

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

Special/Regular Meeting
5:30 P.M.

April 27, 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 3:30 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.

4:30 P.M. - CLOSED SESSION

1. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION** pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9: Joshua Bickham v. City of Antioch, Contra Costa County Superior Court Case No. CIV MSN21-0499.
2. **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION: CITY MANAGER.** This closed session is authorized pursuant to Government Code section 54957

Mayor Thorpe called the meeting to order at 5:31 P.M., and City Clerk Householder called the roll.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Thorpe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

STUDY SESSION

1. **FISCAL YEAR 2021-23 BUDGET DEVELOPMENT**

City Manager Bernal introduced the Study Session Agenda Item #1.

Finance Director Merchant presented the staff report and PowerPoint presentation of Special Revenue Funds dated April 27, 2021 recommending the City Council provide feedback and direction regarding the budget development information provided for the fiscal year 2021-23 budget.

During a review of the PowerPoint presentation, Council provided the following comments:

Solid Waste Fund

Mayor Thorpe suggested the Council consider increasing staffing for the environmental resources.

Citywide 2A Maintenance District (Fund 256)

Mayor Thorpe turned the meeting over to Mayor Pro Tem Wilson and left the meeting at 5:52 P.M. Councilmember Wilson requested Finance Director Merchant continue with the PowerPoint presentation.

Prewett CIP Fund (312)

In response to Councilmember Wilson, Finance Director Merchant explained that Mello Roos had ended, and no additional revenues would be received.

Mayor Thorpe returned to the meeting at 6:10 P.M. and Mayor Pro Tem Wilson turned the meeting back over to Mayor Thorpe.

Councilmember Wilson supported Mayor Thorpe's request to consider an increase in staffing for the environmental resources.

Mayor Thorpe requested staff bring back information for the potential to add a position to aid with Environmental Resources.

Councilmember Ogorchock suggested Council consider part time positions initially for the CDGB Administrative Analyst position and the Vehicle Maintenance Fleet Service Technician.

Director of Community Development Ebbs clarified his request for a full-time position for the CDGB Administrative Analyst was to address succession planning. He expressed concern that they would invest time into training a part-time employee and then have to do it again when the position transitioned to full-time.

Councilmember Barbanica voiced his support for the full-time position for the CDGB Administrative Analyst.

Mayor Thorpe agreed with Councilmember Barbanica.

In response to Councilmember Torres-Walker, Finance Director Merchant explained that the Antioch Police Department (APD) Asset Forfeiture Funds were separate from the General Fund and could not be utilized for salaries. She commented that the APD maintained the funds separately and a further explanation on how they were utilized could be obtained from Chief Brooks.

Mayor Thorpe stated he wanted to add additional traffic safety measures particularly near schools.

Finance Director Merchant responded that Council could discuss specific projects when the draft CIP was presented.

City Manager Bernal announced the draft CIP would be coming to Council on May 25, 2021.

Council consensus supported incorporating all requested positions into the budget when it was brought back to Council for consideration.

Finance Director Merchant stated she would come back to Council on May 11, 2021 with the General Fund including the staffing positions requested. She noted the target was to adopt the budget on June 22, 2021. She thanked Council for their input and noted if there were any further questions, they could contact her directly.

Mayor Thorpe thanked Finance Director Merchant and the Finance Department for their hard work.

ADJOURNMENT OF SPECIAL MEETING/STUDY SESSION

Councilmember Barbanica left the meeting prior to the motion to adjourn.

On motion by Councilmember Ogorchock, seconded by Councilmember Wilson the City Council adjourned the meeting at 6:26 P.M. The motion carried the following vote:

Ayes: Torres-Walker, Ogorchock, Wilson, Thorpe

Absent: Barbanica

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

Present: Council/Agency/Authority 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 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; and **#2 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION: CITY MANAGER**, no reportable action.

2. PROCLAMATIONS

- *Honoring Our Elders Month, May 2021*
- *Be Kind to Animals Week, May 2 - 8, 2021*

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

Calli West, Belshaw Elementary School, Ke'Ona Jones, Black Diamond Middle School and Elena Arce, Holy Rosary Catholic School, read the proclamation and thanked the City Council for the *Honoring Our Elders Month* proclamation.

