

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

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

**July 25, 2023**  
**Council Chambers**

**5:30 P.M. - CLOSED SESSION**

Mayor Thorpe called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M., and Acting City Clerk Rosales called the roll.

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

1. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL:** Existing Litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9; Frank Sterling v. City of Antioch, et al. United States District Court Northern District of California Case No. 3:22-cv-07558-TSH.
2. **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION: CITY ATTORNEY.** This closed session is authorized pursuant to Government Code section 54957.
3. **PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT – RECRUITMENT OF CITY MANAGER.** This closed session is authorized pursuant to Government Code section 54957(b).
4. **CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS** pursuant to California Government Code section 54956.8; Property: 809-815 1st Street, Antioch, CA 94509 (APN: 066-091-015), Negotiating Parties: City of Antioch Negotiators: Kwame P. Reed, Acting City Manager and Thomas Lloyd Smith, City Attorney; Lynn House Gallery Negotiator: Jody Mattison; Under Negotiation: Rent and terms of payment.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Andrew Becker questioned why the news outlets published the City's recruitment process prior to Council discussing the process during Closed Session.

Melissa Case requested citizens be involved in the selection process for the new City Manager.

Mayor Thorpe explained that Council had previously discussed conducting a national search for the City Manager.

**ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION**

Mayor Thorpe adjourned to Closed Session at 5:38 P.M.

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

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

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

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Thorpe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **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 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL**, direction given to City Attorney, **#2 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION: CITY ATTORNEY**, no reportable action, **#3 PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT – RECRUITMENT OF CITY MANAGER**, direction given to Human Resources Director; and, **#4 CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS**, Council voted to forgive past rent of \$6,333.65 for COVID-19 period, by 4/0/1 vote with Councilmember Torres-Walker abstaining.

**ON MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER OGORCHOCK, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BARBANICA, THE CITY COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY SUSPENDED THE RULES AND MOVED PRESENTATION #2, COUNCIL REGULAR AGENDA ITEM #8 and PUBLIC HEARING ITEM #4 TO BE HEARD AS THE NEXT ORDER OF BUSINESS.**

## **2. PRESENTATION**

*Vanessa Rosales, Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC) Designation*

Mayor Thorpe presented Vanessa Rosales, with her Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC) Designation certificate.

## **COUNCIL REGULAR AGENDA**

Due to the amount of speaker requests, Mayor Thorpe reduced speaker times to one and a half minutes.

## **8. ON-CALL HOMELESS ENCAMPMENT CLEANUP SERVICES**

Acting Director of Public Works/City Engineer Buenting presented the staff report dated July 25, 2023, recommending the City Council: 1) Discuss contracting out homeless encampment cleanup services to a third-party contractor; and 2) Provide direction to staff on a funding source to provide these services.

Chad Tresdell, Art Hernandez, Tedd Romano, Zach Looney, Miguel Santoyo, Bruce Cooke, Jeff Cook, representing Antioch Public Works and Todd Northam, representing the Antioch Public Works Association, expressed concern regarding the safety of their members currently performing homeless encampment cleanups and spoke in support of the City contracting out abatement services.

Andrew Becker commented that Public Works should not be performing homeless encampment cleanups and suggested departments working with unhoused residents be included in the conversation.

Frank Sterling commented that Public Works should not be performing homeless encampment cleanups. He suggested the City hire a culturally experienced consultant and involve the Angelo Quinto Crisis Response Team.

Christian Gutierrez discussed his experience with homelessness and suggested that those who were concerned about performing encampment cleanups find different employment.

On motion by Councilmember Ogorchock, seconded by Councilmember Barbanica, the City Council directed staff to move forward with contracting out homeless encampment cleanups and authorized the Acting City Manager to make the appropriate budget adjustments. The motion carried the following vote:

Ayes: Barbanica, Ogorchock, Wilson, Thorpe

Abstain: Torres-Walker

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

### **4. INTRODUCE ORDINANCE PROHIBITING RETALIATION AND HARASSMENT OF RESIDENTIAL TENANTS**

Councilmember Barbanica announced that under the direction and advice of City Attorney Smith, he would recuse himself from Public Hearing Item #4, and he left the dais.

