

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

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

**January 12, 2021
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. 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/speaker_card, (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.

6:15 P.M. - CLOSED SESSION

- 1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS** – This Closed Session with the City’s Labor Negotiators is authorized by California Government Code section 54957.6; City designated representatives: Nickie Mastay and Jeff Bailey; Employee organization: Treatment Plant Employees’ Association (TPEA).

Mayor Thorpe called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M. and led a moment of silence in memory of Capitol Hill Police Officer, Brian Sicknick. City Clerk Householder called the roll.

Present: Council Members District 1 Torres-Walker, District 2 Barbanica, District 3 Ogorchock, Mayor Pro Tem (District 4) Wilson and Mayor Thorpe

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Barbanica led the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Attorney Smith reported the City Council had been in Closed Session and gave the following report: **#1 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS**, no reportable action.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 FROM THE OCTOBER 13, 2020, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING: Tanicia Shamay Currie, Plaintiff, v. Mark Moraga, et al., Defendants. United States District Court Case No. 19-cv-07540-SK: City Attorney Smith reported the City Council was in Closed Session on October 13, 2020 and gave the following report: the former City Council by a 5/0 vote authorized the City Attorney to settle this case for \$67,000.

1. INTRODUCTION OF NEW CITY EMPLOYEES

City Manager Bernal introduced Agenda Item #2.

Chief Brooks introduced Erin Lewis, Vanessa Flores and Cathie Marlow, Police Records Technicians, who thanked Chief Brooks for the introduction and stated they looked forward to working for the City of Antioch.

Director of Public Works/City Engineer Samuelson introduced Christina Raposa, Public Works Technician, Phillis Guillory, Administrative Assistant II, Gage Dunwell, Collection Systems Supervisor, Rheanna Andelin, Public Works Technician and Brittney Briceno, Administrative Assistant, who thanked Director of Public Works/City Engineer Samuelson for the introduction and stated they looked forward to working for the City of Antioch.

Assistant City Manager Bayon Moore introduced Jazmin Ridley, Unhoused Resident Coordinator, who thanked Assistant City Manager Bayon Moore for the introduction and stated they looked forward to working for the City of Antioch.

Mayor Thorpe welcomed the new City employees to the City of Antioch.

City Manager Bernal thanked Council for giving staff the opportunity to introduce new employees.

2. PROCLAMATION

Human Trafficking Awareness Month, January 2021

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

Councilmember Wilson, Claudia Gonzalez representing Contra Costa County Alliance to End Abuse, Lucia Ray-Guillen representing Community Violence Solutions, Dana Filkowski representing the Contra Costa County District Attorney Office, Contra Costa Family Justice Center and Human Trafficking Task Force and Vanessa Russell representing Love Never Fails, thanked the City Council for the proclamation.

Mayor Thorpe thanked all the service providers for their comments.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF CIVIC AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

Assistant City Manager Bayon Moore announced the following events:

- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. – Day of Service, 9:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M. on January 18, 2021

- “Bridging the Gap” Roundtable Discussions, 5:30 P.M. – 7:00 P.M. on January 19, 2021, 10:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M. on February 6, 2021 and 10:00 A.M – 11:30 A.M. February 18, 2021

She described the registration process for anyone wishing to participate in the “Bridging the Gap” Roundtable Discussions.

Councilmember Wilson announced a seminar on sex and labor trafficking *A Deeper Look at California Crimes in Contra Costa Trends* would be held at the Family Justice Center from 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. on January 21, 2021. Registration information was provided.

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF BOARD AND COMMISSION OPENINGS

City Clerk Householder announced the following Board and Commission openings:

- Police Crime Prevention Commission: Two (2) vacancies: deadline date is January 29, 2021
- Sales Tax Citizens’ Oversight Committee: Two (2) vacancies: deadline date is January 29, 2021

She reported applications were available online at the City’s website.

