

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

Regular Meeting
7:00 P.M.

June 23, 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.

6:15 P.M. - CLOSED SESSION

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

City Attorney Smith reported the City Council had been in Closed Session and gave the following report: **#1 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**, no reportable action.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 FROM THE MAY 26, 2020 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING: Antioch Police Officers Association v. City of Antioch et al., Contra Costa Superior Court Case No. 19-0170.

City Attorney Smith reported the City Council had been in Closed Session on May 26, 2020 and gave the following report: On motion by Mayor Wright, seconded by Councilmember Motts the City Council unanimously approved the settlement agreement which became effective on June 10, 2020.

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

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. 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

In Honor of Parks and Recreation Month, July 2020

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

Director of Parks and Recreation Kaiser and Parks and Recreation Commission Chair Arce accepted the *In Honor of Parks and Recreation Month* proclamation and thanked the City Council for the recognition.

On motion by Councilmember Thorpe, seconded by Councilmember Ogorchock the City Council unanimously suspended the rules and moved Regular Agenda Items #8 and 10 as the next order of business.

8. CREATION OF CITY-WIDE LIGHT POLE BANNER PROGRAM, PROVIDE DIRECTION TO STAFF ON THE PROPOSED LOCATIONS OF THE CITY MARKETING AND VETERANS MEMORIAL BANNER PROGRAMS, AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF BANNERS AND MATERIALS FROM SIERRA DISPLAY INC. FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$77,000, AND EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH SIERRA INSTALLATIONS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF THE CITY MARKETING BANNERS FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$13,000

City Manager Bernal introduced Regular Agenda Item #8.

Director of Economic Development Reed presented the staff report dated June 23, 2020 recommending the City Council adopt a resolution for the creation of a City-wide Light Pole Banner Program, provide direction to staff on the proposed locations of the City marketing and Veterans Memorial Banner programs, and authorize the City Manager to purchase banners and materials from Sierra Display, Inc., for an amount not to exceed \$77,000 and execute an agreement with Sierra Installations, Inc., for the installation of City marketing banners for an amount not to exceed \$13,000.

J. R. Wilson representing Delta Veteran's Group thanked the Director of Economic Development Reed and City Manager Bernal for working on the program with them. Additionally, he thanked the City Council for their work on the Veteran's Memorial. He presented the staff report (exhibit 5) dated June 23, 2020.

Tom Lamonthe, Antioch resident, spoke in support of the Antioch Veteran's Memorial Banner Expansion Proposal. He thanked Councilmember Ogorchock for honoring Veterans and Council for their support of the program.

The following public comments were read into the record by Administrative Services Director Mastay.

Loretta Mosnada, Contra Costa Blue Star Moms, provided written comment outlining the High Schools Memorial Program and their support of the Antioch Veteran's Memorial Banner Expansion Proposal.

Gil Murillo, Antioch resident, and Vicky Robinson provided written comment in support of the Antioch Veteran's Memorial Banner Expansion Proposal.

In response to Councilmember Motts, Director of Economic Development Reed provided examples of the banners.

Councilmember Motts proposed exchanging the light pole locations in front of Deer Valley High School with additional locations on Lone Tree Way.

Councilmember Ogorchock thanked the Delta Veteran's Group, American Legion and VFW for their participation in the program. She reported that in the past, Council supported Veteran's banners extending from the freeway to the Veteran's memorial on "L" Street and she felt those plans should continue. She also supported expanding the program to active military members and adding City Park/Veteran's Park as a banner location.

Councilmember Thorpe voiced his support of expanding the Veteran Banner Program and suggested their banners be consistent with the City's banner program.

Councilmember Wilson thanked Director of Economic Development Reed and J. R. Wilson for the presentation. She voiced her support for continuing Veteran's banners along "L" Street.

Councilmember Ogorchock requested the banner program be completed along "L" Street prior to expanding into other areas of Antioch.

J.R. Wilson agreed to include the remainder of "L" Street in their program and confirmed that they would be willing to add color to be consistent with the city's banner program.

In response to Councilmember Thorpe, Director of Economic Development Reed stated that they could consider adding a banner at the entrance to the Water Park.

In response to Councilmember Ogorchock, Director of Economic Development Reed discussed the marketing program for the City.

Councilmember Ogorchock reiterated her support for completing the banner program along the "L" Street corridor.

Mayor Wright spoke in support of expanding the Veteran banner program and placing their banners in front of Deer Valley High School. He also supported giving the Veteran's banner committee the option to place their banners in other areas that designated for the city's banner program.

A motion was made by Councilmember Thorpe to approve the resolution. Councilmember Ogorchock seconded the motion.

Following discussion, the motion was amended to increase the amount to not to exceed \$100,000 with direction given to Director of Economic Development Reed to work with the non-profit and provide additional pole locations where appropriate.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020/98

On motion by Councilmember Thorpe, seconded by Councilmember Ogorchock the City Council unanimously adopted a resolution for the creation of a City-wide Light Pole Banner Program, providing direction to staff on the proposed locations of the City marketing and Veterans Memorial Banner programs, and authorized the City Manager to purchase banners and materials from Sierra Display, Inc., for an amount not to exceed \$100,000 and execute an agreement with Sierra Installations, Inc., for the installation of City marketing banners for an amount not to exceed \$13,000.

10. RESOLUTION EXPRESSING ITS SUPPORT FOR APPROVAL OF THE INITIATIVE TO CHANGE GENERAL PLAN DESIGNATIONS WITHIN THE SAND CREEK FOCUS AREA AND PERMANENTLY REQUIRE VOTER APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO URBAN LIMIT LINE ("LET ANTIOCH VOTERS DECIDE" INITIATIVE)

City Manager Bernal introduced Regular Agenda Item #10.

City Attorney Smith presented the staff report dated June 23, 2020 recommending the City Council consider whether to adopt a resolution expressing its support for approval of the Initiative to Change General Plan Designations Within the Sand Creek Focus Area and Permanently Require Voter Approval of Amendments to Urban Limit Line ("Let Antioch Voters Decide" Initiative).

Alicia Guerra from Buchalter representing Oak Hill Park Company and Richfield Real Estate Corporation provided written comment advising Council that their action to endorse the Initiative was premature until the Appeals Court ruled on the pending appeal filed by Save Mount Diablo. They also questioned why the City Council would consider supporting an initiative that may be found in violation of Senate Bill 330. They requested that the City Council decline to adopt the resolution of support for the Let Antioch Voters Decide Initiative.

Seth Adams, Land Conservation Director for Save Mount Diablo, Juan Pablo Galvan, Senior Land Use Manager for Save Mount Diablo and Dick Schneider, Sierra Club spoke in support of Council adopting the resolution.

The following public comments were read into the record by Administrative Services Director Mastay.

Timothy Donahue Founder and Former Chair of the Delta Group of the Sierra Club, Lucy Meinhardt and Joanna Garavanta, East Bay Chapter of the Native Plant Society, provided written comment in support of Council adopting the resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020/99

On motion by Councilmember Thorpe, seconded by Councilmember Wilson the City Council unanimously adopted a resolution expressing support for approval of the Initiative to Change General Plan Designations Within the Sand Creek Focus Area and Permanently Require Voter Approval of Amendments to Urban Limit Line (“Let Antioch Voters Decide” Initiative).

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF CIVIC AND COMMUNITY EVENTS - None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Velma Wilson, Antioch resident, thanked City staff, Mayor Wright and Councilmembers Motts, Wilson and Ogorchock for supporting the Antioch Juneteenth Celebration. She discussed the importance of celebrating unity and spoke in support of creating a memorial to honor Thomas Gaines.

Larry Zhang, Business owner, reported that due to a fire and Covid-19 his business had been struggling. He commented that he had received citations from the city for trash and graffiti, which were the result of transients breaking into his property. He felt the City should be doing more to assist businesses during this time and not issuing citations.

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

Mark Jordan, Antioch resident, provided written comment expressing concern regarding the recent actions by Council and stating that he would not support their reelection efforts unless their course of action changed.

Michelle Turner, Antioch resident, provided written comment questioning how the City Council would be addressing the homeless issue.

Emily Bonzi, Antioch resident, provided written comment in support of Police Reform and the formation of a Community Oversight Committee for the Antioch Police Department.

Kelli Collins, Antioch resident, provided written comment her expressing disappointment that Council had not approved the formation of an Ad Hoc Committee on Police Reforms. She supported Council looking into the issues of policing and systemic racism. She requested the City address the hiring of Officer Mellone and investigate Human Resources policies.

Fanny Guardado, Antioch resident, provided written comment questioning how the City Council would be addressing the homeless issue.

