

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Regular Meeting
7:00 P.M.

March 9, 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.

Written public comments were received by 5:00 p.m. the day of the Council Meeting in the following ways: (1) Filled out an online speaker card, located at https://www.antiochca.gov/speaker_card, or (2) Emailed the City Clerk's Department at cityclerk@ci.antioch.ca.us. Oral public comments received during the meeting were received by registering in advance to access the meeting via Zoom Webinar: <https://www.antiochca.gov/speakers> or by dialing (925) 776-3057.

5:30 P.M. - CLOSED SESSION

- 1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION** pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9: Oak Hill Park Company v. The City of Antioch, et al. Contra Costa County Superior Court Case No. N21-0048.
- 2. 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).
- 3. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION: CITY ATTORNEY.** This closed session is authorized pursuant to Government Code section 54957.

Mayor Thorpe called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M., and City Clerk Householder called the roll.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Wilson 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 LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION**, no reportable action, **#2 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS**, no reportable action; and **#3 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION; CITY ATTORNEY**, no reportable action.

1. INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES

Director of Community Development Ebbs introduced Seana Field, Community Development Technician who thanked staff for the introduction.

Mayor Thorpe welcomed Seana Field to the City of Antioch.

Director of Public Works/City Engineer Samuelson introduced Martin Delgado, Landscape Maintenance Worker II who thanked staff for the introduction and stated he looked forward to working for the City of Antioch.

Mayor Thorpe welcomed Martin Delgado to the City of Antioch.

Director of Public Works/City Engineer Samuelson introduced Gavin Johnson, Water Treatment Plant Trainee who thanked staff for the introduction and stated he looked forward to continuing his employment with the City of Antioch.

Mayor Thorpe congratulated Gavin Johnson on his promotion.

Chief Brooks introduced Chad Ward, Community Services Officer, who thanked staff for the introduction and stated he looked forward to working for the City of Antioch.

City Manager Bernal and Assistant City Manager Bayon Moore introduced Tasha Johnson, Youth Services Network Manager thanked staff for the introduction and stated she looked forward to continuing to work for the City of Antioch.

Mayor Thorpe welcomed Tasha Johnson to the City of Antioch.

2. PROCLAMATIONS

American Red Cross Month, March 2021
Women's History Month, March 2021

On motion by Councilmember Ogorchock, seconded by Councilmember Barbanica, the Council unanimously approved the Proclamations.

Pastor Will McGarvey, Executive Director of the Interfaith Council and Red Cross Leadership Council, thanked the City for the *American Red Cross Month* proclamation.

Mayor Thorpe recognized Sarah Morgan, Antioch High School and Alexi Lindeman, Heritage High School, representing Antioch Council of Teens, and Joy Motts, former Councilmember/Mayor Pro Tem, who thanked the City for the *Women's History Month* proclamation. He also recognized Councilmembers Ogorchock, Torres-Walker and Wilson as well as City Clerk Householder.

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF CIVIC AND COMMUNITY EVENTS – None

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF BOARD AND COMMISSION OPENINGS

City Clerk Householder announced the following Board and Commission openings:

- Economic Development Commission: Two (2) vacancies; deadline date is March 26, 2021

She reported applications would be available online at the City's website or by contacting her via email or social media.

Mayor Thorpe, speaking to the following motion, announced Council had received several public comments so they wanted to give respect to those who were here to give presentations by moving Public Comments after agenda Item #9. He thanked Councilmember Barbanica for recognizing that matter.

On motion by Councilmember Barbanica, seconded by Councilmember Ogorchock, the City Council suspended the rules to move Public Comments after agenda Item #9. The motion carried the following vote:

Ayes: Barbanica, Ogorchock, Wilson, Thorpe

Noes: Torres-Walker

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Moved to after Agenda Item #9.

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF CIVIC AND COMMUNITY EVENTS – Continued

Councilmember Ogorchock announced the following events:

- Rivertown St Patrick Scavenger Hunt - 12:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M. on March 13, 2021
- Family Justice Center Farmers Market
- COVID-19 vaccinations availability at Myturn.ca.gov

COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Ogorchock reported on her attendance at the Youth Tobacco Advocacy and Policy Project (YTAPP) presentation and announced that they wanted to make a presentation to Council. She also reported that she participated in the AUSD Girls Empowerment event.

