



## **CALL OF SPECIAL MEETING**

### **Antioch City Council Special Meeting**

Pursuant to Government Code section 54956, I hereby call a Special Meeting of the Antioch City Council. Said meeting shall be held on the following date, time and place:

**DATE:** Friday, February 26, 2021

**TIME:** 5:00 P.M. Special Meeting

**PLACE:** 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, is making Antioch City Council meetings available via Comcast channel 24, AT&T U-verse channel 99, or live stream (at [www.antiochca.gov](http://www.antiochca.gov)).

The only items of business to be considered at such special meeting shall be set forth on the Special Meeting Agenda.

**Dated:** February 24, 2021

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "L. Thorpe", written over a horizontal line.

LAMAR THORPE, Mayor  
City of Antioch



## **AGENDA**

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If you wish to provide a written public comment, you may do so any of the following ways **by 3:00 p.m. the day of the Council Meeting**: (1) Fill out an online speaker card, located at [https://www.antiochca.gov/speaker\\_card](https://www.antiochca.gov/speaker_card), or (2) Email the City Clerk's Department at [cityclerk@ci.antioch.ca.us](mailto:cityclerk@ci.antioch.ca.us).

To provide oral public comments during the meeting, click the following link to register in advance to access the meeting via Zoom Webinar: <https://www.antiochca.gov/speakers>. You may also provide an oral public comment by dialing **(925) 776-3057**. Please see inside cover for detailed Speaker Rules.

*The City cannot guarantee that its network and/or the site will be uninterrupted. To ensure that the City Council receives your comments, you must submit your comments in writing **by 3:00 p.m. the day of the City Council Meeting**.*

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**Lamar Thorpe**, Mayor

**Monica E. Wilson**, Mayor Pro Tem (Council Member District 4)

**Tamisha Torres-Walker**, Council Member District 1

**Michael Barbanica**, Council Member District 2

**Lori Ogorchock**, Council Member District 3

**Ellie Householder**, City Clerk

**Lauren Posada**, City Treasurer

**Ron Bernal**, City Manager

**Thomas Lloyd Smith**, City Attorney

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**Electronic Agenda Packet:** <https://www.antiochca.gov/government/agendas-and-minutes/city-council/>

## **SPEAKERS' RULES**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THIS MEETING:** To protect our residents, officials, and staff, and aligned with the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20, certain teleconference requirements of the Brown Act have been suspended, including the requirement to provide a physical location for members of the public to participate in the meeting.

Members of the public seeking to observe the meeting may do so at [https://www.antiochca.gov/live\\_stream](https://www.antiochca.gov/live_stream), on Comcast Channel 24, or AT&T U-Verse Channel 99.

Members of the public wishing to provide public comment may do so in the following ways (#2 pertains to the Zoom Webinar):

1. Fill out an online speaker card **by 3:00 p.m. the day of the Council Meeting** located at: [https://www.antiochca.gov/speaker\\_card](https://www.antiochca.gov/speaker_card).
2. Provide oral public comments during the meeting by clicking the following link to register in advance to access the meeting via Zoom Webinar: <https://www.antiochca.gov/speakers>
  - You will be asked to enter an email address and a name. Your email address will not be disclosed to the public. After registering, you will receive an email with instructions on how to connect to the meeting.
  - When the Mayor announces public comments, click the "raise hand" feature in Zoom. For instructions on using the "raise hand" feature in Zoom, visit: [https://www.antiochca.gov/raise\\_hand](https://www.antiochca.gov/raise_hand). When calling into the meeting using the Zoom Webinar telephone number, press \*9 on your telephone keypad to "raise your hand". Please ensure your Zoom client is updated so staff can enable your microphone when it is your turn to speak.
3. Email comments to [cityclerk@ci.antioch.ca.us](mailto:cityclerk@ci.antioch.ca.us) **by 3:00 p.m. the day of the Council Meeting**. The 3comment will be read into the record at the meeting (350 words maximum, up to 3 minutes, at the discretion of the Mayor). **IMPORTANT:** Identify the agenda item in the subject line of your email (i.e. "Public Comments" or a specific Agenda Item number). No one may speak more than once on an agenda item or during "Public Comments". All emails received **by 3:00 p.m. the day of the Council Meeting** will be entered into the record for the meeting.

