



AGENDA

Housing, Neighborhood Services and Redevelopment Policy Committee

Thursday, August 5, 2021, 8:30 a.m.

VIRTUAL MEETING

City of Aurora, Colorado

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Council Member Alison Coombs, Vice Chair

Council Member Marsha Berzins

The Housing, Neighborhood Services and Redevelopment Policy Committee's goal is to:

- Maintain high quality neighborhoods with a balanced housing stock by enforcing standards, in relation to new residential development, and considering new tools to promote sustainable infill development;
- Plan for redevelopment of strategic areas, including working with developers and landowners, to leverage external resources and create public-private partnerships

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HOUSING, NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES & REDEVELOPMENT POLICY COMMITTEE

May 6, 2021

Members Present: *Council Member, Chair Nicole Johnston*
Council Member, Vice-Chair Alison Coombs
Council Member, Marsha Berzins

Others Present: Council Member Juan Marciano, Council Member Crystal Murrilo, George Adams, Meg Allen, Andrea Amonick, Scott Campbell, Sharon Duwaik, Liz Fuselier, Angela Garcia, Jeff Hancock, Karen Hancock, Tim Joyce, Samara Kellem, Daniel Krzyzanowski, Omar Lyle, Jennifer Orozco, Mindy Parnes, Jessica Prosser, Roberto Venegas, Anthony Youngblood, Sandra Youngman

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Council Member Johnston welcomed everyone to the meeting.

MINUTES

Minutes of the April 1, 2021 meeting were approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements were made.

NEW ITEMS**City Center Vision Update****Summary of Issue and Discussion**

Council Member Coombs introduced Daniel Krzynowski and Jennifer Orozco to present.

Jennifer opened the presentation by reviewing the focus study area which is located east of I-225, north and south of Alameda Avenue. Jennifer explained that the area in review captures all four corners of the Sable Boulevard and Alameda Avenue intersection. including the Aurora Metro Center corner, Aurora Municipal Center corner, Town Center of Aurora corner, and Aurora City Place corner. Jennifer advised that the property owners of this area, members of our stakeholder committee and surrounding neighborhood groups to engage in this study. Jennifer mentioned this particular area in the study has been a part of many studies and improvements over the past 30 years. Jennifer reviewed some of the most recent developments in the area that include, Parkside at City Center (mixed-use), Fieldhouse USA (entertainment), Raising Cane's (restaurant), In-and-Out (restaurant) and Alameda View (affordable housing). Jennifer provided an overview of the project summary and process: assess current conditions, opportunities and challenges within area; Engage the public about their desires for the City Center's future; Identify a vision and development framework for future growth; create a planning document to help guide development and public improvements. Jennifer also reviewed six plan components that include: existing conditions and historical city investment, community survey results, City Center Vision, development framework, financial framework, and organizational framework to all help implement the plan.

Daniel began to present a more extensive look into these six plan components and review each component highlights and important content.

Questions/Comments –

CM Coombs expresses concerns about the extensive discussion referring to a mix of incomes in relation to housing and a mix of housing types but having no mention or discussion of affordable housing and what partners we would be working with to integrate affordable housing.

Daniel Krzynowski answers and reviews that a wide variety of households are to be expected including affordable housing and they would like to make sure that it's articulated in the plan.

Jennifer Orozco follows up and states that they are currently conducting a study with a consultant that's looking into specifically at what income levels they would want to target for an affordable housing project, maybe a mixed income project where you actually have market rate units in the same building as affordable units hoping to get that study back within the next few months.

CM Berzins comments that she has been able to see some the plans over the years and there is affordable in there and we do have a possibility for another larger apartment building north on Sable. If that goes, we really will have some nice affordable housing low income housing mixed in with all different ranges of housing. I am grateful to the developers for their vision and bringing that to Aurora. CM Berzins states that she wishes it wasn't taking so long but understands the process takes time. She wanted to thank the staff for all that they are doing.

CM Johnston echoed her colleagues' sentiments and looks forward to the downtown offerings and thanks Jennifer and Daniel for the update and the presentation.

