

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

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

**September 24, 2024
Council Chambers**

7:00 P.M. REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Hernandez-Thorpe called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M., and City Clerk Householder called the roll.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Hernandez-Thorpe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ON MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER TORRES-WALKER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER WILSON, THE CITY COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY SUSPENDED THE RULES AND MOVED AGENDA ITEM #4 INTRODUCTION OF NEW CITY EMPLOYEES AND PUBLIC COMMENTS AS THE NEXT ORDER OF BUSINESS.

4. INTRODUCTION OF NEW CITY EMPLOYEES

Finance Director Merchant introduced Dulce Sandoval, Customer Service Representative who thanked Finance Director Merchant for the introduction and stated she looked forward to working in Antioch.

Interim Police Chief Addington introduced Alex Gutierrez, Joseph Amiri, and Michael Roy, Police Officers and Luis Candelario, Community Service Officer who thanked Interim Police Chief Addington for the introduction and stated they looked forward to serving the citizens of Antioch.

Interim Police Chief Addington administered the Oath of Honor to the new police department employees.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Hernandez-Thorpe discussed public safety challenges occurring in District 1 and stated he was committed to providing the Antioch Police Department (APD) with the resources necessary to address the issues.

Due to the amount of speaker requests, Mayor Thorpe reduced speaker times to two-minutes.

Pastor Vickia Brinkley, True Faith Baptist Church, Pastor Shantell Owens, Genesis Church, Catherine Watts, Genesis Church, Marc King, Genesis Church, Josefina Perez, Iglesia Cristiana El Buen Pastor, Pastor Ed Harris, Clergy / NAACP ACAPE Fellowship AME Zion Church, David Nichols, Erika Raulston, Leslie May, Pastor Damon Owens, Genesis Church, Odessa Lafrancois President of East Contra Costa County NAACP, Krystle Brooks, Rev Versel Milton, Genesis Church, Velma Wilson, Nicole Arrington, Mike, Miguel Baltierra, Sycamore Square Shopping Center, Kathryn Wade, Pastor Navelle Rufes, The Fathers Fellowship Church, Devin W., Bishop Jason Wright, Transformation Church, Felicia Wilson, Goden Chauman, Ray Rodriguez, Patricia Granados, Eddie Gums, Gavin Payton, East County NAACP Youth Council, Mary Lutz and an unidentified speaker discussed public safety concerns in District 1. Several speakers offered potential solutions for addressing these concerns and many offered to participate in the City's efforts to advance solutions.

Kimberly Kidd-Bailey expressed concern regarding conflicting information she received pertaining to a bicycle fatality involving a family member. She also discussed employee separations at the APD.

Ricka Davis-Sheard discussed homelessness and encouraged the community to be compassionate.

Algrerine Clayton reported she had been the victim of personal attacks and events that had damaged her property.

An unidentified speaker discussed his efforts to bring Project Homekey and affordable housing projects to Antioch.

Teki Flow acknowledged the community strike on Wilbur Avenue and discussed pedestrian safety concerns in her neighborhood. She thanked the City Council for their hard work and suggested Council address public safety concerns.

Public comment submitted in writing was entered into the record from the following individual: Rick Kimble Director, Public Affairs and Communications / Georgia Pacific.

ON MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER TORRES-WALKER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER WILSON, THE CITY COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY SUSPENDED THE RULES AND MOVED CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMUNICATIONS AND MAYOR'S COMMENTS AS THE NEXT ORDER OF BUSINESS.

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Barbanica thanked the speakers for their public comments. He reported Council was in contact with Antioch Police Department each day regarding updates of events occurring in the community. He offered suggestions for addressing public safety issues in District 1.

Councilmember Ogorchock thanked the speakers for their public comments and suggested the community work with APD. She offered suggestions for improving public safety in District 1.

Councilmember Wilson thanked the speakers for their public comments and offered suggestions for improving public safety in District 1. She suggested the City's pursue funding for youth and safety programming in Antioch.

Councilmember Torres-Walker thanked those responsible for hosting a call on Sunday night and the speakers for their public comments. She gave a history of efforts to address gun violence prevention and discussed the importance of advocating for funds to address the issues. She recognized APD for providing resources and the outside agencies and stakeholders who offered to assist. She discussed the importance of the City advancing a different approach to public safety.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Hernandez-Thorpe thanked the speakers for their public comments and those who volunteered their time. He clarified challenges associated with some of the public's suggestions. He gave a history of the City's efforts to address homelessness and community violence. He announced he would be holding a press conference on September 25, 2024, to update the community on efforts the City was taking to address public safety matters.