Councilmember Wilson reported on her attendance at the Tri Delta Transit meeting. She announced that the youth summer bus pass program had been eliminated and suggested Council consider purchasing passes to discount for the youth. She also announced Tri Delta would be holding a Shred-it event 9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. on April 29, 2021 at 801 Wilbur Avenue.

Mayor Thorpe reported on his attendance at Tri Delta Transit and Contra Costa Transportation Authority meetings.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Thorpe discussed recent shooting incidents in Antioch and reported that the Antioch Police Department (APD), Chief Brooks and Council were committed to ensuring community safety. He stated there were individuals who would attempt to politicize this issue and Council was not participating in the political rhetoric. He clarified that there was no policy to defund or abolish the APD.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 9, 2021
- B. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 12, 2021
- C. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 13, 2021
- D. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 16, 2021
- E. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 23, 2021
- F. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 26, 2021
- G. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL WARRANTS
- H. RESOLUTION NO. 2021/28 FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH KLEINFELDER, INC. FOR SERVICES RELATED TO THE ANTIOCH PAVEMENT REHABILITATION (P.W. 392-31) AND WATER TANK SLOPE MITIGATION PROJECTS
- I. RESOLUTION NO. 2021/29 FIFTH AMENDMENT TO THE CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH COASTLAND FOR ON-CALL CONSULTANT INSPECTION SERVICES
- J. RESOLUTION NO. 2021/30 CONSIDERATION OF BIDS FOR THE TRENCHLESS REHABILITATION OF SANITARY SEWER MAIN USING CURED IN PLACE PIPE AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS (P.W. 684-2)
- K. RESOLUTION NO. 2021/31 CONTRA LOMA ESTATES PARK RENOVATION (P.W. 298-P3)
- L. UPDATE TO THE EMERGENCY DECLARATION FOR MITIGATION AND REPAIRS TO THE WATER TANK HILLSIDE EROSION AT THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT
- M. RESOLUTION NO. 2021/32 CONSIDERATION OF BIDS FOR MOWER ATTACHMENT FOR 5090M JOHN DEERE TRACTOR BID NO. 020-0222-21A

- N. **RESOLUTION NO. 2021/33 ESTABLISHING THE RATE PER EQUIVALENT RUNOFF UNIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 AND REQUESTING THE CONTRA COSTA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT TO ADOPT AN ANNUAL PARCEL ASSESSMENT FOR DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE AND THE NATIONAL POLLUTION DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PROGRAM**
- O. **RESOLUTION NO. 2021/34 AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A PARK FEE CREDIT AGREEMENT, ROADWAY REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT, AND SANITARY SEWER REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT FOR AVIANO SUBDIVISION 9249 WITH CIVIC AVIANO, LLC**
- P. **RESOLUTION NO. 2021/35 APPROVING AMENDMENT NO. 3 TO THE CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ANTIOCH AND VOLER STRATEGIC ADVISORS AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT**
- Q. **RESOLUTION NO. 2021/27 AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A FINANCING AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD FOR A DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND LOAN UP TO \$55,000,000 FOR THE BRACKISH WATER DESALINATION PROJECT (P.W. 694)**

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

COUNCIL REGULAR AGENDA

5. SALES TAX CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS FOR ONE VACANCY EXPIRING MARCH 2022 AND ONE VACANCY EXPIRING MARCH 2024

City Clerk Householder announced Councilmember Thorpe was appointing Matthew Leming to the Sales Tax Citizens' Oversight Committee and read his biography.

Mr. Leming stated he was honored to be considered and happy to serve his community.

On motion by Councilmember Ogorchock, seconded by Councilmember Wilson the City Council unanimously appointed by resolution Matthew Leming to the Sales Tax Citizens' Oversight Committee.

City Clerk Householder administered the Oath of Office to Matthew Leming.

City Clerk Householder announced Councilmember Thorpe was appointing Destiny Iwuoma to the Sales Tax Citizens' Oversight Committee and read his biography.