City Attorney Smith presented the staff report dated July 25, 2023, recommending the City Council introduce by title only and waive further reading of the Ordinance Adding Chapters 4 and 5 of Title 11 of the Antioch Municipal Code Prohibiting Retaliation and Harassment of Residential Tenants.

Mayor Pro Tem Torres-Walker opened the public hearing.

Ethan Silverstein, ACCE Institute, Proponent, spoke in support of the ordinance as presented. He noted it included a reasonable standard for violations and captured enough violations and remedies. He felt arguments against the ordinance were invalid.

Rhovy Lyn Antonio, CA Apartment Association, discussed several provisions within the proposed ordinance that posed concerns for housing providers. She requested the City Council

reject the ordinance, review the provisions previously outlined and move forward with an inclusive process.

Joseph Stokley Sr, Real Estate Investor and Landlord, expressed concern that the proposed ordinance would result in fewer rental properties. He stated he worked with residents through difficult times and had only one eviction. He commented if the ordinance was enacted it would force him to sell his properties and reinvest elsewhere.

Ranae Callaway, Delta Association of Realtors, James Britto, Aeysha Corio, Realtor, Landlord and Concord Planning Commissioner and Joe Stokley Jr. expressed concern regarding several provisions within the proposed ordinance. They requested Council reconsider the current ordinance and work with stakeholders to advance an ordinance that was fair and balanced for all parties.

Scott MacIntyre agreed with various aspects of the anti-harassment ordinance and requested that wording within be clarified.

Mary Anne Johnson, Property Owner, stated they took great pride in being landlords that followed the rules and felt the anti-harassment ordinance would be targeting them.

Rev Millie Phillips, Faith Alliance for a Moral Economy, Teresa Farias, Rising Juntos, Christine Clark, Rising Juntos, Rocio Aramburo, Rising Juntos, Nicole Arrington, ACCE, Devin Williams, Tachina Garrett, ACCE, CPO, NAMI, Frank Sterling, Reimagine Antioch, Kim Carlson, Treyveon Carlson, ACCE, Archie Brumfield, ACCE, Navy Veteran, Patricia Granados, Rhea Elina Laughlin, Rising Juntos, Francisco Torres, Reimagine Antioch, Eddie Gums, ACCE, Rocheall Pierre, Raising Juntos, and Della Brass spoke in support of the anti-harassment ordinance. Many speakers also requested Council move forward with a just cause ordinance.

Melissa Case encouraged stakeholders to work together to address all of their concerns.

Stephany Morris discussed uninhabitable living conditions in rental units.

Julia Emego Kwua suggested the City advance a moratorium on rent increases.

Mayor Thorpe closed the public hearing.

Mayor Thorpe declared a recess at 9:20 P.M. The meeting reconvened at 9:37 P.M. with all Councilmembers present with the exception of Councilmember Barbanica who previously recused himself from Item #4.

Mayor Thorpe reopened the public hearing.

Bob Norri and Rochelle Stede Norri stated they had historically helped their tenants and discussed the impact of raising costs for landlords. They encouraged the City to make a decision that was fair and balanced for all parties.

Mayor Thorpe closed the public hearing.

Mayor Thorpe reopened the public hearing.

An unidentified speaker discussed the negative impacts of investors who would be unable to maintain and build new housing given rent control and regulations. She spoke in opposition to the ordinance and encouraged Council to pursue a better solution.

Public comments submitted in writing were entered into the record from the following individuals: Derek A. Ridgway, Molly Bacigalupo, Property Manager / Palm Terrace Condominium Rentals, Monica Fraga, Rene Urone, Business Manager / Hillcrest View Apartments, Pam Nightingale, Tim Hearn, Kristina Ball, Community Manager, Bryan Smith, Property Management, Dennis Hanna, Sandra Sanchez, Stephen Liem and Helen Rozam, Antioch residents, Yvette Evans, Property Management / DH Apartment Homes, Yasmin Meertins, Joyce Kelly, Ali Uscilka, Program Director / Healthy & Active Before 5, and Reina Banuelos, Director of Property Management / DH Apartment Homes and Deborah Polk.

