



ANNOTATED AGENDA

Antioch City Council REGULAR MEETING

**Including the Antioch City Council acting as
Housing Successor to the Antioch Development Agency**

Date: Tuesday, March 25, 2025

Time: 6:00 P.M. – Closed Session
7:00 P.M. – Regular Meeting

Place: Council Chambers
200 'H' Street
Antioch, CA 94509

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Louie Rocha, Mayor Pro Tem (District 2)
Tamisha Torres-Walker, Council Member District 1
Donald P. Freitas, Council Member District 3
Monica E. Wilson, Council Member District 4

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Derek Cole, Interim City Attorney

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6:01 P.M. ROLL CALL – CLOSED SESSION – for Council Members – *All Present*

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS *for Closed Session - None*

CLOSED SESSION:

1) PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION: CITY MANAGER.

This closed session is authorized pursuant to California Government Code section 54957(b)(1).

No Reportable Action

2) CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS pursuant to California Government Code section 54956.8; Property: Sycamore Square Police Substation 1084 Sycamore Drive, Antioch, CA; Negotiating Parties: City of Antioch Negotiators: Bessie Marie Scott, City Manager and Derek Cole, Interim City Attorney; Property Negotiator: Mike Korin, Property Owner; Under Negotiation: Rent and terms of payment.

Direction provided to Negotiators, No Reportable Action was taken

CLOSED SESSION – Continued

- 3) **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION** pursuant to California Government Code section 54956.9(d)(1): California False Claims – “Qui Tam” action in which City of Antioch is one of several agencies named as real party in interest, Alameda Superior Court [case filed under seal].

No Reportable Action

6:03 p.m. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

7:55 P.M. ROLL CALL – REGULAR MEETING – for City /City Council Members acting as Housing Successor to the Antioch Development Agency – **All Present**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITY ATTORNEY TO REPORT OUT ON CLOSED SESSION

COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON REQUESTED A MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES AND MOVE AGENDA ITEM #4 TO BE HEARD AS THE NEXT ORDER OF BUSINESS, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES-WALKER; APPROVED 5/0

4. **PRESENTATIONS** – *Sales Tax Citizens’ Oversight Committee Annual Measure W Report, presented by Vice Chairperson Seanzell Lewis and Committee Member Ami Odom*
- *Opportunity Village Program, presented by Bay Area Community Services (BACS)*

PUBLIC COMMENTS – *Members of the public may comment only on unagendized items. The public may comment on agendized items when they come up on this Agenda.*

1. **INTRODUCTION OF NEW CITY EMPLOYEES, PROMOTIONS AND RETIREMENTS**

2. **PROCLAMATION**

- Proclamation Honoring César Chávez Day, March 31, 2025

Approved, 5/0

Recommended Action: It is recommended that the City Council approve the proclamation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF CIVIC AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF BOARD AND COMMISSION OPENINGS

- BOARD OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS
- PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
- ANTIOCH POLICE OVERSIGHT COMMISSION

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMUNICATIONS

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

[ITEM #4 MOVED UP IN THE AGENDA]

COUNCIL MEMBER FREITAS MADE A MOTION TO EXTEND THE MEETING TO 11:30 P.M., SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM ROCHA; APPROVED 5/0

5. ***CONSENT CALENDAR for City /City Council Members acting as Housing Successor to the Antioch Development Agency***

A. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 11, 2025

Approved, 5/0

Recommended Action: It is recommended that the City Council approve the Meeting Minutes.

B. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING/CLOSED SESSION MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 19, 2025

Approved, 5/0

Recommended Action: It is recommended that the City Council approve the Special Meeting/Closed Session minutes.

C. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 25, 2025

Approved, 5/0

Recommended Action: It is recommended that the City Council approve the Meeting Minutes.

D. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES FOR MARCH 4, 2025

Approved, 5/0

Recommended Action: It is recommended that the City Council approve the Special Meeting Minutes.