Alliyah Thomas, Antioch resident, provided written comment calling for the resignations of Officer Mellone and Corporal Aiello.

Kevin McMannenan, Antioch resident, provided written comment expressing his disappointment that Council had not approved the formation of an Ad Hoc Committee on Police Reform. He supported an Oversight program for the Antioch Police Department. He expressed concern regarding comments made by Corporal Aiello and asked for the results of the investigation of Officer Mellone.

MA, Antioch resident, provided written comment calling for the resignations of Officer Mellone and Corporal Aiello.

Lacey Brown provided written comment calling for the resignation of Officer Mellone and in support of a civilian oversight agency for the Antioch Police Department.

Leshia West, Antioch resident, provided written comment thanking the City for their support of the "Let Freedom Ring" Juneteeth celebration.

Shagoofa Khan, Antioch resident, provided written comment expressing concern regarding negative comments made toward Councilmembers Thorpe and Wilson. She thanked them for their efforts to create change and requested an update on the investigation of Officer Mellone.

Megan Watson, Antioch resident, provided written comment calling for the removal of Officer Mellone and Corporal Aiello from the Antioch Police Department. She requested an update on the investigation of Officer Mellone. She expressed concern that Council had not approved the formation of an Ad Hoc Committee on Police Reform.

Benjamin Fish, Brentwood resident, provided written comment calling for the removal of Officer Mellone and Corporal Aiello from the Antioch Police Department.

Manuel Sidrian, Antioch resident, provided written comment in support of the City providing services and programs for the homeless.

Patricia Granados, Antioch resident, provided written comment in support of policy reforms for the Antioch Police Department. She requested an update on the investigation of Officer Mellone.

Sara B, Antioch resident, provided written comment in support of additional training for the Antioch Police Department.

Frank Sterling, Antioch resident, provided written comment regarding police misconduct and in support of defunding the Antioch Police Department to reallocate funds to social services. He also supported the removal of Corporal Aiello from Antioch Police Department.

Audrey Davis, Antioch resident, provided written comment expressing concern that the Council had not approved the formation of an Ad Hoc Committee on Police Reform. She questioned when town hall meetings would be scheduled, and encouraged Council to participate in a community gathering on June 24, 2020 at 3:00 P.M.

COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Ogorchock reported on her attendance at the Mayor and Councilmember Virtual Educational Forum.

Councilmember Wilson announced Tri Delta Transit would be meeting on June 24, 2020.

Councilmember Motts reported on her attendance with Mayor Wright at a community conversation at Grace Bible Fellowship Church lead by Pastor Smith.

Councilmember Thorpe reported on his participation in the Homeless Encampment Task Force meeting and announced Tri Delta Transit would be meeting on June 24, 2020.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Wright thanked Claryssa and Velma Wilson as well as City staff for organizing the Juneteenth event. He thanked everyone involved.

PRESENTATION

Sarah Meacham, Managing Director Public Finance Management (PFM), gave the Investment Performance Review for the Quarter Ended March 31, 2020.

PUBLIC COMMENT – CONTINUED

Shay Davis expressed concern that Council had not moved forward any ideas for how to address Police Reform in Antioch and that Officer Mellone remained employed by the City.

3. **CONSENT CALENDAR for City /City Council Members acting as Housing Successor to the Antioch Development Agency**
 - A. **APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES FOR MAY 26, 2020**
 - B. **APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES FOR JUNE 9, 2020**
 - C. **APPROVAL OF SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES FOR JUNE 16, 2020**
 - D. **APPROVAL OF SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES FOR JUNE 18, 2020**
 - E. **APPROVAL OF COUNCIL WARRANTS**
 - F. **APPROVAL OF SUCCESSOR AGENCY WARRANTS**
 - G. **APPROVAL OF HOUSING SUCCESSOR WARRANTS**
 - H. **REJECTION OF CLAIMS: ABDUL NEVAREZ AND PRISCILLA NEVAREZ**
 - I. **ORDINANCE NO. 2185-C-S SECOND READING – ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 15 OF TITLE 8 OF THE ANTIOCH MUNICIPAL CODE “BUILDING REGULATIONS”, ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE CONTRA COSTA COUNTY FIRE CODE AND THE 2019 CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE WITH AMENDMENTS (Introduced on 06/09/20)**
 - J. **ORDINANCE NO. 2186-C-S SECOND READING – ORDINANCE REVISING THE MAYOR PRO TEMPORE SELECTION PROCESS (Introduced on 06/09/20)**
 - K. **RESOLUTION NO. 2020/100 AUTHORIZING A LOCAL EARLY ACTION PLANNING (“LEAP”) GRANT APPLICATION**
 - L. **RESOLUTION NO. 2020/101 AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE VARIOUS GRANT AGREEMENTS AND AMENDMENTS WITH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**
 - M. **RESOLUTION NO. 2020/102 APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF A CITY OF ANTIOCH PARCEL TO DAVIDON HOMES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF COUNTRY HILLS DRIVE**
 - N. **RESOLUTION NO. 2020/103 APPROVING THE FINAL MAP AND IMPROVEMENT PLANS FOR PARK RIDGE UNIT 3 SUBDIVISION 9517 (DAVIDON HOMES) AND ANNEXING TO CITY WIDE LIGHTING AND LANDSCAPING DISTRICT 10 ZONE 1 (PW 674-3)**