On motion by Councilmember Wilson, seconded by Councilmember Ogorchock, the City Council unanimously suspended the rules to move Agenda Items #5 *DELTA FAMILY PHARMS CANNABIS CULTIVATION* and #6 *CULTURE CLUB CANNABIS DISPENSARY*, to be heard as the next order of business.

PUBLIC HEARING

5. DELTA FAMILY PHARMS CANNABIS CULTIVATION (UP-20-05, AR-20-16)

Associate Planner Merideth presented the staff report dated January 12, 2021 recommending the City Council consider the Planning Commission’s recommendation to adopt the resolution to approve a Use Permit and Design Review (UP-20-05, AR-20-16) for a cannabis cultivation business subject to the conditions contained in the resolution.

Mayor Thorpe opened the public hearing.

Rick Hoke, owner and applicant for Delta Family Pharms Cannabis Cultivation, congratulated Council on their successful elections and stated he looked forward to working with them. He explained their business would be family owned and a majority of their employees would be Antioch residents. He gave a PowerPoint presentation of the projects floor plan, trays and sliding rack system, lighting, nutrients & nutrient pump as well as security and tax information.

Mayor Thorpe closed the public hearing.

In response to Council, Mr. Hoke explained their hiring practices and reported the Mosque next-door had no opposition to the project. He discussed their filtration and ventilation system as well as site security.

In response to Councilmember Wilson, City Attorney Smith explained that if the use permit were approved the next step would be to move into the Operating Agreement process which would be brought back to the City Council for approval.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021/01

On motion by Councilmember Ogorchock, seconded by Councilmember Wilson, the City Council unanimously adopted the resolution to approve a Use Permit and Design Review (UP-20-05, AR-20-16) for a cannabis cultivation business subject to the conditions contained in the resolution.

6. CULTURE CLUB CANNABIS DISPENSARY (UP-20-04)

Planning Manager Morris presented the staff report dated January 12, 2021 recommending the City Council consider the Planning Commission's recommendation to adopt the resolution to approve a Use Permit (UP-20-04) for a cannabis dispensary with delivery subject to the conditions contained in the resolution.

Mayor Thorpe opened the public hearing.

Devon Julian, representing Culture Club Cannabis Dispensary, stated he appreciated Council's consideration of their application and he looked forward to doing business in Antioch.

Jason Jeremy and Joe O'Bryan voiced their opposition to the business at this location due to the lack of parking and security for the area. They also expressed concern that they were not notified of this project. Mr. O'Bryan added that he was awaiting a response from DMV regarding the impact of this project on his business.

Mayor Thorpe closed the public hearing.

In response to Council, Mr. Julian estimated 75-100 daily customers. He discussed their efforts to reduce the demand for parking, site security and hiring practices.

In response to Councilmember Ogorchock, Planning Manager Morris reported that they had not received any comments from the fire department regarding this application and if approved, the fire department would review and sign off on building permits. She confirmed that the project was required to have two-armed security guards.

Councilmember Ogorchock expressed concern for the lack of parking and circulation in the area. She noted that a similar project had required bollards in front of the business.

Mayor Thorpe reminded Council that if this project were approved, consideration of the Operating Agreement would come before Council prior to the business opening.

Councilmember Barbanica expressed concern over the lack of parking in the area and deliveries occurring within the storage facility.

Mayor Thorpe commented that that there was an interest by neighbors to have a discussion with Mr. Julian regarding parking.

Councilmember Ogorchock stated she did not believe this was a viable location for the business and supported tabling the item.

In response to Mayor Thorpe, City Attorney Smith explained that once the items of concern were addressed by the Planning Department, the project could come back to Council for consideration.