Prudence Capelle thanked the City Council for the *Honoring Our Elders Month* proclamation.

Mayor Thorpe voiced his appreciation to Ms. Capelle and those who read the proclamation.

The following public comments were read into the record by City Clerk Householder.

Melissa Case, Jackie Hooke, Tom Hartrick and Alison Norris provided written comment regarding the *Honoring Our Elders Month* proclamation.

Animal Shelter Manager Harding, Chuck Kuslits and Barbara Sobalvarro representing Antioch Friends of Animal Services thanked the City Council for the *Be Kind to Animals Week* proclamation. Barbara Sobalvarro announced that during the month of May, Friends of Animal Services would be paying the adoption costs for animals adopted through Antioch Animal Services. She recognized Frank Stone for advocating on behalf of the Antioch Animal Shelter.

Mayor Thorpe thanked Ms. Sobalvarro for her service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF CIVIC AND COMMUNITY EVENTS – None

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF BOARD AND COMMISSION OPENINGS

City Clerk Householder announced the following Board and Commission openings:

- Board of Administrative Appeals: Six (6) vacancies: deadline date is May 14, 2021

She reported applications would be available at the City's website.

Mayor Thorpe thanked City Clerk Householder for her Board and Commission vacancy outreach efforts.

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 and a half minutes.

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

Diana Collins Puente and Bella Q.C. spoke in support of an immediate ban on the use of any restraint that causes positional asphyxia.

Patricia Granados discussed online intimidation tactics and announced there would be a gathering at 5:00 P.M. on April 28, 2021 to honor the life of Malad.

Robert Collins spoke in support of an immediate ban on the use of any restraint that causes positional asphyxia. He urged Council to support of AB490, SB2 and police reform items agendized this evening.

Andrew Becker, Here Today Home Tomorrow Inc., stated there was a vacant corporate building at Deer Valley Road and Lone Tree Way currently owned by the CVS Corporation and he had been in contact with their corporate headquarters regarding the use of the building for Transitional Shelter Housing. He suggested the City collaborate with him on this effort.

Casandra Quinto Collins, Rin Boegel and Jessica Tully spoke in support of an immediate ban on the use of any restraint that causes positional asphyxia and police reform items agendized this evening.

Leslie May spoke in support of the police reform items agendized this evening.

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

Maria Renoos, Leah Fillingim-Selk, Concerned Citizen, San Diego resident, Stefano Corazza, Greenbrae resident, Kate Sweeney, Kioni Cho, Jane Courant, representing Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ), Joan Gabriella Heinsheimer MD (SURJ), Patrick Racela of Kabataan Alliance, Ben Morgenthau, Camile Santana, Berkeley resident, Kelly Callejo, Gretchen Tofflemire, Meg Keeley (SURJ), Greg Kremenliev (SURJ), Gail Susan Gordon (SURJ), Laura Byrne (SURJ), Elsie Mills (SURJ), Rose Strogatz (SURJ), Emily Hampshire (SURJ), Casey Johnson (SURJ) and Angela Phan, provided written comment in support of an immediate ban

on the use of any restraint that causes positional asphyxia. Several comments also supported the police reform items agendized this evening.

Sal Sbranti, Mark K, Sally, J O, Antioch residents and Jon Davis, provided written comment expressing concern regarding sideshow activity that occurred in Antioch.

T Rex provided written comment discussing the extinction of dinosaurs and calling for Mayor Thorpe to resign.

Mark Long, Antioch resident, provided written comment where he discussed the collaborated efforts of the APD and Oakland Police Department resulting in the arrest of over 48 gang members and associates.

O'Janae Simpson, Antioch resident, provided written comment thanking City Clerk Householder for yielding the reading of public comments to Administrative Services Director Mastay.

Paige Turner, Roberto Clemente, Pittsburg resident, John Keynes and Justin Seine, Antioch residents, provided written comment expressing concern that the demographics in downtown Antioch would not support a Rivertown Dining District.

Jack and Diane, Brentwood residents, provided written comment expressing concern regarding blight on "A" Street.

Rene Descartes, Billy Ruben, Kuldip Singh and Sarah Bellum, Antioch residents provided written comment opposing the Hazard Pay ordinance.