Speakers will be notified shortly before they are called to speak.

- When called to speak, please limit your comments to the time allotted (350 words, up to 3 minutes, at the discretion of the Mayor).

After having heard from the public, the agenda item will be closed. Deliberations will then be limited to members of the City Council.

If the Council meeting appears to be going late, the City Council may decide to continue some items until a subsequent meeting. We will try to make this determination around 10:00 p.m. It is the goal of the City Council to stop discussing agenda items no later than 11:00 p.m.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and California law, it is the policy of the City of Antioch to offer its public programs, services and meetings in a manner that is readily accessible to everyone, including individuals with disabilities. If you are a person with a disability and require information or materials in an appropriate alternative format; or if you require any other accommodation, please contact the ADA Coordinator at the number or address below at least 72 hours prior to the meeting or when you desire to receive services. Advance notification within this guideline will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility. The City's ADA Coordinator can be reached @ Phone: (925) 779-6950, and e-mail: [publicworks@ci.antioch.ca.us](mailto:publicworks@ci.antioch.ca.us).

### **Notice of Opportunity to Address Council**

The public has the opportunity to address the Council on each agenda item. To address the Council, fill out a Speaker Request form online **by 3:00 p.m. the day of the Council Meeting** at [https://www.antiochca.gov/speaker\\_card](https://www.antiochca.gov/speaker_card). See the Speakers' Rules on the inside cover of this Agenda. The Council can only take action on items that are listed on the agenda. Comments regarding matters not on this Agenda may be addressed during the "Public Comments" section. No one may speak more than once on an agenda item or during "Public Comments".

**5:00 P.M.      ROLL CALL – SPECIAL MEETING – for Council Members**

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

#### **OPENING REMARKS BY MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL**

#### **PRESENTATION BY CHIEF TAMMANY BROOKS OF POLICE REPORT EFFORTS TO DATE AT ANTIOCH POLICE DEPARTMENT**

#### ***COUNCIL REGULAR AGENDA***

**1.      MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS RESPONSE**

Recommended Action: It is recommended that the City Council discuss, receive public comments, and provide direction to staff.

**2.      OFFICER TRAINING ENHANCEMENTS / MODULES**

Recommended Action: It is recommended that the City Council discuss, receive public comments, and provide direction to staff.

**3.      DEMILITARIZATION EFFORTS**

Recommended Action: It is recommended that the City Council discuss, receive public comments, and provide direction to staff.

**4.      INCREASED ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY, INCLUDING BODY WORN AND IN VEHICLE CAMERAS**

Recommended Action: It is recommended that the City Council discuss, receive public comments, and provide direction to staff.

## **COUNCIL REGULAR AGENDA – Continued**

### **5. ESTABLISHING INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF ON DUTY POLICE OFFICER COMPLAINTS**

Recommended Action: It is recommended that the City Council discuss, receive public comments, and provide direction to staff.

### **6. POLICE HIRING AND SCREENING PRACTICES**

Recommended Action: It is recommended that the City Council discuss, receive public comments, and provide direction to staff.

### **7. NOTIFICATION PROTOCOLS FOR MAJOR INCIDENTS**

Recommended Action: It is recommended that the City Council discuss, receive public comments, and provide direction to staff.