ON MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER TORRES-WALKER, SECONDED BY MAYOR HERNANDEZ-THORPE THE CITY COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY SUSPENDED THE RULES AND MOVED AGENDA ITEMS #5, 6 and 7 AS THE NEXT ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Mayor Hernandez-Thorpe declared a recess at 8:57 P.M. The meeting reconvened at 9:11 P.M. with all Councilmembers present.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF CIVIC AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

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

- Rhythms by the River – 1:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M. on September 28, 2024, at Antioch Rivertown
- Arts & Rec Exhibit – 10:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. on October 5, 2024, at Nick Rodriguez Center

An unidentified speaker announced a Just Cause policy signing event would be held at 11:00 A.M. on October 2, 2024, at Antioch City Hall.

Mayor Hernandez-Thorpe announced he would be hosting a meet and greet with the new City Manager at 11:00 A.M. on October 3, 2024, at Antioch City Hall.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF BOARD AND COMMISSION OPENINGS

City Clerk Householder announced the following Board and Commission openings.

- Contra Costa Mosquito and Vector Control Board
- Economic Development Commission
- Planning Commission

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

7. **CONSENT CALENDAR for City /City Council Members acting as Successor Agency to the Antioch Development Agency**
 - A. **APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 10, 2024**
 - B. **APPROVAL OF COUNCIL WARRANTS**
 - C. **REJECTION OF CLAIM: CASSANDRA ROMO**
 - D. **RESOLUTION NO. 2024/133 AND SA RESOLUTION NO. 2024/42 CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE FOR THE CITY OF ANTIOCH AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE ANTIOCH DEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF ANTIOCH**
 - E. **RESOLUTION NO. 2024/134 ACCEPTANCE OF WORK AND NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC CALMING PROJECT (P.W. 282-19A)**
 - F. **RESOLUTION NO. 2024/135 RATIFICATION OF THE AZTECA SYSTEMS, LLC AGREEMENT APPROVING A TERM FROM JUNE 30, 2021, TO JUNE 29, 2025, AND A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$310,250**

On motion by Councilmember Ogorchock, seconded by Councilmember Wilson, the City Council unanimously approved the Council Consent Calendar with the exception of Item D, which was removed for further discussion.

Item D – In response to Councilmember Ogorchock, City Attorney Smith confirmed that the City had not deleted any of the titles so the following box on the 2024 Local Agency Biennial Notice should be unchecked, "Delete titles of positions.....".

On motion by Councilmember Ogorchock, seconded by Councilmember Torres-Walker the City Council unanimously approved Item D with the following amendment:

- 2024 Local Agency Biennial Notice - uncheck the box - "Delete titles of positions that have been abolished and/or positions that no longer make or participate in making governmental decisions."

Speaking to the following motion and in response to Councilmember Ogorchock, Councilmember Torres-Walker and Mayor Hernandez-Thorpe stated that they wanted to move some items to the next meeting because they were not prepared to discuss them this evening.

ON MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER TORRES-WALKER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BARBANICA, THE CITY COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY SUSPENDED THE RULES AND MOVED AGENDA ITEMS #1, 2, 3 AND 8 TO THE OCTOBER 8, 2024, CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

COUNCIL REGULAR AGENDA – Continued from September 10, 2024, Council Meeting

- 1. *AMENDMENT OF EMPLOYEE REFERRAL AND RECRUITMENT SIGNING BONUS AND INCENTIVE PROGRAM FOR PEACE OFFICERS, ADDITION OF INCENTIVE PROGRAM FOR DISPATCHERS***
- 2. *CITY COUNCIL REQUESTED DISCUSSION ITEM – DISCUSSION ON REVISIONS TO OVERNIGHT/CAMPING ORDINANCE***
- 3. *CITY COUNCIL REQUESTED DISCUSSION ITEM – DISCUSSION ON ADOPTING COMMUNITY POLICING RESOLUTION***

COUNCIL REGULAR AGENDA

- 8. *APPROVAL OF THE SIDE LETTER AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ANTIOCH AND THE MANAGEMENT UNIT AND SALARY INCREASES FOR CERTAIN CLASSIFICATIONS IN THE MANAGEMENT UNIT***

Councilmember Barbanica announced it was Acting City Manager Reed's last meeting serving as the Acting City Manager and he thanked and recognized his hard work.

Councilmember Torres-Walker made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Following discussion the following substitute motion was made.

ON MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER TORRES-WALKER, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BARBANICA, THE CITY COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY SUSPENDED THE RULES AND MOVED THE MOTION TO ADJOURN AS THE NEXT ORDER OF BUSINESS AND ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 9:21 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Kitty Eiden
KITTY EIDEN, Minutes Clerk

PUBLIC COMMENT

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS