

## CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Continued Special Meeting  
7:00 P.M.

June 18, 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](http://www.antiochca.gov)). The City Council meeting was conducted utilizing Zoom Audio/Video Technology.***

Mayor Wright called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

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](http://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](mailto:cityclerk@ci.antioch.ca.us) or (3) by dialing (925) 776-3057 during the meeting.

Minutes Clerk Eiden 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.

### **COUNCIL REGULAR AGENDA – *CONTINUED FROM JUNE 16, 2020***

- 1. CREATION OF A POLICE REFORM AD HOC COMMITTEE AND CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSIONS TO CONSIDER AD HOC COMMITTEE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS (Public Comment continued from June 16, 2020)**

Mayor Wright introduced Regular Agenda Item #1.

City Manager Bernal introduced Agenda item #1. He announced the Public Comment period for this agenda item was closed at the June 16, 2020 Special meeting. He noted anyone on the June 16, 2020 Zoom webinar who did not have the opportunity to speak would be provided the opportunity to speak this evening. He further noted there would be no new speakers accepted.

Administrative Services Director Mastay clarified that all speaker requests for this evening whether on the webinar or by speaker card were submitted prior to 8:00 P.M. on June 16, 2020. Speaker times were previously reduced by Council to one-minute.

Danny Stills, Antioch resident, spoke in support of the Antioch Police Department and in opposition to the formation of an Ad Hoc Committee on Police Reform.

The following public comment comments were read into the record by Finance Director Merchant. In instances where a proper name was not given, pseudonyms used identified the commenter.

Victor Salinas, Kristine Deacon, Dominique King, Natalie Petersen, Michael Pruett, Harry Thurston, Brendon O'Laskey, Antioch residents, Bryan Rodriguez, Brentwood resident, Gabi Rivas and Jason and Gary Walker-Roberts provided written comment in support of the formation of the Ad Hoc Committee on Police Reform.

K Hashini, Chanel Castillo, Heather Leach, Spencer Green and J Delucia, Antioch residents, Daniel Caron, Joe Marglin, Vivian Adrian, William McCurdy, local residents, and Larry Hopwood, Retired Sergeant of Antioch Police Department and Antioch resident, provided written comment in opposition to the formation of the Ad Hoc Committee on Police Reform and in support of the Antioch Police Department. They requested the City Council consider holding community-based forums.

G Lombard, ValDino Lombard, Eric J. Edwards and A. Edwards provided written comment in support of the formation of an Ad Hoc Committee on Police Reform and requesting the City Council reallocate money from the Antioch Police Department budget to fill the needs of the community.

Kathleen Maasberg, Carolyn Van Gilder, Leilani Russo, John Smith, John, Robert & Tracy Hutchinson, Michele Dear, Tina, Irene Okero, Gabriel Ulloa, 45jhp4u, jamminjan12, Mitch Rizzuto, Phyllis Rizzuto, Denicia Watley, Lesli Reano, Denise Jones, Robert Weinstein, Kevin Godbey, Yolanda Smith, Andrew Leahy, Cary Belzner, Elsa Belzner, Halina Fortunato, Robert Amacker, George Lori, Jeremy Belzer, Joe M, Stephanie Norman, Jeffrey Santoso, Jose Ortiz, Guillermina Lubinski, Helen Wu, Michael Gatti, Teresa Cannedy, Jennifer Emmons, Antioch residents, snf and Stephen Liberatore provided written comment in opposition to the formation of an Ad Hoc Committee on Police Reform and in support of a community-based forum lead by Chief Brooks.

Amelia Jung, Savasia Vida, Paola Berumen, Daniela Diaz, Leilah Hoang, Alexandra Tagliamonte, Marianne Alvarez, Eric Tarrosa, Luzila Merino, Emily Cecil, Jared Fialho, Heath Galiwango, Emily Cecil, Jackie Villasenor Ochoa, Savannah Scarlett, Ariana, Erika Adams Odhiambo, Isabel Moreno, Sequoia Cooper, Julia Ramos, Ellie Cordova, Michele Canny, Emily Mun, Jason Wesley, Cheyanne Ramirez, Alliyah Thomas, Kim Grandi, Tae Briggs, Younces Idmahand, Miles Smith, Miles, Jaxon Culcasi, Kane Rage Gaming, Kiara Clark, Gabriella Morales, Abby Suster, Tiyana Arnold, Siah Baakoi, Cynthia Martinez,

Theresa Householder, Michelle Perea, Kristina Sevcik, Jazz Allam, Amy Le, Kiara Horde, Savannah Luy, Bryll Marco, Franchesca Dion Quisao, Jordan Wysinger, Lexie Harris, Vijva Raj, Brandon Krystof and Jeff Phillips, Antioch residents, provided written comment urging the City of Antioch to adopt the *8 Can't Wait* campaign policies, approve the Ad Hoc Committee on Police Reform and called for the resignation of Officer Mellone.

