

MINUTES

Regular Meeting – Aurora City Council Monday, September 10, 2007

CALL TO ORDER – EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Tauer convened the Executive Session of City Council at 4:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

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

CONSIDERATION TO RECESS FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Pierce, second by Markert, to recess to Executive Session.

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

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

1. RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2007 AND CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Tauer reconvened the regular meeting of City Council at 7:33 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, City Attorney Richardson, City Clerk Johnson

3. MOMENT OF SILENCE

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF AUGUST 27, 2007

Motion by Sandstrom, second by Markert, to approve the minutes of August 27, 2007 as presented.

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

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6. **CEREMONY**

Presiding Judge Richard Weinberg administered the oath of office to the board and commission members. Mayor Tauer and City Council congratulated the members and thanked them for their service to Aurora.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Board or Commission</u>
Robert Phillips	Aurora Commission for Seniors, Career Service Commission
Ansley Smith	Aurora Youth Commission
Iman Jadallah	Aurora Youth Commission
Joan Beldock	Citizens' Advisory Committee on Housing & Community Dev.
Teresa McCaskill	Citizens' Advisory Committee on Housing & Community Dev.
Benjamin Carnahan	Election Commission
J. Thomas Jacobs	Metropolitan Wastewater Reclamation District Board
Bradley Dodds	Planning & Zoning Commission
Gian Gandolfo	Visitors Promotion Advisory Board

Mayor Tauer invited Kay Dahlinger to come forward to accept a proclamation declaring September 15, 2007 as Norwegian Lundehund Day. Ms. Dahlinger expressed appreciation for the proclamation and detailed the Lunde Fest on Saturday September 15th and Sunday September 16th at Expo Park beginning at 8:30am.

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

Laura Gorton, Aurora, CO, came before Council with deep concerns regarding high priced water rates. Ms. Gorton stated her confusion with the alleged 12% increase, as her bill saw more than a 100% increase. She followed up by asking Council why the City continued to build despite the growing water shortage. She then proposed an idea of granting long time residents a cost break. Mayor Tauer stated Council's awareness of the issue and noted it had been a topic of discussion for the past several months. The Mayor went on to remind the public of the free Aurora Water Auditing Team that provides consulting for efficient water use (303-739-7195). Council Member Beer reassured the residents that Council and staff are dedicated to dealing with the critical issue of water.

Sandy Maben, Lakewood, CO, spoke to Council on behalf of the "Second Wind" steering committee for Teen Suicide. She invited all residents to support the community's children by attending the 6th Annual Second Wind Walk/Run/Ride Fundraiser at 13175 Green Mountain Drive in Lakewood on September 23, 2007 at 7:00am. The event will include speeches from various community leaders, a free concert, and a free Bar-B-Q. For more information: visit the website (www.thesecondwindfund.org) or call the office (303)988-2645.

Francis Peter Maks Jr., Aurora, CO, wanted to thank his 160 Mayoral campaign supporters and direct any future support or interest to his website maks4mayor.com.

Glenda Wells-Evans, Aurora, CO, came before Council to make three distinct points. First, she reiterated her concern from a Ward VI perspective regarding the increased water rates, but was happy to hear the answers given to previous residents. Next, she asked Council to review all the builders' construction in Aurora, as one in particular, "Metropolitan Homes," has started to cause harm to her community. She stated that the home builder had not performed or completed projects as promised. Finally, she stated her interest in building a park in the Star Pass area, excluding any soccer fields. Council Member Markert asked why the park would exclude soccer fields. Ms. Wells-Evans noted that the additional traffic and current lack of parking would add additional tension with soccer fields. Council Member Broom added that the Parks Department held regular meetings within the neighborhoods where such issues could be discussed.

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a. PUBLIC HEARING on the 2008 Budget.

Dewayne Ford, Aurora, CO, President of the Star Pass Homeowner Association came before Council in order to request support for the funding of the Saddle Rock East Park. Homeowners in both Star Pass and Shadow Creek were promised this park by the home builder, but since it was not built they are hoping the City will fund the much needed recreation area. Mr. Ford also gave his thanks to both the Mayor and Council for their snow removal efforts last winter.

Ruth Fountain, Aurora, CO, spoke to Council in order to strongly encourage the conversion of the temporary Preservation Assistant position to a permanent Preservation Coordinator position. Ms. Fountain noted that the position is not a new position, but a reinstated position. The responsibilities would include meeting municipal contractual obligations and fulfilling federal and state mandates regarding historic preservation.

