

## MINUTES

### Regular Meeting – Aurora City Council Monday, August 28, 2006

#### CALL TO ORDER – EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Tauer convened the Executive Session of City Council at 4:06 p.m.

#### ROLL CALL

PRESIDING: Mayor Tauer  
COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Broom, FitzGerald, Markert, Peterson, Pierce, Sandstrom, Wallace  
COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Hogan  
OFFICIALS PRESENT: City Manager Miller, Deputy Attorney Rogers, City Clerk Johnson  
COUNCIL MEMBERS ARRIVING AFTER ROLL CALL: Beer, Frazier

Assistant City Manager Janice Napper announced the proposed items for discussion at Executive Session.

#### CONSIDERATION TO RECESS FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by FitzGerald, second by Wallace, to recess to Executive Session.

Voting Aye: Mayor Tauer, Broom, FitzGerald, Markert, Peterson, Pierce, Sandstrom, Wallace

The Executive Session was recorded pursuant to the requirements of State law.

#### 1. RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 28, 2006 AND CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Tauer reconvened the regular meeting of City Council at 7:34 p.m.

#### 2. ROLL CALL

PRESIDING: Mayor Tauer  
COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Beer, Broom, FitzGerald, Frazier, Hogan, Markert, Peterson, Pierce, Sandstrom, Wallace  
OFFICIALS PRESENT: City Manager Miller, Deputy City Attorney Rogers, City Clerk Johnson

#### 3. INVOCATION

Mayor Edward J. Tauer gave the invocation.

#### 4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

#### 5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF AUGUST 7, 2006

Motion by Peterson, second by FitzGerald, to approve the minutes of August 7, 2006 as presented.

Voting Aye: Mayor Tauer, Beer, Broom, FitzGerald, Frazier, Hogan, Markert, Peterson, Pierce, Wallace

Abstained: Sandstrom

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6. **CEREMONY**

- a. Summer Library Reading Awards - Mayor Edward J. Tauer/Kate Prestwood, Reference Librarian

Mayor Tauer invited Alice Lee Main, Manager of Cultural Services, and Kate Prestwood, Reference Librarian, to come forward to present the following awards:

**DRAWING**

***Preschool - 1st grade***

1st Place - Casey Cuellar  
2nd Place - Andrea Sanchez  
3rd Place - Chelsea Carpenter

***4th - 5th grades***

1st Place - Abby Sheffield  
2nd Place - Athena Sorrell  
3rd Place - Ashley Nelligan

***2nd - 3rd grades***

1st Place - Aliza Rutter  
2nd Place - Talia Morgan  
3rd Place - Jackie Zapien

***Middle School***

1st Place - Grace Sullivan  
2nd Place - Shana Feist  
3rd Place - Amber Nelligan

**WRITING**

***3rd - 5th grades***

1st Place - Hannah Fliegel  
2nd Place - Athena Sorrell  
3rd Place - Kendra Cameron

***Middle School***

1st Place - Chris Gauen  
2nd Place - Emily Gammill  
3rd Place - Rissa Jenkins

7. **PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD (non-agenda related issues only)**

Peter Faciszewski, 1180 South Kramer Court, Aurora, CO 80012, (303) 353-4800, stated he feels the City needs more community based entrepreneurship, rather than commercial entrepreneurship. He also stated the City's Administration has been authorizing illegal certificates of occupancy with regard to toilet stool fasteners that are totally submerged, and the types of material used. Mayor Tauer stated someone will get back to him regarding his concerns.

James Seneca, 15001 East Alameda Parkway, Aurora, CO 80012, 303-739-1604, is a police officer with the Aurora Police Department, and the Founder and President of Cops Fighting Cancer, an organization that offers financial and emotional aid to cancer patients and their families in Colorado. He announced the "Let the Jailhouse Rock" boxing match between the Aurora Police Department and the Colorado Department of Corrections, with 2/3 of the proceeds going to the Cops Fighting Cancer fund and the other 1/3 going to the family of a Denver Firefighter killed in the line of duty. The match will be September 15, 2006 at the Holiday Inn at I-70 and Chambers Road. For ticket information, call (720) 207-3715. He thanked the Mayor, Council and City for the support given to this cause in the past few years.

8. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

The agenda was adopted as presented with items 12b and 12c being deferred.