Jeanine Shipilov, East Contra Costa County resident, Terri Robinson, Jenna Wesenhagen, Tracy Delucia, Jeremy Bennett, Shannon Delatorre, Theresa Elser, Judy Pence, Tony Hall, Alexis Zaffino, Tony Darone, Diane Wesenhagen, LegoPammy, Bill Young, Dave Briseno, Tina Gillette, Jill Gerstenberger, Antioch residents, Loretta Lindsay, Arturo Hurtado, Rich Matosich, Brenda Briseno, Katie Kavanaugh, Heather Matis, Lydia Hamilton, Steve Kavanaugh, Samantha Peterson, Jennifer Lee, Frances Shipilov, Walter Shipilov, Austin Graham, Jason Vanderpool, Danielle Vanderpool, Vince Graziano and Sue Vanderpool, Bay Area resident, provided written comment in opposition to the formation of an Ad Hoc Committee on Police Reform and in support of the City Council investigating an option that would include all stakeholders.

Melissa Madrigal, Phil and Susan Waldsteicher, Sandy McGee, Dennis Jeffus, Carole Allen, Max Vargas, Colby and Cindy Barry, Jeff & Carol Crump, Michael Gobbell, Gary Schoo, Cynthia Wiggins Wyrick, Leon Pence, Debbie Rich, Wayne Butler, Gerald Lubinski, Nancy Green, Alicia Tinnirello, Lola Buck, Antioch residents and Theresa Nelms provided written comment in opposition to the formation of an Ad Hoc Committee on Police Reform and in support of considering options that would not lead to defunding the Antioch Police Department.

Jim Roscoe and Carole Allen, Antioch residents, provided written comment in opposition to defunding the Antioch Police Department and in support of better investigation of new hires.

Professor Andy Nguyen provided written comment in support of the formation of an Ad Hoc Committee on Police Reform and defunding the Antioch Police Department.

Sal Sbranti, Antioch resident, provided written comment in support of the Antioch Police Department and in opposition to the formation of the Ad Hoc Committee on Police Reform. He noted if the Ad Hoc Committee was formed he believed Councilmember Thorpe should be excluded from serving on the committee.

Linda and Gopal Bohara, Antioch residents, provided written comment in support of the formation of the Ad Hoc Committee on Police Reform and expressed concern regarding police misconduct.

Angel Gordon provided written comment in support of defunding the Antioch Police Department and increasing funding for affordable housing and mental health programs.

Marty Maglinte and Robert Pohl, Antioch residents, provided written comment in opposition to the formation of the Ad Hoc Committee on Police Reform.

Jesse Zuniga Jr., Antioch resident, provided written comment in which he gave a brief history of his law enforcement and community service.

Megan Zmerzlikar, Antioch resident, provided written comment in support of the formation of the Ad Hoc Committee on Police Reform, defunding and disarming local police, and calling for the resignation of officer Michael Mellone.

Sharon Johnson, Antioch resident, provided written comment in support of the formation of the Ad Hoc Committee on Police Reform and further training for officers.

Don Bright provided written comment in support of the Antioch Police Department.

Sarah Kabir, Antioch resident and Dozier-Libbey Medical High School Alumni and Jay Camrose, provided written comment in support of Police Reform in Antioch.

Lorece Crockett, Antioch resident, provided written comment in opposition to the formation of the Ad Hoc Committee on Police Reform and in support of a community-based forums.

Victor Nguyen, Antioch resident and Deer Valley High School Alumni, provided written comment requesting the City of Antioch shift toward the *8 To Abolition* campaign policies.

Kirk Van Bronkhorst provided written comment in support the formation of the Ad Hoc Committee on Police Reform and expressed interest in being involved in the process.

Beverly Knight, Antioch resident, provided written comment in support of the Antioch Police Department and Chief Brooks providing Council with monthly status reports.

Sarah Locklin, Antioch resident and Deer Valley High School Alumni, provided written comment in which she discussed her experiences living in Antioch.