Gordon Tucker, Aurora, CO, restated Ms. Fountain's concern and added some history regarding the preservation of historic landmarks. Mr. Tucker noted that Aurora continues to add more and more historic landmarks and would therefore necessitate a full-time position.

Nancy Williams, Aurora, CO, came before Council to share the tragic loss of her daughter in a car accident at the intersection of Mississippi Avenue and Salida Street. Ms. Williams noted the future dangers of the intersection and urged Council to place a permanent traffic light in order to create a safe crossing. Ms. Williams included a petition of signatures supporting the request.

8. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

The agenda was adopted as presented.

9. **CONSENT CALENDAR - 9a-9d**

General Business

b. Consideration to AMEND AN OPENLY SOLICITED CONTRACT with Brown & Caldwell, Golden, Colorado, in the not-to-exceed amount of \$639,725.00 for professional project support services associated with the construction phase of the Shop Creek Lift Station project, RFP R-1247.

c. Consideration to AWARD AN OPENLY SOLICITED CONTRACT to Garney Construction, Littleton, Colorado in the not-to-exceed amount of \$3,276,000.00 for the Blackstone Zone 8 Pump Station Project, Project No. 5130A.

Motion by Beer, second by Sandstrom, to approve items 9b-c, with a waiver of reconsideration on 9c.

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

a. Consideration to AWARD CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 2 TO AN OPENLY SOLICITED CONTRACT with Keesen Enterprises, Inc., Englewood, Colorado, in the not-to-exceed amount of \$130,000.00 to cover the cost of additional weed mowing and trash removal services through December 31, 2007, RFP R-1216.

Council Member Beer asked Ron Moore, Neighborhood Support Manager, to confirm that the money put into the abatement lien program would ultimately be recovered. Mr. Moore confirmed this statement.

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Council Member Sandstrom asked if the abatement fund was different than the general fund. Ron Moore stated that the abatement funds were a separate section of the general funds, specifically collected from abatements.

Motion by Beer, second by Sandstrom, to approve item 9a.

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

Final Ordinances

- ◆ d. Consideration of an ORDINANCE FOR FINAL repealing Section 2-593 of the City Code of the City of Aurora, Colorado, abolishing the Community Maintenance Fund and transferring the assets thereof to the General Fund.

Motion by Peterson, second by Pierce, to approve item 9d.

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

10. **RESOLUTIONS**

- ◆ a. Consideration to APPROVE A RESOLUTION approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Aurora, Colorado, acting by and through its Utility Enterprise, and the United States Bureau of Reclamation for the use of excess capacity in the facilities of the Fryingpan-Arkansas Project.

Motion by Fitzgerald, second by Hogan, to approve item 10a with a waiver of reconsideration.

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

11. **PUBLIC HEARING WITH RELATED ORDINANCE**

- ◆ a. PUBLIC HEARING and consideration of an ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION of the City of Aurora, Colorado, determining the whole cost of certain public improvements made in Special Improvement District 1-05; approving and confirming the apportionment of said cost to each lot or tract of land in the District; assessing a share of said cost to each lot or tract of land in the District; and prescribing the manner for the collection and payment of the assessments. (Ptarmigan Park Fence).

Ronald Degenhart, City Engineer, gave a brief description of the ordinance. Staff reported that the public improvements are substantially complete with a total expense of \$1,325,384.64. The benefits study by Shelton Associates, Inc. show that the market value of the properties details an expected increase of approximately 4%-8%. The increased projected market value will equal or exceed the assessments levied, therefore justifying the levy. In addition, properties along the perimeter of the fence will benefit from less traffic noise pollution and privacy. Those perimeter properties will be assessed an additional 25% due to the extra benefits. The construction bid was higher than the planned estimate, but it was agreed to proceed with a start date of December 1, 2005. During the construction, several conflicts and delays arose, as well as additional capital improvements and change orders and a newly installed irrigation system. The total amount over budget was \$86,384.64. The properties were responsible for covering the additional amount, leading to \$514.59 for a perimeter lot, and \$411.88 for an interior lot. In addition, the benefiting parties will be assessed a maintenance fee of \$30 per home on the annual tax assessment.

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Mayor Tauer stated that the financial overrun of \$86,384.64 was a 6% additive, and not really an excessive miscalculation.

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

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

12. **ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION**

- ◆ a. Consideration of an ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION amending Section 138-223 of the City Code of the City of Aurora, Colorado, regarding water rates.

MAIN MOTION:

Motion by Broom, second by Sandstrom, to introduce item 12a.