CONSENT CALENDAR for City /City Council Members acting as Housing Successor to the Antioch Development Agency – Continued

- E.** APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FOR MARCH 11, 2025 **Continued, 5/0**
Recommended Action: It is recommended that the City Council continue the Meeting Minutes.
- F.** APPROVAL OF COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES FOR MARCH 18, 2025 **Continued, 5/0**
Recommended Action: It is recommended that the City Council continue the Special Meeting Minutes.
- G.** APPROVAL OF COUNCIL WARRANTS **Approved, 5/0**
Recommended Action: It is recommended that the City Council approve the warrants.
- H.** APPROVAL OF TREASURER’S REPORT FOR JANUARY 2025 **Received and filed, 5/0**
Recommended Action: It is recommended that the City Council receive and file the January 2025 Treasurer’s Report.
- I.** REJECTION OF CLAIMS: SARAH DYNE WHITMORE, JASMIN MORRIS-HUGHES, ALEJANDRO AND ROSA RIVERA **Rejected, 5/0**
Recommended Action: It is recommended that the City Council reject the claims submitted by Sarah Dyne Whitmore, Jasmin Morris-Hughes, Alejandro and Rosa Rivera.
- J.** FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR WEBMASTER SERVICES WITH DIGITAL SERVICES **Reso No. 2025/44 Adopted, 5/0**
Recommended Action: It is recommended that the City Council adopt a resolution:
- Approving the first amendment to the Consulting Services Agreement for Webmaster services with Digital Services extending the contract through December 31, 2025, in the amount of \$42,000 and authorizing a six-month extension period through June 30, 2026 in the amount of \$42,000, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$164,000; and
 - Authorizing the City Manager or designee to execute the first amendment to the Consulting Services Agreement in a form approved by the City Attorney.

CONSENT CALENDAR for City /City Council Members acting as Housing Successor to the Antioch Development Agency – Continued

- K.** APPROVAL OF FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR RECRUITMENT SERVICES WITH BOB HALL AND ASSOCIATES IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$151,000

Continued, 5/0

Recommended Action: It is recommended that the City Council adopt a resolution:

- Approving the first amendment to the Consulting Services Agreement for executive-level recruitment services with Bob Hall and Associates, authorizing an extension through December 31, 2025, and authorizing an increase in the amount of \$96,000, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$151,000; and
- Authorizing the City Manager or designee to execute the first amendment to the Consulting Services Agreement in a form approved by the City Attorney.

COUNCIL MEMBER FREITAS LEFT THE DAIS AFTER VOTING ON ITEM K

- L.** NEW CLASS SPECIFICATION, ASSIGNING SALARY RANGE, ASSIGNING THE CLASSIFICATION TO THE MANAGEMENT BARGAINING UNIT

COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON LEFT THE DAIS DURING ITEM L

Reso No. 2025/45 Adopted, 3/0/2-(Freitas and Wilson-Absent)

Recommended Action: It is recommended that the City Council adopt a resolution, approving the new class specification for Human Resources Manager, assigning a salary range, and assigning the classification to the Management Bargaining Unit – Senior Level.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON RETURNED TO THE DAIS AFTER THE VOTE WAS TAKEN ON ITEM L

10:29 P.M. RECESS

10:38 P.M. RECONVENED, ROLL CALL – All Present

PUBLIC HEARING

COUNCIL MEMBER FREITAS REQUESTED A MOTION TO RE-OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON; APPROVED 5/0

6. LONE TREE RETAIL PROJECT (PD2024-0001) *(Continued from March 11, 2025, Council Meeting)*

DURING PUBLIC COMMENTS OF ITEM #6, COUNCIL MEMBER FREITAS MADE A MOTION TO EXTEND THE MEETING TO 12:00 MIDNIGHT, SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM ROCHA; APPROVED 4/1-(TORRES-WALKER-ABSTAINED)

Recommended Action: It is recommended that the City Council take the following actions:

Reso No. 2025/46 Adopted, 3/2-(Freitas and Wilson-No)

- 1) Adopt the resolution adopting the Addendum to the 2004 Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration demonstrating that the Lone Tree Retail project has been appropriately analyzed under CEQA.

Reso No. 2025/47 Adopted, 3/2-(Freitas and Wilson-No)

- 2) Adopt the resolution approving a Final Development Plan, Use Permit and Design Review for development of the Lone Tree Retail project.

CEQA: An addendum to the project's original Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared to analyze whether any of the proposed changes to the development would constitute a new significant impact requiring further evaluation under CEQA.