Tadaiza Tate provided written comment in support of allocating more funding toward education and childcare programs.

Manny Soliz, Former Councilmember and Mayor Pro Tem, Vanessa Hellman, John Passur, Pam Poggensee and Mike Moses, Antioch resident, provided written comment in support of the Antioch Police Department and in opposition to the formation of the Ad Hoc Committee on Police Reform.

Leslie May provided written comment in opposition to the formation of the Ad Hoc Committee on Police Reform and in support of developing a comprehensive approach to hold police accountable.

Lucy Meinhardt provided written comment in support of the formation of the Ad Hoc Committee on Police Reform and holding open community forums.

Terry Ramus, Antioch resident, provided written comment in opposition to the formation of the Ad Hoc Committee on Police Reform and in support of utilizing the Police Crime Prevention Commission to discuss issues around policing.

Arriana Edwards provided written comment in support of the formation of the Ad Hoc Committee on Police Reform and reallocating police funding for community needs.

Sharon Martinez provided written comment in support of defunding the Antioch Police Department and investing in communities and schools.

Jeffrey Klingler provided written comment in opposition to the formation of the Ad Hoc Committee on Police Reform and in support of a standing committee.

Victoria Adams, President of the East County Branch of the NAACP, provided written comment in support of an independent Police Oversight Committee.

Mike Barbanica, Antioch resident and Business Owner, provided written comment in opposition to the formation of the Ad Hoc Committee on Police Reform and in support of other alternatives that would involve the community.

Willie Mims provided written comment in support of a review of the Antioch Police Department's excessive force and canine unit policies. He also supported ongoing training on racial profiling/bias and de-escalation techniques. Additionally, he suggested the formation of a civilian Oversight Commission.

Jack Bruckman, Antioch resident, provided written comment in support of Chief Brooks and in opposition to defunding the Antioch Police Department. She supported retraining the police force and eliminating officers that had been involved in misconduct.

Zoey Jones provided written comment in support of defunding and disarming the current policing system.

Mayor Wright declared a recess at 8:06 P.M. The meeting reconvened at 8:12 P.M. with all Councilmembers present.

The following public comments were read into the record by Finance Director Merchant.

Ruth Pastor, Antioch resident, provided written comment in opposition to defunding the Antioch Police Department.

Rhea Elina Laughlin, Tunmi Da Silva, Johnathon Simon, Magndalena Avila, Denae Golden, Lucretia Shaw, Ricardo Murphy, Laura Murphy, Kyle Kent, M Martinez, Fred

Blundell, Synthia Walker, Edward Pillar, Shelia Grayson, Danielle Mirano, Tim Evans, George Mendez, Sean Collins, Adriana Urrutia, Antioch residents, Ben Schwartz, East County resident, Denise Thomas and James Pattison provided written comment in support of the formation of the Ad Hoc Committee on Police Reform.

Mike Burkholder, Antioch Business Owner, provided written comment in opposition to the formation of the Ad Hoc Committee on Police Reform and in support of the Antioch Police Department increasing educational opportunities for the community.

Sandy McGee, Antioch resident, provided written comment in opposition to the formation of the Ad Hoc Committee on Police Reform and in support of the Antioch Police Department.

Alanah Phillips provided written comment in support of de-escalation training for police officers.

Omar Walker, Gina Valezuela and Akeem Ajani, Antioch residents, provided written comment in support of Police Reform.

LaTonya Love, Antioch resident, provided written comment in support of holding the Antioch Police Department accountable.

Tanya Gentry, Antioch resident, provided written comment in support of the *8 Can't Wait* campaign policies and increased funding for community programs.

Audrey Davis, Antioch resident, provided written comment in support of defunding the Antioch Police Department and increasing funding for mental health and youth services.

Yvaana Crichton, Antioch resident, provided written comment in support of the formation of the Ad Hoc Committee on Police Reform and the Antioch Police Department informing the community if officers were granted a job after using excessive force.

Jennifer W, Antioch resident, provided written comment in support of diverting funding to other community service areas and eliminating military equipment from the Antioch Police Department. Additionally, she requested an independent review of police before they are added to the force.

Will Davis, Antioch resident, provided written comment in which he discussed a wrongful death suit in Antioch and the hiring of Officer Mellone.

Lisa Hunt, Antioch resident, provided written comment in opposition to the formation of the Ad Hoc Committee on Police Reform and in support of a community-based forums

The following public comments were read into the record by Director of Community Development Ebbs.