AMENDMENT:

Motion by Broom, second by Sandstrom, to amend item 12a by changing the effective date to May 1, 2008.

Council Member Broom stated a desire to change the effective date from January 1, 2008 to May 1, 2008 in order to eliminate any confusion with the potential of rate changes within the upcoming months. The amendment would also act as a default rate change date in case the Water Department did not present a satisfactory rate plan to Council; in which case, Council Member Broom's plan would take effect until a better rate plan was proposed.

Mayor Tauer asked City Attorney Charlie Richardson what will be the impact if the ordinance is on the books and new rates came in before that. Mr. Richardson stated that Council will retain its full authority to make any adjustments that it chooses.

Council Member Pierce asked Council Member Broom if his proposal had listed three distinct water rates. He then explained that he did not want to limit the Water Department's ability to set different blocks of water rates. Council Member Broom responded by stating that this would not limit any future changes of the ordinance, but the amendment would allow for a default rate system if nothing yet came forward; anything that did pass after would then replace the default.

Council Member Markert noted her approval with the amendment.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT:

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

Voting No: Peterson

Amendment Passed 9-1.

Council Member Beer noted his respect for the intent of the ordinance, which was to show that Council is concerned and actively implementing a new rate structure for 2008. However, he followed by stating he could not support the ordinance because of the message of "Cost-Shifting"

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that it sends to the community. He noted he had received numerous calls from the community against such a shift that was easily received as pushing the costs on to the backs of the smaller lots and retired or middle class persons. Council Member Beer stated that the removal of tier 4 will only force the needed revenue onto the other tiers.

Council Member Frazier noted a need for change, but saw the ordinance not fulfilling that need and thus could not support the item. He advocated the idea of a realistic water allocation for year round use.

Council Member Peterson stated her disapproval and added that the proposed ordinance appeared to only help those with the largest properties and not the City as a whole. She advocated the need for intelligent City-wide water conservation.

Council Member Fitzgerald noted the good intention of the ordinance and followed with his vote of approval knowing that there was a 99% chance something better was on the way. He added that although it was not perfect, it will act as a temporary fix until a better plan is presented.

Council Member Pierce stated his opposition to the proposal, stating he was 100% sure the Water Department would propose a better rate structure.

Council Member Markert shared her approval of the ordinance.

Council Member Sandstrom stated her support and expectations of the ordinance acting as merely an interim plan. She noted the importance of penalizing those small lot and large lot owners who continue to waste water.

Mayor Tauer, in order to break the tie, stated his opposition. He noted his concern for the public regarding the recent rate changes; however, he felt the proposed ordinance did not address the real issue, which was water conservation. The Mayor added that Council and staff were working on the rate structures, but the ordinance sent the message that they were doing something, but not something concrete.

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION, AS AMENDED:

Voting Aye: Broom, Fitzgerald, Hogan, Markert, Sandstrom

Voting No: Mayor Tauer, Beer, Frazier, Peterson, Pierce, Wallace

Ordinance Fails 5-6.

- ◆ b. Consideration of an ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION amending certain sections of the Zoning Code.

Council Member Sandstrom asked about the prohibiting of specific vehicle signs and if a warning plan would be made clear to residents about their illegal status prior to the time they receive a ticket.

Ron Moore, Neighborhood Support Manager, noted that any vehicle already used to direct people is illegal. This ordinance is simply to clarify the language, and it also provides room to give warnings before tickets would be given.

Council Member Fitzgerald asked about the use of magnetic strip vehicle signs and the effect they would have from the ordinance.

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Mr. Moore stated that the sign is considered legal as long as it was not used to direct people to specific locations, like an arrow pointing in the direction of the store.

Council Member Beer asked if they had received feedback from the Home Builders Association (HBA) regarding sign code changes.

Mr. Moore noted that he had contacted the HBA via letter, through Tim Saunders. Mr. Saunders was expected to speak to the members and return any comments; so far nothing had been reported.

Motion by Pierce, second by Wallace, to introduce item 12b.

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

- ◆ c. Consideration of an ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION authorizing the issuance of a City of Aurora, Colorado, Special Improvement District Revenue Note (Ptarmigan Park Neighborhood Fence Project), Series 2007, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$1,350,000.

Motion by Markert, second by Hogan, to introduce item 12c.

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

- ◆ d. Consideration of an ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION authorizing payments under an agreement for the purchase of two water storage vessels, along with the adjacent and surrounding real property and certain appurtenant real property rights, between Hall-Irwin Corporation, HIBE LLC and Lot Holding Investments LLC and the City of Aurora, Colorado, acting by and through its Utility Enterprise not to exceed four and one-half million dollars.