Reid Enright, Antioch resident, provided written comment suggesting the City Council reconsider and support option #3 for the City's signage program.

COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Torres-Walker reported on her attendance at the Cannabis Standing Committee meeting.

Councilmember Barbanica reported on his participation in a Transitional Housing zoom/facebook live event with Unhoused Resident Coordinator Ridley and Focus Strategies.

Councilmember Ogorchock reported on her attendance at the Cal Cities Governance, Transparency, and Labor Relations Policy Committee meeting. She thanked the APD for working with the Oakland Police Department and several other law enforcement agencies on Operation Windstar which resulted in many arrests and multiple gang related items confiscated.

Councilmember Wilson reported on her attendance at the Delta Diablo and Cannabis Standing Committee meetings. She announced Demin Day was April 28, 2021 and encouraged everyone

to wear denim to honor sexual assault survivors. She noted that April was Sexual Assault Awareness month and Tri Delta Transit would be meeting on April 28, 2021.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Thorpe announced the City Council had established an Interim Police Oversight Committee and through that committee there would be discussions related to policing including knee to neck restraints.

4. **CONSENT CALENDAR for City /City Council Members acting as Housing Successor to the Antioch Development Agency**
 - A. **APPROVAL OF COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 26, 2021**
 - B. **APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FOR MARCH 9, 2021**
 - C. **APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FOR MARCH 23, 2021**
 - D. **APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FOR APRIL 13, 2021**
 - E. **APPROVAL OF COUNCIL WARRANTS**
 - F. **APPROVAL OF HOUSING SUCCESSOR WARRANTS**
 - G. **RESOLUTION NO. 2021/69 AND RESOLUTION NO. 2021/70 AUTHORIZING EXAMINATION OF SALES OR TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX RECORDS AND RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO SIGN THE AMENDMENT AND NOVATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN MUNICIPAL RESOURCE CONSULTANTS AND MUNISERVICES, LLC.**
 - H. **HOUSING ELEMENT AND REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS ALLOCATION (RHNA) UPDATE**
 - I. **RESOLUTION NO. 2021/71 ACCEPTANCE OF WORK AND NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR THE WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS (P.W. 503-18)**
 - J. **RESOLUTION NO. 2021/72 FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH TESTING ENGINEERS, INC. FOR "AS NEEDED" MATERIAL TESTING AND SPECIAL INSPECTION SERVICES**
 - K. **RESOLUTION NO. 2021/73 APPROVING THE GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE TO MAKE ANY FUTURE**

NECESSARY OR REQUIRED MODIFICATIONS TO THE GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN

- L. **RESOLUTION NO. 2021/74 CONSIDERATION OF BIDS FOR DUAL TANKS, DIESEL FIRED THERMOPLASTIC PRE-MELTER AND TRAILER, BID NO. 020-0408-21A**
- M. **RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AMENDMENT OF A REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT FOR ROADWAY AND UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS BETWEEN THE CITY OF ANTIOCH AND DAVIDON HOMES**
- N. **RESOLUTION NO. 2021/75 UNHOUSED RESIDENT SERVICES – AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH FOCUS STRATEGIES**
- O. **APPROVAL OF TREASURER’S REPORT FOR MARCH 2021**

On motion by Councilmember Ogorchock, seconded by Councilmember Barbanica, the City Council unanimously approved the Council Consent Calendar with the exception of items A and M, which were removed for further discussion.

Item A – City Manager Bernal stated that staff was requesting this item be continued to the next meeting as minor errors needed to be corrected prior to Council considering approval.

On motion by Councilmember Wilson, seconded by Councilmember Ogorchock the City Council unanimously continued Item A.

Item M – Director of Public Works/City Engineer Samuelson staff report stated April 27, 2021.

Councilmember Ogorchock stated that she would like an opportunity to talk to staff regarding the letter they had received.