On motion by Councilmember Wilson, seconded by Councilmember Ogorchock, the City Council tabled this agenda item and send the item back to the Planning Division to address the outstanding issues and then bring it back to the City Council for consideration. The motion carried the following vote:

Ayes: Barbanica, Ogorchock, Wilson, Thorpe

Abstain: Torres-Walker

On motion by Councilmember Ogorchock, seconded by Councilmember Barbanica, the City Council suspended the rules to hear the *Consent Calendar* as the next order of business. The motion carried the following vote:

Ayes: Barbanica, Ogorchock, Wilson, Thorpe

Abstain: Torres-Walker

- 4. CONSENT CALENDAR for City /City Council Members acting as Successor Agency/Housing Successor to the Antioch Development Agency/Antioch Public Financing Authority**
 - A. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 8, 2020**
 - B. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 11, 2020**
 - C. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 15, 2020**
 - D. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 18, 2020**
 - E. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL WARRANTS**
 - F. APPROVAL OF SUCCESSOR AGENCY WARRANTS**

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- G. APPROVAL OF HOUSING SUCCESSOR WARRANTS
 - H. REJECTION OF CLAIMS: FELECIA SONNIER, PRISCILLA NEVAREZ AND ABDUL NEVAREZ
 - I. APPROVAL OF TREASURER’S REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2020
 - J. APPROVAL OF TREASURER’S REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2020
 - K. SA RESOLUTION NO. 2021/35 RECOGNIZED OBLIGATION PAYMENT SCHEDULE (2021-22) FOR THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE ANTIOCH DEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF ANTIOCH
 - L. CITY OF ANTIOCH COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020
 - M. ANTIOCH AREA PUBLIC FACILITIES FINANCING AGENCY – BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND INDEPENDENT AUDITOR’S REPORTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020
 - N. ANTIOCH PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY – BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND INDEPENDENT AUDITOR’S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020
 - O. CITY OF ANTIOCH INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS REPORTS OF AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES APPLIED TO APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT SCHEDULE FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDING JUNE 30, 2020 AND JUNE 30, 2021
 - P. RESOLUTION NO. 2021/02 AWARD OF PROPOSAL NO. 946-1107-20G FOR LOCKBOX SERVICES
 - Q. RESOLUTION NO. 2021/03 MUTUAL AID RESPONSE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC – AGREEMENT WITH CONTRA COSTA COUNTY HEALTH SERVICES FOR USE OF CITY OF ANTIOCH FACILITIES (NICK RODRIGUEZ COMMUNITY CENTER AND ANTIOCH COMMUNITY CENTER)
 - R. RESOLUTION NO. 2021/04 CONSIDERATION OF BIDS FOR THE CITY HALL INTERIOR MODIFICATIONS (P.W. 247-S)
 - S. RESOLUTION NO. 2021/05 SECOND AMENDMENT TO EAST COUNTY WATER MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT (P.W. 704-1)
 - T. RESOLUTION NO. 2021/06 ACCEPTING COMPLETED IMPROVEMENTS AND THE RELEASE OF BONDS FOR 2700 EMPIRE AVENUE, TRACT NO. 8412 (P.W. 664-1)

- U. UPDATE TO THE EMERGENCY DECLARATION FOR MITIGATION AND REPAIRS TO THE WATER TANK HILLSIDE EROSION AT THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT
- V. **RESOLUTION NO. 2021/07** APPROVING THE FINAL MAP AND IMPROVEMENT PLANS FOR PARK RIDGE UNIT 4 SUBDIVISION 9490 (DAVIDON HOMES) AND ANNEXING TO CITY WIDE LIGHTING AND LANDSCAPING DISTRICT 10 ZONE 1 (P.W. 674-4)

City Manager Bernal stated staff would like to pull item Q from the Consent Calendar.

On motion by Councilmember Ogorchock, seconded by Councilmember Barbanica, the City Council approved the Council Consent Calendar with the exception of Item Q, which was removed for further discussion. The motion carried the following vote:

Ayes: Barbanica, Ogorchock, Wilson, Thorpe

Abstain: Torres-Walker

Item Q – Assistant City Manager Bayon Moore reported that since the staff report was posted Contra Costa County Health Services requested the following change:

- That the Nick Rodriguez Community Center and Antioch Community Center would be utilized for COVID-19 vaccination and testing.

Councilmember Ogorchock discussed the importance of providing vaccinations in the community and thanked Assistant City Manager Bayon Moore for facilitating the process.