Council Member Beer asked staff to explain the intent of the ordinance to the public.

Mark Pifher, Deputy Director of Water Resources, stated that the ordinance was intended to authorize the acquisition of approximately 1,100 acres of storage along the south Platt River. A portion of the storage would be used as augmentation purposes and another portion could be utilized as operational storage. He also noted that the recreational rights of the area would be acquired.

Council Member Markert stated that the original plan was different than the proposed, and decided that she can not support anything beyond the core project.

Motion by Beer, second by Broom, to introduce item 12d.

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

Voting No: Markert

- ◆ e. Consideration of an ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION amending Subsection 134-356 of the City Code of the City of Aurora, Colorado relating to Special Local Restrictions.

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Council Member Sandstrom clarified what the proposed ordinance does and does not do. She went on to explain how the item gives Council the authority to create a resolution in the future restricting truck routes by specific times and not just specific location, with the exception of State Highways.

Council Member Broom supported the item and laid out several current issues within Ward VI, specifically Hampden Avenue and Quincy Avenue, which had been effected by noise pollution and prevented residents from getting a good night sleep.

Council Member Beer stated Ward III had not been affected by the current truck traffic concerns, but nonetheless was in support because it would act as an additional tool in the City's toolbox.

Council Member Pierce stated his support for the ordinance and noted that this item would create opportunities in the future to restrict and better control traffic.

Council Member Fitzgerald stated his position in favor. He then asked staff what State Roads would not be affected by the ordinance. Dick Havercamp, Traffic Engineering Manager, listed several roads: Colfax Avenue, 6th Avenue, Parker Road, Havana Street, and Gun Club Road down to Quincy Avenue.

Council Member Peterson noted her opposition of the item because it would merely divert the problem and not eliminate the problem.

Council Member Frazier gave his support for the item, siding with the residents and stating his enthusiasm for the ability to possibly avert future truck traffic concerns.

Council Member Sandstrom commented on her summer meetings regarding the truck traffic solutions. She noted the progress made with the landfill. Her ultimate solution was to eventually put the trucks onto E-470 and out of the residential Aurora.

Mayor Tauer added that the goal is not to push the truck traffic to other parts of Aurora, but to create an industry desire to use E-470.

Jack Trenkle, Aurora, CO, President of the Churchill Homeowners Association, voiced his concerns regarding the unbearable truck traffic usage. He noted that all residents need to close their windows 7-days a week in order to suppress the noise pollution.

Leonard Ponte, Aurora, CO, spoke to Council using several accident scenarios displaying the need to at least redirect the traffic because the Hampden Avenue and Chambers Road intersection is exceedingly hazardous. He stated that one out of every five vehicles on the road were trucks, according to the City of Aurora's statistics.

Council Member Fitzgerald asked Mr. Ponte if he had noticed any increase in Police enforcement. Mr. Ponte stated that he had not noticed any such increases.

Brian J Berardin, Aurora, CO, spoke briefly to Council regarding the safety issues, depreciation of roads, noise pollution, property values, and the basic fundamental burden that had been placed on the residents of Aurora. He made arguments to force the trucking industry and neighboring cities into bearing some of the burden that was currently being placed solely onto the Aurora residents.

Glenna Hale, Aurora, CO, representing the Homeowner Association, stated support for the ordinance. She reiterated concerns of safety and overall quality of life. She added the recent initiatives of several homeowners to simply relocate due to frustration, ultimately disturbing the community. It was also made clear that the burden of the residents is unjust compared to the

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benefits of the trucking companies. She reminded City Council of its mission statement of creating great neighborhoods, emphasizing safety and services.

Elizabeth Hamilton, Aurora, CO, described the residential nature of Hampden Avenue. She noted that several trucks had flipped over and spilled hazardous materials; in addition the noise had gotten so bad several neighbors cannot fall asleep without sleeping pills. She advocated the use of E-470 as a permanent solution, stating the "citizen's are sleepless in Aurora."

Council Member Sandstrom noted that the Police had been increasing enforcement in the area.

Council Member Frazier thanked the residents for coming in and voicing their opinions.

Council Member Beer thanked the public for their input and patience. He also noted that the use of state highways would be a good issue for the Public and Intergovernment Relations Policy Committee to explore, specifically seeking state legislation. He asked staff if the current issues are temporary due to several current projects.

