

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
INCLUDING THE ANTIOCH CITY COUNCIL  
ACTING AS SUCCESSOR AGENCY/HOUSING SUCCESSOR  
TO THE ANTIOCH DEVELOPMENT AGENCY  
ANTIOCH PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY**

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

**December 10, 2024  
Council Chambers**

**6:15 P.M. - CLOSED SESSION**

Mayor Hernandez-Thorpe called the Closed Session to order at 6:15 P.M., and City Clerk Householder called the roll.

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

Absent: Council Member District 2 Barbanica

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Hernandez-Thorpe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION** – Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to California Government Code section 54956.9(b): Two Cases.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS – None**

**ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION**

Mayor Hernandez-Thorpe adjourned to Closed Session at 6:18 P.M.

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

Mayor Hernandez-Thorpe called the meeting to order at 7:09 P.M., and City Clerk Householder called the roll.

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

**ON MOTION BY MAYOR HERNANDEZ-THORPE, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER TORRES-WALKER, THE CITY COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY SUSPENDED THE RULES AND MOVED COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR AND REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS #3 AND 4 TO BE HEARD AS THE NEXT ORDER OF BUSINESS.**

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

A motion was made by Councilmember Wilson, seconded by Councilmember Torres-Walker to approve the Consent Calendar.

A substitute motion made by Councilmember Ogorchock and seconded by Councilmember Barbanica to remove Item O to be heard before the Consent Calendar. The motion passed unanimously.

**O. RESOLUTION NO. 2024/176 RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT NO. 2405, "CHALLENGES FACING THE CITY OF ANTIOCH" ADDENDUM**

On motion by Councilmember Wilson, seconded by Mayor Hernandez-Thorpe the City Council approved Item O. The motion carried the following vote:

Ayes: Torres-Walker, Wilson, Hernandez-Thorpe

Noes: Barbanica, Ogorchock

**A. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 26, 2024**

**B. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL WARRANTS**

**C. APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2024**

**D. REJECTION OF CLAIM: DONNA MILES**

**E. ORDINANCE NO. 2243-C-S SECOND READING – HOUSING-RELATED ZONING CODE UPDATES ORDINANCE (LA2024-0003) (Introduced on November 26, 2024)**

**F. RESOLUTION NO. 2024/177 EXTENSION OF THE WILD HORSE MULTIFAMILY PROJECT APPROVALS**

**G. SA RESOLUTION NO. 2024/43 RECOGNIZED OBLIGATION PAYMENT SCHEDULE (25-26) FOR THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE ANTIOCH DEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF ANTIOCH**

**H. RESOLUTION NO. 2024/178 SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE DESIGN CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH BROWN AND CALDWELL FOR ON-CALL PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,000 (P.W. 700-1)**

**I. RESOLUTION NO. 2024/179 FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT WITH MOUNTAIN CASCADE, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$131,793.92**

**FOR THE HILLCREST AND DONLON BOOSTER PUMPING STATION IMPROVEMENTS (P.W. 477-BP2)**

- J. **RESOLUTION NO. 2024/180 AWARDING THE MAINTENANCE SERVICES AGREEMENT TO NAZ & CO. DBA TRUE BLUE AUTOMATION SERVICES FOR WATER TREATMENT PLANT INFORMATION AND CONTROL SYSTEMS ASSISTANCE FOR A FIVE (5) YEAR CONTRACT AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$750,000**
- K. **REQUEST FOR TRAINING AND TRAVEL – CAL CITIES – MAYORS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS ACADEMY**
- L. **RESOLUTION NO. 2024/181 APPROVAL OF AWARDS FOR THE 2024-2025 CIVIC ENHANCEMENT GRANT PROGRAM**
- M. **RESOLUTION NO. 2024/182 USE AGREEMENT WITH CONGRESSMAN DESAULNIER’S OFFICE FOR OFFICE SPACE AT THE ANTIOCH COMMUNITY CENTER**
- N. **RESOLUTION NO. 2024/183 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE ANTIOCH FRIENDS OF SENIORS FOR CHARITABLE BINGO OPERATIONS AT THE ANTIOCH SENIOR CENTER**

On motion by Councilmember Wilson, seconded by Councilmember Torres-Walker the City Council unanimously approved the Consent Calendar Items A through N.

**COUNCIL REGULAR AGENDA**

- 3. **DISCUSSION ITEM – DIRECTION TO STAFF CONCERNING PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE ANTIOCH MUNICIPAL CODE SECTIONS 9-5.3801, 9-5.3845 ALLOWING AN INCREASED VARIETY OF CANNABIS BUSINESSES IN CANNABIS BUSINESS OVERLAY DISTRICTS CB 2 AND CB 3**

Mayor Hernandez-Thorpe stated Council was requesting the new City Council consider the proposed amendments to the Municipal Code.

