

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

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

**August 25, 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 Special Meeting/Study Session to order at 6:01 P.M., and City Clerk Simonsen called the roll.

Present: Council Members Wilson, Thorpe, Ogorchock and Mayor Wright  
Absent: Council Member Motts (arrived at 6:04 P.M.)

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.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

## **STUDY SESSION**

### **1. FISCAL YEAR 2020-21 BUDGET UPDATE**

City Manager Bernal introduced Agenda Item #1.

Finance Director Merchant presented the staff report dated August 25, 2020 recommending the City Council receive the Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget update and provide direction to staff. She stated she would be coming back to Council in late fall with more accurate budget figures and better estimates for reappropriated capital projects and purchase orders.

In response to Councilmember Motts, Finance Director Merchant explained that some housing developments had been delayed due to COVID-19 and other circumstances, so property tax assessment had been reduced to 5.9 percent. She reported that they received \$106k more in cannabis revenue than was originally budgeted. She commented that once they received data for July, August and September they would do a trend analysis to see how to adjust current year projections.

Councilmember Thorpe thanked Finance Director Merchant for the report and for providing an explanation regarding property tax projections.

Councilmember Ogorchock thanked Finance Director Merchant for the report and for clarifying property tax revenue projections. She stated she understood the consultants were taking the conservative approach and she was pleased to hear the other post-employment benefits (OPEB) projections. She stated she looked forward to receiving more accurate numbers in the fall.

Finance Director Merchant reported that since Council had decided fund the full actuarial determined contribution (ADC) it reduced the OPEB unfunded liability by approximately \$25M, from the prior year.

Councilmember Wilson thanked Finance Director Merchant for the report.

In response to Councilmember Wilson, Finance Director Merchant reported the time had expired for the Nokes Auto Dealership agreement, so was taken out of the budget.

Mayor Wright thanked Finance Director Merchant for the update. He congratulated Council for agreeing to fund the full ADC for OPEB.

In response to Mayor Wright, Finance Director Merchant stated they would come back in the Fall with a budget item, which would include more accurate projections.

**PUBLIC COMMENT – None**

### **ADJOURNMENT OF SPECIAL MEETING/STUDY SESSION**

On motion by Councilmember Thorpe, seconded by Councilmember Ogorchock, the City Council unanimously adjourned the Special Meeting/Study Session at 6:23 P.M.

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

Present: Council Members Wilson, Motts, Thorpe, Ogorchock and Mayor Wright  
Absent: Councilmember Thorpe – arrived at 7:01 P.M.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS OF CIVIC AND COMMUNITY EVENTS – None**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

William Davis Watkins provided written comment expressed concern that the City Council had funded School Resource Officers at a time when school was distance learning.

Michelle Parmenter, Victoria Williams, Vice President of Antioch Council of Teens and Tracy Davis Watkins provided written comment calling for the removal of Officer Mellone from the Antioch Police Department and in support of the City funding community-based resources.

Audrey Davis provided written comment requesting an update regarding the status of town hall meetings and hiring someone to facilitate those discussions.

Megan Watson provided written comment calling for the removal of Officers Mellone and Aiello. She questioned Antioch Police Department had removed a homeless encampment.

Patricia Granados provided written comment discussed police misconduct and spoke in support of the City facilitating open conversations regarding this issue.

Nicole Gardner provided written comment in support of the City opening the Nick Rodrigues Center as a cooling center for the homeless and requesting that it be kept open because the fires had caused bad air quality.

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

Andrew Becker reported that he had been corresponding with representatives from the City of Martinez regarding their weekly shower program for the homeless. He reported he had reached out to see if they would be interested in collaborating with Antioch.

**COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMUNICATIONS**

Councilmember Wilson announced that Tri Delta Transit would be meeting on August 25, 2020 and reported on her attendance with Councilmember Thorpe at the Cannabis Standing Committee meeting.

Councilmember Thorpe stated his committee report was the same as Councilmember Wilson.

Mayor Wright reported on his attendance at TRANSPLAN meeting.

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

Mayor Wright announced that he was working with Councilmember Thorpe on the interview process for the facilitator for the Town Hall Meetings. He recognized all the firefighters who were working hard to quell the wildfires.

