CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Special Meeting   **October 16, 2021**
10:00 A.M.   **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 <u>by 8:00 a.m. the day of the Council Meeting in the following ways:</u> (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](https://www.antiochca.gov/speakers) dialing (925) 776-3057.

10:00 A.M. - SPECIAL MEETING/WORKSHOP

Mayor Thorpe called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M., and City Clerk Householder called the roll.

Present: Council Members District 2 Barbanica, District 3 Ogorchock, Mayor Pro Tem
                (District 4) Wilson and Mayor Thorpe
Absent: Council Member District 1 Torres-Walker (arrived at 10:01 A.M.)

City Clerk Householder (speaking in English) and Sandra Valmana Lastres, Court Certified Interpreter (speaking in Spanish), announced translation services were available for the public today.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Barbanica led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING

1.   REDISTRICTING IN ANTIOCH: PUBLIC TRAINING AND PUBLIC INPUT WORKSHOP

City Attorney Smith introduced Karin Mac Donald representing Q2 Data & Research, LLC, who gave a PowerPoint presentation and presented the staff report dated October 16, 2021, recommending the City Council receive the redistricting presentation and public comment on the drafting of district maps.

Mayor Thorpe opened the public hearing.

City Clerk Householder announced that the public could drop off their redistricting comments in the water department drop off box at City Hall.

Mayor Thorpe announced he would be participating in the meeting today; however, he would be turning the meeting over to Mayor Pro Tem Wilson to preside over the discussion.

Jane Hood representing Q2 Data & Research, LLC, displayed the current districting map.

Karin Mac Donald commented that the City was within the plus/minus 5% for Districts 1-3; however, District 4 would need to shed population. She noted the City could redraw all district boundaries; however, if they wanted to take a minimalistic approach they could just look at the boundaries between Districts 3 and 4 to equalize those populations.

City Clerk Householder announced Councilmember Torres-Walker arrived at 10:06 A.M.

Karin Mac Donald explained that the redistricting process had just started, and it may take a while for the public to begin participating. She noted the mapping tool would be going live next week which should engage the community.

Councilmember Wilson commented that she believed the City should focus on making the adjustments to Districts 3 and 4.

Councilmember Barbanica supported the minimalistic approach and stated he looked forward to receiving feedback from the community.

Mayor Thorpe stated he also supported the minimalistic approach, so from his perspective they were looking at adjusting the line down Lone Tree Way to increase the population of District 3. He encouraged Councilmembers to hold community meetings related to redistricting.

City Clerk Householder reported on her efforts to engage the public and noted that she appreciated the suggestion that Councilmembers reach out to their Districts to engage the community.

Mayor Pro Tem Wilson announced there would be three additional meetings and opportunities online for the public to provide their input.

Councilmember Ogorchock expressed concern for the lack of public participation and suggested the City Council hold an additional in-person public hearing. She agreed with taking the minimalistic approach. She suggested sharing the redistricting link on the City's website, adding an extension for the phone number provided and placing a dot in the middle of Antioch and dividing it four ways to display the population numbers. She asked for an explanation as to why the City had to continue with District Based Elections.

City Attorney Smith explained that the City was legally mandated to districts to ensure adequate and equal representation of voters in the community.

In response to Councilmember Barbanica, City Attorney Smith stated he believed if a representative was moved out of their District because district lines changed, they would remain in their seat until the next election. He noted it would be more complicated if there was a gap due to staggered terms. He stated he would like to do additional research on this matter.

In response to Mayor Pro Tem Wilson, City Manager Bernal reported they had been following normal protocol for public noticing of this item and they intended to increase efforts.

Mayor Thorpe explained the first time the City addressed this issue it was for districting which was a new concept, and many in the community were engaged. He noted redistricting would not garner the same amount of participation since they were only making minor revisions to the district lines. He thanked staff for their outreach efforts.

Mayor Pro Tem Wilson closed the public hearing.

City Clerk Householder (speaking in English) and Sandra Valmana Lastres, Court Certified Interpreter (speaking in Spanish), announced the following:

 ➢ The deadline to submit public comment was November 5, 2021
 ➢ Information and forms could be translated into any language, and they were available on the City's website
 ➢ The next redistricting public hearing would be held on November 9, 2021

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Councilmember Ogorchock, seconded by Councilmember Barbanica the City Council unanimously adjourned the meeting at 10:59 A.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Kitty Eiden
KITTY EIDEN, Minutes Clerk