

**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.**

**December 12, 2023  
Council Chambers**

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

Mayor Thorpe called the Closed Session to order at 6:01 P.M., and City Clerk Householder called the roll.

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Thorpe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION** – Initiation of litigation pursuant to California Government Code section 54956.9(d)(2): One Case.
2. **CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATIONS** – pursuant to California Government Code section 54956.8; Property: 800 W. 2nd Street, Antioch, CA; Negotiating Parties: City of Antioch Negotiators: Brad Helfenberger, Acting Assistant City Manager and Thomas Lloyd Smith, City Attorney; Negotiating Parties: Chris Burns, Broker/Owner Representative; Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment.
3. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION** – pursuant to California Government Code section 54956.9(d)(1): Lasopada, Juan and Rebecca Rodriguez v. City of Antioch, et al., United States District Court, Northern District California, San Francisco 3:23-cv-01955-JSC.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – None

**ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION**

Mayor Thorpe adjourned to Closed Session at 6:02 P.M.

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

Mayor Thorpe called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M., and City Clerk Householder called the roll.

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

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**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 – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**, direction given to City Attorney, **#2 CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATIONS**, direction given to Acting Assistant City Manager and City Attorney; and **#3 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION**, no reportable action.

**1. INTRODUCTION OF NEW CITY EMPLOYEES**

Acting Director of Public Works/City Engineer Buenting introduced Ricardo Cruz, Public Works Inspector and Joey Hawkins, Water Distribution Operator.

Director of Human Resources Cortez introduced Olga “Karina” Moreno-Coria, Human Resources Technician.

Mayor Thorpe welcomed the new city employees.

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

City Clerk Householder announced the following Board and Commission openings.

- Planning Commission
- Sales Tax Citizens’ Oversight Committee

For more information and to apply, visit the City’s website.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Members of Antioch Council of Teens (ACT) announced the following civic and community events:

- ACT meetings – every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays from 4:30 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.
- ACT Teen Bowling Night - January 12, 2024, at 6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. at Delta Bowl

Mayor Thorpe invited youth to apply for the City’s Board and Commission vacancies.

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## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Devin Williams, Katherine Walley, ACCE, Kamilah Miller, Judith Ortiz, Monument Impact, Tachina Garrett, ACCE, Lester Geoffrey, Monument Impact, and Nicole Arrington, ACCE, requested Council bring forward a Just Cause for Evictions Ordinance as soon as possible.

Leslie May discussed the negative impacts of social media posts on children and encouraged people to be cognizant of comments made in the presence of youth. She thanked Council for their leadership.

Lynette Hart, Antioch resident, reported she recently became a victim of racism in Antioch which was reported to the Antioch Police Department.

Andrew Becker discussed a conversation he had with an Antioch resident who had recently been served an eviction notice and reported that they were seeking resources.

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

Councilmember Wilson announced Delta Diablo and Tri Delta Transit meetings would be held on December 13, 2024.

## **MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

Mayor Thorpe announced he was working with staff to develop a timeline for the Just Cause for Evictions Ordinance and explained various factors dictated the workflow of the City. He sympathized with a previous public speaker and commented that everyone was welcome in Antioch. He thanked everyone who wore their ugly Christmas sweaters to the meeting.

## **3. PRESENTATIONS**

Director of Public Safety and Community Resources Johnson introduced Trish Callow, Studio Instructor AFSF / Architectural Foundation of San Francisco who on behalf of the 2023 BuildAntioch Design Internship Program Team presented Project 2023.

Leslie May questioned if this item was related to a meeting for a youth center.

Mayor Thorpe responded that this item was not related to a youth center; however, Director of Public Safety and Community Resources Johnson would supply Ms. May with information on that program.

Gary Parkhurst, MDIA Campaign Committee presented the Mount Diablo Interpretive Association (MDIA). Mitchell Canyon Educational Center Project.

In response to Councilmember Barbanica, Mr. Parkhurst discussed their fundraising efforts.

Councilmember Ogorchock spoke in support of the project and encouraged staff to share the information with the public.

Mayor Thorpe directed staff to bring forward a resolution in support of the project.

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 OCTOBER 24, 2023**
- B. **APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 14, 2023**
- C. **APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 28, 2023**
- D. **APPROVAL OF COUNCIL WARRANTS**
- E. **APPROVAL OF HOUSING SUCCESSOR WARRANTS**
- F. **REJECTION OF CLAIM: FINDELL MARIE RAY**
- G. **SA RESOLUTION NO. 2023/41 RECOGNIZED OBLIGATION PAYMENT SCHEDULE (2024-25) FOR THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE ANTIOCH DEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF ANTIOCH**
- H. **RESOLUTION NO. 2023/176 FIRST AMENDMENT TO CSI METRICS, LLC CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT INFORMATION AND CONTROL SYSTEMS ASSISTANCE (P.W. 246-32)**
- I. **RESOLUTION NO. 2023/177 SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH BELLECCI & ASSOCIATES FOR ON-CALL LAND SURVEYING SERVICES (P.W. 700-2)**
- J. **RESOLUTION NO. 2023/178 FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE DESIGN CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH BELLECCI & ASSOCIATES FOR ON-CALL DESIGN ENGINEERING SERVICES (P.W. 700-1)**
- K. **RESOLUTION NO. 2023/179 FIFTH AMENDMENT TO THE CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH THE GUALCO GROUP, INC.**
- L. **RESOLUTION NO. 2023/180, RESOLUTION NO. 2023/181, RESOLUTION NO. 2023/182, RESOLUTION NO. 2023/183, RESOLUTION NO. 2023/184, RESOLUTION NO. 2023/185, RESOLUTION NO. 2023/186, RESOLUTION NO. 2023/187 AND RESOLUTION NO. 2023/188 APPROVAL OF AWARDS FOR THE SMALL BUSINESS RESOURCES PROVIDERS FOR BUSINESS EXPANSION TRAINING, TECHNICAL**