### **8. RESOLUTION IMPLEMENTING A POLICY FOR THE CITY, INCLUDING ALL OF ITS DEPARTMENTS, REGARDING THE SELECTION OF ATTORNEYS PROVIDING CONTRACT SERVICES, AND THE REVIEW, AUTHORIZATION AND EXECUTION OF ALL AGREEMENTS FOR LEGAL SERVICES AND SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED BY ATTORNEYS TO THE CITY**

Recommended Action: It is recommended that the City Council adopt the resolution implementing a policy for the City including all of its departments regarding the selection of attorneys providing contract services, and the review, authorization, and execution of all agreements for legal services, and services to be provided by attorneys to the City.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – *Members of the public may comment only on unagendized items.*

**MOTION TO ADJOURN** – *The Mayor will make a motion to adjourn the meeting. A second of the motion is required, and then a majority vote is required to adjourn the meeting.*

CITY OF  
**ANTIOCH**  
CALIFORNIA

**STAFF REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL**

**DATE:** Special Meeting of February 26, 2021

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

**SUBMITTED BY:** Thomas Lloyd Smith, City Attorney *TL*

**SUBJECT:** Resolution Implementing a Policy for the City, Including All of Its Departments, Regarding the Selection of Attorneys Providing Contract Services, and the Review, Authorization and Execution of All Agreements for Legal Services and Services to be Provided by Attorneys to the City

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the resolution implementing a policy for the City including all of its departments regarding the selection of attorneys providing contract services, and the review, authorization, and execution of all agreements for legal services and services to be provided by attorneys to the City ("Attachment A").

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no projected financial impact for the City.

**DISCUSSION**

The policy communicates a uniform and streamlined framework where the City Attorney has oversight over the selection of attorneys providing contract services, and the review, authorization and execution of all agreements for legal services and services to be provided by attorneys (collectively "Legal Services") to and on behalf of the City, including all of its departments.

**ATTACHMENTS**

A. Resolution

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021/\*\***

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ANTIOCH IMPLEMENTING A POLICY FOR THE CITY, INCLUDING ALL OF ITS DEPARTMENTS, REGARDING THE SELECTION OF ATTORNEYS PROVIDING CONTRACT SERVICES, AND THE REVIEW, AUTHORIZATION AND EXECUTION OF ALL AGREEMENTS FOR LEGAL SERVICES AND SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED BY ATTORNEYS TO THE CITY**

**WHEREAS**, the City desires to implement a policy for the City, including all of its departments, regarding the selection of attorneys providing contract services, and the review, authorization and execution of all agreements for legal services and services to be provided by attorneys (collectively "Legal Services") to the City;

**WHEREAS**, any agreements for Legal Services to be provided to the City shall require approval consistent with Antioch Municipal Code, Title 3, Chapter 4, Article II, and written approval of the City Attorney;

**WHEREAS**, the City Attorney shall review all invoices submitted for Legal Services pursuant to existing agreements and agreements executed on or after the effective date of this Resolution, and be responsible for authorizing payment of such invoices; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council believes that this policy will help improve quality and efficiency in the delivery of Legal Services.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Antioch as follows:

Section 1. The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. The City Council hereby directs that the City Attorney shall exercise discretion over the selection of all attorneys providing Legal Services, as defined herein, for the City including all of its departments.

Section 3. The City Council hereby directs that all agreements for the provision of Legal Services, as defined herein, to the City, including all of its departments, or on behalf of the City that are to be paid by the City shall be submitted to the City Attorney for review and approval, and the City Attorney shall have the discretion to approve and execute all such agreements on behalf of the City when the City Attorney determines the agreement is consistent with Antioch Municipal Code, Title 3, Chapter 4, Article II. Any agreements for Legal Services to the City or on behalf of the City that are not approved by the City Attorney in writing shall be void.

Section 4. All invoices for Legal Services, as defined herein, shall be required to be submitted to the City Attorney for review and payment through the City Attorney's Office. No payment shall be made for Legal Services pursuant to existing or future agreements unless approved in writing by the City Attorney. Therefore, the budgeted

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amount for the City Attorney's Office shall include the amounts necessary for the payment of such invoices.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY** that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Antioch at a special meeting thereof, held on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2021, by the following vote:

**AYES:**

**NOES:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**ABSENT:**

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**ELIZABETH HOUSEHOLDER  
CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF ANTIOCH**