Ray Johnson, Jonsusik, Vanessa Leyva, Laura Mendez, Monica Lesley, Mary Johnson, Alisha Williams, Valerie Riva, Christine Johnson and Ed Poggensee, Antioch residents, provided written comment in opposition to the formation of the Ad Hoc Committee on Police Reform and in support of a community-based forums.

Sadaph Nasrat, Nicolas Alvarez, Dana Afonso, Katelynn Sartain, Nealsen Cayanan, Monica Dominguez, Antioch residents, Maddy McHugh, Abby McClane, Jayla Austin, Irma Guardado, Kathleen Colima, Antioch residents and Deer Valley High School Alumni, Diana Rodriguez, Antioch residents and Dozzier-Libbey Medical High School Alumni, Emma Guerrero Oakley resident and Freedom High School Alumni, Ashley Zepeda, Alumni and Malia Kakanui former Antioch resident and UCSB Alumni, provided written comment requesting the City of Antioch shift toward the *8 To Abolition* campaign policies and readjusting the City's budget to increase funding for community-based programs. Additionally, they supported the formation of the Ad Hoc Committee on Police Reform and called for the resignation of Office Mellone.

Gus Maguire, Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Norris, Tyler Costa, Remi Lizarraga, Candace Sarinas, Amy Hilton, Antioch residents Dane and Kahni Horton, Lisa Miller, Ryan Jeschien, Alyssa Voluntad, Lindsey Fulton, Benny Voluntad, Matthew Flaherty, Ryan Duffy, Jamie Goodale, Heidi Duffy, Bay Area residents and Brian Cox, Sacramento Valley, Jim Lanter Antioch resident and business owner, provided written comment in opposition to the formation of the Ad Hoc Committee on Police Reform and in support of a community-based solution.

Tracy Harbin, Peter Bollwerk, Nancy Bachmann, Carmina Smith, Jennifer Marin, Deborah Polk, Jerome Householder, Cheyanne Ramirez, Ellie Householder, Shagoofa Khan, Johnny Ramirez, Linda Livingston, Triya M, Dawn Davis, Antioch residents and one speaker who did not provide a name, provided written comment in support of the formation of the Ad Hoc Committee on Police Reform.

Debbie DeBusk and Samuel Porter, Antioch residents, provided written comment in support of Police Reform.

Sandra Hartrick, Sandy, Anne Marie Cortez, Linda Riley, Jordan Valentine, Manny Soliz, Jr., Antioch residents, provided written comment in opposition to the formation of the Ad Hoc Committee on Police Reform and in support of Chief Brooks and the Antioch Police Department.

Bernice Gutierrez, Antioch resident, provided written comment in support of the *8 Can't Wait* campaign policies and in support of Chief Brooks and the Antioch Police Department.

Colby Barry, Antioch resident, provided written comment in opposition to the formation of the Ad Hoc Committee on Police Reform and in support of an open forum resolution with oversight from a third party.

Ribbecca Hernandez, Teresa Cannedy and Andrew Johnson, Antioch resident, provided written comment in opposition to the formation of the Ad Hoc Committee on Police Reform.

Barbara Carini, Antioch resident, provided written comment in which she discussed alleged police misconduct of Officer Michael Mellone and in support of the formation of the Ad Hoc Committee on Police Reform.

Deez Nutterman provided written comment in opposition to law enforcement.

Eet Tarich, provided written comment in which he discussed capitalism.

Warren Lutz provided written comment in support of the formation of the Ad Hoc Committee on Police Reform and the City implementing a policy to prevent public officials from using the city's email list for their personal use.

Theresa Householder, Antioch resident, provided written comment in support of the formation of the Ad Hoc Committee on Police Reform and additional training for the Antioch Police Department.

Yvonne Lee, Margaret Hitt and Dennett Rodriguez Antioch residents, provided written comment in support of defunding the Antioch Police Department and increasing funding for community-based programs.

Joanna Jeremy provided written comment in support the formation of the Ad Hoc Committee on Police Reform and offered to serve on the committee.

Sarah Kabir, Antioch resident, provided written comment in support of the formation of the Ad Hoc Committee on Police Reform and defunding the Antioch Police Department. Additionally, she called for the resignation of Officer Mellone.

David Golden, Antioch resident, provided written comment in support of the formation of the Ad Hoc Committee on Police Reform and defunding of the Antioch Police Department.

