ANTIOCH CALIFORNIA

STAFF REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

DATE:	Regular Meeting of September 10, 2019
TO:	Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
SUBMITTED BY:	Nickie Mastay, Administrative Services Director
	Ron Bernal, City Manager
SUBJECT:	Discuss and Decide Implementation of Immediate Recommended Actions of the Homeless Encampment Task Force Committee

RECOMMENDED ACTION

It is recommended that the City Council discuss and decide if they want to implement the immediate recommended actions of the Homeless Encampment Task Force Committee.

FISCAL IMPACT

The cost of recommended actions has not been calculated. The salary range for the Unhoused Resident Coordinator would be dependent upon the type of position if created and funding authorized.

DISCUSSION

At the August 27, 2019 City Council meeting, the Homeless Encampment Task Force Committee, comprised of Mayor Pro Tem Motts and Council Member Thorpe, gave an update and a power point presentation to City Council and citizens of Antioch on the growing homeless crisis in Antioch, the effects of homelessness including encampments on the community and temporary measures to alleviate homeless encampments until the completion of an East Contra Costa County Care Center.

Overall takeaways from the process included public health concerns needing to be immediately addressed, providing immediate temporary shelter and safety, and building/providing and administering transitional housing as further described below.

In response to the immediate public health challenges, immediate recommended actions included:

- Portable Restrooms
- Mobile Showers
- Laundry facilities (mobile, lease/rent)
- Sharps disposals

- Dumpsters for trash for the unhoused
- Identify locations

Relative to the immediate need for shelter, immediate recommended actions included:

- Safe parking lot
- RV/Trailer parking locations (public/private)
- Conestoga Hut/Tuff Shed Cabins (community build)
- Master Leasing agreement hotel/motel rooms
- Rent fairground trailer park when not in use
- Identify locations

In response to long term transitional housing, the following recommended actions included:

- Build/Develop Transitional Housing Villages
 - Re-furnished shipping containers
 - Ready built tiny homes

Purchasing and/or Master Leasing Agreements

- Hotel
- Apartment Complex/Units
- Single Family Homes

Consideration of a No Camping ordinance once shelter/housing is available.

The task force also recommended the creation of an Unhoused Resident Coordinator that would, among other things, be tasked with the following:

- Build the City's unhoused resident services network/collaborative (including database & MOU's) of public/private agencies, nonprofits, CBO's that serve individuals and families.
- Coordinate plan/response to immediate public health concerns identified by task force and community in collaboration with Public Works, Police Department, Community Development and/or other staff as necessary.
- Develop and implement plan for temporary shelter and safety (i.e. parking lots, private/public lands, hotel/motel leasing agreements, etc.) until the production of City's transitional housing program.
- Coordinate the delivery and successful transition/permanent housing program to house all of Antioch's unhoused residents.

Agenda item #6 establishes a job description and hourly rate range for an Unhoused Resident Coordinator for City Council consideration.

ATTACHMENTS

None