Councilmember Torres-Walker thanked Mr. Iwuoma for volunteering to serve the community. A motion was made by Councilmember Ogorchock, seconded by Councilmember Barbanica to appoint by resolution Destiny Iwuoma to the Sales Tax Citizens' Oversight Committee.

Speaking to the motion, Finance Director Merchant clarified that the motion needed to include whether Mr. Iwuoma was being appointed to the term expiring March 2022 or March 2024.

Councilmember Ogorchock amended the motion and the second approved the amendment as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2021/36

On motion by Councilmember Ogorchock, seconded by Councilmember Barbanica the City Council unanimously appointed by resolution Destiny Iwuoma to the Sales Tax Citizens' Oversight Committee for a term expiring March 2024.

City Clerk Householder noted that with the above motion, it meant that Mr. Leming's was appointed to a term expiring March of 2022. She administered the Oath of Office to Destiny Iwuoma.

Mayor Thorpe thanked and congratulated Mr. Leming and Mr. Iwuoma on their committee appointments.

6. POLICE CRIME PREVENTION COMMISSION APPOINTMENT FOR ONE VACANCY EXPIRING OCTOBER 2021

City Clerk Householder announced Councilmember Thorpe was appointing Nicole Randolph to the Police Crime Prevention Commission and read her biography.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021/37

On motion by Councilmember Ogorchock, seconded by Councilmember Barbanica the City Council unanimously appointed by resolution Nicole Randolph to the Police Crime Prevention Commission for a term expiring October 2021.

City Clerk Householder administered the Oath of Office to Nicole Randolph.

Ms. Randolph thanked the City Council for the appointment.

Mayor Thorpe congratulated Ms. Randolph on her committee appointment.

7. POLICE REFORM – MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS RESPONSE

City Manager Bernal presented the staff report dated March 9, 2021 recommending the City Council receive a presentation from Contra Costa County Health Services and provide staff with direction. He introduced Garrett Evans, City of Pittsburg City Manager and Dr. Suzanne Tavano Director of Behavioral Health Services for Contra Costa County who gave PowerPoint presentations of the Behavioral Health Community Crisis Response and Mobile Response Services/Forensic Mental Health Services.

Mayor Thorpe thanked Dr. Tavano and Mr. Evans for the presentations.

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

Gigi Crowder, Juan Carlos Collins, Manny Soliz Jr., Diana Collins Puente, Robert Collins, Isabella Collins, Bill Goldsby, Stefania Cargnello and Terry Valen representing National Alliance for Filipino Concerns, spoke in support of establishing mental health crisis services in Antioch.

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

Mark Evans provided written comment in support of implementing the County's mental health crisis services in Antioch.

Harry Thurston provided written comment in support of directing staff to prepare a report comparing the services and costs for the CAHOOTS and County programs.

Cynthia Li provided written comment in support of funding body cameras and the creation of a mental health response team.

Kami Yamamoto, Prevention Institute, provided written comment in support of banning the use of knee to neck restraints and the creation of a mental health crisis response team.

Christian Chambers provided written comment encouraging the City Council to hear from additional experts such as the National alliance in Mental Illness.

Andrew Todhunter provided written comment in support of additional mental health response training for police officers, creation of a mental health response team and funding body-worn cameras.

Gretchen Tofflemire provided written comment calling for the removal of Officer Mellone from the APD and in support of the creation of a mental health crisis response team and funding body-worn/dashboard cameras.

Hector Malvido representing the Ensuring Opportunity Campaign and Reimagining Public Safety Contra Costa Coalition, and Ali Saidi, Contra Costa Defender Association, provided written comment in support the creation of a mental health crisis response team.

Danny Espinoza, Lift Up Contra Costa, provided written comment in support of mental health crisis response team models specific to Contra Costa County such as the Miles Hall Non-Police Crisis Response Program.

Juan Carlos Collins provided written comment in support of the creation of a mental health response team and mental/emotional support for the APD.

In response to Councilmember Barbanica, Mr. Evans reported that they expected the County's program to be able to provide 24/7 response in approximately 1-year.