On motion by Councilmember Ogorchock, seconded by Councilmember Barbanica the City Council continued Item M. The motion carried the following vote:

Ayes: Barbanica, Ogorchock, Wilson, Thorpe

Abstain: Torres-Walker

PUBLIC HEARING

- 5. **PUBLIC HEARING TO REVIEW FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 ACTION PLAN FOR EXPENDING FEDERAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) AND LOCAL HOUSING SUCCESSOR FUNDING**

CDBG Housing Consultant House presented the staff report dated April 27, 2021 recommending the City Council approve the funding recommendations of the CDBG committee, and adopt the resolution approving the City of Antioch Fiscal Year 2021-22 Action Plan for expending federal

CDBG funds. 2) It is recommended that the City of Antioch as the Housing Successor to the Antioch Development Agency approve the funding recommendations of the CDBG committee and adopt the resolution approving Housing Successor funding for homeless services outlined in the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Annual Action Plan.

Mayor Thorpe opened and closed the public hearing with no members of the public requesting to speak.

Councilmember Barbanica and Ogorchock thanked CDBG/Housing Consultant House for facilitating the CDBG process.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021/76
RESOLUTION NO. 2021/77

On motion by Councilmember Ogorchock, seconded by Councilmember Barbanica the City Council unanimously 1) Approved the funding recommendations of the CDBG subcommittee, and adopted the resolution approving the City of Antioch Fiscal Year 2021-22 Action Plan for expending federal CDBG funds. 2) The City Council acting as the Housing Successor to the Antioch Development Agency approved the funding recommendations of the CDBG subcommittee and adopted the resolution approving Housing Successor funding for homeless services outlined in the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Annual Action Plan.

6. ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 4.12(C) OF TITLE 3 OF THE ANTIOCH MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO COOPERATIVE PURCHASING

Director of Public Works/City Engineer Samuelson presented the staff report dated April 27, 2021 recommending the City Council waive the first reading and introduce the Ordinance amending Section 4.12(C) of Title 3 of the Antioch Municipal Code Relating to Cooperative Purchasing.

Mayor Thorpe opened and closed the public hearing with no members of the public requesting to speak.

Councilmember Ogorchock stated she would like priority placed on shopping local.

Director of Public Works/City Engineer Samuelson explained that this Ordinance would allow the City to take advantage of Sourcewell bids; however, the City would continue to explore all options for purchasing goods and services.

A motion was made by Councilmember Ogorchock, seconded by Councilmember Barbanica to waive the first reading and introduce the Ordinance amending Section 4.12(C) of Title 3 of the Antioch Municipal Code Relating to Cooperative Purchasing, with the addition of a local preference item.

City Attorney Smith speaking to the motion, explained that a local preference item would need to come back to Council for consideration as it was a broader issue than this Ordinance.

Councilmember Ogorchock stated she would amend her motion, provided City Attorney Smith would bring a local preference item back to Council. Councilmember Barbanica agreed to the amendment.

On motion by Councilmember Ogorchock, seconded by Councilmember Barbanica the City Council waived the first reading and introduced the Ordinance amending Section 4.12(C) of Title 3 of the Antioch Municipal Code Relating to Cooperative Purchasing. The motion carried the following vote:

Ayes: Barbanica, Ogorchock, Wilson, Thorpe

Abstain: Torres-Walker

COUNCIL REGULAR AGENDA

7. PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENT FOR TWO (2) FULL-TERM VACANCIES EXPIRING OCTOBER 2024

City Clerk Householder read the biographies for Mayor Thorpe's two nominees for the Planning Commission, Kristina Gutilla and Kevin Riley.

A motion was made by Councilmember Barbanica, seconded by Councilmember Wilson to approve the resolution appointing Kristina Gutilla and Kevin Riley to two-year terms expiring October 2024.

In response to Councilmember Ogorchock, City Attorney Smith explained that the City Clerk's office had confirmed that the vacancies were for two full term vacancies expiring October 2024.

Councilmember Barbanica amended his motion and Councilmember Wilson accepted the amendment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021/78

On motion by Councilmember Barbanica, seconded by Councilmember Wilson the City Council unanimously approved the resolution appointing Kristina Gutilla and Kevin Riley amending the resolution to show the appointments as two full-term vacancies expiring October 2024.

City Clerk Householder administered the Oath of Office to Kristina Gutilla and Kevin Riley who thanked the City Council for their appointments.

City Clerk Householder and Mayor Thorpe thanked Ms. Gutilla and Mr. Riley for volunteering to serve the community.