9. **CONSENT CALENDAR - 9a-9k**

**General Business**

- a. Consideration to AWARD A COMPETITIVELY BID CONTRACT to The Robert L. Palmer Company, Englewood, Colorado in the amount of \$57,985.00 to cover the cost of a variable frequency drive. (Bid #B-3753)

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- b. Consideration to AWARD A SINGLE SOURCE CONTRACT to Red Oak Consulting, Aurora, Colorado in the not-to-exceed amount of \$114,500.00 for financial consulting services for Aurora Water through December 31, 2006.
- c. Consideration to AWARD A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT to Rodney Hunt Company, Golden, Colorado in the amount of \$175,000.00 for the purchase of one 36-inch and one 14-inch Howell Bunger valves for Spinney Mountain Reservoir.
- d. Consideration to APPROVE Traditions Subdivision Water Transmission, and Sanitary Sewer Interceptor, Construction and Cost Reimbursement Agreement between the City of Aurora acting by and through its Water Department ("Aurora Water") and DR Horton Melody Series ("Developer").
- e. Consideration to EXTEND A COMPETITIVELY BID CONTRACT to Ad Light + Sign, Denver, Colorado in the amount of \$223,641.00 for the Citywide Park, Open Space and Trail Signage Program, Project #5055B.
- f. Consideration to AWARD TWO COMPETITIVELY BID CONTRACTS to Golden Triangle Construction, Longmont, Colorado in the total amount of \$2,251,828.00 for the reconstruction of Fire Station No. 1, Project No. 5078A.
- g. Consideration to AWARD A COMPETITIVELY BID CONTRACT to Portable Computer Systems, Littleton, Colorado in the amount of \$273,481.00 for the purchase and installation of Panasonic mobile data computers for the Police and Fire Departments. (Bid #B-3756)
- i. Consideration to APPROVE THREE CONTRACTS to Buy and Sell Real Estate generally located between 6th Avenue and Coal Creek, East of Himalaya extended, Arapahoe County, Colorado containing 63 acres, more or less (Bounds, Coakes and Sell).
- j. Consideration to APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION to commission Emanuel Martinez to complete the proposed artwork at Horizon Park.

Motion by Pierce, second by Hogan, to approve items 9a-g, i, j.

Voting Aye: Mayor Tauer, Beer, Broom, FitzGerald, Frazier, Hogan, Markert, Peterson, Pierce, Sandstrom, Wallace

- h. Consideration to AWARD A COMPETITIVELY BID CONTRACT to Financial Energy Management Inc., Englewood, Colorado in the amount of \$141,079.12 for the retrofitting of light fixtures in multiple City buildings, Lighting Retrofit Phase III, Project Number 5097A.

Council Member Pierce asked for an explanation of this item to explain another way the City is saving money with efficient energy use. Russell Grant, Manager, Facilities Management Division noted these funds will purchase high-efficiency lighting in eleven City facilities. Xcel offers rebates for this type of lighting. The rebate is expected to be approximately \$18,000. The energy savings from the project will net an approximate annual savings of \$40,000. The previous retrofit phase saved the City approximately \$75,000 last year. Council Member Pierce congratulated staff on a job well done.

Motion by Pierce, second by Broom, to approve item 9h.

Voting Aye: Mayor Tauer, Beer, Broom, FitzGerald, Frazier, Hogan, Markert, Peterson, Pierce, Sandstrom, Wallace

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**Final Ordinances**

- ◆ k. Consideration of an ORDINANCE FOR FINAL of the City Council of the City of Aurora, Colorado, amending the Comprehensive Plan by adopting the Northwest Aurora Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan.

Motion by Sandstrom, second by Markert, to approve item 9k.

Voting Aye: Beer, Broom, FitzGerald, Frazier, Hogan, Markert, Peterson, Pierce, Sandstrom, Wallace

10. **RESOLUTIONS**

- ◆ a. Consideration of a RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Aurora, Colorado, in support of the extension of Adams County's current one-half penny per dollar Sales Tax for the purpose of Road and Bridge Projects and County Capital Facilities.

***MAIN MOTION***

Motion by Wallace, second by Markert to approve item 10a.

Council Member Beer stated his opposition with this item. He stated the revenue goes toward some valuable projects, but he questions the City's involvement in advocating a tax which the City doesn't have any role in imposing. Council heard an outcry from residents earlier in the year regarding taxes that fall outside of the City's revenue department. He stated he would vote no if it weren't for the policy of resolutions needing a unanimous vote to support an issue.