On motion by Councilmember Ogorchock, seconded by Councilmember Wilson, the City Council approved item Q with the following amendment to the resolution: *That the Nick Rodriguez Community Center and Antioch Community Center would be utilized for COVID-19 vaccination and testing.* The motion carried the following vote:

Ayes: Barbanica, Ogorchock, Wilson, Thorpe

Abstain: Torres-Walker

Mayor Thorpe declared a recess at 8:54 P.M. The meeting reconvened at 9:00 P.M. with all Councilmembers present.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Due to the amount of speaker requests and in consultation with City Clerk Householder and the City Council, Mayor Thorpe reduced speaker times to one-minute.

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

Brendon spoke in support of police reform in Antioch including body-worn and dashboard cameras, independent investigations of civilian complaints and the establishment of a civilian oversight review board.

Shagoofa Khan expressed concern regarding comments made about Councilmember Torres-Walker on social media.

Lukas Carbone spoke in support of police reform including body-worn and dashboard cameras, independent investigations of civilian complaints and the establishment of a civilian oversight review board. He also expressed his support for Councilmember Torres-Walker and her family.

Elsie Mills welcomed Councilmember Torres-Walker and spoke to her positive attributes.

Kate Collins welcomed the newly elected City Council Members. She spoke in support of police reform in Antioch including body-worn cameras.

Moxie Marsh, Walnut Creek resident, spoke in support of Councilmember Torres-Walker.

Lynn Baskett spoke in support of Councilmember Torres-Walker and discussed the importance of police reform, accountability, and oversight.

Reverend Will McGarvey, representing Executive Director of the Interfaith Council of Contra Costa County and East County Shared Ministry Pittsburg and Antioch, spoke to negative interactions with police and in support of the establishment of a civilian oversight review board.

Dr. Cardenas Shackelford, representing Richmond NAACP, spoke in support Councilmember Torres-Walker, body-worn and dashboard cameras, and the establishment of a civilian police oversight commission.

Joshua Anijar, Executive Director of Contra Costa Central Labor Council, thanked the City Council for their leadership and spoke in support of body-worn and dashboard cameras, independent investigations of civilian complaints and the establishment of a civilian oversight review board.

Patricia Granados expressed concern regarding community members who participated in *Antioch Backs the Blue* facebook page.

Rose Strogatz, representing Search Contra Costa, spoke in support of Councilmember Torres-Walker and thanked her for her candor.

Jane Courant spoke in support of Councilmember Torres-Walker and police reforms.

Willie Mims, representing the East County NAACP and the Black Political Association, spoke in support of Councilmember Torres-Walker as well as body-worn and dashboard cameras for the Antioch Police Department (APD).

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

Mrs. Lazano, Theresa Elser, Laura Young, Stacey Burgess, Kathie Campbell, Robert Graham, Laura Matejcek, Jessica Plummer, Margret McMullum, Sandra Hartrick, Jim Lanter, Michael Borders, Mark Shears, Stacy Herrera, Brian McCully, Mike Spence, Kelly Moore, Linda Riley, Margret Frise, Anonymous, Donna Allen, Rebecca Hernandez, Kevin Douglas, Anonymous, Terry, Katie Lamothe, Tom Lamothe, John Davis, Hrreled, Kathy Cabrera, Beverly Knight, Roy Ledford, Tim McCall, Sal Sbranti, Cynthia Novak, Larry Hernandez, Anonymous, Kathryn Fitzpatrick, Jesus Zuniga Jr., Nicole Cedano, Susan Williams, Michael Pohl, Pam Stenberg, Korina Anderson, Tom Hartrick, Kristen Vistalli, Denise Jones, Lori Lopez, Cynthia W., Mark Jordan, Sheilagh Driscoll, Manny Soliz, Ciara Selene, Kelly Teal, Dr. Jeffrey Klingler, Lisa Lacy, Antioch residents and Kerry Ingvarlsen, Nita Delnay, Sandy, Allison Johnson, Allison Norris, Tonya Sampson, Susan Kennedy, Anonymous, Johnny Rocket, Gerald Thomas and Jeananne Jordan provided written comment expressing concern for comments made by Councilmember Torres-Walker on social media and several supported censuring, reprimanding or removing her from the City Council. A few comments also expressed concern that Mayor Thorpe had traveled out of the country during a stay-at-home order.

