

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

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

**September 27, 2022**  
**Council Chambers**

**6:00 P.M. - CLOSED SESSION**

Mayor Thorpe called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. and Acting City Clerk Rosales called the roll.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Ralph Hernandez, Antioch resident, speaking on behalf of Norma Hernandez and himself, spoke in support of appointing Interim City Manager Johnson as permanent City Manager.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

1. **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT: CITY MANAGER.** This closed session is authorized pursuant to Government Code section 54957.
2. **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS** – pursuant to California Government Code section 54957.6; City designated representatives: Ana Cortez, Nikki Ausk, and Jeff Bailey; Employee organizations: Antioch Public Works Association.

**ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION**

Mayor Thorpe adjourned to Closed Session at 6:04 P.M.

**7:00 P.M. REGULAR MEETING**

Mayor Thorpe called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M. and led a moment of silence in memory of Gianaton Vincent Comfort and announced the meeting would be adjourned in his memory.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Thorpe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Acting City Clerk Rosales called the roll.

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

## **CITY ATTORNEY TO REPORT OUT ON CLOSED SESSION**

City Attorney Smith reported the City Council had been in Closed Session and gave the following report: **#1 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT: CITY MANAGER**, Council motioned to direct the City Attorney to prepare a contract for the appointment of Cornelius Johnson as permanent City Manager by a 3/2 vote with Councilmembers Ogorchock and Barbanica voting no; and, **#2 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS**, no reportable action.

Mayor Thorpe announced he was going to ask for a motion to suspend the rules because there were several public comments related to Rent Stabilization. He reported he was not going to attend this meeting or the next Council meeting as he would be out of town; however, he anticipated some items would be split votes, so he decided to attend this evening and move those items up to be heard as the next order of business.

**ON MOTION BY MAYOR THORPE, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER WILSON, THE CITY COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY SUSPENDED THE RULES AND MOVED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO BE HEARD PRIOR TO ITEM 1 ANNOUNCEMENTS OF CIVIC AND COMMUNITY EVENTS: PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS 8 AND 5.**

Mayor Thorpe announced he moved up the incorrect agenda item and made the following motion to suspend the rules.

**ON MOTION BY MAYOR THORPE, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER TORRES-WALKER, THE CITY COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY SUSPENDED THE RULES AND MOVED THE FOLLOWING ITEM TO BE HEARD PRIOR TO PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS 5 AND 8; PUBLIC HEARING ITEM 7.**

**PUBLIC HEARING/ CITY OF ANTIOCH COUNCIL MEMBERS ACTING AS HOUSING SUCCESSOR TO THE ANTIOCH DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

- 7. UP-22-09 USE PERMIT FOR 2615 SOMERSVILLE ROAD CANNABIS DISPENSARY – THE APPLICANT IS SEEKING USE PERMIT APPROVAL TO OPERATE A NEW RETAIL CANNABIS DISPENSARY AT 2615 SOMERSVILLE ROAD. THE SUBJECT SITE IS A 25,000 SQUARE FOOT LOT WITH AN EXISTING 4,057 SQUARE FOOT COMMERCIAL BUILDING BUILT IN 1975. THE BUSINESS IS PROPOSED TO OPERATE FROM 9AM-8PM, SEVEN (7) DAYS A WEEK.**

Planning Manager Hersch presented the staff report dated September 27, 2022, recommending the City Council adopt the resolution approving UP-22-09, a Use Permit for a new cannabis dispensary at 2615 Somersville Road.

Mayor Thorpe opened the public hearing.

Anthony Cardenalli, Proponent, spoke in support of the City Council approving their project. He provided his personal and professional history as well as a history of the property. He reviewed their security plan, odor mitigation plan, and business practices. He stated their goal was to rehabilitate a vacant building and drive foot traffic to the area. He explained that they were a minority owned business and stated he looked forward to Council's approval.

Ralph Hernandez, Opponent, Antioch resident, spoke in opposition to this project noting it did not meet the City's requirements with regards to their impact on sensitive areas. Additionally, he stated this business was illegal according to federal law and requested Council oppose the resolution.