Council consensus directed staff to bring back this item for the new Council to consider.

An unidentified speaker suggested the new City Council survey business owners to determine their level of support for expanding cannabis businesses in downtown Antioch.

- 4. **RESOLUTION CONFIRMING CANVASS BY THE COUNTY CLERK OF CONTRA COSTA COUNTY OF BALLOTS CAST IN THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION HELD ON NOVEMBER 5, 2024**

City Clerk Householder presented the staff report dated December 10, 2024, recommending the City Council adopt the resolution confirming the certified results received by the County Clerk of Contra Costa County of ballots cast in the General Municipal Election held on November 5, 2024.

Hans Ho, Antioch resident, thanked Councilmembers Barbanica and Ogorchock for their service.

Manuel Soliz, Antioch resident, thanked the outgoing Councilmembers for their service and recognized the newly elected officials.

**RESOLUTION NO., 2024/184**

On motion by Councilmember Wilson, seconded by Councilmember Barbanica the City Council unanimously adopted the resolution confirming the certified results received by the County Clerk of Contra Costa County of ballots cast in the General Municipal Election held on November 5, 2024.

**PRESENTATION OF COLORS**

The Antioch Police Department presented the colors.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Hernandez-Thorpe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**INVOCATION**

The Invocation was offered by Pastor Steve Miner, Cornerstone Christian Center.

**ON MOTION BY MAYOR HERNANDEZ-THORPE, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER OGORCHOCK, THE CITY COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY SUSPENDED THE RULES AND MOVED PRESENTATION TO OUTGOING ELECTED OFFICIALS, OATHS OF OFFICE FOR NEWLY ELECTED COUNCIL AND ROLL CALL FOR NEW COUNCIL TO BE HEARD AFTER THE ANTIOCH HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC MASTERS CHOIR.**

**ANTIOCH HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC MASTERS CHOIR**

The Antioch High School Music Masters Choir performed for the Council and audience.

**PRESENTATION** to outgoing Elected Officials – None

**OATHS OF OFFICE FOR NEWLY ELECTED COUNCIL**

- Rowland ‘Ron’ Bernal, Mayor – Administered by Irma Bernal
- Louis ‘Louie’ Rocha, Council Member District 2 – Administered by Mary Rocha

- Donald 'Don' Freitas, Council Member District 3 – Administered by Cathryn Freitas
- Jorge R. Rojas, Jr., City Treasurer – Administered by City Clerk Householder
- Melissa Rhodes, City Clerk – Administered by City Clerk Householder

Following Mayor Bernal's Oath of Office, City Clerk Householder on his behalf announced he was calling for a Special Meeting/Closed Session at 8:15 P.M. on December 11, 2024.

The new officials gave introductory statements in the following order:

- Mayor Bernal
- Councilmember Rocha
- Councilmember Freitas
- City Treasurer Rojas
- City Clerk Rhodes

City Clerk Rhodes declared a 30-minute recess at 7:50 P.M. The meeting reconvened at 8:27 P.M.

### **ROLL CALL for New Council**

City Clerk Rhodes called the roll.

Present: Council Members District 2 Rocha, District 3 Freitas, District 4 Wilson and Mayor Bernal (Council Member Torres-Walker arrived at 8:29 P.M.)

### **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**, no reportable action.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS OF CIVIC AND COMMUNITY EVENTS**

Councilmember Torres-Walker arrived at 8:29 P.M.

Velma Wilson announced the following civic and community events:

- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration on January 20, 2025, at Deer Valley High School
- Black History Month Celebration at 6:00 P.M. on February 21, 2025, at Antioch High School
- African American Heritage Night with the Golden State Warriors on February 25, 2025

Allen Payton announced the Annual Holiday Run and Walk for Health on December 14, 2024, at Contra Loma.

Mike Hurd, Antioch resident, thanked Ms. Wilson for organizing his mother's birthday celebration and the City for providing his mother with retirement benefits. He congratulated the incoming Councilmembers.

Gavin Payton, East County NAACP Youth Council, announced they were partnering with the Safe Return Foundation to host the She Ready event at 12:00 P.M. on December 14, 2024, at Delta Bay Church

Yvette Williams announced Back on Track Community Services and the Association of Midnight Basketball, would host the Antioch's Seasons of Sharing event from 12:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M. on December 21, 2024, at Antioch Middle School.

Antwon Webster, Chichibu Sister City, announced next year's delegation from Antioch would be traveling to Chichibu Japan tentatively scheduled for the last two weeks of July 2025.