Cristina Gonzalez, Antioch resident, provided written comment in support of defunding and disarming the Antioch Police Department and increasing funding for community-based programs. Additionally, she called for the resignation of Officer Mellone.

Donna Maria Miles Asare, Antioch resident, provided written comment denouncing racism and in support of discussing the community's expectations of the Antioch Police Department.

Paula Gunder, Antioch resident, provided written comment in support of Police Reform, professional oversight of the Antioch Police Department and the formation of a community inclusive committee.



Mayor Wright declared a recess at 9:01 P.M. The meeting reconvened at 9:11 P.M. with all Councilmembers present.

Karen Matty, Michelle M., Harold Chen and Lacey Brown, Nicole Xaysana Bo Austin Xaysana, Ernesto Sankara, Christine Clark, Mohini Rupani, James Becker, C Harmom and Jardin Becklstein, Antioch residents, provided written comment in support of the formation of the Ad Hoc Committee on Police Reform.

Jeremy Holeman, Antioch resident, provided written comment in opposition to the formation of the Ad Hoc Committee on Police Reform and in support of community-based forums.

Debbie Amaral, Antioch resident, provided written comment in support of Police Reform.

Maggie Harris, Antioch resident, provided written comment in support of the formation of the Ad Hoc Committee on Police Reform and questioning why Officer Mellone was hired by the Antioch Police Department.

Arianna Grady, Antioch resident and Deer Valley High School student, provided written comment discussing racism.

Kerry Ingvardsen Nicole Cedano, Selena Cedano and John Trizuto, Antioch residents, provided written comment in support of the Antioch Police Department.

Shawn Pickett, Antioch resident, provided written comment in support of body worn camera program for the Antioch Police Department.

Nicole Gardner, Antioch resident, provided written comment expressed concern regarding the encampment cleanup that occurred on Wilbur Avenue. She supported the formation of the Ad Hoc Committee on Police Reform and defunding the Antioch Police Department to divert funds to homeless services.

Jack A. and Rabiah Bashir, Antioch residents, provided written comment in support of Police Reform and redirecting some of the Antioch Police Department budget to community-based programs.

Mary Rocha, Antioch resident, provided written comment in opposition to the formation of the Ad Hoc Committee on Police Reform.

Cathryn Wade, Antioch resident, provided written comment in which she discussed police misconduct and support for defunding the Antioch Police Department to fund community-based programs.

Sara B., Antioch resident, provided written comment in support of police reform and the formation of a police oversight committee.

Frank Sterling provided written comment discussed police misconduct in Antioch.

Allan Cantando provided written comment in which he suggested if the City Council moved forward that it be with community-based forums.

SGT Patricia Granados, US Army and Antioch resident, provided written comment in support of the formation of the Ad Hoc Committee on Police Reform and improving the hiring standards for police officers.

Tamisha Walker, Antioch resident, provided written comment calling for the resignation of Officer Mellone.

Jasmine Allam, Katrina Allam, Brentwood residents, Jacqueline Villasenor and Edith Saldano, Antioch residents and Amber provided written comment in support of defunding the Antioch Police Department and redirecting funds to community-based programs.

Dante Savage, Antioch resident, provided written comment in support of the formation of the Ad Hoc Committee on Police Reform, defunding the Antioch Police Department and calling for the resignation of Officer Mellone.

Velma Wilson, Antioch resident, provided written comment in opposition to the formation of the Ad Hoc Committee on Police Reform and in support of community-based forums. She invited the community to attend the Juneteeth Celebration on June 19, 2020.

L Harmon, Antioch resident, provided written comment in support of community forums.

Brittnie Pimental, Antioch resident, provided written comment in support of the formation of the Ad Hoc Committee on Police Reform, citizen oversight and more stringent hiring practices for the Antioch Police Department.

William Posada, Antioch resident, provided written comment in opposition to the formation of the Ad Hoc Committee on Police Reform and in support of the Antioch Police Department.

Holly Cuciz provided written comment in support of the Antioch Police Department.

Mayor Wright thanked everyone for their participation in this topic and noted the importance of the matter. He stated that the common thread was that the citizens wanted a discussion and it was important to take that on and work with the Antioch Police Department to have the conversation. He stated he wanted to participate and was excited to be a part of those discussions.