Mayor Thorpe closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Ogorchock thanked the speakers for their public comments. She discussed several provisions within the proposed ordinance that posed concerns for housing providers. She suggested changing wording within the ordinance, so provisions applied to corporate owners. She requested the City work collaboratively with stakeholders to create a resolution and ordinance that all parties could support.

Councilmember Torres-Walker thanked the speakers for their public comments. She reported that Mayor Thorpe attempted a meeting with stakeholders which was unsuccessful. She expressed concern that landlords had indicated they would sell properties if the ordinance were approved and stated if that was the case, she would ask that they consider working with the first-time homeowner program.

A motion was made by Councilmember Torres-Walker and seconded by Councilmember Wilson to introduce by title only and waive further reading of the Ordinance Adding Chapters 4 and 5 of Title 11 of the Antioch Municipal Code Prohibiting Retaliation and Harassment of Residential Tenants.

Speaking to the previous motion and following discussion, Mayor Thorpe and Councilmember Ogorchock requested the following friendly amendments to the motion: 1) Section 3. HOUSING SERVICES. 11-1.02 "Definitions" - EXCLUDE "...including the right to have a specific number of occupants and the right to one-for-one replacement of roommates, regardless of any prohibition against subletting and/or assignment." 2) Section 4. 11-5.02 "EXEMPTIONS" - ADD "Senior Residential Home Care Facilities" to section (A); and 3) Section 4. 11-5.03 "HARASSMENT BY LANDLORD PROHIBITED" - ADD "...except when a landlord is engaged in a tenant eviction process." to sections (A)(16) and (A)(17).

A substitute motion was made by Councilmember Torres-Walker and seconded by Councilmember Wilson to introduce by title only and waive further reading of the Ordinance Adding Chapters 4 and 5 of Title 11 of the Antioch Municipal Code Prohibiting Retaliation and Harassment of Residential Tenants including the following amendments:

Section 3. HOUSING SERVICES. 11-1.02 “Definitions”

- EXCLUDE “...including the right to have a specific number of occupants and the right to one-for-one replacement of roommates, regardless of any prohibition against subletting and/or assignment.”

Section 4. 11-5.02 “EXEMPTIONS”

- ADD “Senior Residential Home Care Facilities” to section (A):

Section 4. 11-5.03 “HARASSMENT BY LANDLORD PROHIBITED”

- ADD “...except when a landlord is engaged in a tenant eviction process.” to sections (A)(16) and (A)(17)

The motion carried the following vote:

Ayes: Wilson, Torres-Walker, Thorpe

Noes: Ogorchock

Councilmember Torres-Walker thanked Councilmember Barbanica for recusing himself from this process.

Councilmember Barbanica returned to the dais.

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

Director of Public Safety and Community Resources Johnson announced the following civic and community events.

- Summer Outdoor Movie Night Prewett Park – August 3, 2023
- Summer Concert Series Prewett Park – July 27, 2023, and Waldie Plaza– August 5, 2023
- Julpun Park – Ribbon Cutting Ceremony – August 5, 2023

Councilmember Ogorchock announced the following community event.

- Stuff the Bus - August 5, 2023, Dallas Ranch Middle School.

Acting Director of Public Works/City Engineer Buenting made the following civic announcement:

- Construction on Lone Tree Way – July 26 through October 31, 2023, from Putnam Street to Terranova Drive, Antioch, CA (One lane of traffic in each direction from 8:00 P.M. to 5:00 A.M.).

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Christian Gutierrez discussed incidents he had experienced with community members and law enforcement.

Rosalba Zendejas discussed an incident involving her sons and the Antioch Police Department (APD).

Melissa Case expressed concern regarding an elected official's open letter to Mr. Rains. She encouraged Council to unify and compromise on city matters.

Carolyn Simmons discussed racism and spoke in support of scrutinizing all new APD hires and ensure that they would be professional employees.

Kathryn Wade discussed an incident involving her son and the APD.