Meg Keeley, SURJ Contra Costa County, provided written comment expressing concern regarding the actions taken by the APD during an incident involving Councilmember Torres-Walker's children.

Mark Long, Antioch resident, provided written comment asking if Councilmember Torres-Walker actions were going to be investigated, and if so, suggested an independent investigation be conducted.

Laqualla Pitts, Kathryn Wade, Marlen Flares, Tracey Davis-Watkins, Audrey Davis, Lacey Brown, Angelica Tripp and Kibibi Columbus, Antioch residents, Joan DeVries and Christy McNickel, representing SURJ Contra Costa, Jo Hoffman, Oakland resident, Marianne Callahan, Concord resident, Caroline Sandifer, Laura Wesely, Oakland resident, Andrea Graeser, Jeff McDonald, Contra Costa County resident, Caitlin Pambid, Amber Hatfield, Richmond resident, Athena Davis, Walnut Creek resident, McKenna, Tricia Blakemore, Walnut Creek resident, Dr. Carole Dorham-Kelly, Antioch resident representing Rubicon Programs, Adey Teshager, Richmond resident, Kevin McManimen, Michael James, William, Juanita Rangel, Pittsburg resident representing ACCE, Chala Bonner, Megan Zapanta, Richmond resident representing Asian Pacific Environmental Network, Kelley Ho, Michael Samson, Kris Register, Pittsburg resident, Karen Bee, Jaime Cader, Vallejo resident representing Alliance of Californians for Community Empowerment and Alexis Murillo provided written comment in support of

Councilmember Torres-Walker and advocated for police reform including body-worn and dashboard cameras, independent investigation into civilian complaints and the establishment of a civilian police oversight review board.

Emmya provided written comment in support of more accountability within the Antioch community and Police Department.

Antonia Ojeda, Antioch resident, provided written comment expressing concern regarding RVs and vehicles occupied by the homeless that were parking along Sunset Drive.

Alexis Parsons, Aliha Mughal, John Walton, Nadeen Green, Angelica, Antioch residents, and Asha Wagner, Concord resident, Zoe Davis-Watkins, Wayne Calhoon, Alexie Magsayo, Michelle Parmenter, Mark Misoshnik, Sister Snapped, Gabby Lazzeretti, Connie Moore, Black Panther Party Legacy Oakland, Maria Brown, Amber Martinez, Toyguitar, Kristina Sevick, Mia Murphy, Aaron Orellana, DeWanda Joseph-White, El Cerrito resident, Amy Prindle, Walnut Creek resident, Jazz Allum, Professor Alexander Cameron and Zepatitis b. provided written comment in support of police reform including body-worn and dashboard cameras, independent investigation into civilian complaints, the establishment of a civilian police oversight review board, decryption of the APD scanner channel and budget reductions.

Velma Wilson provided written comment announcing the Antioch Unified School District would be honoring Reverend Dr. Martin King Jr. at a virtual event airing live on YouTube and Facebook at 1:00 P.M. on January 18, 2021. She recognized sponsors for the event.

Bernice Murguia-Gutierrez and Frank Sterling, Antioch residents, provided written comment discussing police misconduct in Antioch.

Gretchen Tofflemire, Antioch resident, provided written comment expressing concern regarding APD towing vehicles of unhoused residents and suggesting the City provide a location where they could legally park.

Connie Nism provided written comment expressing concern that Council voted to rescind the resolution approving the grant for School Resource Officers.

Justice Smith, Antioch resident, provided written comment questioning the participation of Councilmembers Ogorchock and Barbanica on a Facebook page.

Mike Moses, Antioch resident, provided written comment expressing concern for comments made by Councilmember Torres-Walker on social media and in support of body worn cameras.

Following discussion, Council agreed to continue with the public comments received prior to 11:04 P.M. this evening. Mayor Thorpe announced that they would not be accepting any new public comments at this time.

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

Alan Cannot-Tango, Antioch resident former Police Chief and Chief Crooks provided written comment discussing police misconduct.

Mary Fletcher and Sherry Starks, Antioch residents and Concerned Citizen provided written comment expressing concern for comments made by Councilmember Torres-Walker on social media.

Michelle Kuslits, Antioch resident, provided written comment expressing concern for comments made by Councilmember Torres-Walker on social media and in support of body-worn cameras for APD.

Phillip Tripp, District One Resident and Alexis Medina, Antioch residents, Alliyah Thomas, Deborah Bayer, Richmond resident, Francisco Torres, Pittsburg resident and ACCE Community Organizer, Lucas Stuart-Chilcote, Danny Espinoza, representing Lift Up Contra Costa Campaign, Jane Fiischberg, Senior Advisor Rubicon Programs and Imeinhar provided written comment in support of Councilmember Torres-Walker. Several comments advocated for police reform including body-worn and dashboard cameras, independent investigation into civilian complaints and the establishment of a civilian police oversight review board.

Michael Kerr, Bay Point resident, Julia Knapp, Joshua Evans and Kathleen Harrison provided written comment in support of police reform including body-worn and dashboard cameras, independent investigation into civilian complaints and the establishment of a civilian police oversight review board.

Sean Wrong, Antioch resident, provided written comment discussing racism.

Mikey BurkSmolder, Antioch resident, provided written comment discussing police accountability.

Diane Nidson-Black, Antioch resident, provided written comment discussing the AUSD Board of Trustees.

Antioch Backs the Blue, Antioch resident, provided written comment on behalf of Nicole Cedano.

Antwon Webster, Antioch resident, provided written comment thanking the City Council for their service and requesting that they address blight occurring throughout Antioch.

Charles, Antioch resident, provided written comment expressing concern regarding freedoms being taken away by the government.

Lucas Stuart-Chilcote provided written comment thanking the City for hiring Jazmin Ridley, Unhoused Resident Coordinator.

Stephanie provided written comment expressing concern regarding marijuana cultivation occurring near schools, comments made by Councilmember Torres-Walker on social media and asking if Mayor Thorpe had been quarantined. She recognized new hires and expressed concern regarding the City's image.

Debra Vinson, Antioch resident, provided written comment suggesting Council reach out to clergy and other community leaders to develop a safety plan for children in Antioch.

Tanya Gentry, Antioch resident, provided written comment in support of body worn cameras for APD.

The following public comment was read into the record by Mayor Thorpe.

Debbie Blaisure provided written comment expressing concern for comments made by Councilmember Torres-Walker on social media.

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

Nicole Cedan-ho Right provided written comment in support of the Antioch Police Department.

At the conclusion of public comments, Council agreed to continue with the remaining agenda items.

COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Torres-Walker announced that she would be attending a Cannabis Standing Committee meeting with Councilmember Wilson.

Councilmember Ogorchock announced the Mayor/Councilmember Conference and CalCities Policy Committee meetings would be taking place in the near future. She congratulated Najee Harris for winning the 2020 Doak Walker Award. In response to public comments received this evening, she stated Council was held to a higher standard and needed to be cognitive of the language they used. She commented that several residents had indicated that the language used by Councilmember Torres-Walker was disrespectful of her title. She noted Council needed to decide if the behavior was acceptable of an elected official and good governance. She stated she believed their needed to be accountability and consequences, and she would be asking Council to add an agenda item to discuss any course of action deemed appropriate.

Councilmember Wilson reported that the Cannabis Standing Committee would be meeting on January 15, 2021, Delta Diablo on January 13, 2021, and Tri Delta was scheduled for later in the month.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Thorpe commented that given the recent incident at the Capitol Building on January 6, 2021, words mattered, and noted that the insurrection disgraced the fundamental values of the nation. He stated that Elected Official's roles were 24/7 and it was their responsibility to ensure that they held themselves accountable in maintaining and respecting the public's trust. He explained that what was said on social media and what groups they participated in, reflected all of them. He noted equally important was how other public voices conducted themselves in the public arena.

COUNCIL REGULAR AGENDA

7. CITY COUNCIL FORMATION OF A SESQUICENTENNIAL AD HOC COMMITTEE

City Manager Bernal introduced Regular Agenda Item #7.

On motion by Councilmember Ogorchock, seconded by Councilmember Barbanica, the City Council tabled this item. The motion carried the following vote:

Ayes: Barbanica, Ogorchock, Wilson, Thorpe

Abstain: Torres-Walker

8. CITY COUNCIL APPOINTMENT TO THE CITY/SCHOOL STANDING COMMITTEE

Mayor Thorpe nominated Councilmembers Ogorchock and Councilmember Torres-Walker to serve on the City/School Standing Committee.

On motion by Councilmember Wilson, seconded by Councilmember Barbanica, the City Council unanimously appointed Councilmembers Ogorchock and Torres-Walker to serve on the City/School Standing Committee.

9. CITY COUNCIL APPOINTMENT OF STANDBY CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

City Manager Bernal presented the staff report dated January 12, 2021 recommending the City Council appoint the following nominees as Standby City Council Members:

Mayor Thorpe appointed the following nominees as Standby City Council Members: 1) Nicole Gardner, 2) Antonio Hernandez; and 3) Marie Arce.

On motion by Councilmember Wilson, seconded by Councilmember Barbanica, the City Council unanimously approved the appointments for Mayor Thorpe.

Councilmember Wilson appointed the following nominees as Standby City Council Members 1) Harry Thurston 2) Aliyah Thomas; and 3) Cornelius Johnson.

On motion by Councilmember Barbanica, seconded by Councilmember Torres-Walker, the City Council unanimously approved the appointments for Councilmember Torres-Walker.

Councilmember Torres-Walker paid her respects to the indigenous people of this land. She appointed the following nominees as Standby City Council Members 1) Tika Flow, 2) Kabibi Columbus; and 3) Angelica Tripp.

On motion by Councilmember Barbanica, seconded by Councilmember Ogorchock, the City Council unanimously approved the appointments for Councilmember Torres-Walker.

Councilmember Barbanica appointed the following nominees as Standby City Council Members 1) Kristine Barbanica, 2) William Barbanica II; and 3) Benjamin McCurdy.

On motion by Councilmember Ogorchock, seconded by Councilmember Wilson, the City Council approved the appointments for Councilmember Barbanica. The motion carried the following vote:

Ayes: Torres-Walker, Ogorchock, Wilson, Thorpe

Abstain: Barbanica

Councilmember Ogorchock appointed the following nominees as Standby City Council Members 1) Donald Freitas, 2) Keith Archuletta; and 3) Tony Tiscareno.

On motion by Councilmember Barbanica, seconded by Councilmember Wilson, the City Council unanimously approved the appointments for Councilmember Ogorchock.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS – None

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Ogorchock requested staff agendize a discussion on new norms for elected officials.

Councilmember Barbanica requested staff agendize consideration of body-worn and dash cameras for APD.

Mayor Thorpe responded that body-worn and dash cameras would be on a future agenda.

Councilmember Torres-Walker requested staff agendize consideration of civilian oversight of policing, as well as independent investigation into civilian complaints.

Mayor Thorpe responded that Council would be discussing those items at the February 23, 2021 City Council Study Session and announced the month of March would be dedicated to police reform.

Councilmember Torres-Walker requested staff agendize consideration of access to healthy and affordable food options in District 1.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Thorpe led a moment of silence in memory of Tom Guarino.

On motion by Councilmember Councilmember Ogorchock, seconded by Councilmember Councilmember Barbanica, the City Council unanimously adjourned the meeting in memory of Tom Guarnio at 11:56 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Kitty Eiden

KITTY EIDEN, Minutes Clerk