- 2. **CONSENT CALENDAR for City /City Council Members acting as Housing Successor to the Antioch Development Agency**
  - A. **APPROVAL OF SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES FOR JUNE 30, 2020**
  - B. **APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES FOR JULY 28, 2020**
  - C. **APPROVAL OF ADJOURNED REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FOR JULY 31, 2020**
  - D. **APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES FOR AUGUST 11, 2020**
  - E. **APPROVAL OF COUNCIL WARRANTS**
  - F. **APPROVAL OF HOUSING SUCCESSOR WARRANTS**
  - G. **ORDINANCE NO. 2190-C-S SECOND READING – DENSITY BONUS ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS (Z-20-02) (Introduced on 08/11/20)**
  - H. **AB 2923 – BART TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT UPDATE**
  - I. **RESOLUTION NO. 2020/132 PUBLIC SAFETY POWER SHUTOFF (“PSPS”) AGREEMENT**
  - J. **RESOLUTION NO. 2020/133 ACCEPTANCE OF WORK AND NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR THE CURB, GUTTER, AND SIDEWALK REPAIR INCLUDING TREE REMOVAL AND STUMP GRINDING AND INSTALLATION OF CONCRETE CURB RAMPS AT MISCELLANEOUS LOCATIONS (2017-2018) (P.W. 507-16)**
  - K. **RESOLUTION NO. 2020/134 ACCEPTANCE OF WORK AND NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR THE INSTALLATION OF CURB RAMPS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS (P.W. 409-6)**
  - L. **RESOLUTION NO. 2020/135 ACCEPTING COMPLETED IMPROVEMENTS AND THE RELEASE OF BONDS FOR QUAIL COVE, TRACT NO. 7938 (P.W. 696)**

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

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**COUNCIL REGULAR AGENDA**

**3. POLICE CRIME PREVENTION COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS FOR ONE VACANCY EXPIRING JUNE 2023 AND ONE VACANCY EXPIRING OCTOBER 2021**

Mayor Wright nominated Jack Bruckman to fill one Police Crime Prevention Commission vacancy expiring June 2023 and Robert Munton to fill one Police Crime Prevention Commission vacancy expiring October 2021 on the Police Crime Prevention Commission.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020/141**

On motion by Councilmember Wilson, seconded by Councilmember Motts the City Council unanimously appointed by resolution Jack Bruckman to fill one Police Crime Prevention Commission vacancy expiring June 2023 and Robert Munton to fill one Police Crime Prevention Commission vacancy expiring October 2021 on the Police Crime Prevention Commission.

**4. RESOLUTION AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2020/21 BUDGET FOR THE ALLOCATION OF \$300,000 IN CARES ACT FUNDING AND REPROGRAMMING OF \$120,000 IN THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENTS BUDGET TOWARDS COVID-19 SMALL BUSINESS RELIEF INCLUDING \$15,000 FOR THE ANTIOCH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADMINISTERING THE SMALL BUSINESS GRANT PROGRAM**

Mayor Wright announced that due to his association with the Antioch Chamber of Commerce, he would be recusing himself from item #4. He turned the meeting over to Mayor Pro Tem Motts and disconnected his video feed.

City Manager Bernal introduced Regular Agenda Item #4.

Director of Economic Development Reed presented the staff report dated August 25, 2020 recommending the City Council adopt a resolution to approve amending the fiscal year 2020/21 budget for the allocation of \$300,000 in CARES Act funding and reprogramming of \$120,000 in the Economic Development Department budget towards COVID-19 small business relief including \$15,000 for the Antioch Chamber of Commerce for the purpose of administering the small business grant program.

Councilmember Thorpe thanked Director of Economic Development Reed for the report and spoke in support of the Chamber of Commerce playing a role in the program.

In response to Councilmember Thorpe, Director of Economic Development Reed explained that the Economic Development Department would be provide oversight of funding distributed by the City.

In response to Councilmember Wilson, Director of Economic Development Reed provided an estimated timeline for the application process.

Councilmember Ogorchock thanked Director of Economic Development Reed and the EDC for developing this program.

In response to Councilmember Ogorchock, Director of Economic Development Reed clarified that businesses that had not been allowed to reopen would be eligible to apply. He stated staff and the Chamber would push the information out and if EDC members had the ability, they could also participate in outreach.

Mayor Pro Tem Motts discussed the importance of reaching out to the entire business community, as soon as possible. She requested an amendment to the resolution to include \$15K of CARES Act funding for barricades and labor associated, for outdoor dining.

In response to Councilmember Ogorchock, City Attorney Smith confirmed that the outdoor dining funding request fell within the scope of this agenda item.

City Manager Bernal commented the outdoor dining proposal would require an amendment to for the expenditure of the funds and it would be up to Council to determine if it was an appropriate use. He explained that it would cost approximately \$15k to purchase and install barriers for a 120-foot section. He commented that Council could utilize part of the \$300k in CARES Act funding or increase the total amount of allocation to \$315k for the dining proposal.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020/136**

On motion by Councilmember Thorpe, seconded by Councilmember Ogorchock, the City Council members present unanimously adopted a resolution to approve amending the fiscal year 2020/21 budget for the allocation of \$315,000 in CARES Act funding and reprogramming of \$120,000 in the Economic Development Department budget towards COVID-19 small business relief including \$15,000 for the Antioch Chamber of Commerce for the purpose of administering the small business grant program. The motion carried the following vote:

*Ayes: Wilson, Thorpe, Ogorchock, Motts*

Mayor Wright returned to the meeting.

**5. SAND CREEK FOCUS AREA ALTERNATIVE PLANNING PROCESS**

City Manager Bernal introduced Regular Agenda Item #5.

Director of Community Development Ebbs presented the staff report dated August 25, 2020 recommending the City Council adopt a Resolution repealing Resolution 2005/41 and amending the Sand Creek Focus Area Alternative Planning Process.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020/137**

On motion by Councilmember Ogorchock, seconded by Councilmember Wilson, the City Council unanimously adopted a Resolution repealing Resolution 2005/41 and amending the Sand Creek Focus Area Alternative Planning Process.

**6. TRAFFIC CALMING POLICY (P.W. 282-19)**

City Manager Bernal introduced Regular Agenda Item #6.

Director of Public Works/City Engineer Samuelson presented the staff report dated August 25, 2020 recommending the City Council adopt a resolution approving an amendment of the City of Antioch's Traffic Calming Policy ("Policy").

Mayor Wright thanked Director of Public Works/City Engineer Samuelson for the report.

Councilmember Ogorchock spoke in support of staff's recommendation and she suggested traffic calming measures be prioritized in school zones.

Director of Public Works/City Engineer Samuelson recommended that staff look at additional enhancements in areas adjacent to high pedestrian generating facility.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020/138**

On motion by Councilmember Ogorchock, seconded by Councilmember Motts the City Council unanimously adopted a resolution approving an amendment of the City of Antioch's Traffic Calming Policy ("Policy").

**7. CREATION OF A TRAFFIC CALMING AD HOC COMMITTEE**

City Manager Bernal introduced Regular Agenda Item #7.

Councilmember Thorpe withdrew his request for the creation of a Traffic Calming Ad Hoc Committee since Council had adopted a Traffic Calming Policy with the previous agenda item.

**8. NORTHEAST ANTIOCH ANNEXATION UTILITY CONNECTION FEES**

City Manager Bernal introduced Regular Agenda Item #8.

Director of Public Works/City Engineer Samuelson presented the staff report dated August 25, 2020 recommending the City Council provide direction regarding providing financial assistance for utility connection fees to customers in the Northeast Antioch Annexation area.

Councilmember Ogorchock reported a resident on Viera Lane had discussed a promise by the City that utility connections would go to his house. She questioned how many people had approached the City asking for assistance in bringing sewer and water to their property.

City Manager Bernal stated that he was only aware of one person requesting assistance.

Director of Public Works/City Engineer Samuelson stated he was not aware of any requests for assistance for connections from this neighborhood.

Councilmember Ogorchock reported that a resident was attempting to refinance his property and could not proceed because it was a private street. She noted another resident reported he was losing his well due to PG&E conducting rolling black outs.

Following discussion, City Manager Bernal stated that staff would investigate financing options for the property owners and what it would take to bring private streets up to public street standards. He added that they would also attempt to find solutions for the property owners to economically and reasonably tie into sewer and water, in the future.

**9. RESOLUTION APPROVING A NEW CLASS SPECIFICATION OF UNHOUSED RESIDENT COORDINATOR, ASSIGNING A SALARY RANGE, HAVING THIS SALARY RANGE PLACED ON THE HOURLY CLASSIFICATIONS SALARY SCHEDULE, AND AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATE BUDGET ADJUSTMENT**

City Manager Bernal introduced Regular Agenda Item #9.

Administrative Services Director Mastay presented the staff report dated August 25, 2020 recommending the City Council adopt a resolution: 1) Approving the class specification of Unhoused Resident Coordinator; and 2) Assigning the Unhoused Resident Coordinator classification to a salary range and having this salary range placed on the hourly classification salary schedule; and 3) Authorize the Appropriate Budget Adjustments.

Councilmember Motts and Mayor Wright stated they believed this position would be significant in helping the City address the homelessness issue.

Mayor Wright stated that this position was needed and would enable City Manager Bernal to focus on other things.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020/139**

On motion by Councilmember Thorpe, seconded by Councilmember Motts the City Council unanimously adopted a resolution: 1) Approving the class specification of Unhoused Resident Coordinator; and 2) Assigning the Unhoused Resident Coordinator classification to a salary range and having this salary range placed on the hourly classification salary schedule; and 3) Authorize the Appropriate Budget Adjustments.

**10. RESOLUTION FOR APPROVING A PARTIAL CHANGE IN OWNERSHIP OF ALLUVIUM, INC.**

City Manager Bernal introduced Regular Agenda Item #10.



City Attorney Smith presented the staff report dated August 25, 2020 recommending the City Council adopt the resolution approving a partial change in ownership of Alluvium, Inc.

Ryan Johnson, representing Cookies Inc., stated he was available to answer any questions regarding their partnership with Alluvium to develop the Lemonnade site in Antioch. He noted they took pride in integrating into and giving back to local communities.

Daniel Firtel representing Cookies Inc., gave a brief history of their business and stated they were pleased to be opening the Lemonnade concept in Antioch. He stated that they believed the City would be very happy with the buildout, operation and the benefits they would be providing to the community.

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

Candance Ireland, Antioch resident and Patti O'Brien representing Alluvium provided written comment in support of the resolution approving a partial change in ownership of Alluvium, Inc.

In response to Councilmember Ogorchock, Nima Gabbay explained both owners of Alluvium would retain ownership in the company and once opened for operation Alluvium would have 30% ownership.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020/140**

On motion by Councilmember Thorpe, seconded by Councilmember Wilson the City Council unanimously adopt the resolution approving a partial change in ownership of Alluvium, Inc.

**11. WATERFRONT REVITALIZATION AD HOC COMMITTEE DISSOLUTION OR CREATION OF A STANDING COMMITTEE**

City Manager Bernal introduced Regular Agenda Item #11.

City Manager Bernal/Administrative Services Director Mastay presented the staff report dated August 25, 2020 recommending the City Council take the following actions: 1) Receive an update from Committee members of the Waterfront Revitalization Ad Hoc Committee on their ad hoc committee activities. 2) Determine whether to extend the ad hoc committee, dissolve the ad hoc committee or create a standing committee.

Councilmember Wilson and Councilmember Motts reported on the Waterfront Ad Hoc Committee and requested Council consider that it be dissolved to form a Standing Committee.

Following discussion, Mayor Wright thanked Councilmember Wilson and Councilmember Motts for their efforts and announced that consideration of the Waterfront Standing Committee would be placed on the September 8, 2020 City Council agenda.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – None

**STAFF COMMUNICATIONS** – None

**COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS**

Councilmember Ogorchock requested staff agendize insurance opportunities for sewer lines from Delta Diablo to help with costs of failing systems.

Councilmember Motts requested staff agendize Council consideration of additionally funding for Code Enforcement staffing and establishing a Keep Antioch Beautiful Day in October to coincide with a republic services free disposal day.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On motion by Councilmember Ogorchock, seconded by Councilmember Thorpe the City Council unanimously adjourned the meeting at 8:54 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

*Kitty Eiden*

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KITTY EIDEN, Minutes Clerk