Francisco Torres, Reimagine Antioch, encouraged the City Council to move forward with the Police Oversight Commission appointments and suggested the community be involved in choosing a new Police Chief.

Frank Sterling expressed concern regarding letters sent from lawyers for the APOA. He urged Council to implement the Police Oversight Commission and ensure officers involved in misconduct be decertified.

Andrew Becker discussed his experience in the foster care system and expressed concern regarding a family who was experiencing homelessness.

Julia Emego Kwue spoke in support of defunding APD and building a multistory building for the homeless. She requested summer meals be provided for pick up and funding be allocated for students who were homeschooled.

Teki Flow thanked the City Council for enacting the anti-harassment ordinance. She expressed concern that a police escort had not been available for the Crisis Response Team. She requested the Police Oversight Commission be established and the audit of the APD be expedited.

Kimberly Kidd-Bailey discussed an incident involving her son and the APD. She encouraged the City to hire a Police Chief that was fair.

Public comments submitted in writing were entered into the record from the following individuals: Michael Kitterman, American Citizens Institute and Tim Schwartz, Antioch resident.

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CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMUNICATIONS – None

MAYOR’S COMMENTS – None

3. **CONSENT CALENDAR for City /City Council Members acting as Housing Successor to the Antioch Development Agency**
- A. **APPROVAL OF COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES FOR MAY 30, 2023**
- B. **APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FOR JUNE 13, 2023**
- C. **APPROVAL OF COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES FOR JUNE 23, 2023**
- D. **APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FOR JUNE 27, 2023**
- E. **APPROVAL OF COUNCIL WARRANTS**
- F. **APPROVAL OF HOUSING SUCCESSOR WARRANTS**
- G. **REJECTION OF CLAIM: KHALID BARROW, RONNIE FIELDS, AND AHMAD SLOAN**
- H. **ORDINANCE NO. 2229-C-S SECOND READING – THE RANCH PHASE I PROJECT – PLANNED DEVELOPMENT GUIDELINES ORDINANCE (*Introduced on June 27, 2023*)**
- I. **RESOLUTION NO. 2023/111 CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CENTRICITY GIS, LLC FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF ASSET MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE**
- J. **RESOLUTION NO. 2023/112 CONSIDERATION OF BIDS FOR THE WEST ANTIOCH CREEK SILT REMOVAL (P.W. 201-5A)**
- K. **RESOLUTION NO. 2023/113 CONSIDERATION OF BIDS FOR THE WATER DISTRIBUTION AND SERVICE MATERIALS**
- L. **RESOLUTION NO. 2023/114 CONSIDERATION OF BIDS FOR EQUIPMENT OPERATOR IN CREEKS AND CHANNELS**
- M. **RESOLUTION NO. 2023/115 AGREEMENT WITH CAL ENGINEERING & GEOLOGY FOR GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING CONSULTING SERVICES FOR LANDSLIDE REPAIRS THROUGHOUT THE CITY OF ANTIOCH**
- N. **RESOLUTION NO. 2023/116 AGREEMENT WITH NINYO & MOORE FOR GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING CONSULTING SERVICES FOR LANDSLIDE REPAIRS THROUGHOUT THE CITY OF ANTIOCH**