In response to Councilmember Wilson, Dr. Tavano explained that she determined who was eligible to sign an involuntary hold. She noted that only licensed mental health practitioners and law enforcement were authorized to initiate 5150 holds.

Councilmember Wilson reported that a crisis response team would not be eligible for CAHOOTS Act funding if they issued 5150 holds.

Councilmember Torres-Walker thanked Mr. Evans and Dr. Tavano for the presentation.

In response to Councilmember Torres-Walker, Mr. Evans clarified that currently there was no cost for cities who participated in the County's pilot program.

Councilmember Ogorchock thanked everyone for the presentation and noted she liked the program was tailored for Contra Costa County.

Dr. Tavano extended her condolences to Angelo Quinto's family and encouraged them to reach out to her if they needed support services.

Mayor Thorpe reported an open discussion of this matter would be agendized for March 23, 2021, so Council could provide direction to staff. He encouraged Council to engage with the community on this topic. He thanked Mr. Evans and Dr. Tavano for their presentation.

Mayor Thorpe declared a recess at 9:06 P.M. The meeting reconvened at 9:13 P.M. with all Councilmembers present.

8A. POLICE REFORM – BODY WORN AND IN-CAR CAMERAS

City Manager Bernal introduced Regular Agenda item #8A.

Lieutenant Vigil presented the staff report dated March 9, 2021 recommending the City Council adopt a resolution: 1) Approving a five-year contract with Axon Enterprises Inc. to purchase body worn / in car camera hardware and operating system software from April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2026 and authorizing the City Manager to execute a purchasing agreement with Axon Enterprises not to exceed \$1,422,108.88 over a five-year period; 2) Authorizing the purchase of the Evidence.com/CAD/RMS interface computer software and authorizing the City Manager to execute a purchasing agreement with Mark 43 not to exceed \$15,000.00; and 3) Authorizing the City Manager to make the necessary Fiscal Year 2020/21 budget amendments.

Kevin Watson representing Axon Enterprise, Inc. gave a Power Point presentation of the Axon Body 3 Camera.

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

Manny Soliz, Melissa Case, Diana Collins Puente, Robert Collins, Juan Carlos Collins, Stefania Cargnello and Isabella Collins spoke in support of body worn and in-car cameras for the APD. Requests from some speakers included a taser program and developing a policy for camera use.

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

Sandy Hartrick and Tom Hartrick, Antioch residents, provided written comment in support of the body worn and in-car camera program as well as adding a taser and K9 program.

Stefano Corazza, Bay Area resident, Stewart Park, Angela Phan, Cera Hensley, Luis Morales, Margo Moritz, Mark Evans, Dana Evans, Jackie Hooke, Lindsey Amezcua, Harry Thurston, Allison Norris, Jason Young, Antioch resident, Kioni Cho, Michael Pohl, Antioch resident, BeckiLynn Morgenthau, Ali Saidi representing Contra Costa Defender Association, Hector Malvido representing Ensuring Opportunity Campaign and Reimaging Public Safety Contra Costa Coalition, Danny Espinoza representing Lift Up Contra Costa, Andrei Quinto and Kristin Chambers, Contra Costa Multi-Faith ACTION Coalition provided written comment in support of the body worn and in-car camera program. Requests from some speakers included directing the funds for the program from the General Fund while others suggested budgeting the program from the existing APD budget. Many stressed the importance of developing a policy for camera use.

Kevin Watson representing Axon Enterprise, Inc. gave a Power Point presentation of the Axon Body 3 Camera program.

In response to Council, Mr. Watson reviewed the process for camera activation.

In response to Councilmember Torres-Walker, Mayor Thorpe explained that policies related to body worn and in-car cameras would be written in public and come under Police Oversight Committee functions.

Lieutenant Vigil explained the timeline for the project and noted that the program would not be implemented until a policy was in place.

In response to Councilmember Ogorchock, Lieutenant Vigil clarified that all vehicles in their fleet would receive cameras. He reported there would be a 50% cost savings if tasers were bundled into this package.

Mayor Thorpe clarified that the agenda item this evening was body worn and in-car cameras.