Council Member Markert stated Council is not approving or disapproving the tax, but merely allowing the voters to decide on the issue of the sales tax extension.

Council Member Frazier stated he appreciates Council Member Beer's comments, and feels Council must vote as they feel. He stated the voters in Adams County will be voting on this issue regardless of Council's decision tonight, and he also does not support the resolution.

Mayor Tauer noted this item had been discussed at a Study Session, and there was no objection at that time. He asked Bob Rogers, Deputy City Manager, if the resolution does not receive a unanimous vote, can a motion be made to withdraw the resolution. Mr. Rogers stated if a unanimous vote is not received, the resolution will not become effective, but a motion to withdraw can be made.

***AMENDMENT #1***

Motion by Peterson, second by Frazier, to withdraw item 10a.

Council Member Hogan posed a question to those opposing the resolution, asking since the State has reduced funding for transportation, which is key to economic development, and to the long-term welfare of our citizens, and the Adams County Commissioners have decided asking voters for an extension of an existing tax as a solution to funding transportation issues, what are other alternatives for funding projects in the City of Aurora. If this item does not get approved, it makes a statement that Council is not willing to advocate at least a partial answer to our transportation issues. He asked if those opposed feel Aurora should impose our own tax to fund projects.

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Council Member Frazier stated he is struggling with whether or not to support this issue, and he was not aware it was coming before Council tonight. He did not support or oppose the item at Study Session, and is not ready to make a decision at this time to support the resolution.

Council Member Markert stated this issue has been in discussion since June 7, 2006, starting through the Management and Finance, Public and Intergovernmental Relations and Transportation & Airport Policy Committees. The deadline for making a decision has to be tonight in order for Adams County to certify their ballot.

Council Member FitzGerald stated he did support the item at Study Session, but understands the tax will expire in 2008. He questioned whether there is a need to support this tonight, or if it can wait until next year.

Mayor Tauer noted the issue was discussed at Policy Committee meetings and at Study Session. It now needs Council's action tonight before ballots are certified. The item cannot be brought back at another time.

Council Member Broom stated he will not support withdrawing the item. Since the item went through the proper procedures, Council needs to vote one way or the other tonight.

**VOTE ON AMENDMENT #1**

DENIED: 7 - 3

Voting No: Broom, FitzGerald, Hogan, Markert, Pierce, Sandstrom, Wallace

Voting Yes: Beer, Frazier, Peterson

**VOTE ON MAIN MOTION**

PASSED: 7 - 3

Voting Aye: Broom, FitzGerald, Hogan, Markert, Pierce, Sandstrom, Wallace

Voting No: Beer, Frazier, Peterson

**ITEM 10a DENIED WITHOUT A UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

- ◆ b. Consideration of a RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Aurora, Colorado, renaming the North Branch Library to the Hoffman Heights Branch Library and the South Branch Library to the Mission Viejo Branch Library.

Council Member Wallace asked staff to explain the reason for new library branch names. Tom Nicholas, Director, Library, Recreation and Cultural Services, noted this issue was raised after renovations to the North and South Branch Libraries. Those names no longer represent the geographical locations in the City nor do they reflect the communities the libraries serve.

Motion by Wallace, second by Broom, to approve item 10b.

Voting Aye: Beer, Broom, FitzGerald, Frazier, Hogan, Markert, Peterson, Pierce, Sandstrom, Wallace

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- ◆ c. Consideration of a RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Aurora, Colorado, renaming the Original Downtown Aurora Arts District to the East End Arts District.

Council Member Wallace asked staff for a brief explanation on the name change. Dianne Truwe, Director of Development Services, stated the City has a new policy for naming places or projects. More art districts are being formed in the metro area, and staff felt we needed a name that is easier to brand and more in line with the other districts. The artists in the area came up with the name of East End Arts District, and are already referring to the area by this new name. In order to be in compliance with the policy, staff would like Council's approval of the name change, which will also help with collaboration efforts between the artists and the City in promoting the district.

Motion by Wallace, second by Beer, to approve item 10c.

Voting Aye: Beer, Broom, FitzGerald, Frazier, Hogan, Markert, Peterson, Pierce, Sandstrom, Wallace

- ◆ d. Consideration of a RESOLUTION by the City of Aurora requesting that the Regional Transportation District incorporate specific elements in the East Corridor Preferred Transit Alternative.