- O. **RESOLUTION NO. 2023/117 APPROVING CONSOLIDATED ENGINEER'S REPORT AND DECLARING INTENTION TO LEVY AND COLLECT ASSESSMENTS FOR THE HILLCREST, CITYWIDE, DOWNTOWN, ALMONDRIDGE, LONE TREE, AND EAST LONE TREE LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE DISTRICTS, AND SETTING PUBLIC HEARING (P.W. 500)**
- P. **RESOLUTION NO. 2023/118 AGREEMENT WITH FUGRO USA LAND, INC. FOR ON-CALL GEOTECHNICAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES**
- Q. **RESOLUTION NO. 2023/119 FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE CONSULTANT SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH MCARDLE DESIGN INC. FOR LANDSCAPE DESIGN SERVICES**
- R. **RESOLUTION NO. 2023/120 AGREEMENT WITH WILSEY HAM ENGINEERING, SURVEYING & PLANNING FOR ON-CALL GEOTECHNICAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES**
- S. **RESOLUTION NO. 2023/121 ACCEPTING COMPLETED IMPROVEMENTS AND RELEASE OF BONDS FOR AVIANO SUBDIVISION PHASE 2, TRACT NO. 9449 (P.W. 676-2)**
- T. **RESOLUTION NO. 2023/122 ACCEPTING COMPLETED IMPROVEMENTS, RELEASE OF BONDS, AND AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT DEEDS FOR PARK RIDGE PARK (JULPUN PARK) AND OPEN SPACE CONVEYING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5500 SIERRA TRAIL WAY, ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBERS 053-060-069 AND 053-060-071 (P.W. 674-9)**
- U. **RESOLUTION NO. 2023/123 UNHOUSED RESIDENTS SERVICES – AMENDMENT NO. 5 TO CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH FOCUS STRATEGIES**
- V. **RESOLUTION NO. 2023/124 APPROVAL REAPPROPRIATING UNSPENT FISCAL YEAR 2023 YOUTH NETWORK SERVICES CONTRACTUAL SERVICES TO FISCAL YEAR 2024**
- W. **APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT FOR APRIL 2023**
- X. **APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MAY 2023**

On motion by Councilmember Ogorchock, seconded by Councilmember Wilson, the City Council unanimously approved the Council Consent Calendar with the exception of items H, O and U which were removed for further discussion.

**Item H** – Andrew Becker and Frank Sterling discussed the need for affordable housing in Antioch and questioned if this matter had been discussed with the developer.

Francisco Torres opposed The Ranch project and encouraged the City to focus on those needing affordable housing.

Teki Flow, Reimagine Antioch, questioned why resources were going toward a fire station and not investing in healing trauma.

Kimberly Kidd-Bailey questioned if sufficient infrastructure was in place to support The Ranch project.

Julia Emego Kwue, requested the City reduce speed limits in Antioch and open a bank to assist unhoused and low income residents.

Public comment submitted in writing was entered into the record from the following individual:  
Allan Moore, A.P.C.

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

Ayes: Barbanica, Ogorchock, Wilson, Thorpe

Noes: Torres-Walker

**Item O** – In response to Councilmember Barbanica, Acting Director of Public Works/City Engineer Buenting explained assessments were already in place and they would not increase taxes.

Melissa Case questioned if this item had been voted down by voters.

Mayor Thorpe responded that this item had not been voted down.

Acting Director of Public Works/City Engineer Buenting explained staff was mandated to present this item to Council yearly as an administrative process.

Julia Emego Kwue commented that some landscaping was not practical and was dangerous for pedestrians. She encouraged the City to focus on social safety programs.

On motion by Councilmember Barbanica, seconded by Councilmember Ogorchock, the City Council unanimously approved Item O.

**Item U** – Andrew Becker questioned how the consultants were assisting unhoused residents in Antioch.

Julia Emego Kwue encouraged the Council to vote their conscience, defund APD and suggested building a large multi-story building for low income, unhoused and mentally ill residents.

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

Ayes: Barbanica, Ogorchock, Wilson, Thorpe

Noes: Torres-Walker

**PUBLIC HEARING – Continued**

**5. ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 15 OF CHAPTER 5 OF TITLE 4 OF THE ANTIOCH MUNICIPAL CODE AND CHANGING THE PRIMA FACIA SPEED LIMIT ON VARIOUS ROADWAYS (P.W. 282-3A)**

On motion by Councilmember Ogorchock, seconded by Councilmember Barbanica the City Council unanimously continued Public Hearing Item #5 to August 8, 2023.

**COUNCIL REGULAR AGENDA – Continued**

**6. REJECTION OF HOMEKEY APPLICANTS**

Director of Public Safety and Community Resources Johnson presented the staff report dated July 25, 2023, recommending the City Council adopt a resolution rejecting the proposals received in response to RFQ No. 060720.

Andrew Becker expressed concern that Council had not reviewed the proposals and the City had not chosen to pursue Homekey funds.

Julia Emego Kwue requested the City assist marginalized people.

Councilmember Ogorchock stated if another Homekey opportunity presented itself, she would support the City extending the process and working with partners to prepare a project.

Councilmember Torres-Walker expressed her disappointment that the City had been unsuccessful in accessing Homekey funding. She encouraged the public to research the Focus Strategies contract noting they had not been successful in bringing sustainable options for unhoused residents.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023/125**

On motion by Councilmember Ogorchock, seconded by Councilmember Barbanica the City Council adopted a resolution rejecting the proposals received in response to RFQ No. 060720. The motion carried the following vote:

Ayes: Barbanica, Ogorchock, Wilson, Thorpe

Abstain: Torres-Walker

**7. PROPOSED TRAFFIC CALMING IMPROVEMENTS FOR SYCAMORE DRIVE, JAMES DONLON BOULEVARD, AND WEST 10TH STREET**

Public comment submitted in writing was entered into the record from the following individual: Rick Stadlander.

On motion by Councilmember Ogorchock, seconded by Councilmember Torres-Walker the City Council unanimously postponed Regular Agenda Item #7 to August 8, 2023.

**9. DESIGNATION OF A VOTING DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE DELEGATE FOR THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND AUTHORIZATION FOR ASSOCIATED CONFERENCE EXPENSES NOT TO EXCEED \$1,295 PER PARTICIPANT**

Acting City Manager Reed presented the staff report dated July 25, 2023 recommending the City Council the Mayor nominate and City Council: 1) Approve [ ] as a Voting Delegate for the 2023 League of California Cities Annual Conference. 2) Approve [ ] as an Alternate Delegate for the 2023 League of California Cities Annual Conference. 3) Authorize an amount not to exceed \$1,295 for associated conference expenses for each conference participant.

Andrew Becker requested the City schedule an informative presentation from a representative of the League of California Cities.

Councilmember Ogorchock responded that she would follow up with Carolyn Coleman, CEO / League California Cities to schedule a regional presentation.

On motion by Councilmember Barbanica, seconded by Councilmember Wilson, the City Council unanimously approved Councilmember Ogorchock as a Voting Delegate for the 2023 League of California Cities Annual Conference.

On motion by Councilmember Barbanica, seconded by Councilmember Wilson, the City Council unanimously approved Mayor Pro Tem Torres-Walker as an Alternate Delegate for the 2023 League of California Cities Annual Conference.

On motion by Councilmember Barbanica, seconded by Councilmember Wilson, the City Council unanimously authorized an amount not to exceed \$1,295 for associated conference expenses for each conference participant.

**PUBLIC COMMENT – None**

**STAFF COMMUNICATIONS – None**

**COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Councilmember Barbanica requested the following future agenda items: discussion on setting agenda items, presentation from the investor and developer for the property north of JC Penney, hiring of retired police officers as non-sworn personnel, update on staffing levels for Antioch Police Department and a press information policy. He thanked Acting City Manager Reed for working with him on the issues surrounding the methadone clinic and the sole source company

for the removal of abandoned recreational vehicles and debris. He reported the process for hiring the City Manager would occur in both closed and open session.

Councilmember Wilson reported Tri Delta Transit would meet tomorrow and reported on her attendance at the Transit Board Member Conference.

Councilmember Torres-Walker thanked Councilmember Ogorchock and City Attorney Smith for their attempts to schedule their first meeting of the Human Rights and Racial Equity Ad Hoc Committee. She discussed the need to address public safety in Antioch and reported she had been working to bring relationships to the City to address those issues. She thanked everyone who attended this evening and wished Leslie May a speedy recovery.

Mayor Thorpe reported on his attendance at the Transit Board Member Conference. He announced he would be setting up interviews for the Police Oversight Commission and requested Councilmembers participate in the interview process for their districts.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

On motion by Councilmember Ogorchock, seconded by Councilmember Wilson, the City Council unanimously adjourned the meeting at 11:33 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

*Kitty Eiden*

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KITTY EIDEN, Minutes Clerk