City Attorney Smith presented the staff report dated June 16, 2020 recommending the City Council take the following actions:

1. Discuss and consider formation of a Police Reform Ad Hoc Committee including whether it shall review existing policies, rules, practices, customs, and general orders of the Antioch Police Department and make recommendations including but not limited to:
  - A. Prevention of excessive use of force by police officers against members of the public, including banning police from using carotid artery restraints and chokeholds;
  - B. Elimination of military equipment from the police department ("Demilitarization");
  - C. Required use of conflict de-escalation approaches by all sworn officers when interacting with the public;
  - D. Increased police accountability, including the process for receipt and review of public complaints against the police for excessive use of force, racial and/or ethnic profiling, and other police misconduct;
  - E. Improvement of police officer candidate recruitment, screening, training and hiring practices including an analysis of policies concerning implicit bias, candidate diversity and candidate background checks; and
  - F. Police department budget appropriations.
2. Confirm the appointment of two (2) members for the Police Reform Ad Hoc Committee, if the ad hoc committee is desired;
3. Confirm the duration of the Police Reform Ad Hoc Committee, if the ad hoc committee is desired;
4. Adopt the resolution to form the Police Reform Ad Hoc Committee, if the ad hoc committee is desired; and
5. Determine whether to hold study sessions to discuss and consider the findings and recommendations of the Police Reform Ad Hoc Committee and, if so, when to schedule the study sessions.

Councilmember Motts thanked the community for expressing their views and recommendations. She stated that she felt this issue needed the full attention of the entire City Council. She stated that her motion would be that the City hold a Town Hall/Community Forum as soon as possible.

City Attorney Smith commented that a motion to call a Town Hall/Community Forum was outside the context of the agenda; however, if it were the consensus of Council, the Mayor could call the special meeting.

Councilmember Ogorchock stated she would second Councilmember Motts's motion and suggested the Police Crime Prevention Commission be the vehicle in which to hold Special Study Sessions.

Councilmember Motts stated she felt it was important for the City Council, community, and the Antioch Police Department to participate in the discussions.

City Attorney Smith explained that the agenda had Study Sessions linked to the creation of an Ad Hoc Committee. He reiterated that if a majority of Council wanted to hold a Special meeting, Mayor Wright had the authority to call one at any time and it did not require a motion.

Councilmember Thorpe commented that he supported the establishment of the Ad Hoc committee along with a Town Hall meeting and follow-up discussions through Workshops.

Councilmember Wilson thanked everyone for their comments and stated the goal was to include everyone in the conversation. She voiced her support for the formation of an Ad Hoc Committee in conjunction with holding Town Hall meetings. She encouraged the community to participate.

Councilmember Ogorchock thanked everybody for their input and noted that everyone including Council wanted their voices to be heard so she supported holding quarterly meetings that included participation of the City Council, community, leaders, and the Antioch Police Department.

Mayor Wright commented that the amount of comment received indicated how important this topic was to the community. He noted the entire City Council wanted to serve on the Ad Hoc Committee and because of that he believed this matter was too important for an Ad Hoc Committee. He recommended holding a series of special forums inclusive of the entire City Council and community.

Councilmember Thorpe reported that in the past special forums were too formal for the community to participate. He noted the Ad Hoc committee could hold workshops, panel discussions, and engage the community.

Mayor Wright suggested that they go forward with Community Forums with the entire Council and if there was no public participation, they could create an Ad Hoc Committee.

A motion made by Councilmember Thorpe, seconded by Councilmember Wilson to establish a Police Reform Ad Hoc Committee.

Mayor Wright reiterated that he felt this topic was too important for an Ad Hoc Committee.

Councilmember Motts agreed with Mayor Wright and noted that the entire City Council wanted to participate.

A vote taken on the previous motion to establish a Police Reform Ad Hoc Committee failed by the following vote:

Ayes: Thorpe, Wilson

Noes: Motts, Ogorchock and Wright

Following discussion, Council identified June 30, 2020 as the first Town Hall meeting. With future discussions to include conversations with the following panelist:

- Chief Brooks
- Faith-based leaders
- NAACP
- Youth/ACT
- Police Reform Advocates
- Police Crime Prevention Commission
- AUSD

Councilmember Ogorchock thanked everyone for participating and encouraged them to participate in the Town Hall meetings.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

On motion by Councilmember Ogorchock, seconded by Councilmember Motts the City Council unanimously adjourned the meeting at 10:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

*Kitty Eiden*

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KITTY EIDEN, Minutes Clerk

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