Patricia Granados, Elsa Stevens, and Ronald Mohamad spoke in support of the proposed cannabis business.

Andrew Becker spoke in support of the cannabis industry, small business, and this project. He stated his concern was related to the cannabis overlay as it pertained to this parcel and future potential development at the Somersville Towne Center and mixed-use development at the project site. He stated staff did not address closeness of this project to the youth centers currently located in the Somersville Towne Center. He encouraged the applicant to consider an alternative location.

Leslie May spoke in support of this business and noted she was also concerned the separation requirements had not been addressed. She stated if this location was not viable, Council should approve an alternative location that met city requirements.

Mayor Thorpe closed the public hearing

Councilmember Barbanica stated he wanted business in his district; however, his stance was that there were too many dispensaries within the community. He commented he did not support the overlay because it was inadequate. He stated if this site did not work out for the applicant, he wished him the best in his business endeavors.

In response to Councilmember Ogorchock, Director of Community Development Ebbs stated he was unaware if the school in this area for special needs children was still opened.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022/169**

On motion by Councilmember Wilson, seconded by Councilmember Torres-Walker the City Council adopted the resolution approving UP-22-09, a Use Permit for a new cannabis dispensary at 2615 Somersville Road. The motion carried the following vote:

Ayes: Torres-Walker, Wilson, Thorpe

Noes: Ogorchock, Barbanica

## **5. RENT STABILIZATION ORDINANCE – FIRST READING**

City Attorney Smith presented the staff report dated September 27, 2022, recommending the City Council introduce the Rent Stabilization Ordinance by title only and waive further reading.

Mayor Thorpe opened the public hearing.

Jackie Zaneri and Ethan Silverstein, ACCE, Proponents, spoke in support of the rent stabilization ordinance and asked Council to approve it as presented.

City Clerk Householder announced transmitters were available for English speakers wanting comments translated from Spanish.

Shagoofa Khan, Monument Impact, Ralph Hernandez, Antioch resident, Nicholas Lombardi, ACCE, Kim Carlson, Delta Pines Apartment resident, Devin Williams, ACCE, Stephany Morris, Monument Impact, Treyeyon Carlson, Antioch resident, ACCE, Della Bras, ACCE, Judith Ortiz, Monument Impact, Regina Berny, Monument Impact, Rev Millie Phillips, Faith Alliance for a Moral Economy, Yolanda Roberts, Delta Pines Apartment resident, ACCE, Edith Pastrano, ACCE, James Daniels, ACCE, Lestor Geoffrey, Monument Impact, Juan Gonzalez, ACCE, Tonya Dean, ECRG, Brendon O'Laskey, ECRG, Teresa Farias, ECRG, Rosio Aramboro, ECRG, Rocheall Pierre, ECRG, Dulce Franco, Casa Blanca Apartment resident, ECRG, Cecelia Perez-Mejia, First 5 and ECRG, Lawrence Elliott, Casa Blanca Apartment resident, Nancy Martinez, ACCE, Keiri Mejia, Antioch resident, ACCE, Jose Cardone, Erika McBroom, ECRG on behalf of Christine Clark, Myriam Saenz, ECRG, Francisco Torres, Betty Gobaldon, Todos Santos Tenant Union, Berta Beltran, Ali Uscilka, Healthy and Active Before 5, Eduardo Torres, Tenants Together, Patricia Granados, James Herard, Lift Up Contra Costa, Elsa Stevens, Chris Schlidt, Urban Habitat and Edgar Martinez spoke in support of the rent stabilization and asked Council to approve the ordinance. Several speakers requested Council include just cause and anti-harassment protections as well as a rental inspection program. Some speakers also discussed substandard living conditions and inadequate property management.

Linda Willis, Twin Creeks Apartment resident, ACCE, discussed substandard inadequate property management and requested Council make the rent stabilization ordinance retroactive to January.

Andrew Becker questioned why the City had not provided rental assistance to tenants with funds they had received for these purposes.

Mayor Thorpe closed the public hearing.

On motion by Councilmember Wilson, seconded by Councilmember Torres-Walker the City Council introduced the Rent Stabilization Ordinance by title only and waived further reading. The motion carried the following vote:

Ayes: Torres-Walker, Wilson, Thorpe

Noes: Ogorchock, Barbanica

Mayor Thorpe thanked the public speakers for their comments.