A representative from Antioch Council of Teens (ACT) announced the following civic and community events:

- ACT meetings every second and fourth Wednesday from 4:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M. at Antioch Water Park
- Back to School Bowling on January 9, 2025, at Delta Bowl
- Teen Pottery Night at 6:00 P.M. on February 6, 2025, at Antioch Water Park

Flori Paniagua, Team Jesus Outreach, announced a Toy Drive would be held from 2:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M. on December 12, 2024, at Jubilee Christian Center.

## **1. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF BOARD AND COMMISSION OPENINGS**

City Clerk Rhodes announced the following Board and Commission openings.

- Antioch Police Oversight Commission
- Board of Administrative Appeals
- Planning Commission
- Sales Tax Citizens' Oversight Committee

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

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Tachina Garrett, ACCE Antioch, Frank Sterling Jr., Antioch resident, Shagoofa Khan, Patricia Granados, Kamilah, Eddie Gums, Rochelle Pierre with several members of Rising Juntos, and Devin Williams recognized the former City Council's accomplishments. They encouraged the new City Council to continue bringing positive changes to the City of Antioch.

Gavin Payton, NAACP Youth Council, discussed their advocacy efforts and encouraged the new City Council to unify the community.

Nicole Arrington requested Council advocate to keep the AMTRAK station in Antioch. She encouraged Council to speak out against negative comments about community members on social media. She discussed the importance of the Antioch Police Oversight Commission.

Arne Simonsen, Antioch resident, congratulated newly elected officials and stated he looked forward to their service.

Mark Jordan, Antioch resident, congratulated newly elected officials and encouraged them to prioritize the budget and resolve issues within the Antioch Police Department.

Kimberly Kidd-Bailey encouraged Council to represent the entire community and stated she supported Interim Police Chief Addington.

Velma Wilson welcomed the new City Councilmembers. She thanked Councilmember Torres-Walker for hosting a conversation with the community and Mayor Bernal for being part of the dialog. She encouraged Council to work cooperative with the Antioch Unified School District (AUSD) address the needs of students.

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

Councilmember Wilson announced that she would be attending Tri Delta Transit and Delta Diablo on December 11, 2024.

Councilmember Torres-Walker discussed the importance of diversity, equity and inclusion efforts. She spoke in support of prioritizing the most vulnerable residents and unifying the community.

## **MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

Mayor Bernal discussed expectations for elected officials. He requested individuals refrain from negative and unproductive comments. He stated public safety was the priority and the goal was to serve all Antioch residents. He thanked outgoing Councilmembers for their service, his volunteers and Jesus for calling him to this position. He asked the community to help Council build an Antioch for future generations.

## **MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS / COMMENTS – None**

## **5. COUNCIL REORGANIZATION – SELECTION OF MAYOR PRO TEMPORE**

City Attorney Smith presented the staff report dated December 10, 2024, recommending the City Council select the Mayor Pro Tempore.

On motion by Councilmember Wilson, seconded by Councilmember Freitas the City Council unanimously selected Councilmember Rocha as Mayor Pro Tempore.

**6. CITY COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS TO COUNCIL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS AND COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEES**

City Manager Scott presented the staff report dated December 10, 2024, recommending the City Council review and discuss City Council Appointments to Council Committee Assignments and Standing Committees. Mayor Bernal will advance appointments for City Council approval by majority vote to be acted upon as follows: 1) Motion to approve all appointments for Mayor Bernal. 2) Motion to approve all appointments for Mayor Pro Tem (Council Member District \_\_\_) – [name of mayor pro tem]. 3) Motion to approve all appointments for Council Member District 1 – Torres-Walker. 4) Motion to approve all appointments for Council Member District 2 – Rocha. 5) Motion to approve all appointments for Council Member District 3 – Freitas. 6) Motion to approve all appointments for Council Member District 4 – Wilson.

Olga Smith, Antioch resident, spoke in support of appointing Councilmember Torres-Walker to the City/School Committee since she represented District 1 that was currently involved in gun violence.

Councilmember Freitas supported appointing Councilmember Torres-Walker to the City/School Committee.

On motion by Councilmember Freitas, seconded by Councilmember Rocha the City Council unanimously approved all appointments to Council Committee Assignments and Council Standing Committees (Exhibit 1 Appointments Attached) for Mayor Bernal, Mayor Pro Tem Rocha, Councilmember Torres-Walker, Councilmember Freitas and Councilmember Wilson.

**PUBLIC COMMENT – None**

**STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

City Manager Scott thanked the outgoing members of Council and welcomed new Councilmembers. She commented that she had the same goals as Council and staff was ready to work with them to make Antioch a great place.