8. POLICE REFORM – DISQUALIFYING FACTORS FOR LATERAL HIRE OF POLICE OFFICERS AT ANTIOCH POLICE DEPARTMENT

Assistant City Manager Bayon Moore presented the staff report dated April 27, 2021 recommending the City Council adopt a resolution formally approving disqualifying factors associated with the lateral hire of Police Officers at Antioch Police Department. For the record, Assistant City Manager Bayon Moore reported that staff had met with the collective bargaining units to discuss the draft and the content brought before Council this evening was what resulted from a meet and confer with the bargaining unit.

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

Christina Ortega, Patricia Granados and Diana Collins Puente spoke in support of the Council adopting the resolution.

The following public comments were read into the record by City Clerk Householder.

Tom Hartrick provided written comment in support of the Council adopting the resolution and requesting that they include disqualifications for anyone running for office in Antioch.

Willie J. Mims, representing the East County NAACP and Pittsburg's Black Political Association, provided written comment in support of the Council adopting the resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021/79

On motion by Councilmember Barbanica, seconded by Councilmember Ogorchock the City Council unanimously adopted a resolution formally approving disqualifying factors associated with the lateral hire of Police Officers at Antioch Police Department.

Mayor Thorpe thanked staff and the representative groups for bringing this item forward to Council.

9. POLICE REFORM – POLICE OFFICER TRAINING MATRIX

Assistant City Manager Bayon Moore presented the staff report dated April 27, 2021 recommending the City Council adopt a resolution formally approving the integration of specific topics into the training matrix for sworn personnel employed by the Antioch Police Department.

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

Leslie May suggested the City contact Dr. Kenneth Hardy from the Eikenberg Institute to work with City on this project. She spoke in support of Council adopting the resolution.

Christina Ortega spoke in support of the City Council adopting the resolution.

The following public comments were read into the record by City Clerk Householder.

Ben Morgenthau provided written comment in support of the City Council adopting a resolution.

No name provided written comment urging the City Council to be supportive of the APD and suggesting Chief Brooks be invited to be an active participant in the discussions.

Willie J. Mims, representing the East County NAACP & Pittsburg's Black Political Association provided written comment in support of the City Council adopting a resolution and encouraging them to add racial bias training to the matrix.

Councilmember Barbanica commented all police officers wanted and supported more training.

Mayor Thorpe requested the following revision to the resolution: #1: The Training Matrix for Sworn Personnel shall consist of mandatory training modules, publicly presented and reviewed by the City Council or designated body on an annual basis.

City Attorney Smith recommended Council approve the resolution as presented and then staff would circulate the above-mentioned change to solicit feedback for a future amendment.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021/80

On motion by Councilmember Barbanica, seconded by Councilmember Ogorchock the City Council unanimously adopted a resolution formally approving the integration of specific topics into the training matrix for sworn personnel employed by the Antioch Police Department.

In response to Mayor Thorpe, Chief Brooks explained that there were similarities; however, implicit bias and racial bias were separate topics.

10. POLICE REFORM – NOTIFICATION PROTOCOL FOR CRITICAL PUBLIC SAFETY INCIDENTS

Assistant City Manager Bayon Moore presented the staff report dated April 27, 2021 recommending the City Council adopt a resolution formally approving a Notification Protocol for Critical Public Safety Incidents.

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

Diana Collins Puente, Patricia Granados and Cassandra Quinto-Collins spoke in support of the City Council adopting a resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021/81

On motion by Councilmember Barbanica, seconded by Councilmember Ogorchock the City Council adopted a resolution formally approving a Notification Protocol for Critical Public Safety Incidents.

Mayor Thorpe announced that external notification protocols would be handled through the committee prior to coming before Council.

11. UNHOUSED RESIDENT SERVICES – RESOLUTION ADOPTING POLICY GUIDELINES FOR THE CITY OF ANTIOCH’S APPROACH TO UNHOUSED RESIDENT SERVICES

Assistant City Manager Bayon Moore and Unhoused Resident Coordinator Ridley presented the staff report dated April 27, 2021 recommending the City Council adopt a resolution formally approving Policy Guidelines for the City’s Approach to Unhoused Resident Services.

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

Leslie May thanked Unhoused Resident Coordinator Ridley for the report and mentioned there was a 10-acre farm in Knightsen purchased by Bonita House to serve people affected with mental health disorders. She encouraged Antioch to take imminent domain over the property.