In response to Councilmember Torres-Walker, City Manager Bernal speaking to the following motion, explained that the budget amendment was to add funds to the existing police department budget to pay for the costs of the first year of this program. He noted Council would determine funding for the subsequent years through their budget discussions.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021/38

On motion by Councilmember Barbanica, seconded by Councilmember Ogorchock the City Council unanimously 1) Approved a five-year contract with Axon Enterprises Inc. to purchase body worn / in car camera hardware and operating system software from April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2026 and authorizing the City Manager to execute a purchasing agreement with Axon Enterprises not to exceed \$1,422,108.88 over a five-year period; 2) Authorized the purchase of the Evidence.com/CAD/RMS interface computer software and authorized the City Manager to execute a purchasing agreement with Mark 43 not to exceed \$15,000.00; and 3) Authorized the City Manager to make the necessary Fiscal Year 2020/21 budget amendments.

Mayor Thorpe thank Lieutenant Vigil and Chief Brooks for their expediency in bringing this item forward.

8B. POLICE REFORM - STAFFING FOR BODY WORN AND IN-CAR CAMERAS

City Manager Bernal introduced Regular Agenda Item #8B.

Chief Brooks thanked the City Council for supporting Body Worn and In-Car Cameras for the Antioch Police Department. He presented the staff report dated March 9, 2021 recommending the City Council adopt a resolution: 1) Authorizing the hiring of one Lead Police Records Technician and one Police Records Technician at a total initial annual cost of \$263,819.00; and 2) Authorizing the City Manager to make the necessary Fiscal Year 2020/21 budget amendments.

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

Manny Soliz spoke in support of Council adopting the resolution approving the staffing request and suggested the possibility of job sharing with another department.

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

Sal Sbranti, Mark Evans and Harry Thurston provided written comment in support of Council adopting the resolution approving the staffing request.

Ali Saidi spoke in opposition to the additional staffing request.

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

Danny Espinoza representing Lift Up Contra Costa voiced his support of properly staffing the program; however, he reported many organizations had not requested additional staffing for their programs.

In response to Councilmember Torres-Walker, Mayor Thorpe explained that this funding would come from the General Fund reserve and Council would discuss funding for all positions during the budget process.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021/39

On motion by Councilmember Barbanica, seconded by Councilmember Ogorchock the City Council unanimously 1) Authorized the hiring of one Lead Police Records Technician and one Police Records Technician at a total initial annual cost of \$263,819.00; and 2) Authorized the City Manager to make the necessary Fiscal Year 2020/21 budget amendments.

9. PURCHASE OF PEREGRINE TECHNOLOGIES SOFTWARE WITH SOLE SOURCE JUSTIFICATION REQUEST

Lieutenant Fortner presented the staff report dated March 9, 2021 recommending the City Council adopt a resolution approving the following actions: 1) Approve the sole source request for the purchase and deployment of a software platform from Peregrine Technologies; 2) Authorize and direct the City Manager to negotiate and execute a three-year purchase agreement, with Peregrine Technologies, for a software license in an amount of \$127,000 annually, not to exceed \$381,000; and 3) Authorize and direct the City Manager to amend the Fiscal Year 2020/21 General Fund budget in the amount of \$87,000.

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

Manny Soliz spoke in support of Peregrine Technologies Software and questioned if the contract costs included future software upgrades.

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

Audrey Davis, Tracy Davis-Watkins and Ali Saidi provided written comment in opposition to funding the purchase of Peregrine Technologies Software.

In response to Council, Lieutenant Fortner reported that four other agencies in Contra Costa County unitized this software.

Mr. Noone stated approximately ten systems would be integrated into this platform and data integrations were fluid. He clarified that there were no additional costs for upgrades into the system.

