

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

**Adjourned Regular Meeting  
6:00 P.M.**

**July 31, 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 6:00 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.

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). 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.

**COUNCIL REGULAR AGENDA – (Continued from the July 28, 2020 Regular Council Meeting)**

**5. RESOLUTION APPROVING ONE (1) ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT I POSITION IN THE CITY CLERK DEPARTMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATE BUDGET ADJUSTMENT**

Acting City Manager Mastay presented the staff report dated July 28, 2020 recommending the City Council adopt a resolution approving one (1) Administrative Assistant I position in the City Clerk's Department and authorizing the City Manager or designee to make the appropriate budget adjustment.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020/122**

On motion by Councilmember Motts, seconded by Councilmember Ogorchock, the City Council unanimously adopted a resolution approving one (1) Administrative Assistant I position in the

City Clerk's Department and authorizing the City Manager or designee to make the appropriate budget adjustment.

**7. RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE TRANSITIONAL HOUSING AD HOC COMMITTEE AND PROVIDE DIRECTION TO STAFF**

Administrative Services Director Mastay presented the staff report dated July 31, 2020 recommending the City Council receive an update from the Transitional Housing Ad Hoc Committee members Mayor Pro Tem Motts and Council Member Thorpe on their ad hoc committee activities and provide direction to staff.

Councilmember Motts, Ad Hoc Committee Member, discussed the evolution of the Homeless Encampment Task Force into the Transitional Housing Ad Hoc Committee. She announced the City in partnership with Sutter, Golden Hills, HealthRIGHT 360, Love Never Fails, Rocketship, Loaves and Fishes and Shelter Inc. among others had the opportunity to model the State in regard to addressing COVID-19 by placing at risk homeless in motels. She reported that she along with Councilmember Thorpe visited the Motel 6 program in Pittsburg and it seemed to be working very well. She explained that their proposal this evening was similar, and the conversation had been started with the owner of the Executive Inn in Antioch. She reported they already provided crisis management and Homeless services for the County which included laundry service, security, and maid service. She added that it was located next to the Golden Hills Church that provided meals Monday-Friday and there was a adjacent parcel where they would consider placing the trailers. She requested the City Council consider bringing the program forward. She reported the City had spent \$1.2M in 2019 and \$1M in 2020 to address homelessness which did not take under consideration what other agencies had spent.

Councilmember Thorpe added that they were trying to find solutions to reduce the number of encampments in Antioch. He explained that they were looking for direction regarding producing a feasibility analysis that considered locations and service models. He stated they were also looking for direction from Council to begin the RFP process through City Manager Bernal.

The following public comments were read into the record by Director of Parks and Recreation Kaiser.

Frank San Martin, Terry Ramus, J Trizuto, Patrick Pulatie, Antioch residents, Eric & Peggy Wunderly, Wayne Steffen, Antioch resident and former member of the Parks and Recreation Commission and Candice Ireland provided written comment in opposition to the Transitional Housing Ad Hoc Committee's recommendation to provide housing for the City's homeless population.

Katie Young, Antioch resident, provided written comment in support of tabling this item, finding a new location for the proposal and the development of a business plan prior to moving forward.

Marie Alvarado-Gil on behalf of members of the East Bay Regional Advisory Board of Rocketship Delta Prep, provided written comment in opposition to the conversion of Executive Inn into a homeless shelter. They requested the City create a community advisory group to provide input on a safety and implementation plan prior to embarking on this endeavor.

Tanya Gentry, Antioch resident, provided written comment requesting the City Council address the impact to schools, daycares and businesses when considering housing and services for unhoused citizens in the area of 18<sup>th</sup> Street and Cavallo Road.

Cynthia Cathey, Antioch resident, parent of students at Rocketship Delta Prep provided written comment expressing concerns regarding a homeless shelter being located near schools.

Nichole Gardner, Patrice Guillory, Antioch resident on behalf of HealthRIGHT 360, Lucille Meinhardt, Michael Gabrielson, Warren Lutz, Antioch residents, Melody Howe Weintraub, Multi-Faith Action Coalition and Gary West provided written comment in support of the Transitional Housing Ad Hoc Committee's recommendation to provide housing for the City's homeless population.

Antwan Webster, Antioch resident and City Council Candidate for District 3, provided written comment in support of Antioch establishing a transitional homelessness resource program for the homeless and in opposition to the Transitional Ad Hoc Committee's recommendation to provide housing for the City's homeless population.

Crystal Peedle, Antioch resident with a student at Rocketship Delta Prep, provided written comment in opposition to the Transitional Ad Hoc Committee's recommendation until there is a management plan and support from the surrounding community and businesses.

Louis Olsen provided written comment in support of the citizens voting on the Transitional Housing Ad Hoc Committee's recommendation to provide housing for the City's homeless population.

The following public comments were made by an individual utilizing Zoom Audio/Video Technology.

Thomas McNell, Antioch resident, spoke in opposition to the Transitional Housing Ad Hoc Committee's recommendation to provide housing for the City's homeless population.