Motion by Hogan, second by Peterson, to approve item 10d.

Voting Aye: Beer, Broom, FitzGerald, Frazier, Hogan, Markert, Peterson, Pierce, Sandstrom, Wallace

- ◆ e. Consideration of a RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Aurora, Colorado, approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Aurora and East Cherry Creek Valley Water and Sanitation District for the transfer of property interest from East Cherry Creek Valley Water and Sanitation District by quit claim deed to the City of Aurora for the Shop Creek Lift Station.

Motion by Peterson, second by Pierce, to approve item 10e.

Voting Aye: Beer, Broom, FitzGerald, Frazier, Hogan, Markert, Peterson, Pierce, Sandstrom, Wallace

## 11. **ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION**

- ◆ a. Consideration of an ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION amending Section 22-609 of the City Code of the City of Aurora, Colorado, regarding the establishment of reinspection fees.

Council Member Beer stated he opposed this item at Study Session, but now with the support from the Apartment Association of Metro Denver, he will support the ordinance.

Mayor Tauer noted he probably will not get the chance to vote on this item, but he also would be in support of the ordinance.

Motion by Markert, second by Wallace, to introduce item 11a.

Voting Aye: Beer, Broom, FitzGerald, Frazier, Hogan, Markert, Peterson, Pierce, Sandstrom, Wallace

## 12. **PLANNING MATTERS**

- ◆ *The City Charter prescribes the Mayor may vote on resolutions and ordinances only to create or break a tie vote of Council Members present. The Mayor Pro-Tem is always permitted to vote on all items.*

- ◆ a. Consideration of an ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION vacating a portion of Imboden Road generally located one-quarter of a mile North of 48th Avenue on Imboden Road, City of Aurora, County of Adams, State of Colorado. (Case Number 2006-8001-00).

Council Member Broom asked if there will be enough right-of-way to improve Imboden Road after the vacation. William Davidson, Planning, stated sufficient right-of-way will be left for the City's portion to build a major arterial, which is the projected status for this road.

Council Member Pierce asked if the vacation is needed for the Xcel substation. Mr. Davidson stated the original dedication is a width of 100 feet, which is excessive and not necessary for the City, but will help with the substation site layout. Council Member Pierce then asked if Imboden Road is extended north and south of this area, would we expect to see street vacations along those sections. Mr. Davidson stated it would not be surprising.

Tom Ashburn, 2070 South Valentia Street, Denver, CO 80232, 303-671-3901, was present to answer any questions.

Motion by Beer, second by FitzGerald, to introduce item 12a.

Voting Aye: Beer, Broom, FitzGerald, Frazier, Hogan, Markert, Peterson, Pierce, Sandstrom, Wallace

- ◆ b. Consideration of an ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION of the City Council of the City of Aurora, Colorado, adopting an amendment to the Comprehensive Plan allowing for Medium Density Residential Use within the E-470/Northeast Plains Land Use Map, for 219.7 acres located on the East side of E-470, West of Gun Club Road, and North of Mississippi Avenue, City of Aurora, Colorado. (Case Number 2006-2004-00).
- ◆ c. PUBLIC HEARING and ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION rezoning a parcel of land generally located on the East side of E-470, West of Gun Club Road, and North of Mississippi Avenue, City of Aurora, County of Arapahoe, State of Colorado, from E-470 Corridor District-Buckley Research and Development to E-470 Medium Density Residential, and amending the Aurora Zoning Map accordingly. (Murphy Creek North) 219.7 acres. (Case Number 2006-2004-00).

Mayor Tauer noted the applicant has requested a deferral of items 12b and 12c.

Motion by Peterson, second by Wallace, to defer items 12b and 12c.

Voting Aye: Beer, Broom, FitzGerald, Frazier, Hogan, Markert, Peterson, Pierce, Sandstrom, Wallace

### 13. **ANNEXATIONS**

- ◆ a. Consideration of a RESOLUTION finding a petition for annexation of a parcel of land located in the North half of the Northeast quarter and the East half of the Northwest quarter of Section 18, Township 5 South, Range 66 West of the 6th Principal Meridian, County of Arapahoe, State of Colorado, to be in substantial compliance with Section 31-12-107(1), Colorado Revised Statutes, and giving notice of a Public Hearing on the proposed annexation, (Shalom Park) 9.58 acres.

Council Member Frazier asked who generates the vicinity maps. Scott VanGenderen, Project Manager, Development Assistance, stated the applicant provided the map for this item. Council Member Frazier stated he would like to see a standardization of maps for all annexation items, as the maps for items 13a and 13b are nothing alike.

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Mayor Tauer agreed, noting the map for this item doesn't show that the property in question is surrounded on three sides by City of Aurora, and the fourth side by Parker Road. This project is in the City of Aurora, going from its current facility and expanding out to Parker Road. Mr. VanGenderen noted the property is adjacent to City property on two sides, with a small parcel of County land used for storage to the north. He stated he believes the Planning Department has the capabilities within their GIS system to create uniform maps.

Council Member Markert stated the maps should be provided by the developers, not the Planning Department, so we should be able to direct the developers to produce the maps in the format we want. She also stated this is the first step of a four-part annexation process, and would like to see more detailed information regarding the mixed-use concept for this property. She normally does not vote in favor of annexations, but if this has a particular benefit to Aurora's senior citizens, she would like to know more about it. Mr. VanGenderen stated this information can be discussed during the public hearing, when the zoning ordinance will also be introduced.

Motion by Broom, second by FitzGerald, to approve item 13a.

Voting Aye: Beer, Broom, FitzGerald, Frazier, Hogan, Markert, Peterson, Pierce, Sandstrom, Wallace

- ◆ b. Consideration of a RESOLUTION finding a petition for annexation of a parcel of land located in the North half of Section 29, Township 5 South, Range 66 West of the 6th Principal Meridian, County of Arapahoe, State of Colorado, to be in substantial compliance with Section 31-12-107(1), Colorado Revised Statutes, and giving notice of a Public Hearing on the proposed annexation, (PCCP CS Alberta Cornerstar Colorado) 3.340 acres. STAFF SOURCE: Scott VanGenderen, Project Manager, Development Assistance.

Motion by Beer, second by Pierce, to approve item 13b.

Voting Aye: Beer, Broom, FitzGerald, Frazier, Hogan, Peterson, Pierce, Sandstrom, Wallace

Voting No: Markert

- ◆ c. Consideration of an ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION annexing a City-owned parcel of land located in the West half of Section 9, Township 5 South, Range 65 West of the Sixth Principal Meridian, County of Arapahoe, State of Colorado, to the City of Aurora (City of Aurora/Aurora Reservoir Gateway) 145.84 acres.

Council Member Markert stated since this property will be used only by the City, and will not be used for residential purposes but as a construction staging area for the new water treatment facility, she will change her normal habit of voting against annexations and support this project.

Motion by Markert, second by Peterson, to introduce item 13c.

Voting Aye: Beer, Broom, FitzGerald, Frazier, Hogan, Markert, Peterson, Pierce, Sandstrom, Wallace

#### 14. **RECONSIDERATIONS AND CALL-UPS**

None.

#### 15. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

- ◆ *The City Charter prescribes the Mayor may vote on resolutions and ordinances only to create or break a tie vote of Council Members present. The Mayor Pro-Tem is always permitted to vote on all items.*

- a. Consideration to reappoint one incumbent member to a three-year term on the Art in Public Places Commission.

Motion by Sandstrom, second by Markert, to reappoint Suzanne J. Bodis to the Art in Public Places Commission.

Voting Aye: Mayor Tauer, Beer, Broom, FitzGerald, Frazier, Hogan, Markert, Peterson, Pierce, Sandstrom, Wallace

- b. Consideration to reappoint one incumbent member to a three-year term on the Board of Adjustment and Appeals.

Motion by Beer, second by FitzGerald, to reappoint Marsha Berzins to the Board of Adjustment and Appeals.

Voting Aye: Mayor Tauer, Beer, Broom, FitzGerald, Frazier, Hogan, Markert, Peterson, Pierce, Sandstrom, Wallace

- c. Consideration to reappoint one incumbent member to a three-year term on the Historic Preservation Commission.

Council Member FitzGerald noted the Historic Preservation Commission should be used to contribute to the decisions regarding public art in the City. Council Member Markert stated she will bring this issue to the Community Partnership Policy Committee.

Motion by Peterson, second by Pierce, to reappoint Marie Rottler to the Historic Preservation Commission.

