

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Regular Meeting
7:00 P.M.

September 8, 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.

Mayor Wright called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M., and Minutes Clerk Eiden called the roll.

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

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

1. INTRODUCTION OF NEW CITY EMPLOYEES

Finance Director Merchant introduced Amy Johnston, Lead Customer Services Representative, who thanked the City Council for authorizing the position and stated it was a pleasure to be working for the City of Antioch.

Public Works Water Distribution Superintendent Connelly introduced Adrian Reyes, Lead Water Distribution Operator who stated he was grateful for the opportunity to work for the City of Antioch.

Public Works Water Distribution Superintendent Connelly introduced Elliot Becker, Lead Water Distribution Operator who stated he was grateful for the opportunity to work for the City of Antioch.

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF CIVIC AND COMMUNITY EVENTS – None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following public comment was made by an individual who dialed in via telephone during the meeting.

Frank Sterling urged Mayor Wright to call a special meeting to address the concerns of the hunger strikers camped in front of the Antioch Police Department (APD). He discussed his personal experiences with the APD.

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

Athena Davis, Walnut Creek resident, voiced her support for individuals who were hunger striking at the Antioch Police Department and urged Council to act immediately.

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.

Emily Campos, Tannar Wells, Julio Hernandez Jr, Emily Harris, Dakota Spencer, Sofia Gatchalian, Claudia Kelly, Haley Hastings, Danielle Mirano, Jonathan Ferrari, Dominique Brown, Kimberlee Bell, Michelle Parmenter, Lia Nicole, Stephani Prieto, Laura Leslie, Nicholas Sessions, Jennifer Devries MD MPH, Jessica Ferguson, Valleria Rivas, Jacob Ilne, Jovanni Carrillo, Gabrielle Martin, Indigo Byers, Nakisha Trotter, Danae Griffin, Andy Herrada, Michele Huffaker, Elisa Gomez, Kathleen Ellis, Rosa Yee-Phinith, Lukas Carbone, Angela, Susan, Susana Soto, Tessa Maria, Jordan Trezona, Sophia Aliaga, Kelechi Nnebedum, Milen Abraha, Nocturnal Tentacles, Taylor Valerga, Johnny Switchblade, Tay Vay, Chloe Campos, Roseville resident, Kaylani Phillips, Auburn resident, Deanna Gordon, McKenna Peterson, Moxie Marsh, Leigh Stackpole, Patricia Granados, Gretchen Tofflemire, Michael Kerr, Bay Point resident, Anonymous and William Davis-Watkins, Antioch resident provided written comment in support of the demands from the "6 Forced 2 Strike" that are camped in front of the APD. Several speakers also requested a discussion of their demands be agendaized for a future City Council meeting.

Jacob, Oakley resident, Seygi Fernandez, El Cerrito resident representing Together We Stand, Rhiannon Priolini, Gia Hallaman, Sara Sakarata and Rin Boegel Walnut Creek residents, Jovanni Carrillo, Fremont resident representing East Bay Resistance, Dezirae Webster, Antioch resident representing Hunger Strike Antioch, Lacey Emery, Jessica Jenkins, Oakland resident, Indigo, Roman Ruddick, Martinez resident, Bella Keefe, Castro Valley resident, Danae, Salisa Campos, Roseville resident, Laura Ornelas, Audrey Theriault, Antioch resident, Deanna Gordon, Amy Prindle, Walnut Creek resident, Gabby, Kyra Hinton, Sonoma resident, provided written comment calling for a special meeting be scheduled to discuss the demands of the hunger strikers camped in front of the APD.

Sonya Cravines, Antioch resident, provided written comment discussing criminal activity occurring in her neighborhood and requested the City demand more owner-occupied residences and increase the police force and patrols in their neighborhood.

Elizabeth, Antioch resident, provided written comment requesting an update on the status of the investigation into the hiring of Officer Mellone and questioned if Council or Chief Brooks had engaged in conversation with the hunger strikers.

Director of Parks and Recreation Kaiser provided written comment announcing that September was Coastal Clean Up Month and encouraging families to collect litter in their neighborhoods, parks and trails. She noted prizes would be awarded to family members that participated by sending a selfie of clean up events to kalsaker@antiochca.gov.

Anonymous and Anonymous provided written comment in support of the removal of Officers Mellone and Aiello from the APD.