Mayor Thorpe declared a recess at 9:43 P.M. In the absence of Mayor Thorpe, Mayor Pro Tem Barbanica reconvened the meeting at 9:53 P.M. with all Councilmembers present with the exception of Mayor Thorpe. Mayor Pro Tem Barbanica presided over the remainder of the meeting.

**ON MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER WILSON, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER TORRES-WALKER, THE CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT UNANIMOUSLY SUSPENDED THE RULES TO MOVE COUNCIL REGULAR AGENDA ITEM #9 TO BE HEARD BEFORE PUBLIC HEARING ITEM #8.**

## **COUNCIL REGULAR AGENDA**

### **9. TRAFFIC CALMING NEEDS IN THE CITY OF ANTIOCH**

Elvy Rosales, Antioch resident, stated she lost her partner to a fatal vehicle accident on James Donlon Blvd. and requested safety measures be installed on the road such as signage, speed humps, road markings, cameras, and rumble strips.

Leslie May, Antioch resident, stated she had applied for speed bumps on West 9<sup>th</sup> Street, and asked staff to provide a status of her request. She discussed unsafe driving maneuvers occurring in the area that had resulted in accidents. She suggested roundabouts be installed in the area.

Melissa Case reported she had not received a response to an email she sent to the Councilmember representing her District regarding her safety concerns related to James Donlon Blvd. She suggested additional stop signs be installed in the area.

Devin Williams expressed concern regarding speeding traffic on Observation Way, Coliseum Way and Mokelumne Drive. He reported that he began the process through the City for traffic calming measures for the area and he was unaware of the status.

Andrew Becker suggested the City be proactive in finding solutions for traffic calming.

Councilmember Wilson spoke in support of road marking signs. She suggested the following roadways be considered for traffic calming measures: Mokelumne Drive, Prewett, James Donlon Blvd., Silverado Way, Gentrytown Drive, Garrow Drive, Davison Drive and Oneida Way.

In response to Councilmember Wilson, Director of Public Works/City Engineer Samuelson explained the Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program was active and they were currently designing the second project. He noted they had an active list of streets that were approved,

currently being evaluated and had yet to be evaluated. He further noted there was a process and policy for considering all requests.

Councilmember Ogorchock offered her condolences to Ms. Rosales for her loss. She stated she understood the concerns related to James Donlon Blvd and supported measures to slow traffic in the area. She suggested the decoy police vehicle be utilized. She also suggested the City work with the school district to share costs for crossing guards near school sites.

In response to Councilmember Torres-Walker, Director of Public Works/City Engineer Samuelson reported staff was evaluating James Donlon Blvd and 10<sup>th</sup> Street outside of the traffic calming petition process.

Councilmember Torres-Walker offered her condolences to Ms. Rosales for her loss. She requested Director of Public Works/City Engineer Samuelson investigate whether West 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Cavallo Road, West 10<sup>th</sup> Street and Sycamore Drive had been considered for traffic calming. She stated items suggested for consideration included rumble strips, raised crosswalks, roadway markings, speed humps and signage.

In response to Councilmember Torres-Walker, Director of Public Works/City Engineer Samuelson stated the City was actively installing speed humps and raised crosswalks. He confirmed that rumble strips, signage and striping could be effective. He stated they were attempting to get grant funding for signalized crossings on James Donlon Blvd, Lone Tree Way and Hillcrest Avenue. He explained that they actively evaluated and installed traffic calming devices outside of the petition process. He cautioned against going forward with speed humps absent the petition process because if installed without approval, they would have to be removed if they received complaints. He noted the process was developed to ensure the community agreed. He further noted there were other traffic calming measures that could be installed that did not need to go through that process. He stated he would consider portions of Sycamore Drive, West 10<sup>th</sup> Street and Cavallo Road residential. He added that another factor to consider was the impact of installing speed humps on main roadways traveled by emergency vehicles.