Dick Havercamp stated that this problem is ongoing and will persist regardless of the current projects.

Mayor Tauer commented on the idea of potentially tolling City roads for those vehicles simply passing through. These ideas may not be possible, but the underlying solution may simply be to figure a way to make driving E-470 cheaper than passing through Aurora city streets.

Motion by Sandstrom, second by Broom, to introduce item 12e.

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

Voting No: Peterson, Wallace

13. **PLANNING MATTERS**

- ◆ a. PUBLIC HEARING and consideration of an ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION of the City Council of the City of Aurora, Colorado, initially zoning to NA (Natural Area District) a parcel of land generally located on the Southwest corner of Irish Drive and Clifton Place, and amending the Aurora Zoning Map accordingly (Ponderosa Preserve), 33.46 acres more or less.

Ed Arnold, Planning, gave a brief description of the ordinance. He stated that the ordinance had no opposition and was passed unanimously by the Planning Commission. This ordinance represents the initial zoning of land annexed in September of 2005. The property was determined to be best suitable for natural area zoning, meaning no permanent structures beyond walking trails and possible underground utilities.

Council Member Sandstrom asked if the property was purchased with Arapahoe County Open Space Money. Trent Wooley, Aurora Parks and Open Space Department, confirmed the purchase.

Motion by Broom, second by Fitzgerald, to introduce item 13a.

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

14. **RECONSIDERATIONS AND CALL-UPS**

None.

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15. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

- a. Consideration to appoint one new member to a three-year term on the Citizens' Water Advisory Committee.

Motion by Beer, second by Pierce, to appoint James Mitchell to the Citizen's Water Advisory Committee.

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

- b. Consideration to appoint two new members to a three-year term on the Golf Course Advisory Committee.

Motion by Beer, second by Frazier, to appoint Sandee Campbell and C. Omar Montgomery to the Golf Course Advisory Committee.

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

16. **REPORTS**

- a. Report by the Mayor

Mayor Tauer noted that the upcoming week will be both busy and exciting. He then added that it's great to live in a City where a lot is happening.

- b. Reports by the Council

Council Member Beer announced that his regular Ward III Town Meeting will be on September 17th in the Aurora Room at 7:00 pm. He stated the program will be a candidate forum regarding the upcoming Council and Mayoral elections. He also noted that the Water Policy Committee will be publicly discussing the water rate structure on Tuesday September 11th in the Aurora Room.

Council Member Wallace announced the Hoffman Heights/Jewell Heights Neighborhood Organization meeting on September 12th at the Hoffman Heights Library, 1298 Peoria Street, at 7:00 pm. She stated that the main item of the Neighborhood meeting will be code enforcement. She then noted that the Northwest Aurora Neighborhood Association (NANO) will hold its meeting on September 13th at the Fletcher Elementary School, 10455 East 25th Avenue, at 7:00 pm. She announced the 2nd Annual International Festival on September 15th at the Fletcher Plaza, which will be an all day event. She stated that she will be answering water rate questions on September 25th at the Martin Luther King Library at 7:00 pm.

Council Member Sandstrom reminded the public that on September 11th there will be a memorial service outside of Police District II at 7:00 pm.

Council Member Frazier gave his wishes of success to Ward I for their 2nd Annual International Festival, and then he congratulated the folks at Heritage Eagle Bend for putting together a greatly popular wine fest.

Council Member Pierce reminded the public of the Annual Household Chemical Round Up at Central Facilities on Ellsworth Avenue and Potomac Street at 9:00 am to 4:00 pm on September 15th. He noted his attendance at a dedication ceremony for the Commandant for Cadet's Building at the Lowry Air Force Base. This made for the sixth nationally historic place within the City of Aurora.

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Council Member Markert announced that there will be an open house at the new Children's Hospital on September 11th. She then noted that there are Ethiopian Millennium celebrations taking place at two restaurants in the City of Aurora on September 11th: "Rass Dashene" on Colfax Avenue and "The Nile" on Havana Street. She announced that on September 19th the Aurora Teen Court is recognizing September as National Youth Court Month at the Municipal Justice Center with an open house and mock hearing from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

Council Member Fitzgerald wished his son Nick a happy 20th birthday.

Council Member Peterson invited the public to the International Festival on September 15th at the Martin Luther King Library on Fletcher Plaza.

17. **PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD**

None.

18. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Tauer adjourned the regular meeting of City Council at 9:35 p.m.

EDWARD J. TAUER, Mayor

ATTEST:

DEBRA JOHNSON, City Clerk