

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Regular Meeting
7:00 P.M.

April 9, 2024
Council Chambers

5:15 P.M. - CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Pro Tem Wilson called the Closed Session to order at 5:16 P.M., and Acting City Clerk Rosales called the roll.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tem Wilson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

- 1. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT – RECRUITMENT OF CITY MANAGER.** This closed session is authorized pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1)

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Pro Tem Wilson adjourned to Closed Session at 5:18 P.M.

7:00 P.M. REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Pro Tem Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M., and City Clerk Householder called the roll.

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

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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 PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT – RECRUITMENT OF CITY MANAGER**, direction given to Director of Human Resources and City Attorney.

Mayor Pro Tem Wilson led a moment of silence for Fred Hoskins.

ON MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER BARBANICA, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER OGORCHOCK, THE CITY COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY SUSPENDED THE RULES AND MOVED COUNCIL REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS #8 AND 9 TO BE HEARD AFTER ITEM #4 - PRESENTATION.

1. PROCLAMATION

Arbor Day, April 26, 2024

On motion by Councilmember Ogorchock, seconded by Councilmember Barbanica, the City Council members present unanimously approved the proclamation.

Youth representatives from Holy Rosary School and Derek Traya representing Public Works accepted the Arbor Day proclamation.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF CIVIC AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

Acting Assistant City Manager Helfenberger announced the following civic and community event:

Keep Antioch Beautiful – April 20, 2024

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF BOARD AND COMMISSION OPENINGS

City Clerk Householder announced the following Board and Commission openings.

- Contra Costa Mosquito & Vector Control Board

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Commissioner May read a statement regarding criticism she had received.

Erika Raulston suggested Council consider advancing a Charter City Initiative to give the Antioch Police Oversight Commission governing powers.

Frank Sterling Jr., representing Reimagine Antioch and Contra Costa for Palestine, requested the City Council agendize consideration of a ceasefire resolution and invited them to participate in honoring the end of Ramadan. He discussed an Antioch Police Department (APD) investigation and invited Council to participate in a ride-along with APD.

Kamilah also encouraged Council to participate in a ride-along with APD. She discussed an incident involving her son and suggested the City create a setting for youth of color to gather.

Melissa discussed a formal complaint she had submitted and urged Council to give it serious consideration.

Devin Williams discussed the needs of the unhoused population.

An unidentified speaker discussed the needs in the community and the potential purchase of 501 Auto Center Drive for affordable housing and transportation space.

An unidentified speaker suggested Antioch consider a minimum age ordinance.

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Torres-Walker acknowledged community members who had experienced losses. She reported on her attendance at the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Committee and Cannabis Standing Committee meetings and extended an invitation for community members to join the next meetings. She commented that she was appointed to the Rivertown/Downtown Standing Committee; however, they had never met. She also mentioned her participation in the Antioch Unified School District (AUSD)/City committee, expressing concern over its dormancy and the lack of response from the AUSD regarding the city's request to resume meetings. She addressed the needs of the unhoused community. She voiced her support of a ceasefire resolution and encouraged the community to participate in AUSD Board meetings.

Councilmember Ogorchok urged the CDBG committee to consider funding a CORE Team for Antioch. As a member of the Wilbur Corridor Committee, she expressed her desire to be briefed on upcoming projects in the area. She informed the community of her upcoming attendance at Cal Cities meetings. She reported on her participation in a meeting held earlier in the day and called for the city to bring forward a resolution regarding the Deception Act.

Councilmember Barbanica reported on his attendance at the CDBG Committee meeting and his participation in a Muslim community dinner and prayer service.

Mayor Pro Tem Wilson reported on her attendance at a Tri Delta Transit meeting and encouraged the community to attend public meetings. She announced the upcoming Tri Delta Annual Shred-It Event, scheduled for May 8, 2024, starting at 9:00 A.M. at Oakley Park and Ride.

An unidentified speaker requested all Standing Committee meetings be agendized as regular meetings. He also requested Standing Committee workshops be held.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS – None

4. PRESENTATION

Monique S. Angara, Family and Community Liaison, Antioch First 5 presented the First 5 Contra Costa presentation.

Councilmember Barbanica and Mayor Pro Tem Wilson thanked Ms. Angara for the presentation.