Mayor Pro Tem Barbanica stated the City had statistical information for traffic fatalities, collisions and citations as well as average speeds from radar surveys. He supported roundabouts and slowing traffic along James Donlon Blvd. He requested staff acquire data from the Antioch Police Department, prioritize areas and return to Council with recommendations on how they should be addressed.

Director of Public Works/City Engineer Samuelson responded that he would encourage Council to review the local road and safety plan which addressed staff's recommendations. He noted James Donlon Blvd. and 10<sup>th</sup> Streets were his highest priority. He added that he was a proponent of roundabouts; however, the challenge on James Donlon would be acquiring the right of way necessary to install them. He noted they were looking at all options for traffic calming measures in the area. He confirmed that he would have a report back to Council on James Donlon Blvd in the next couple of months.

Mayor Pro Tem Barbanica requested Director of Public Works/City Engineer Samuelson report back to Council as soon as possible.

**PUBLIC HEARING/ CITY OF ANTIOCH COUNCIL MEMBERS ACTING AS HOUSING SUCCESSOR TO THE ANTIOCH DEVELOPMENT AGENCY – CONTINUED**

- 8. UP-22-06 USE PERMIT FOR DELTA VIEW NURSERY 2101 WEST 10TH STREET, SUITE C – THE APPLICANT IS SEEKING USE PERMIT APPROVAL FOR A NEW CANNABIS NURSERY AT 2101 WEST 10TH STREET, SUITE C. THE SUBJECT SITE IS 1.95 ACRES WITH AN EXISTING 25,380 SQUARE FOOT BUILDING BUILT IN 2005. THERE ARE EXISTING DISPENSARY, CULTIVATION, AND MANUFACTURING USES WITHIN THE BUILDING.**

Planning Manager Hersch presented the staff report dated September 27, 2022, recommending the City Council adopt the resolution approving a Use Permit (UP-22-06) for a cannabis nursery at 2101 West 10th Street.

Mayor Pro Tem Barbanica opened the public hearing.

The applicant stated he was available to answer any questions this evening.

Ralph Hernandez, Antioch resident, Opponent, stated he was opposed to this cannabis business and noted it was illegal according to federal law. He discussed his professional experiences and the consequences of illegal drugs. He expressed concern for oversaturation of cannabis businesses in Antioch and requested Council oppose the resolution.

Mayor Pro Tem Barbanica announced Mayor Thorpe returned to the meeting via zoom at 10:38 P.M. Mayor Pro Tem Barbanica continued to preside over the meeting.

Leslie May expressed concern regarding the potential for an electrical fire that could occur from a cultivation facility.

Andrew Becker commented that City ensured businesses were code compliant during the permit process. He stated state regulatory oversight of cannabis businesses was positive and thorough. He discussed the positive impact these businesses had on the community.

Mayor Pro Tem Barbanica closed the public hearing.

In response to Councilmember Ogorchock and Mayor Pro Tem Barbanica, Mr. Hoke confirmed the location of this business and discussed their security plan. He explained that they were going to use 90% of what they cloned for their own cultivation and 10% may be sold to the public through their website and picked up at their dispensary.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022/170**

On motion by Councilmember Wilson, seconded by Councilmember Torres-Walker the City Council unanimously adopted the resolution approving a Use Permit (UP-22-06) for a cannabis nursery at 2101 West 10th Street.

## **1. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF CIVIC AND COMMUNITY EVENTS**

Director of Parks and Recreation Helfenberger announced the following civic and community events.

- Fall Fest & Barbeque Cook-off – October 1, 2022
- Free Kids Fishing Derby – October 8, 2022

## **2. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF BOARD AND COMMISSION OPENINGS**

City Clerk Householder announced the following Board and Commission openings.

- Sales Tax Citizens' Oversight Committee
- Board of Administrative Appeals

For more information, visit: [www.bit.ly/ApplyAntioch](http://www.bit.ly/ApplyAntioch).

In response to Councilmember Ogorchock, City Clerk Householder explained that the deadline date for applications had been extended because they had not received enough applications to fill the vacancies.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Lacey Ferguson discussed a public statement she made regarding a personal relationship she had with an elected official.

City Clerk Householder announced Mayor Thorpe left the Council meeting at 10:53 P.M.