COUNCIL REGULAR AGENDA

7. BOARD OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS' APPOINTMENTS FOR (2) TWO BOARD MEMBER VACANCIES, EXPIRING MARCH 2028

Recommended Action: It is recommended that the Mayor nominate and City Council approve the following:

Reso No. 2025/48 Adopted approving the appointment of Jacquelyn Higgins for the vacancy expiring March 2028, 5/0

- 1) Adopt a resolution approving the appointment of *[name of appointee]* to the Board of Administrative Appeals for the vacancy expiring March 2028.

Reso No. 2025/49 Adopted approving the appointment of Melissa Case for the vacancy expiring March 2028, 5/0

- 2) Adopt a resolution approving the appointment of *[name of appointee]* to the Board of Administrative Appeals for the vacancy expiring March 2028.

8. ANTIOCH POLICE OVERSIGHT COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS FOR (2) TWO COMMISSIONER PARTIAL-TERM VACANCIES, EXPIRING NOVEMBER 2026

Recommended Action: It is recommended that the Mayor nominate and City Council approve the following:

Reso No. 2025/50 Adopted approving the appointment of Lisa Elekwachi for the vacancy expiring November 2026, 5/0

- 1) Adopt a resolution approving the appointment of *[name of appointee]* to the Antioch Police Oversight Commission for one partial-term vacancy expiring November 2026.

Reso No. 2025/51 Adopted approving the appointment of Susan Kennedy for the vacancy expiring November 2026, 5/0

- 2) Adopt a resolution approving the appointment of *[name of appointee]* to the Antioch Police Oversight Commission for one partial-term vacancy expiring November 2026.

COUNCIL MEMBER FREITAS REQUESTED A MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES AND MOVE REGULAR AGENDA ITEM #10 TO BE HEARD AS THE NEXT ORDER OF BUSINESS, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON; APPROVED 5/0

COUNCIL REGULAR AGENDA – Continued

10. 2024 HOUSING ELEMENT ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT, HOUSING SUCCESSOR ANNUAL REPORT AND PROGRESS REPORT FOR THE GENERAL PLAN

DURING PUBLIC COMMENTS OF ITEM #10, COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES-WALKER MADE A MOTION TO EXTEND THE MEETING TO 12:15 A.M., SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON; APPROVED 5/0

Received and filed, 5/0

Recommended Action: It is recommended that the City Council receive and file the 2024 Housing Element Annual Progress Report, Housing Successor Annual Report, and Progress Report for the General Plan.

9. RESOLUTION APPROVING AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE 2024-2025 VIOLENCE INTERVENTION AND PREVENTION NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND STRATEGIC PLAN

Reso No. 2025/52 Adopted, 5/0

Recommended Action: It is recommended that the City Council adopt a resolution approving the award of a Consultant Services Contract to Hope and Heal Fund, with fiscal agent New Venture Fund, in the amount of \$75,000 for the 2024-2025 Violence Intervention and Prevention Assessment and Strategic Plan, and authorizing the City Manager to execute the agreement in a form approved by the City Attorney.

[ITEM #10 MOVED UP IN THE AGENDA]

COUNCIL MEMBER FREITAS MADE A MOTION TO MOVE REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS #11 AND #12 TO THE APRIL 8, 2025, CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING, SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM ROCHA; APPROVED 5/0

11. REVIEW AND APPROVE THE CONCEPTUAL DESIGN OF THE BICYCLE GARDEN PROJECT (P.W. 394-17)

Recommended Action: It is recommended that the City Council review and approve the conceptual design of the Bicycle Garden Project.

COUNCIL REGULAR AGENDA – Continued

- 12.** *AMENDMENT TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND OPERATING BUDGETS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$225,000 FOR THE AMTRAK STATION UPGRADES (P.W. 708)*

Recommended Action: It is recommended that the City Council approve an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2025 Capital Improvement and Operating Budgets in the amount of \$225,000 utilizing Gas Tax funds for a total budget of \$375,000 for the Amtrak Station Upgrades.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – *Council Members report out various activities and any Council Member may place an item for discussion and direction on a future agenda. Timing determined by Mayor and City Manager – no longer than 90 days.*

MOTION TO ADJOURN – *After Council Communications and Future Agenda Items, the Mayor will make a motion to adjourn the meeting. A second motion is required, and then a majority vote is required to adjourn the meeting.*

Adjourned meeting at 12:13 a.m., Approved 5/0