

ANTIOCH CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting
7:00 P.M.

March 27, 2001
Council Chambers

6:00 P.M. STUDY SESSION

**CONTINUATION OF COUNCIL GOAL SETTING DISCUSSION CONTINUED FROM
MARCH 20, 2001 (#301-01)**

Mayor Freitas called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M., and City Clerk Martin called the roll.

Present: Councilmembers Davis, Kalinowski, Conley, Simonsen and Mayor Freitas

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Kalinowski led the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF CIVIC AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

Barbara Sobalvarro announced the Friends of Animal Services Spring Event in celebration of National Tag Day from 11:00 A.M.—2:00 P.M. on April 7, 2001.

Jean Kuberra voiced a protest against the Democratic majority in the Legislature and their recent action regarding the Energy Crisis. She stated she planned to change her party affiliation to Republican. She encouraged others to consider similar action.

Dave Sanderson and Gina Lombardi announced the 12th Annual Mayors Cup Golf Tournament beginning at 12:30 P.M. on June 3, 2001 at Lone Tree Golf Course and provided contact numbers for anyone wishing to participate.

PROCLAMATIONS

Alcohol Awareness Month, April 2001
National Library Week, April 1–7, 2001
Week of the Young Child, April 1–7, 2001
2001 Mayor's Prayer Breakfast, April 5, 2001

On motion by Councilmember Conley, seconded by Councilmember Simonsen, the Council unanimously approved the proclamations.

Councilmember Kalinowski presented Shirley Marchetti with the proclamation proclaiming April 2001 as "Alcohol Awareness Month." Ms. Marchetti accepted the proclamation on behalf of the agencies who provide alcohol prevention, intervention, and treatment services. She thanked the Council for their continued support of the REACH program.

Councilmember Davis presented Lee Lamone and Patty Chan with the proclamation proclaiming April 1–7 2001 as "National Library Week." Ms. Lamone accepted the proclamation on behalf of the Friends of Antioch Library. Ms. Chan reviewed the services provided by the Antioch Library and announced the new library hours and several upcoming events. She provided the Council with tickets for the Kiwana's Dinner at the Senior Citizen Center on April 25, 2001. Mayor Freitas, on behalf of the community, thanked the Library Staff and Friends of the Library for their dedication to the community.

Councilmember Conley presented Kathy Rood with the proclamation proclaiming April 1–7, 2001 as "Week of the Young Child." Ms. Rood accepted the proclamation on behalf of the Contra Costa Childcare Council and the children of East Contra Costa County. She thanked the Council for the recognition and presented them with Contra Costa Childcare Council pens.

Councilmember Simonsen presented Rev. Mike Malody with the proclamation proclaiming April 5, 2001 as the day of the "2001 Mayor's Prayer Breakfast." Rev. Malody accepted the proclamation on behalf of East County Ministries and announced the breakfast would be on April 5, 2001 from 7:00–9:00 A.M. at Humphrey's on the Delta. He encouraged the community to attend and provided a contact number for anyone needing additional information.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Julie Atkinson, speaking on behalf of her own family and 150 Antioch families, discussed her search and rescue efforts for her two missing cats and presented the Council with information booklets regarding several missing cats in Antioch. She read a letter she sent to the families of the other missing cats, noting of 165 missing cats in Antioch, only nine have been found. She stated the professionals she contacted felt the missing cats were human related. She voiced her frustration of being told it would be a 1–12 week wait to meet with the Animal Shelter Supervisor regarding this matter and went home in frustration, without meeting with anyone. She asked the Council to recognize the problem and assist the affected families with an investigation.

Mayor Freitas requested Chief of Police Moczulski schedule a meeting with Ms. Atkinson.

Mike Malody thanked Public Works Director Brandt and the Engineering Department for addressing and solving his traffic concerns promptly.

John Capolungo urged the Council to fund the security team for the Skate Park this year noting residents in the area had already called the police several times.

Jean Kuberra stated she felt SB 919, implementing the right to vote on taxes act is flawed. She noted she did not vote to approve the assessment ballot for the lighting and landscaping district due to the fact she felt residents were being asked to pay for something that was not a special benefit to their property.

Elvin Scott announced the Veteran's Health and Benefits Fair on April 1, 2001 from 10 A.M.–3 P.M. at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Pittsburg. He discussed his efforts to provide information on pension benefits to the community.

COUNCIL REGULAR AGENDA

1. LONE TREE GOLF COURSE

#1402-01

A. PRESENTATION BY MR. PEREZ ON THE CONSIDERATION OF FEES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS AT LONE TREE GOLF COURSE

Al Perez, speaking on behalf of senior golfers, stated they would accept the latest offer of the Lone Tree Golf Course Board of Directors and requested the City Council direct the Board of Directors to extend the proposed one-year trial to five years with a biannual payment option.

Fred Casassa stated he supports Mr. Perez's comments and expressed concern regarding the rate increase, noting he felt the rate increases should be kept affordable for Seniors on fixed incomes.

Mr. Oakley, representing the Lone Tree Golf Course Board of Directors, reviewed the various programs and discounts available at the golf course to benefit the seniors of the community. He stated the Board had accepted the proposal for a one-year trial period noting they felt a rate freeze was unrealistic and could possibly hinder their ability to improve and maintain the quality of the golf course. In response to Councilmember Kalinowski, Mr. Oakley confirmed there was not a 30-year residency status to obtain the gold card.

Following discussion the Council supported the Lone Tree Golf Course's position, noting a one-year trial period was appropriate and suggested amending the starting date to July 1, 2001. Councilmember Kalinowski voiced his support of the biannual payments for all seniors who qualify for the gold card.

City Attorney Galstan clarified the City, as owner of the golf course, had leased the facility to a nonprofit corporation. One of the provisions under the agreement between the City and the corporation stated the corporation would inform the City of proposed rate increases, after which the Council had a 60-day period in which to veto the proposal.

Councilmember Kalinowski requested future rate increases be provided to Council on the consent calendar.

On motion by Councilmember Conley, seconded by Councilmember Simonsen, the Council unanimously received and filed the report.

Mayor Freitas declared a recess at 8:12 P.M. The meeting reconvened at 8:23 P.M. with all Councilmembers present.

B) LONE TREE GOLF COURSE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW CLUBHOUSE, RESTAURANT AND BANQUET FACILITY

Finance/Leisure Services Director Tasker presented the staff report dated March 22, 2001, recommending the City Council: 1) Approve the concept of a new clubhouse and funding; 2) Approve the rate increase outlined in Attachment "C" of the staff report.

Richard Warfold, representing Economic Research Associates, stated they projected the rounds played by using information provided by modifying the National Golf Foundation to comply with the local area and fair market share. The result was an 11% decrease in rounds played. In response to Mayor Freitas, he stated a 10% utilities increase was included, however he did not feel utilities would have a significant impact to the projections.

Jack Oakley discussed the functions of the proposed clubhouse noting after the feasibility study was completed they felt they could afford a \$3.5 to \$4 million project.

City Manager Ramsey clarified the architect would be directed to physically separate the banquet facility from the bar to allow functions to occur simultaneously without impacting each other.

In response to Councilmember Davis, Mr. Oakley stated they had discussed with the architect parking issues which he felt could be mitigated.

Finance/Leisure Services Director Tasker noted the issue would be returning to Council for final approval as well as financing.

On motion by Councilmember Kalinowski, seconded by Councilmember Conley, the Council unanimously approved the concept of a new clubhouse and the exploration of funding.

City Manager Ramsey stated staff had reviewed the rate increases and would work in concert with Council's request to expand the clubhouse facilities. He noted staff recommends approval of the rate increases as requested.

Following discussion the Council majority agreed to support the rate increases stating they were competitive with other golf courses in the area and would provide the opportunity for a clubhouse Antioch citizens could utilize. Councilmember Kalinowski expressed his concern regarding rate increase for resident play on weekends noting he felt a 20% increase was excessive. He noted he would support the rate increases with a commitment for Council to review them in the future.

Jean Kuberra voiced her support of the senior plan; she felt a fair approach was used to calculate the increase.

On motion by Councilmember Conley, seconded by Councilmember Simonsen, the Council unanimously approved the rate increase outlined in Attachment "C" of the staff

report including: 1) The senior ticket to begin on July 1st with an option to be paid biannually; 2) Rates to be reviewed by Council annually.

Mayor Freitas declared a recess at 9:00 P.M. The meeting reconvened at 9:10 P.M. with all Councilmembers present.

2. MID-YEAR BUDGET REVIEW AND FINANCIAL FORECAST #410-02

Finance/Leisure Services Director Tasker provided a brief presentation of the City's revenue sources and expenditures. He presented the staff report dated March 19, 2001, recommending the City Council: 1) Appropriate \$500,000 for Economic Development for Fiscal Year 2000-01; 2) Transfer \$1,000,000 to the Capital Improvement Fund for upgrade of the Police Communications System in future years; 3) Transfer \$500,000 to the Capital Improvement Fund for Information Systems upgrades in future years; 4) Appropriate \$203,000 for the purchase of seven (7) replacement patrol vehicles to be placed in service in Fiscal Year 2001-02, and; 5) Appropriate \$45,000 for repair and upgrade of the Council Chamber sound system.

On motion by Councilmember Simonsen, seconded by Councilmember Conley, the Council unanimously approved the appropriation of \$500,000 for Economic Development for Fiscal Year 2000-01.

On motion by Councilmember Conley, seconded by Councilmember Davis, the Council unanimously approved the transfer of \$1,000,000 to the Capital Improvement Fund for upgrade of the Police Communications System in future years.

On motion by Councilmember Simonsen, seconded by Councilmember Davis, the Council unanimously approved the transfer of \$500,000 to the Capital Improvement Fund for Information Systems upgrades in future years.

Mayor Freitas requested staff provide the new logo for the patrol cars to Council.

On motion by Councilmember Kalinowski, seconded by Councilmember Conley, the Council unanimously approved the appropriation of \$203,000 for the purchase of seven (7) replacement patrol vehicles to be placed in service in Fiscal Year 2001-02

Following discussion the Council directed staff to provide additional information regarding the appropriation of \$45,000 for repair and upgrade of the Chamber sound system for the April 10, 2001 City Council meeting.

3. NOMINATION AND APPOINTMENT OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE ARTS AND CULTURAL FOUNDATION OF ANTIOCH #1407-03

Councilmember Simonsen requested the names of applicants be listed in the staff report.

Mayor Freitas recommended the following people to the Board of Directors for the Arts and Cultural Foundation of Antioch: 3-year terms – Nancy Chinn, Wendy Marchetti, Ward Preston, Valerie Bennett-Lewis; 2-yr term – Bill Paskewitz, Gary Reiman and Ken Gray.

On motion by Councilmember Kalinowski, seconded by Councilmember Conley, the Council unanimously approved the appointments to the Board of Directors for the Arts and Cultural Foundation of Antioch.

4. LEGISLATION AND ADVOCACY #701-04

Councilmember Simonsen reported he would be bringing a resolution to Council from the League of California Cities regarding a grass roots program pertaining to the ERAF take-away.

On motion by Councilmember Conley, seconded by Councilmember Simonsen, the Council unanimously received and filed the report.

COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR

A. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES—March 13, 2001 #301-03

B. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL WARRANTS #401-02

C. REJECTION OF CLAIMS #704-07
1) Claim of Melesio Perez #00/01-1206

D. RESOLUTION NO. 2001/29 ACCEPTING WORK AND AUTHORIZING CITY ENGINEER TO FILE A NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR THE DEER VALLEY ROAD/MAMMOTH WAY IMPROVEMENTS IN LONE TREE CORRIDOR ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 27 (PW 555-10) #806-02

E. RESOLUTION NO. 2001/30 ACCEPTING WORK AND AUTHORIZING CITY ENGINEER TO FILE A NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR THE RIVERTOWN RESOURCE CENTER RESTROOM REMODEL PROJECT AT 301 WEST TENTH STREET (PW 289-14A)