Ralph Hernandez, Antioch resident, endorsed the following candidates: Mary Rocha for Antioch School Board, District 1, Diane Gibson Grey, City Council District 1 and Lori Ogorchock City Council District 4.

Leslie May, Antioch resident, reported her niece was attacked at work and asked that the incident be investigated. She stated she was neutral on allegations made against an elected official and believed it should remain a civil matter.

Daniel Solorio, Antioch resident, expressed concern for Antioch leadership and requested the Mayor resign.

Melissa Case expressed concern for the lack of response from her District Councilmember regarding issues in District 4. She also expressed concern regarding the treatment of women by an elected official. She endorsed Councilmember Ogorchock for District 4.

Sandra White expressed concern regarding the conduct of an elected official and voiced her support for those in community who were victims of sexual exploitation, sexual harassment, sexual assault, sexual battery, and sex trafficking.

Erica Raulston yielded her speaker time to Leslie May.

Leslie May reported she had listened to the statement from Ms. Ferguson regarding a consensual relationship she had with an elected official and explained that she did not condone sexual assault, sexual harassment, sex trafficking or discussion of sexual relationships.

Lindsay Amezcua yielded her speaker time to Sandra White.

Sandra White stated claims of retaliatory behavior from an elected official should be taken seriously and she offered assist those in need with resources.

Jessica Mendoza expressed concern regarding safety issues related to the barrier walls that were installed on "L" street and Lemontree. She requested the barriers be removed.

Juan Gonzalez agreed with Ms. Mendoza regarding the barriers on "L" Street. He spoke in support of Councilmembers Torres-Walker and Wilson

Devin Williams spoke in support of Mayor Thorpe and Councilmembers Wilson and Torres-Walker.

Tachina (China) Garrett spoke in support of Councilmembers Torres-Walker and Wilson. She stated she believed personal relationships should not be discussed in Council Chambers.

Patricia Granados thanked Councilmember Wilson for her work and dedication to the City. She voiced her support for the victims of sexual misconduct and stated she hoped those responsible would be held accountable. She also spoke in support of the leadership of Antioch. She suggested the City look into reparations for marginalized communities.

Andrew Becker agreed the road closure of "L" Street was problematic. He cautioned the community against victim blaming.

Bruce Ohlson discussed mitigations that they would like Antioch to ask Brentwood to request Costco provide related to the trail system.

Rhea Laughlin, First 5 Contra Costa and ECRG, thanked Councilmember Torres-Walker, Councilmember Wilson and Mayor Thorpe for passing the Rent Stabilization Ordinance

Megan Becker discussed allegations made against an elected official and recognized those who came forward regardless of the potential for repercussions.

Public comments submitted in writing were entered into the record from the following individuals: Jim Lanter and Nita Delnay.

### **CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMUNICATIONS**

Councilmember Torres-Walker commented that every individual story and experience mattered. She discussed her support of families who had been the victims of violent crimes. She thanked Ms. White for her comments this evening and reported on a conversation she had with her regarding the previous election.

Councilmember Wilson announced she would be attending Tri Delta on September 28, 2022.

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS** – None

### **3. PRESENTATION**

*Build Antioch 2022 Design Studio*

Mayor Pro Tem Barbanica announced this item would be continued to the October 11, 2022, City Council meeting.

- 4. CONSENT CALENDAR for City /City Council Members acting as Successor Agency/Housing Successor to the Antioch Development Agency**
- A. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FOR AUGUST 9, 2022**
- B. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FOR AUGUST 23, 2022**
- C. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES FOR AUGUST 26, 2022**
- D. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 13, 2022**
- E. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL WARRANTS**
- F. RESOLUTION NO. 2022/171 AND S.A. RESOLUTION NO. 2022/38 UPDATED CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE FOR THE CITY OF ANTIOCH AND CITY AS SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE ANTIOCH DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**
- G. RESOLUTION NO. 2022/172 SHORT TERM LEASE AGREEMENT WITH RIVERTOWN JAMBOREE FOR TEMPORARY OFFICE SPACE AT THE NICK RODRIGUEZ COMMUNITY CENTER**

- H. **RESOLUTION NO. 2022/173 SHORT TERM LEASE AGREEMENT WITH TODOS UNIDOS FOR TEMPORARY OFFICE SPACE AT THE NICK RODRIGUEZ COMMUNITY CENTER**
- I. **RESOLUTION NO. 2022/174 SHORT TERM LEASE AGREEMENT WITH PRISON FROM THE INSIDE OUT FOR TEMPORARY OFFICE SPACE AT THE NICK RODRIGUEZ COMMUNITY CENTER**
- J. **RESOLUTION NO. 2022/175 SHORT TERM LEASE AGREEMENT WITH MISSION POSSIBLE FOR TEMPORARY OFFICE SPACE AT THE NICK RODRIGUEZ COMMUNITY CENTER**
- K. **RESOLUTION NO. 2022/176 AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CITY MANAGER TO PURCHASE ADVERTISING WITH NORTHWEST MEDIA PARTNERS FOR THE FACES OF OPPORTUNITY CAMPAIGN FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$60,000 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022/23**
- L. **RESOLUTION NO. 2022/177 ACCEPTANCE OF WORK AND NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR THE TRENCHLESS REHABILITATION OF SANITARY SEWER MAIN USING CURED IN PLACE PIPE AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS (P.W. 684-2)**
- M. **RESOLUTION NO. 2022/178 CONSIDERATION OF BIDS FOR THE CURB, GUTTER, AND SIDEWALK REPAIR INCLUDING TREE REMOVAL AND STUMP GRINDING AND INSTALLATION OF CONCRETE CURB RAMPS AT MISCELLANEOUS LOCATIONS 2022/23 (P.W. 507-19)**

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

**PUBLIC HEARING/ CITY OF ANTIOCH COUNCIL MEMBERS ACTING AS HOUSING SUCCESSOR TO THE ANTIOCH DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

- 6. **PUBLIC HEARING TO REVIEW ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 CDBG AND HOUSING SUCCESSOR FUNDS REPORTED IN THE CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION REPORT (CAPER); AND REVIEW OF PRIORITY NEEDS AND STRATEGIES FOR THE 2023-24 CDBG ACTION PLAN**

CDBG/Housing Consultant House presented the staff report dated September 27, 2022, recommending the City Council receive and consider public comment on the Fiscal Year 2021-22 CAPER year-end report, detailing achievements of programs funded with CDBG and Housing Successor funds for housing, homeless, and community services to improve the quality of life of lower income Antioch residents and neighborhoods. 2) It is recommended that the City Council receive and consider public comment on the Priority Needs and Strategies for the 2023-24 Action Plan.

Mayor Pro Tem Barbanica opened the public hearing.

Andrew Becker spoke in support of the CDBG program. He stated the City struggled with rental assistance for tenants from Corona Virus funding. He noted this was an important issue and applications should have been responded to in a timely manner.

Mayor Pro Tem Barbanica closed the public hearing.

In response to Councilmember Ogorchock, CDBG/Housing Consultant House explained the remaining balance for CV1&3 were in part the second grouping of funds they received from HUD. She reported the program was halted while the state program took over because the CDBG (CV) funds came with more restrictions. She noted the funds were being utilized now and they were available for those who needed assistance if assistance was related to lost income due to COVID. She reported they funded two programs for Shelter Inc. at double the normal rate, which had helped with move in costs and down payment assistance. She noted the tenant landlord counseling program and legal assistance for those facing evictions was amped up from its usual allocation.

In response to Councilmember Torres-Walker, CDBG/Housing Consultant House stated that a person qualified for state funding would not be restricted from accessing CV funds if their issue was related to COVID.

Mayor Pro Tem Barbanica thanked CDBG/Housing Consultant House for her work on the CDBG program.

**PUBLIC COMMENT – None**

**STAFF COMMUNICATIONS – None**

**COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – None**

**ADJOURNMENT**

On motion by Councilmember Ogorchock, seconded by Councilmember Wilson the City Council members present unanimously adjourned the meeting at 12:01 A.M.

Respectfully submitted:

*Kitty Eiden*  
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KITTY EIDEN, Minutes Clerk