In response to Council, Lieutenant Fortner reported the sharing of information would be audited. He explained that agencies not utilizing Peregrine Technologies could be provided with a direct link to access reports. He gave a PowerPoint presentation of the mission and objectives for the Peregrine Technologies Software. He stated the APD had never had a platform for sharing information securely that provided real time information to officers in the field. Additionally, he noted it would allow them to adapt to new mandates in law. He explained how the District

Attorney's office and other entities would be able to obtain body-worn and dashboard camera information.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021/40

On motion by Councilmember Barbanica, seconded by Councilmember Ogorchock the City Council 1) Approved the sole source request for the purchase and deployment of a software platform from Peregrine Technologies; 2) Authorized and directed the City Manager to negotiate and execute a three-year purchase agreement, with Peregrine Technologies, for a software license in an amount of \$127,000 annually, not to exceed \$381,000; and 3) Authorized and directed the City Manager to amend the Fiscal Year 2020/21 General Fund budget in the amount of \$87,000. The motion carried the following vote:

Ayes: Barbanica, Ogorchock, Wilson, Thorpe

Noes: Torres-Walker

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

Robert Collins and Diana Collins Puente spoke in support of banning the knee to neck restraints and thanked the City Council for their work this evening.

Andrew Becker expressed concern that Delta Dispensary was rounding up electronic payments and not giving back correct change. He requested the City investigate this matter.

Melissa Case acknowledged Officer Whitaker for his professionalism. She requested a report out of the Bridging the Gap forums. She requested Council support agenda consideration of a taser program for the APD. She encouraged Council to listen to public comments from Antiochians first if public comments were moved to later in the agenda. She requested elected officials refrain from blocking local constituents from their social media accounts and respond to email requests. She asked for clarification regarding the status of the investigation of Councilmember Torres-Walker and urged her to take accountability for her actions.

Patricia Granados expressed concern regarding negative comments made on social media and recall efforts that seemed to be targeting people of color in elected positions.

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

Ralph Hernandez, Antioch resident, provided written comment that included a two-page document citing concerns related to the APD.

Bill Buhlman, Sharon Sorrick, Susan Williams, Cara Graham, Vince Hippe, and Jane Jolivette, Antioch residents, provided written comment in support of the APD and Chief Brooks.

Chip Acridge, Antioch resident, provided written comment expressing concern regarding comments made by Councilmember Torres-Walker on social media and suggesting that she recuse herself from considering any matters involving the APD.

Audrey Davis provided written comment expressing concern regarding the status of the investigation into Angelo Quinto's death and in support of reforming the APD.

Laura Young provided written comment expressing her appreciation of the APD, Councilmember Ogorchock and Councilmember Barbanica. She requested the City continue the investigation into Councilmember Torres-Walker actions.

Sal Sbranti, Antioch resident, provided written comment regarding comments made on social media by Councilmember Torres-Walker. He requested she resign and that Council agendaize this matter for discussion.

Aiden Thorvalson requested the City release the name of the officers involved in the Angelo Quinto matter.

Karen Bee provided written comment requesting Council stop moving public comment to the end of the meeting and suggesting new organizations procedures to improve the process.

Dana Evans and Mark Evans, Antioch resident provided written comment expressing concern regarding comments made by Councilmember Torres-Walker on social media and requesting she submit her resignation.

Beverly Knight, Antioch resident, provided written comment expressing concern regarding comments made on social media by Councilmember Torres-Walker and suggesting she recuse herself from setting policy for the APD. She suggested Councilmember Torres-Walker go on a ride-along with the APD.

Mark, Melisa and Sandra Hartrick, Antioch residents, provided written comment requesting the City reopen the investigation of Councilmember Torres-Walker's behavior involving her sons and the APD.

Charles Kuslits, Antioch resident, provided written comment discussing the benefits of the MRAP. He supported updating tasers for the APD and encouraged Councilmember Torres-Walker to resign from the City Council.

Michelle Kuslits, Antioch resident, provided written comment in support of reopening the investigation into Councilmember Torres-Walker comments regarding the APD. She discussed the benefits of the MRAP.

Tom Hartrick, Antioch resident, provided written comment requesting Council address the comments made by Councilmember Torres-Walker on social media and remove her from the City Council.

Kathryn Wade provided written comment expressing concern regarding police misconduct.

Jackie Hooke, Antioch resident, provided written comment expressing concern regarding comments made by Councilmember Torres-Walker on social media and in support of recalling her from the City Council. She also expressed concern regarding Mayor Thorpe and Councilmember Wilson's representation of Antioch citizens.

Anonymous provided written comment expressing concern regarding criminal activity in Antioch.