The following public comment was read into the record by City Clerk Householder.

Melissa Case, Antioch resident, urged the City Council and Unhoused Resident Coordinator Ridley to incorporate wording requiring accountability from the person receiving benefits.

Councilmember Barbanica explained that this was a first step for the City to identify, bring services, and start unhoused residents on a pathway to housing.

Councilmember Ogorchock thanked Unhoused Resident Coordinator Ridley for the report and requested a CORE Team specific to Antioch be added to the City’s budget.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021/82

On motion by Councilmember Barbanica, seconded by Councilmember Ogorchock the City Council unanimously adopted a resolution formally approving Policy Guidelines for the City’s Approach to Unhoused Resident Services.

12. UNHOUSED RESIDENT SERVICES – ADDITIONAL TOPICS FOR CONSIDERATION

Mayor Thorpe presented the staff report dated April 27, 2021 recommending the City Council discuss and provide potential direction to staff on several topics related to unhoused resident services.

Councilmember Wilson reported that the transition team had met and discussed the following four items: Safe Parking Lot Program, Human Rights Commission, Mental Health Response Team and Ambassador Program. With regards to the Mental Health Response Team, she noted Council had advanced that program and the transition team agreed with that direction. Speaking to the Safe Parking Lot Program, she noted their recommendation was to develop a program to serve 4-8 vehicles. She reported she had researched Ambassador Programs run by non-profits or community-based organizations who work with the unhoused community to maintain encampments and transition them into stable employment and housing. She explained that there was a program in San Raphael that set up parking meter devices for change donations to provide resources and supplies for the unhoused. She added that San Jose partnered with a Mastercard to pay homeless people to clean up encampments and the City of Martinez had a similar program. She reported that the transition team supported the formation of a Human Rights Commission consisting of 7-9 members to address encampment issues.

In response to Councilmember Torres-Walker, Mayor Thorpe clarified that a Human Rights Commission was separate from a Human Rights and Social Equity Commission. He noted both could be brought back to Council as one item for discussion.

The following public comments were read into the record by City Clerk Householder.

Nicole Gardner, Antioch resident, provided written comment in support of an Ambassador Program and a Mental Health Crisis Response Team.

Nati Flores and William Davis Watkins, Antioch residents, provided written comment in support of the formation of a Human Rights and Equity Commission.

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

Leslie May thanked Councilmember Ogorchock for her suggestion to fund a CORE team for Antioch. She invited the Council to attend the Contra Costa County Mental Health Commission meeting at 4:30 P.M. – 6:30 P.M. on May 5, 2021.

Andrew Becker spoke in support of the Downtown Streets Program.

Councilmember Ogorchock expressed concern regarding liability issues related to hiring individuals to clean up encampments. She stated she believed these were items the Transitional Housing Ad Hoc Committee could discuss.

Mayor Thorpe explained that when he took office, he had a transition team of citizens who wanted to be involved. He noted this item came to Council in this manner because he had asked Councilmember Wilson to participate in the transition team, and he wanted to keep these items separate to avoid a Brown Act violation. He stated if Council chooses, they could send the recommendations from the transition team back to the ad hoc committee to research.

Councilmember Barbanica expressed concern that a safe parking lot would attract people from all over the area. He reported the City of Pittsburg paid two officers ten hours of overtime to patrol the parking lot of Walmart because of issues occurring around the Motel 6.

Mayor Thorpe suggested Councilmember Torres-Walker send him any bullet points for the formation of a Human Rights and Equity Commission.

City Attorney Smith recommended the entire City Council discuss the formation of the Human Rights Commission.

Mayor Thorpe responded that he would look at bringing the Human Rights Commission back to Council and the remainder of the items would be sent to the Ad Hoc Committee for discussion.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS – None

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Ogorchock requested staff agendize a discussion on adding a CORE team to the budget, an update on joining the HCP, a local preference item and an update on the agenda request list.

Councilmember Torres-Walker requested staff agendize a discussion on ending all positional tactics that could lead to asphyxia.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Councilmember Ogorchock, seconded by Councilmember Barbanica the City Council unanimously adjourned the meeting at 9:51 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Kitty Eiden
KITTY EIDEN, Minutes Clerk