

# CANNABIS STANDING COMMITTEE

**Special Meeting**  
**2:30 P.M.**

**August 5, 2024**  
**Council Chambers**

## **ROLL CALL**

Councilmember/Committee Chair Wilson called the meeting to order at 2:33 P.M. and Acting City Clerk Rosales called the roll.

**Present:** Councilmember/Committee Chair Wilson and Council/Committee Member Torres-Walker

**Staff:** Acting City Manager, Kwame Reed  
City Attorney, Thomas Lloyd Smith  
Assistant City Attorney, Kevin Kunding  
Youth Services Network Manager, Monserrat Cabral  
Economic Development Program Manager, Brett Sweet  
Administrative Analyst, Vanessa Rosales  
Minutes Clerk, Kitty Eiden

**INTRODUCTIONS – None**

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON UNAGENDIZED ITEMS - None**

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

### **A. APPROVAL OF CANNABIS STANDING COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES FOR APRIL 4, 2024**

On motion by Council Member/Committee Chair Wilson, seconded by Council/Committee Member Torres-Walker the Cannabis Standing Committee members unanimously approved the meeting minutes for April 4, 2024.

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### **1. SOCIAL EQUITY PROGRAM OPTIONS FOR CANNABIS BUSINESSES**

- A. ANT GREEN**
- B. 300 G Street**
- C. 2615 Somersville**

Assistant City Attorney Kunding and Youth Services Network Manager Cabral introduced Dr. Shamawn Wright, Bridge Builders to the New Generation, who gave a background and PowerPoint presentation of his organization.

Council/Committee Member Torres-Walker and Council Member/Committee Chair Wilson thanked Dr. Wright for the presentation.

In response to Council/Committee Member Torres-Walker and Council Member/Committee Chair Wilson, Dr. Wright reviewed their annual budget. He explained how their work in schools impacted the quality of life in the community for those historically impacted by the war on drugs. He also discussed their outreach efforts and a tiered system for checking in with participants.

Assistant City Attorney Kundinger and Youth Services Network Manager Cabral introduced Judith Ortiz / Executive Director, Regina Berny, Shagoofa Khan and Camilla, representing Monument Impact, who gave a background of their organization and presented an Antioch Blooming Women Rooted In Action PowerPoint presentation.

In response to Council/Committee Member Torres-Walker, Ms. Ortiz reviewed their annual budget and explained that every 12 months there would be an opportunity for a new cohort. She discussed how they identified participants' needs and determined success.

Council/Committee Member Torres-Walker requested Monument Impact not require court records to qualify participants. She thanked Monument Impact for their support of women.

In response to Council Member/Committee Chair Wilson, Ms. Ortiz explained the support system for those who completed their cohort.

Council Member/Committee Chair Wilson encouraged Ms. Ortiz to consider the census tracks within the 94509-zip code.

#### **D. Public Comments**

Marlene Jimenez, spoke in support of Social Equity Programs and minority owned cannabis businesses.

In response to Council Member/Committee Chair Wilson, Acting City Manager Reed reported that staff was working on an RFP to acquire consultants to develop a program for minority owned cannabis businesses.

Council/Committee Member Torres-Walker stated Antioch could build a program that included all areas within this field and assist people in building their skills in areas tied to the use of equity funds. She spoke in support of that discussion coming back to the Cannabis Standing Committee.

Michael Macias, Antioch resident, stated he was an equity advocate in Antioch and California. He commented that he also advocated for the City to have a state recognized Social Equity Program benefitting individuals affected by the war on drugs. He noted he would like the City to receive grants, business assistance and storefront opportunities similar to other cities in California. He spoke in support of the City creating equity permits and expanding the green zone. He offered to assist the City in these efforts.

#### **E. Discussion and Direction to Staff**

Council/Committee Member Torres-Walker suggested organizations funded by Social Equity Programs partner with businesses that provide educational programs centered on holistic healing.

## **2. ANT GREEN OPERATING AGREEMENT**

Assistant City Attorney Kunding presented the staff report dated August 5, 2024, recommending the Committee approve the Operating Agreement and Social Equity Program for ANT Green LLC, and direct staff to place the Operating Agreement and Social Equity Program on the upcoming City Council agenda for consideration.