**ASSISTANCE, AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP TRAINING NOT TO EXCEED \$1,500,000  
IN AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDING**

**M. RESOLUTION NO. 2023/189 RENAMING THE CLASS SPECIFICATION ENTITLED  
“ACCOUNTING TECHNICIAN II” TO “ACCOUNTING SPECIALIST II”**

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

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**5. CITY OF ANTIOCH ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ELEMENT**

Acting Planning Manager Merideth introduced Carla Violet and Curtis Banks Urban Planning Partners who presented the staff report dated December 12, 2023, recommending the City Council adopted the resolution amending the General Plan to include the Environmental Justice (“EJ”) Element.

Mayor Thorpe opened the public hearing.

Andrew Becker reviewed various census tracks in Antioch and the Justice40 Initiative. He questioned why the City had not sought grant funding opportunities for affordable housing. He suggested a study session be held for the Environmental Justice Element.

Mayor Thorpe closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Councilmember Ogorchock and seconded by Councilmember Wilson to adopt the resolution amending the General Plan to include the Environmental Justice (“EJ”) Element.

Mayor Thorpe reported that he had asked staff to bring this item forward as a study session since it required more understanding and education.

Acting Director of Community Development Scudero explained that his preference would be to approve the EJ Element this evening so the City would become compliant with the state and then staff could put their efforts towards the comprehensive General Plan update.

Mayor Thorpe suggested an Ad Hoc Committee be associated with the General Plan update process.

Acting Director of Community Development Scudero responded that there would be robust community outreach and engagement with Council for the General Plan update.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023/190**

A vote taken on the previous motion to adopt the resolution was unanimously passed by the City Councilmembers present.

**COUNCIL REGULAR AGENDA**

**6. BOARD OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS APPOINTMENT FOR ONE ALTERNATE BOARD MEMBER VACANCY, TWO-YEAR TERM, EXPIRING DECEMBER 2025**

City Clerk Householder announced Mayor Thorpe had nominated Jacquelyn Higgins to the Board of Administrative Appeals for the Alternate Board Member Vacancy, two-year term, expiring December 2025 and read her biography.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023/191**

On motion by Councilmember Barbanica, seconded by Councilmember Ogorchock the City Council members present unanimously adopted a resolution approving the Mayor's appointment of Jacquelyn Higgins to the Board of Administrative Appeals for the Alternate Board Member Vacancy, two-year term, expiring December 2025.

City Clerk Householder administered the Oath of Office to Jacquelyn Higgins.

**7. RESOLUTION FOR AN EXCEPTION TO THE 180-DAY WAIT PERIOD FOR POST-RETIREMENT EMPLOYMENT**

Director of Human Resources Cortez presented the staff report dated December 12, 2023, recommending the City Council adopt a resolution for an exception to the 180-day wait period for post-retirement employment regarding a Police Dispatcher position with the Police Department.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023/192**

On motion by Councilmember Barbanica, seconded by Councilmember Ogorchock, the City Council unanimously adopted a resolution for an exception to the 180-day wait period for post-retirement employment regarding a Police Dispatcher position with the Police Department.

**8. SELECTION OF MAYOR PRO TEMPORE**

City Attorney Smith presented the staff report dated December 12, 2023, recommending the City Council select the mayor pro tempore.

On motion by Councilmember Barbanica, seconded by Mayor Thorpe, the City Council members present unanimously appointed Councilmember Wilson as Mayor Pro Tem.

**PUBLIC COMMENT – None**

**STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

Acting Assistant City Manager Helfenberger announced the Mayor’s Conference was rescheduled for January 11, 2023, and the second Council meeting in December had been canceled. On behalf of staff, he wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Holiday and Happy New Year.

City Attorney Smith wished everyone a Merry Christmas and thanked Mayor Thorpe for encouraging Council and staff to wear ugly Christmas sweaters.

**COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Councilmember Barbanica wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. He thanked Council and staff. On behalf of Councilmember Torres-Walker, he wished everyone a Happy Holiday and Happy New Year.

Councilmember Ogorchock requested staff bring forward a discussion on an ordinance for security around private schools. She wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Councilmember Wilson wished everyone a Happy Holiday and stated she looked forward to positive and constructive changes in 2024.

Mayor Thorpe thanked and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On motion by Councilmember Ogorchock, seconded by Councilmember Wilson, the City Council members present unanimously adjourned the meeting at 9:01 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

*Kitty Eiden*  
KITTY EIDEN, Minutes Clerk