Voting Aye: Mayor Tauer, Beer, Broom, FitzGerald, Frazier, Hogan, Markert, Peterson, Pierce, Sandstrom, Wallace

## 16. **REPORTS**

NOTE: For further information on applying for a board or commission, interested citizens may call 303-739-7094 or go to Aurora's Web site at [www.auroragov.org](http://www.auroragov.org). Most boards and commissions have residency and voter registration requirements.

- a. Report by the Mayor

Mayor Tauer announced his appointment of Dale Mingilton to the Aurora Housing Authority. He wished everyone a safe Labor Day, and reminded all to watch for kids walking to and from school.

- b. Reports by the Council

Council Member Beer announced one vacancy on the Judicial Performance Commission. A great community event will be held September 9, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. in Ward III. The Beacon of Hope Outreach Center is the local sponsor of the Operation Hope/America Supports You freedom walk, which will be a 1-1/2 mile walk in remembrance of victims from 9/11, to celebrate freedom, and to support our troops and veterans. The walk will start at the future site of the Colorado Freedom Memorial, Alameda Avenue and Buckley Road, and end at the Aurora Municipal Center, followed by family activities, food, music, tributes and guest speakers. It is free to participants, and he extended a special invitation to Aurora residents to participate. Council Member Wallace reported on the wonderful Jazz and Film Festival held last weekend at the Aurora Fox Arts Center, noting she hopes this is the first of many such events. She

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announced the East End Applied Arts show on September 8, 2006 at 1556 Florence Street from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m., and one vacancy on the Historic Preservation Commission.

Council Member Sandstrom announced one vacancy on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

Council Member Broom announced one vacancy for a Structural Design Engineer on the Building Code & Contractors Appeals and Standards Board, and four vacancies on the Aurora Fox Arts Center Board. He announced his Ward VI Town Meeting, in conjunction with the At-Large Council Members and Mayor, will be held September 13, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. at the Heritage Eagle Bend Clubhouse.

Council Member Frazier announced ten youth vacancies on the Aurora Youth Commission, and two vacancies on the Cultural Affairs Commission. He also announced his appointment of John Aikens to the Citizens' Advisory Budget Committee and thanked the North Aurora Neighborhood Association for inviting him to their summer picnic. He reported attending the Aurora Heritage Celebration, along with the Mayor, which was held at the Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints, noting it was a wonderful event with great food and great people. He congratulated the Academy at Highpoint, on the first day of school today at their brand new school. The ribbon cutting ceremony will be held August 30, 2006 at 8:30 a.m. He announced the International Festival will be coming up on September 16, 2006.

Council Member Hogan announced one vacancy on the Citizens' Advisory Committee on Housing & Community Development.

Council Member Pierce announced two vacancies on the Veterans' Affairs Commission. He reported on a resident who lost an engagement ring down a toilet, and congratulated the Aurora Water Department employees who worked hard to find and return the ring to her.

Council Member Markert announced one vacancy on the Aurora Commission for Seniors. She complimented the Apple Creek Restaurant and Grill and the Aurora Police Department for co-sponsoring a K-9 police dog demonstration and fund-raiser. She reported an increase of noise from airplanes in the City. Noise complaints can be registered for Centennial Airport at (303) 790-4709, DIA at (303) 342-2380, and Buckley Air Force Base at (720) 847-9035. Noise can be pinpointed to specific airplanes at specific times from a resident's address, and she encouraged residents to call in order to track changes to flight plans causing the noise. She announced the Circle of Life Hope Annual Award at Moorhead Park on September 7, 2006 at 4:00 p.m., which honors people who have made a significant difference in North Aurora. She wished a Happy Labor Day to all.

Council Member FitzGerald announced two vacancies on the Visitors Promotion Advisory Board. He also announced two Amazing Aurorans - Dr. Delio Tamayo, a long-time resident of Aurora; and Dr. Pius Kamau, a surgeon in the Aurora community. Both of these men are very concerned about the Aurora community, and are prolific editorialists who speak their mind to elevate issues of concern. The City should be proud of people like this in Aurora.

Council Member Peterson announced her Ward II Town meeting on September 7, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. The topic of discussion will be emergency preparedness, and she invited all residents to attend.

17. **PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD**

None.

18. **ADJOURNMENT**

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Mayor Tauer adjourned the regular meeting of City Council at 8:55 p.m.

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EDWARD J. TAUER, Mayor

ATTEST:

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DEBRA JOHNSON, City Clerk

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