F. CONSIDERATION OF BIDS FOR RESTROOM IMPROVEMENTS AT MOUNTAIRE PARK AND ANTIOCH COMMUNITY PARK (PW 394-16) #1402-03

G. RESOLUTION NO. 2001/31 APPROVING PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE RIDGEROCK DRIVE STREET IMPROVEMENTS (PW 227-1A) #1102-04

H. RESOLUTION NO. 2001/32 DESIGNATION OF RECREATION ELEMENTS TO BE FUNDED THROUGH COUNTY-WIDE BALLOT MEASURE #1402-03

I. RESOLUTION NO. 2001/33 APPROVING A MASTER PLAN FOR THE DALLAS RANCH PARK (PW580-P) #1402-03

On motion by Councilmember Davis, seconded by Councilmember Conley, the Council unanimously approved the Consent Calendar with the exception of items G and I, which were removed for further discussion.

Item G—In response to Councilmember Conley, Public Works Director Brandt clarified if Council authorized the advertisement, work would begin in 30-60 days. He stated the trees in the median would remain and 2 ft. would be added to the median width. He noted the road would be closed to through traffic during the daytime. Councilmember Davis expressed concern for the line of sight at the crosswalk noting it was partially impaired due to the high level of bushes in the median.

On motion by Councilmember Conley, seconded by Councilmember Kalinowski, the Council unanimously approved item G.

Item I—Mayor Freitas stated he removed this item because the resolution was incomplete. He noted City Clerk Martin had provided Council with a completed resolution.

Councilmember Conley requested extending the grass area to the existing asphalt trail. Public Works Director Brandt stated it would add approximately \$100,000 to the cost of the park, adding representatives of Kaufman and Broad had indicated they would be willing to expand the grass area at Council's direction. He further stated Kaufman and Board had expressed concern there was not adequate funding available to reimburse them. He further noted if Council was interested, he would recommend they approve it subject to the Finance Director's review of the park-in-lieu fees to assure adequate funding would be available for reimbursement.

On motion by Councilmember Conley, seconded by Councilmember Kalinowski, the Council unanimously approved Item I, directing staff to review the park-in-lieu fees for additional funds to extend the grass area to the ridgeline.

PUBLIC COMMENTS—None

COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Simonsen expressed concern regarding the cost to provide maintenance and vandalism repair at the Skate Park. He requested this item be agendaized to review the negative impact to the City. Mayor Freitas suggested the Council go to the Skate Park prior to a Council meeting for a walk-through to review the issues. He stated he could not support a BMX park unless and until the Skate Park issues were resolved. Councilmember Kalinowski suggested exploring a temporary trailer as a police substation in the area to curtail and eliminate the need for security.

Councilmember Davis announced the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life Rally at Humphrey's on the Delta March 28, 2001 at 5:30 P.M. Mayor Freitas urged the community to participate in the Relay For Life Rally.

Mayor Freitas reported he officiated the opening of the Antioch East and West Little League on March 24, 2001 adding it was a wonderful event. He urged the residents to carefully consider their proposition 218 ballot, noting the outcome could impact many of the children. He noted he had provided a letter to Council regarding the Habitat Conservation Plan outlining his position to not participate in the HCP unless and until other jurisdictions participate. He further noted Council had indicated they were in agreement with his position and he would be sending the letter out. He announced there would be a meeting on March 28, 2001 in Pittsburg regarding the HCP. He reported he had received calls from the Sportsman Club and they were looking at the Mirant Energy Plant site. Mayor Freitas stated a hearing was scheduled in Fresno and the City had been asked to participate by sending a letter to the Executive Officer of the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board to have the hearings moved to Sacramento. He stated Council was sending a letter in support of the request.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS—None

With no further business, Mayor Freitas adjourned the meeting at 10:30 P.M. to the next regular meeting on April 10, 2001.

Respectfully Submitted:

 /S/ L. Jolene Martin
L. JOLENE MARTIN, City Clerk

Approved:

 /S/ Donald P. Freitas
DONALD P. FREITAS, Mayor

Attest:

 /S/ L. Jolene Martin
L. JOLENE MARTIN, City Clerk