### **A. Public Comment**

The registered owner of Ant Green gave an overview of his business and stated they were requesting approval of his Operating Agreement and Social Equity Program. He clarified that they would have dispensary, cultivation, distribution and manufacturing businesses within their building.

### **B. Discussion and Direction to Staff**

On motion by Councilmember/Committee Chair Wilson, seconded by Council/Committee Member Torres-Walker the Cannabis Standing Committee unanimously recommended approval of the Operating Agreement and Social Equity Program for ANT Green LLC, and directed staff to place the operating agreement and social equity plan on the upcoming City Council agenda for consideration.

## **3. 300 G STREET OPERATING AGREEMENT**

Assistant City Attorney Kunding presented the staff report dated August 5, 2024, recommending the Committee recommend approval the Operating Agreement and Social Equity Program for OTC Antioch LLC and direct staff to place the Operating Agreement and Social Equity Program on the upcoming City Council agenda for consideration.

### **A. Public Comment**

Adam Mernit / Chief Development Officer / OTC Antioch dba Off the Charts gave a background of their businesses and requested approval of their Operating Agreement and Social Equity Program.

### **B. Discussion and Direction to Staff**

On motion by Councilmember/Committee Chair Wilson, seconded by Council/Committee Member Torres-Walker the Cannabis Standing Committee unanimously recommended approval of the Operating Agreement and Social Equity Program for OTC Antioch LLC and directed staff to place the Operating Agreement and Social Equity Program on the upcoming City Council agenda for consideration.

#### **4. 2615 SOMERSVILLE OPERATING AGREEMENT**

Assistant City Attorney Kunding presented the staff report dated August 5, 2024, recommending the Committee approve the Operating Agreement and Social Equity Program for 2615 Somersville Rd. dba Flavors Antioch and direct staff to place the operating agreement and social equity plan on the upcoming City Council agenda for consideration.

##### **A. Public Comment**

Zachary Drivon / 2615 Somersville dba Flavors Antioch, gave a background of their business and reviewed their projected contributions to the Social Equity Partner. He stated they appreciated the opportunity to do business in Antioch and looked forward to their partnership with Bridge Builders to the New Generation.

##### **B. Discussion and Direction to Staff**

Councilmember Torres-Walker thanked Mr. Drivon for the information.

In response to Council/Committee Member Torres-Walker, Mr. Drivon stated he did not have data for how many employees were formerly incarcerated; however, he would be able to attain that information.

On motion by Councilmember/Committee Chair Wilson, seconded by Council/Committee Member Torres-Walker the Cannabis Standing Committee unanimously recommended approval the Operating Agreement and Social Equity Program for 2615 Somersville Rd. dba Flavors Antioch and directed staff to place the Operating Agreement and Social Equity Program on the upcoming City Council agenda for consideration.

#### **5. BAKERY ANTIOCH I, LLC CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP**

Assistant City Attorney Kunding presented the staff report dated August 5, 2024, recommending the Committee review Bakery Antioch I LLC's proposed change in ownership and determine whether to recommend the change to City Council. He reported that he had informed Bakery Antioch I, LLC of this meeting and they had indicated that they would be in attendance; however, they were not present today.

##### **A. Public Comment**

Dianna Robinson, Opportunity Junction, commented that their organization had been identified in the staff report; however, she was not aware of any partnership with Bakery Antioch I LLC.

##### **B. Discussion and Direction to Staff**

Following discussion, the Cannabis Standing Committee supported tabling this item until the operator was present.

On motion by Councilmember/Committee Chair Wilson, seconded by Council/Committee Member Torres-Walker the Cannabis Standing Committee unanimously tabled Bakery Antioch I LLC's proposed change in ownership.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On motion by Council/Committee Member Torres Walker, seconded by Council/Committee Chair Wilson the Committee unanimously adjourned the meeting at 4:19 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

*Kitty Eiden*

KITTY EIDEN, Minutes Clerk