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

Daniel, Dale Watson, Tracey Davis-Watkins, Megan Watson, Tamisha Walker, Haley Hastings Karen Bee, Kevin McManimen, Lucas Stuart-Chilcote Antioch residents, Thomas Spadini, Pleasant Hill resident, Cleo Lepolo, Brentwood resident, Luis, East County resident, provided written comment in support of the demands from the "6 Forced 2 Strike" that are camped in front of the APD. Some speakers also requested a discussion of their demands to be agendized for a future Council meeting.

Veronica Barajas, Antioch resident, provided written comment requesting Council consider the effects of poor decision making.

Grace Karkanias, Fremont resident representing East Bay Resistance, Matthew Whitlow, Antioch resident, provided written comment calling for a special meeting be scheduled to discuss the demands of the hunger strikers camped in front of the APD.

Wendell Watkins, Antioch resident, provided written comment provided written comment in support of defunding the APD to fund community-based programs.

Audrey Davis, Antioch resident, provided written comment asking for discussions to take place on racism, police reform, the hiring of Officer Mellone and the SRO program.

Bernadine Graham provided written comment expressing concern for the presence of the V2K organization in Antioch.

Sara Blanco provided written comment in which she expressed concern regarding Mayor Wright's interaction with protesters and in support of the demands from the "6 Forced 2 Strike" that are camped in front of the APD.

The following public comment was made by an individual who dialed in via telephone during the meeting.

Lacey Brown stated she was a hunger-striker in front of the APD and expressed concern regarding comments posted on social media regarding their efforts to engage in conversation with Mayor Wright. She encouraged Mayor Wright to participate in a conversation with them.

Michael Samson, Walnut Creek resident, spoke in support of the demands from the “6 Forced 2 Strike” that are camped in front of the APD.

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

Olivia Coughlin, Walnut Creek resident and Cameron Cole, Pleasant Hill resident, provided written comment in support of scheduling a special meeting to discuss the demands of the hunger strikers camped in front of the APD.

Julio Jesse Mendez, San Mateo resident, provided written comment in support of the demands from the “6 Forced 2 Strike” that are camped in front of the APD.

Chuck provided written comment encouraging Council to not submit to the demands of the hunger strikers.

COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Wilson reported on her attendance at the Tri Delta Transit and Cannabis Standing Committee meetings.

Councilmember Thorpe reported on his attendance Tri Delta Transit, Cannabis Standing Committee and Transitional Housing Ad Hoc Committee meetings. He announced they were finalizing interviews with the facilitators for the Bridging the Gap forums. He explained that it was not Council’s place to get into the affairs of the APD Police Union and he requested an update regarding the Officer Mellone investigation.

Councilmember Motts reported on her attendance at the Sesquicentennial Committee meeting and noted that because of COVID-19 they were requesting the committee be closed until January 2021. She thanked Director of Parks and Recreation Kaiser for creating a historic video of Antioch. She reported on her attendance at the Transitional Housing Committee meeting. She requested an update on the Officer Mellone investigation and discussed the process for hiring a moderator for the Bridging the Gap Program.

Mayor Wright reported on his attendance at the Sesquicentennial Committee meeting. He announced that they were in the process of hiring a facilitator for the Bridging the forums and as soon as one was selected, forums would begin.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Wright apologized for being on and off the video of the meeting and reported that while he was preparing for the meeting protesters were at his building. He explained that protesters did not request to have a conversation with him, and he would be happy to set up meetings with residents.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES FOR JULY 28, 2020
- B. APPROVAL OF ADJOURNED REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FOR JULY 31, 2020
- C. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES FOR AUGUST 11, 2020
- D. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES FOR AUGUST 25, 2020
- E. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL WARRANTS
- F. APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT FOR JUNE 2020
- G. APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT FOR JULY 2020
- H. RESOLUTION NO. 2020/142 PROPOSITION 68 – PER CAPITA ALLOCATION OF GRANT FUNDS
- I. RESOLUTION NO. 2020/143 LOCAL ROADWAY SAFETY PLAN (P.W. 282-20)
- J. RESOLUTION NO. 2020/144 ACCEPTING COMPLETED IMPROVEMENTS AND THE RELEASE OF BONDS FOR ALMONDRIDGE EAST UNIT 10, TRACT NO. 8880 (P.W. 485-10)
- K. RESOLUTION NO. 2020/145 BID AWARD - CLOTHING APPAREL, UNIFORMS AND ACCESSORIES
- L. RESOLUTION NO. 2020/146 BID AWARD - ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES
- M. RESOLUTION NO. 2020/147 BID AWARD - JANITORIAL SUPPLIES AND ACCESSORIES
- N. CONSIDERATION OF BIDS FOR THE ANTIOCH PAVEMENT REHABILITATION PROJECT (P.W. 392-31)

O. RESOLUTION NO. 2020/148 APPROVING AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO THE CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ANTIOCH AND VOLER STRATEGIC ADVISORS AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT

On motion by Councilmember Ogorchock, seconded by Councilmember Thorpe, the City Council unanimously approved the Council Consent Calendar with the exception of Items H and N, which were removed for further discussion.

Item H – City Manager Bernal introduced Item H. Director of Parks and Recreation Kaiser presented the staff report dated September 8, 2020 recommending the City Council adopt the resolution.

In response to Council, Director of Parks and Recreation Kaiser stated staff would come back to Council with a progress reports for grant process and they would continue with community outreach. She agreed to analyze Marchetti Park to determine if it would qualify under Proposition 68.

On motion by Councilmember Wilson, seconded by Councilmember Ogorchock the City Council unanimously approved Item H.

Item N – City Manager Bernal announced that there had been a bid protest the City needed to address, so he was recommending that Item N be continued.

On motion by Councilmember Thorpe, seconded by Councilmember Ogorchock, the City Council unanimously continued Item N.

COUNCIL REGULAR AGENDA

3. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE PUBLIC AGENCY RETIREMENT SERVICES (PARS) SECTION 457 ALTERNATIVE RETIREMENT PLAN (ARS)

City Manager Bernal introduced Regular Agenda Item #3.

Administrative Services Director Mastay presented the staff report dated September 8, 2020 recommending the City Council adopt a resolution authorizing an amendment to the PARS Section 457(b) Alternative Retirement Plan (“Plan”) amending the contribution split under the Plan for eligible part-time, seasonal and temporary employees to zero percent (0%) Employer Contribution and 7.5 percent Employee Contribution.

In response to Council, Administrative Services Director Mastay explained that this action would affect 87 employees.

On motion by Councilmember Thorpe, seconded by Councilmember Ogorchock the City Council continued Regular Agenda Item #3.

4. CREATION OF A WATERFRONT REVITALIZATION STANDING COMMITTEE

City Manager Bernal introduced Regular Agenda Item #4.

Administrative Services Director Mastay presented the staff report dated September 8, 2020 recommending the City Council: 1) Adopt the resolution to form the Waterfront Revitalization Standing Committee; and 2) Confirm the appointment of the two (2) members of the standing committee.

City Attorney Smith added that there was additional staffing cost for Standing Committees because they followed Brown Act protocol.

Councilmember Motts and Councilmember Wilson reported on the Waterfront Revitalization Committee and requested Council approve the resolution to form a Standing Committee.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020/149

On motion by Councilmember Motts, seconded by Councilmember Wilson, the City Council unanimously adopted the resolution to form the Waterfront Revitalization Standing Committee and confirmed the appointment of Councilmembers Wilson and Motts.

5. SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION AD HOC COMMITTEE DISSOLUTION OR CREATION OF A STANDING COMMITTEE

City Manager Bernal introduced Regular Agenda Item #5.

Administrative Services Director Mastay presented the staff report dated September 8, 2020 recommending the City Council: 1) Receive an update from Committee members of the Sexual Violence Prevention Ad Hoc Committee on their ad hoc committee activities. 2) Determine whether to dissolve the ad hoc committee or create a standing committee. (Please note: Ad Hoc Committees may be dissolved, and another created with a different and specific purpose, in the same genre).

Councilmember Wilson provided an update on the Sexual Violence Prevention Ad Hoc Committee.

On motion by Councilmember Wilson, seconded by Councilmember Motts, the City Council unanimously dissolved the Sexual Violence Prevention Ad Hoc committee

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sara Blonco provided written comment in which she countered comments Mayor Wright made on social media and requested Council support the demands of the hunger strikers at the APD.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS – None

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Ogorchock reported that Jim Boccio had passed away and requested the meeting be adjourned in his honor.

Councilmember Motts stated that Mr. Boccio was a great community member and would be missed.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Councilmember Ogorchock, seconded by Councilmember Motts, the City Council unanimously adjourned the meeting in honor and in name of Jim Boccio at 8:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Kitty Eiden

KITTY EIDEN, Minutes Clerk