Vanessa Marie Russell, Love Never Fails, spoke in support of the Transitional Housing Ad Hoc Committee's recommendation to provide housing for the City's homeless population and stated that they were prepared to provide services.

Andrew Becker provided an overview of the Home First project in San Jose and spoke to the success of their program. He offered his services to the City and spoke in support of the

Transitional Housing Ad Hoc Committee's recommendation to provide housing for the City's homeless population.

In response to Councilmember Ogorchock, Kate Bristol explained the feasibility analysis would provide options for the program model, costs associated and the appropriateness of the location. In response to Councilmember Ogorchock, Councilmembers Thorpe and Motts gave an overview of the proposed program.

Councilmember Ogorchock expressed her appreciation to Councilmembers Thorpe and Motts for their work on the Transitional Housing Ad Hoc Committee. She also thanked everyone who spoke on this item this evening.

Councilmember Motts reported that this program would not be successful without extensive wraparound services.

Kate Bristol agreed and added that the key to a successful program was that it delivers the services needed and would include taking advantage of what already existed and assessing what services the City would need to fund.

Councilmember Thorpe and Councilmember Motts stated if approved the Ad Hoc Committee would engage the public in the process.

In response to Councilmember Wilson, Councilmember Motts reported she had talked to Supervisor Glover who was very involved in process and Lavonna Martin was also included in the conversations. She noted the Pittsburg program had been very successful at bridging people into permanent housing, which was their goal.

Councilmember Thorpe added that he had also spoken with Supervisor Glover; however, their contact was Lavonna Martin. He noted they planned to go back to ConFire Tri Delta and the County Supervisors representing Antioch to see if they were interested in participating.

Mayor Wright stated he believed this needed to be a regional approach because the County had access to State dollars.

Kate Bristol commented that there was a lot of State money flowing through the Continuum of Care and there were some smaller opportunities for cities. She noted with the potential size of this project, it would have to strongly be connected to the County's system because they had resources residents would need to get into housing as well as the health and medical services.

Mayor Wright stated that he felt working with the County to purchase the Motel would be a better model than a lease. He commented that his hesitation on this item was the cost because the City would continue to incur costs associated with the remainder of the homeless living on the street.

Councilmember Motts explained that the concept was to provide bridge housing so people could move into permanent housing which would free up rooms to serve additional homeless. She noted costs associated with the homeless effected the City, service providers and the community.

Councilmember Thorpe commented that there were entities willing to make financial commitments to this effort so he did not believe the entire costs would come from the City.

A motion was made by Councilmember Thorpe, seconded by Councilmember Motts to direct staff to begin the feasibility study for potential lease of a hotel to house homeless individuals through bridge housing, look at services models and give direction to City Manager Bernal to begin the RFP process for local hotels.

Speaking to the motion, Councilmember Ogorchock stated that she supported the feasibility study and services models; however, she recommended waiting on the RFP until that information came back to Council.

Councilmember Thorpe responded that he wanted the RFP process, feasibility study and services models to occur concurrently.

Mayor Wright agreed with Councilmember Ogorchock noting that he supported the RFP going out after the information came back to Council.

Councilmember Motts commented that she believed the RFP would provide more information on the options available.

A vote taken on the previous motion to: 1) Direct staff to begin a feasibility study for the potential lease of a hotel to house homeless individuals through bridge housing, 2) Direct staff to look at services models; and, 3) Direct City Manager Bernal to begin the RFP process for local hotels carried the following motion:

Ayes: Wilson Thorpe, Motts

Noes: Wright, Ogorchock

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

Phillip Tripp Jr., Antioch resident, provided written comment in opposition to agenda item #4 to approve a grant to hire 6 SRO's in our schools.

The following public comment was made by an individual utilizing Zoom Audio/Video Technology.

Andrew Becker reported he started an organization in Antioch, and they were currently trying to raise funds to purchase shower and restroom trailer to work with the local non-profit in Antioch to implement a program for community members. Contact information was provided.

**STAFF COMMUNICATIONS – None**

**COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS**

Councilmember Ogorchock requested staff agendaize the following items for Council consideration: crosswalk humps in front of schools, update on Project Labor Agreements, cell service downtown and a list of city-owned properties for the RFP/RFQ for non-profits for affordable housing projects.

Councilmember Wilson requested an update on the theatre maintenance at the Nick Rodriguez Center and requested staff agendaize consideration of a resolution of support for a moratorium on oil and gas drilling in Contra Costa County.

Councilmember Motts requested staff agendaize the following items for Council consideration: pilot program during COVID-19 to close Second Street between G Street and City Hall, speed tables on Second Street, creation of a Waterfront Dining District as well as a marketing plan and unreinforced building policy ordinance for downtown revitalization and new business interests.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On motion by Councilmember Motts, seconded by Councilmember Thorpe, the City Council unanimously adjourned the meeting at 7:37 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

*Kitty Eiden*

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KITTY EIDEN, Minutes Clerk