- O. **RESOLUTION NO. 2020/104 HONEYWELL BUILDING SOLUTIONS HVAC SERVICE CONTRACT RENEWAL**
- P. **RESOLUTION NO. 2020/105 SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE BRIGHT SECURITY INTEGRATIONS AGREEMENT**
- Q. **RESOLUTION NO. 2020/106 AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF APPLICATION FOR PERMANENT EASEMENT ON CONTRA COSTA CANAL PROPERTY ALONG BUCHANAN ROAD FROM UNITED STATES BUREAU OF RECLAMATION**
- R. **RESOLUTION NO. 2020/107 OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY (“OTS”) 2021 STEP GRANT – APPROVAL AND ALLOCATION OF GRANT FUNDS**
- S. **RESOLUTION NO. 2020/108 OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY (“OTS”) 2021 TRIP GRANT – APPROVAL AND ALLOCATION OF GRANT FUNDS**
- T. **RESOLUTION NO. 2020/109 STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT POLICY**

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

Item O – City Manager Bernal introduced Item O.

The following public comment was read into the record by Administrative Services Director Mastay.

Gil Murillo, Antioch resident, provided written comment suggesting that item O should have been submitted out for other bidders, especially minority owned businesses.

Director of Public Works/City Engineer Samuelson responded that Honeywell had been the city’s HVAC contractor and staff felt it was in the City’s best interest to continue to use them because they could provide the best price, service, and value for the City.

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

PUBLIC HEARING

- 4. **ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR, AND RECEIPT OF, PERMANENT LOCAL HOUSING ALLOCATION GRANT FUNDS**

City Manager Bernal introduced Public Hearing Item #4.

Director of Community Development Ebbs introduced CDBG Housing Consultant House who presented the staff report dated June 23, 2020 recommending the City Council take the following actions: 1) Approve the use of PLHA grant funds for the purpose of 1) assisting persons who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness; 2) housing rehabilitation and the development of accessory dwelling units; and 3) creating homeownership opportunity for Antioch workers and renters earning from 80 percent to 120 percent of the area median income. 2) Adopt a resolution authorizing the application for, and receipt of, PLHA grant funds from the State of California.

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

In response to Mayor Wright, CDBG/Housing Consultant House explained that provided HCD accepted the proposal, they were guaranteed to get the first year of funding.

Councilmember Motts and Councilmember Wilson thanked CDBG/Housing Consultant House for bringing this program forward.

CDBG/Housing Consultant House explained that this item would continue programs that had been established. She noted they would be applying for the maximum amount.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020/110

On motion by Ogorchock, seconded by Motts the City Council unanimously adopted a resolution authorizing the application for, and receipt of, PLHA grant funds from the State of California.

5. RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND ADOPTING THE PROPOSED FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM 2020-2025, AND THE NECESSARY FY2019-21 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS (P.W. 150-20)

City Manager Bernal introduced Public Hearing Item #5.

Director of Public Works/City Engineer Samuelson recognized the project team for putting the CIP together and presented the staff report dated June 23, 2020 recommending the City Council conduct a public hearing to adopt the resolution approving the City's Five-Year Capital Improvement Program ("CIP") 2020-2025 and the necessary FY2019-21 budget adjustments.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2020/111

On motion by Councilmember Ogorchock, seconded by Councilmember Thorpe the City Council unanimously adopted the resolution approving the City's Five-Year Capital Improvement Program ("CIP") 2020-2025 and the necessary FY2019-21 budget adjustments.

