the Antioch Development Agency**
 - A. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES FOR MARCH 24, 2020**
 - B. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES FOR MARCH 31, 2020**
 - C. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES FOR APRIL 14, 2020**
 - D. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL WARRANTS**

- E. APPROVAL OF HOUSING SUCCESSOR WARRANTS
- F. REJECTION OF CLAIM: VINCE GATTIS
- G. VISION AND STRATEGIC PLAN 2019-2029 UPDATE
- H. **RESOLUTION NO. 2020/59 ACCEPTING COMPLETED IMPROVEMENTS AND THE RELEASE OF BONDS FOR HILLCREST AVENUE STORM DRAIN LINE FOR AVIANO 1 TRACT NO. 9249 (P.W. 676-1)**

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

Item G – City Manager Bernal introduced Item G.

Councilmember Motts reiterated a previous request to add a community center/town square to aspirational goal #6.

City Manager Bernal apologized for the oversight and stated per her request, it would be added to the document.

On motion by Councilmember Ogorchock, seconded by Councilmember Motts, the City Council unanimously approved Item G.

COUNCIL REGULAR AGENDA

- 3. **CONTRA COSTA MOSQUITO AND VECTOR CONTROL BOARD OF TRUSTEES' (ANTIOCH RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE) APPOINTMENT FOR ONE (1) FULL-TERM VACANCY EXPIRING APRIL 2024**

City Manager Bernal introduced Regular Agenda Item #3.

Administrative Services Director Mastay presented the staff report dated April 28, 2020 recommending the Mayor nominate, and Council approve, by resolution, one (1) full-term Representative to the Contra Costa Mosquito and Vector Control Board of Trustees for a 4-year term which will expire April 2024.

Mayor Wright nominated Lola Odunlami to fill (1) one full-term Representative to the Contra Costa Mosquito and Vector Control Board of Trustees for a 4-year term which will expire April 2024.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020/60

On motion by Councilmember Thorpe, seconded by Councilmember Ogorchock, the City Council unanimously appointed by resolution, Lola Odunlami to fill (1) one full-term Representative to the Contra Costa Mosquito and Vector Control Board of Trustees for a 4-year term which will expire April 2024.

4. FISCAL YEAR 2019-21 MID-YEAR BUDGET

City Manager Bernal introduced Regular Agenda Item #4.

Finance Director Merchant presented the staff report dated April 28, 2020 recommending the City Council adopt a resolution approving mid-year adjustments to the fiscal year 2019-21 budget.

Councilmember Ogorchock requested Council consider funding an additional parking enforcement officer noting the net cost would be minimal and it would address the shortfall of services due to the COVID-19 health crisis.

In response to Councilmember Motts, Finance Director Merchant confirmed that Council could consider funding the Unhoused Resident Coordinator for FY21, when they received a budget update in August.

A motion was made by Councilmember Thorpe, seconded by Councilmember Motts, to adopt the resolution approving mid-year adjustments to the fiscal year 2019-21 budget.

Mayor Wright requested a friendly amendment to the motion to include funding for an additional parking enforcement officer.

Councilmember Thorpe denied the request to amend his motion.

In response to Council, Finance Director Merchant stated she would bring the additional parking enforcement officer item back to Council in August for consideration.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020/61

The previous motion to approve the resolution was unanimously approved.

5. SUMMER JULY/AUGUST CITYWIDE EVENTS

City Manager Bernal introduced Regular Agenda Item #5.

Director of Parks and Recreation Kaiser presented the staff report dated April 28, 2020 recommending the City Council discuss and provide direction regarding the feasibility of hosting citywide events during July and August 2020.

Councilmember Motts, President of the Celebrate Antioch Foundation, reported that they had cancelled the Mother's Day Art and Wine Walk and Father's Day Car Show. She stated they supported the cancellation of the 4th of July activities for this year noting that if they did so now, they could move forward with seeking reimbursement for the fees committed for the fireworks.

Councilmember Thorpe thank Director of Parks and Recreation Kaiser for the report. He stated he felt these decisions were better left up to those who had organized the events.

Councilmember Wilson stated she appreciated the work done by Celebrate Antioch Foundation and while she was disappointed that the 4th of July events may be cancelled, she understood the public health safety issues.

In response to Councilmember Wilson, Director of Parks and Recreation Kaiser responded that staff was researching creative ways to work within the parameters of the Shelter in Place guidelines.

Councilmember Wilson suggested staff consider hosting online live concerts to replace the summer concert series.

Councilmember Ogorchock stated that she appreciated the Recreation Department's hard work. She recognized Councilmember Motts and the Celebrate Antioch Foundation for facilitating the 4th of July celebration and other community events. She supported Councilmember Motts' suggestion to cancel the 4th of July celebration for this year.

Councilmember Thorpe stated he appreciated the Recreation staff and the Celebrate Antioch Foundation. He agreed with the recommendation from Councilmember Motts to cancel the events for this year.

Mayor Wright requested no money be expended for the events at this time. He stated he looked forward to future events that worked within the parameters of the Shelter in Place guidelines.

Director of Parks and Recreation Kaiser urged Council to send her ideas for future events. She announced that the Parks and Recreation staff had selected 50 families to receive treat bags from the City that would be distributed in accordance with social distancing guidelines.

Following discussion, Council agreed to cancel the 4th of July events.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Bernal congratulated City Clerk Simonsen for his Master Municipal Clerk accomplishment noting it was a great honor to be the first in Antioch. He announced the City had an information call center at 925-779-6950 during the hours of 7:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. He reported that Republic Services would be resuming curbside pickups on May 18, 2020 and Code

Enforcement would be resuming Saturday Neighborhood Cleanup events. He commented that the Shelter-in-Place was extended through May 31, 2020 and additional Coronavirus (COVID-19) information was available on the City's website.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Ogorchock requested the City research how to provide free Wi-Fi services to residents who were unable to afford it, due to the effects of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Councilmember Ogorchock, seconded by Councilmember Motts, the City Council unanimously adjourned the meeting at 8:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Kitty Eiden

KITTY EIDEN, Minutes Clerk