Kelly Teal, Antioch resident, provided written comment urging Council to address the increase in criminal activity in Antioch. She expressed concern regarding Brown Act violations and City Manager Bernal cancelling the investigation into the actions of Councilmember Torres-Walker.

Jani Fletcher, Antioch resident, provided written comment expressing concern the investigation into Councilmember Torres-Walker was cancelled and Council had not addressed the matter.

Lisa Lacey, Antioch resident, provided written comment expressing concern regarding the lack of action against Councilmember Torres-Walker comments made on social media. She stated that she believed Councilmember Torres-Walker should resign and Council should address the matter.

William Davis-Watkins, Antioch resident, provided written comment in which he discussed racism and police misconduct.

Kathy Cabrera, Antioch resident, provided written comment urging City Manager Bernal to continue the investigation of Councilmember Torres-Walker. She noted she needed to resign or be replaced by someone who would help the residents and business owners in District 1.

Allison Norris provided written comment expressing concern regarding criminal activity occurring in Antioch and in support of APD.

Anonymous and Anonymous, Antioch residents, provided written comment requesting an investigation into the comments made by Councilmember Torres-Walker on social media.

Tracey Davis Watkins, Antioch resident, commended Council on their efforts on the houseless crisis and police reform. She expressed concern regarding comments made by APOA representative Michael Rains regarding the Angelo Quinto investigation.

Robbie V. provided written comment cautioning the City Council on how they proceed with progressive ideas.

Stacie, Antioch resident, provided written comment expressing concern regarding criminal activity occurring in Antioch and in support of recalling Councilmember Torres-Walker.

Lourdes provided written comment expressing concern regarding criminal activity and blight occurring in Antioch and in opposition to defunding the APD.

larrymsg555 provided written comment discussing police misconduct and in support of additional training for the APD.

Jim Lanter, Antioch resident, provided written comment urging Mayor Thorpe to show respect to fellow Councilmembers and expressing concern for the actions of Councilmember Torres-Walker since being elected to the Council.

Frank Sterling, Antioch resident, provided written comment in support of Councilmember Torres-Walker and moving forward with police reform in Antioch.

Kat Barbano provided written comment questioning why the investigation of Councilmember Torres-Walker had been cancelled and expressing concern regarding the increase in criminal activity. She commented on her support of the APD and Chief Brooks.

Bill Goldsby, Antioch resident, thanked Council for serving the City and Mayor Thorpe for agendizing items to modernize the APD. He suggested police reform agenda items be titled in a more positive manner.

Johnny Rotten provided written comment in support of defunding Mayor Thorpe.

Danny Espinoza, Lift Up Contra Costa Campaign Coordinator, provided written comment in support of police reform, Councilmember Torres-Walker and racial equity.

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

No name given, spoke in support of opening the investigation into the actions of Councilmember Torres-Walker and urged Council to work together.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Bernal announced an East Bay Regional Park District (EBRP) meeting regarding the Roddy Ranch Golf Course would take place on Zoom from 6:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M. on March 11, 2021. He reported that the Fulton Boat Ramp would be closed during construction of the Brackish Water Desalination Project and launching from the Antioch Marina would be free during this time.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Councilmember Ogorchock requested staff agendize a presentation from the Youth Tobacco Advocacy and Policy Project (YTAPP).

Councilmember Barbanica requested staff agendize consideration of the purchase of taser technology.

Councilmember Torres-Walker requested staff agenda items, hazard pay for grocery store workers, a displacement policy for renters and homeowners as well as the establishment of an office of community resources and public safety.

Councilmember Wilson requested staff agenda items adding a youth member to the City's Boards and Commissions as well as youth bus passes.

Mayor Thorpe commented that Councilmember Torres-Walker and Councilmember Wilson were strong women who deserved to be on the City Council, and he realized their value.

Mayor Thorpe left meeting at 12:01 A.M.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Councilmember Ogorchock, seconded by Councilmember Torres-Walker the City Council unanimously adjourned the meeting at 12:02 A.M. The motion carried the following vote:

Ayes: Torres-Walker, Barbanica, Ogorchock, Wilson

Absent: Thorpe

Respectfully submitted:

Kitty Eiden

KITTY EIDEN, Minutes Clerk