6. EMERGENCY SHELTER (“ES”) ZONING ORDINANCE AND MAP AMENDMENTS

City Manager Bernal introduced Public Hearing Item #6.

Director of Community Development Ebbs presented the staff report dated June 23, 2020 recommending the City Council introduce an ordinance amending Antioch Municipal Code Sections 9-5.203 and 9-5.3839 regarding emergency shelters and amending the Zoning Map to introduce the Emergency Shelter (“ES”) Zoning Overlay to the specified properties.

Mayor Wright opened the public hearing.

Andrew Becker questioned if the County fairgrounds was a viable location for the homeless trailers program and if shower facilities, and a community kitchen could be provided.

Mike Stewart stated he believed the Fulton Shipyard Road location was unsafe for children due to hazards associated with the City’s transfer station. He also felt there were no services available for children or families in the area.

Anthony Fierros, Antioch resident, requested the City Council vote no on rezoning 301 W. 10th Street since it was a residential area and there was a fire department on the adjacent property. He also felt there was no infrastructure in place to support the use.

The following public comments were read into the record by Administrative Services Director Mastay.

Lucy Meinhardt provided written comment in support of Council approving the Emergency Shelter Zoning Ordinance.

Kathryn Fitzpatrick provided written comment expressing concern that the public hearing notice had not contained information on how to respond to Council in writing. She expressed concern for the City incurring ongoing costs associated with the trailer use. She supported placing the trailers on County or State property with adjoining services.

Don Bright, Antioch resident, provided written comment opposing the Emergency Shelter overlay proposal for the sites identified and suggested the City choose more appropriate locations for this purpose.

Susan Welch, Antioch resident, provided written comment opposing the Emergency Shelter Zoning Amendment and in support of the Planning Commission’s recommendation to look for other ways to address this issue.

Fire Chief Broussard provided written comment expressing concern for rezoning the property at 301 West 10th Street. He noted that location was adjacent to a Fire Station which is a 24-hour facility, that had experienced various security intrusions.

Sheilagh Driscoll, Antioch resident, provided written comment in support of the Planning Commissioner recommendation because she felt the RV park at the fairgrounds was a more suitable location.

Mark Barbanica, Antioch resident, provided written comment in opposition to placing the emergency trailers in residential neighborhoods, particularly in District 2.

Karen Anderson, Antioch resident, provided written comment in opposition to placing the Emergency Shelter Zoning at the proposed locations and in support of placing the trailers at the fairgrounds.

Mayor Wright closed the public hearing.

In response to Councilmember Motts, City Manager Bernal clarified that the idea of using the fairgrounds was vetted; however, the fairgrounds manager had indicated that it did not qualify.

A motion was made by Councilmember Thorpe to table this item. Councilmember Motts seconded the motion.

Councilmember Motts reported that the Transitional Housing Ad Hoc Committee was considering other options. She noted that the Fitzuren site could be considered for a safe overnight parking area. She explained that there was a tremendous expense associated with not addressing this issue and they would be continuing to look for options to create a better quality of life for all of Antioch by addressing temporary transitional housing that would allow them to move into permanent housing.

Councilmember Ogorchock stated she did not believe any of the proposed sites were viable options. She expressed concern that the 180-day limit would create a situation in which families would have to relocate during a school year. She further noted after the families relocated, the trailers would have to be remodeled and they would also have a short life expectancy when being lived in full time.

Councilmember Thorpe reported additional follow up from the Transitional Housing Ad Hoc Committee and City Manager Bernal would add clarity.

Mayor Wright suggested if infrastructure was needed there may be an opportunity for the City to provide that at the fairgrounds.

On motion by Councilmember Thorpe, seconded by Councilmember Motts the City Council unanimously tabled the introduction an ordinance amending Antioch Municipal Code Sections 9-5.203 and 9-5.3839 regarding emergency shelters and amending the Zoning Map to introduce the Emergency Shelter ("ES") Zoning Overlay to the specified properties.

COUNCIL REGULAR AGENDA

7. DISCUSSION ON ANTIOCH SMALL BUSINESS COVID-19 STIMULUS AND RECOVERY/RETENTION PLAN CONCEPTS

City Manager Bernal introduced Regular Agenda Item #7.