COUNCIL REGULAR AGENDA

8. SALES TAX CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT FOR ONE PARTIAL-TERM VACANCY, EXPIRING MARCH 2026

City Clerk Householder announced that Mayor Hernandez-Thorpe nominated Sanjog Sooch to the Sales Tax Citizens' Oversight Committee for the partial-term vacancy expiring March 2026 and she read his biography.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024/47

On motion by Councilmember Barbanica, seconded by Councilmember Ogorchock the City Council members present unanimously adopted the resolution approving the Mayor's appointment of Sanjog Sooch to the Sales Tax Citizens' Oversight Committee for the partial-term vacancy expiring March 2026.

Mr. Sooch stated he wanted to ensure sales tax monies prioritized investing in youth.

9. PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS FOR THREE (3) VACANCIES EXPIRING MARCH 2028

City Clerk Householder announced Mayor Hernandez-Thorpe nominated Dominique King to the Parks and Recreation Commission for a full-term, expiring March 2028 and she read her biography.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024/48

On motion by Councilmember Ogorchock, seconded by Councilmember Torres-Walker the City Council members present unanimously adopted the resolution approving the Mayor's appointment of Dominique King to the Parks and Recreation Commission for a full-term, expiring March 2028.

Ms. King thanked the City Council for the appointment.

City Clerk Householder announced Mayor Hernandez-Thorpe nominated Daynon Matthews to the Parks and Recreation Commission for a full-term, expiring March 2028 and she read his biography.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024/49

On motion by Councilmember Ogorchock, seconded by Councilmember Torres-Walker the City Council members present unanimously adopted the resolution approving the Mayor's appointment of Daynon Matthews to the Parks and Recreation Commission for a full-term, expiring March 2028.

Mr. Matthews thanked the City Council for the appointment.

City Clerk Householder announced Mayor Hernandez-Thorpe nominated La Shan Hunt to the Parks and Recreation Commission for a full-term, expiring March 2028 and she read her biography.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024/50

On motion by Councilmember Ogorchock, seconded by Councilmember Torres-Walker the City Council members present unanimously adopted a resolution approving the Mayor's appointment of La Shan Hunt to the Parks and Recreation Commission for a full-term, expiring March 2028.

City Clerk Householder administered the Oath of Office to Sanjog Sooch, Dominique King, Daynon Matthews and La Shan Hunt.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FOR MARCH 12, 2024

B. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FOR MARCH 26, 2024

C. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL WARRANTS

D. RESOLUTION NO. 2024/51 INCREASE OF PURCHASE ORDER WITH TYLER TECHNOLOGIES FOR UTILITY BILLING

E. RESOLUTION NO. 2024/52 FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT WITH AMERICAN PAVEMENT SYSTEMS, INC. FOR THE ANTIOCH CAPE SEAL PROJECT 2023; P.W. 328-13

F. RESOLUTION NO. 2024/53 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AN INCREASE TO THE PURCHASE ORDER FOR GRAINGER AND INCREASE THE AMOUNT ON THE RECURRING PURCHASE ORDER LIST

G. RESOLUTION NO. 2024/54 SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE MAINTENANCE SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH LEE'S BUILDING MAINTENANCE COMPANY FOR CITYWIDE JANITORIAL SERVICES

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

PUBLIC HEARING

6. LEUNG PRELIMINARY DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Acting Director of Community Development Scudero introduced Contract Planner Valente who presented the staff report dated April 9, 2024, recommending the City Council provide feedback

to the applicant and staff regarding the proposal and provide direction to the applicant for the Final Development Plan submittal.

Mayor Pro Tem Wilson opened the public hearing.

Kyle Masters, Richland Communities, and Terry Galloway, Project Planner gave a PowerPoint presentation of The Ranch – Phase 4 Project.

Unidentified speakers provided feedback to staff and the applicant on The Ranch – Phase 4 Preliminary Development Plan.

Rachel Shoemake, IBEW 302 and Adam Masters, SMW 104, spoke in support of the Leung Preliminary Development Plan.

Kyle Masters reiterated the concept for this property.

Mayor Pro Tem Wilson closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Torres-Walker discussed the need for the City to update the General Plan.

Councilmember Barbanica stated he was not prepared to decide on the project since the applicant had not contacted him to review their proposal. He encouraged developers to reach out to Council prior to bringing their items to the agenda.

Following discussion, Council provided the following feedback for consideration:

- Decrease Density
- Include a Senior Housing Component
- Subject Project to Inclusionary Housing Ordinance or Credits
- Improve Access to Public Transportation
- Include Native Plant Species
- Feasibility of Adding More Housing
- Garbage Service for Cluster Home Community
- Bike Trails and Connectivity
- Locate Higher Density Housing Near Existing Infrastructure
- Include Public Restrooms within Parks
- Include Single-Story Housing Option

In response to Council, Acting Director of Community Development Scudero reported that hiring a consultant for the development of an inclusionary housing ordinance was underway.