City Attorney Smith stated he looked forward to working with the City Council.

**COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Councilmember Freitas commented that the election results were a mandate for change and discussed the importance of everyone working together to move Antioch forward in a positive, constructive and inclusive direction. He reported the City was in non-compliance with City Manager Scott's contract, since performance goals and objectives had not been created within



the first 30-days. He requested Council begin the dialog with City Manager Scott to articulate their goals and objectives. He also requested the following future agenda items:

- Comprehensive public review of the City's finances in January 2025
- Joint Council/AUSD public meeting including a discussion of School Resource Officers in January 2025
- Regular updates regarding the hiring of the Chief of Police
- Plan of action to fill department head vacancies
- Discussion on hiring a new City Attorney

Councilmember Torres-Walker reported City Manager Scott had attempted multiple times to meet with Councilmembers to discuss their priorities; however, the election process had interfered with that activity. She agreed with the importance of setting performance goals for her position.

Councilmember Wilson requested a review of the Council's list of future agenda items. She welcomed the new Councilmembers and encouraged everyone to be non-judgmental.

Councilmember Rocha stated he believed the skills he learned as a principal would serve him well in his role as a Councilmember. He expressed his desire to be part of the team to serve the community.

Mayor Bernal stated he was hopeful the new leadership team could work together for the community. He requested staff agendize a discussion on Council meeting conduct. He announced a Special Meeting/Closed Session would be held at 8:15 P.M. on December 11, 2024.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

On motion by Councilmember Rocha, seconded by Councilmember Wilson the City Council unanimously adjourned the meeting at 9:58: P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

*Kitty Eiden*

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KITTY EIDEN, Minutes Clerk

**Council Appointments**

**December 2024 to December 2026**

<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>REPRESENTATIVES</b>	<b>COMMITTEE INFORMATION</b>
ABAG (Association of Bay Area Govmt)	Mayor Pro Tem Rocha Council Member Wilson (alt.)	General Assembly- once a year
Chamber of Commerce Liaison	Mayor Pro Tem Rocha	2nd Thursday of month, 8:00 A.M. Chamber Conference Room
Community Advisory Board- SF Bay Water Emergency Transit Authority	Council Member Freitas Council Member Wilson (alt.)	TBD
Delta Diablo	Council Member Wilson Council Member Frietas (alt.)	2nd Wednesday of month, 4:30 P.M., 2500 Pittsburg/Antioch Highway
East Bay Division (League of California Cities)	Mayor Pro Team Rocha Mayor Bernal (alt.)	3rd Thursday of month, 6:00 P.M. Rotates between Contra Costa and Alameda Counties
TRANSPLAN	Mayor Bernal Council Member Freitas (alt.)	2nd Thursday of month, 6:30 P.M. Tri Delta Transit - 801 Wilbur Ave
East Contra Costa Regional Fee and Financing Authority (ECCRFA)	Mayor Bernal Council Member Freitas (alt.)	2nd Thursday of month, 6:30 P.M. Tri Delta Transit - 801 Wilbur Ave
State Route 4 By-Pass Authority	Mayor Bernal Council Member Freitas (alt.)	2nd Thursday of month, 6:30 P.M. Tri Delta Transit - 801 Wilbur Ave
East County Water Management Association	Mayor Bernal	As needed, 2-3 times per year
Tri Delta Board of Directors Eastern Contra Costa Transit Authority	Mayor Pro Tem Rocha Council Member Freitas	4th Wednesday of month, 4:00 P.M., Tri Delta Transit, 801 Wilbur Ave
Northeast Antioch Annexation	Council Member Freitas Council Member Torres-Walker	As needed
Mayors' Conference	Mayor Bernal Mayor Pro Tem Rocha (alt.)	1st Thursday of month, 6:30 P.M. Rotates between cities of Contra Costa County

<b>Council Committee Assignments</b>		
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Committee	Council Member Torres-Walker Mayor Pro Tem Rocha	Standing Committee - As needed Community Development Dept. to develop agenda and handle noticing
Lone Tree Golf Course Committee	Mayor Bernal Council Member Wilson	Standing Committee - As needed Parks and Rec. Dept. to develop agenda and handle noticing
City/School Committee	Mayor Pro Tem Rocha Council Member Torres-Walker	Standing Committee - As needed City Manager's to develop agenda and handle noticing
Cannabis Committee	Council Member Freitas Council Member Torres-Walker	Standing Committee - As needed City Attorney's Office to develop agenda and handle noticing
Waterfront Revitalization Committee	Mayor Pro Tem Rocha Council Member Torres-Walker	Standing Committee - As needed City Manager's Office to develop agenda and handle noticing