Director of Economic Development Reed and Economic Development Chair Kilbourne and Commissioners Nicks and Kalsbeek presented the staff report dated June 23, 2020 recommending the City Council discuss Antioch Small Business COVID-19 Stimulus and Recovery/Retention Plan concepts and recommend next steps.

Andrew Becker spoke in support of incentivizing the community to spend money locally. He also felt the City should provide financial and technical assistance to struggling businesses. Mayor Wright thanked the Economic Development Commission (EDC) for their recommendations and noted these items could be offered to businesses on an ongoing basis for business retention.

Councilmember Motts thanked the EDC for their recommendations. She suggested the City consider allowing downtown restaurants to utilize parking spaces in front of their businesses for outside dining. She requested a cost analysis for the Business Recovery Plan recommendations. She suggested staff provide businesses with information on how to open with safety guidelines in place to address Covid-19 restrictions.

Director of Economic Development Reed explained that the use of parking fields in front of businesses was being utilized by some businesses and the outdoor dining application allowed for that accommodation. He noted staff was working on this option with businesses to ensure that they could perform at their highest level.

Councilmember Wilson thanked Director of Economic Development Reed for the report and the EDC for their recommendations. She supported a retention plan to support small businesses that were struggling during the Covid-19 crisis.

Councilmember Ogorchock thanked Director of Economic Development Reed and the EDC for their recommendations. She suggested that businesses operating at less than 100% capacity be provided with business license reductions. She stated that she wanted to make sure businesses that received small business loans used the money appropriately. She requested more detail on what would be included in the in-kind support from City departments. She discussed the importance of making sure staffing levels would be appropriate to oversee grant applications.

In response to Councilmember Ogorchock, Director of Economic Development Reed clarified that no businesses had come forward requesting assistance. He reported that some had indicated that they had been successful at getting the Emergency Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) or Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) assistance.

Councilmember Ogorchock stated she looked forward to a future presentation on the recommendations.

Councilmember Thorpe commended staff and the EDC on the report and stated that incentives for small businesses could evolve from the recommendations. He suggested the EDC develop long term opportunities.

Mayor Wright reported that due to Covid-19 the City had not utilized the advertising budget so a portion that money could be reallocated to some of these programs. He requested the EDC, Director of Economic Development Reed and the subcommittee identify recommendations to support business that could be implemented quickly and bring them back for Council consideration as soon as possible.

Director of Economic Development Reed stated he would work with the subcommittee and the EDC to bring a recommendation back to Council.

Mayor Wright thanked the subcommittee for their hard work.

By previous action of Council Agenda Items #8 and #10 were moved to follow the Proclamation.

9. URGENCY ORDINANCE EFFECTING THE EXPIRATION OF THE CITY OF ANTIOCH EVICTION MORATORIUM URGENCY ORDINANCE IN RECOGNITION OF THE CONTRA COSTA COUNTY MORATORIUM ON EVICTIONS AND RENT INCREASES

City Manager Bernal introduced Regular Agenda Item #9.

City Attorney Smith presented the staff report dated June 23, 2020 recommending the City Council adopt the urgency ordinance effecting the expiration of the City of Antioch's temporary moratorium on evictions.

The following public comment was read into the record by Administrative Services Director Mastay.

Ralph Garrow, Antioch resident, provided written comment in support of the staff recommendation to adopt the urgency ordinance.

In response to Councilmember Motts, City Attorney Smith confirmed that the County Ordinance had been extended through July 15, 2020 at which time they would review and determine whether to extend.

ORDINANCE NO. 2187-C-S

On motion by Councilmember Ogorchock, seconded by Councilmember Motts the City Council unanimously adopted the urgency ordinance effecting the expiration of the City of Antioch's temporary moratorium on evictions.

By previous action of Council Agenda Items #8 and #10 were moved to follow the Proclamation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following public comment was read into the record by Administrative Services Director Mastay.

Salina Salgamo provided written comment expressing concern regarding the actions of Councilmember Thorpe.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS – None

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Ogorchock commended Claryssa Wilson for organizing the Juneteenth event and requested a proclamation for memorializing Thomas Gaines Day. She also suggested designating the property owned by Thomas Trost as an historical site with a small monument. She wished everyone a great summer break.

Councilmember Motts requested staff agendaize an update on the status of the Homeless Coordinator position and a discussion on transitional housing options.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Councilmember Ogorchock, seconded by Councilmember Thorpe, the City Council unanimously adjourned the meeting at 10:49 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Kitty Eiden
KITTY EIDEN, Minutes Clerk