7. RANCHO MEADOWS PROJECT PRELIMINARY DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Acting Director of Community Development Scudero introduced Contract Planner Valente who presented the staff report dated April 9, 2024, recommending the City Council provide feedback

to the applicant and staff regarding the proposal and provide direction to the applicant for the Final Development Plan submittal.

Kerry Watt, Director of Entitlements/DeNova Homes and Trent Sanson, Yellow Roof Foundation gave a Rancho Meadows Preliminary Development Plan PowerPoint presentation.

Several unidentified speakers provided feedback to the applicant on the Rancho Meadows Preliminary Development Plan.

Mayor Pro Tem Wilson closed the public hearing.

Following discussion, Council supported the project and particularly liked Yellow Roof Foundation's inclusionary housing component. They provided the following feedback for consideration:

- Increase Lot Sizes
- Increase Park Size
- Include Public Restroom and Community Garden within Park
- Include Native Plant Species
- Walkability and a Trail System
- Eliminate Gated Community Aspect Especially if the Park Remained Public
- Increase the Number of Yellow Roof Units

The applicant stated that they would work with staff to put together a package for the Final Development Plan. He thanked Council for the feedback.

COUNCIL REGULAR AGENDA – Continued

10. RESTRUCTURING OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AD HOC COMMITTEE – DISSOLUTION OR EXTENSION UNTIL A SPECIFIC DATE

Acting City Manager Reed presented the staff report dated April 9, 2024, recommending the City Council dissolve the Restructuring of the Economic Development Commission Ad Hoc Committee.

Unidentified speakers spoke regarding the dissolution of the Restructuring of the Economic Development Commission (EDC) Ad Hoc Committee and provided feedback to Council.

Councilmember Torres-Walker explained that the committee's purpose was to restructure the EDC to improve functionality. She emphasized the challenges faced by the Economic Development Department (EDD). She proposed the establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee to facilitate discussions specifically focused on economic development. She expressed her support for dissolving the existing Ad Hoc Committee and initiating productive conversations on advancing economic development.

Mayor Pro Tem Wilson also supported establishing an Ad Hoc Committee focused on Economic Development.

Acting City Manager Reed reported economic development was occurring in Antioch and there was an adopted Economic Development Strategic Plan. He commented that the EDC had not been performing due to a lack of direction and format applied to them.

Councilmember Ogorchock voiced her support for dissolving the Ad Hoc Committee and stressed the need for reestablishing the EDC.

A motion was made by Councilmember Torres-Walker, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Wilson to dissolve the Restructuring of the Economic Development Commission Ad Hoc Committee.

City Attorney Smith stated the Ad Hoc Committee needed to be dissolved since it had reached the one-year limit.

Councilmember Ogorchock requested filling all vacancies on the EDC to support the EDD.

City Attorney Smith responded that this agenda item was whether to dissolve or restructure the Ad Hoc Committee. He clarified that outside the scope of this item, the City Clerk could begin the application process for recruitments to fill existing vacancies on the EDC. He noted the Mayor would then need to agendize his nominations for Council approval so the EDC could resume.

A vote taken on the previous motion to dissolve the Restructuring of the Economic Development Commission Ad Hoc Committee was approved unanimously by Councilmembers present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Gavin Payton, NAACP Youth Council, announced Lobby Day would be on May 20, 2024, in Sacramento and the NAACP National Convention Leadership Training would be held in Las Vegas.

An unidentified speaker requested the City agendize Ceasefire and Arab/American Heritage Month proclamations.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS – None

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Councilmember Torres-Walker requested the following future agenda items: discussion on Council district budgets, Ceasefire Resolution, and a report out regarding the status of AUSD appointments to the City/School Standing Committee.

Councilmember Ogorchock requested the following agenda items: Yellow Roof Foundation project on Via Dora and appointments to the Economic Development Commission.

Councilmember Torres-Walker also requested agenda consideration of purchasing property on Auto Center Drive for affordable housing and community resources.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Councilmember Ogorchock, seconded by Councilmember Torres-Walker the City Council unanimously adjourned the meeting at 10:31 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Kitty Eiden

KITTY EIDEN, Minutes Clerk