CM Murillo comments that she is excited for the vision and opportunity for mixed income. CM Murillo explains she understands that there are development requirements and considerations. CM Murillo is hopeful that we have a hand in being able to infuse affordability. CM Murillo expresses uplifting the concurrent work that the City is doing around equity planning. The City is in the strategic planning process and after that, the City Manager's intent to revive the conversation surrounding equity analysis that CM Murillo has been pushing. CM Murillo is hopeful to dovetail into the kind of larger conversations around how we use urban renewal funds or other city powered functions to infuse equity into that development. CM Murillo provides the example on how the Montbello Organizing committee was able to redevelop their area from a community lead perspective and some the unique things they were able to do that were set aside for small business. CM Murillo is hopeful we are able to infuse equity into some of our tiny processes. CM Murillo is excited and looking forward to the opportunities.

CM Mercano comments he is very excited about this. CM Mercano admires the amount of detail put in and where the general vision is going. CM Mercano did also express concern around the housing component. CM Mercano asks what would it take the move away from the market rate entirely as in what level of subsidy would we be looking at? CM mentions the removal of our typical partners. CM Mercano expresses great concern with the current state of housing in the United States, especially in Aurora. He expresses that Aurora is the eviction capital of Colorado for almost a decade running. CM Mercano suggests moving away from our typical business. CM Mercano expresses that this area would be a great place to implement a different approach instead of using our typical approach.

Daniel Krzynowski responds to CM Mercano's question and suggests that the study information Jennifer presented earlier, was looking at opportunities for affordable housing, identify at what levels there is demand and to develop income thresholds.

CM Mercano commented that we have a lot of great information that shows where we have those deficits and that's where he'd like to see every unit of housing basically dedicated to, if possible. CM Mercano states that her would like to know what kind of commitment that would require from us or what other partnerships may be available to us with other financing strategies might be able to make that happen.

Daniel Krzynowski suggests that we can try to put a finer point on that in some of our implementation recommendations. Daniel mentions that our housing community services department has been involved and are

ready to work with some of the developers in the area on potential affordable housing or some new types of housing. RTD has also found an interest in affordable housing at or near some of their stations and those conversations have been started. Daniel advises that we looking to pursue those conversations with them as a partner to understand what and how housing affordability and their stations can mix.

CM Berzins comments that she disagrees. CM Berzins states that it's our charge to provide housing for everyone and if we did something like that, we are not fulfilling our job. Metro station is meant to serve everyone, all income levels, and all diversity. CM Berzins advises that we do need to provide market rate housing. CM Berzins recalls the housing study that revealed we are short on higher end housing. CM Berzins suggested that being we would like to move in the direction of working where you live, she suggests that we also provide housing options for those who are doctors, professions, and lawyers for example. CM Berzins states that ideally, we can have housing for all from low-income to high-end housing for those on each income level and having a variety of options.

CM Mercano asks if he can add a comment and clarify. CM Mercano advises that he would like to move forward and be straight forward with how he speaks about social housing (mixed income). CM Mercano states he rejects to the notion that just because you earn a lot of money, you should have housing that still costs a fortune.

CM Johnston thanks CM Mercano for his comment. CM Johnston goes on to comment that by the time some things get to council, its further in process, with that being said she does appreciate CM Mercano bringing some of these issues up now. CM Johnston understands that the presentation was the result of the study, but she would like to dive more into this in a future agenda item with some these issues perhaps at our June meeting. CM Johnston advised she doesn't know if that's too early but maybe CM Mercano can work with staff on some of those questions and issues and urban renewal funds, we can have more of a robust discussion on that.

CM Mercano agrees with that suggestion made by CM Johnston.

CM Coombs comments by adding that when that study is done, we should get a sense of what mixed income housing might look mixed all in together in a way that works and is doable.

Daniel states that staff is happy to work with CM Mercano and the members of this committee to help sort that scope of discussion for a little deeper dive on housing so we'll look forward to that.

Melissa Rogers asked the question of if the discussion in June, would it be specific to City Center or is more general?

CM Johnston suggests that she would like it to be general but also thinks that with this discussion, we're getting plans in place if it could be City Center.

CM Mercano states he does want to have the discussion more generally but thinks this a great opportunity to really focus and see what we can make work.

Outcome – This item was informational only and no action was taken.

Potbellied Pigs

Summary of Issue and Discussion

Anthony Youngblood, Manager of Animal Services presented on Potbellied Pigs. Anthony explains, Animal Services had received an email in regard to a resident wanting to adopt a potbellied pig and ask questions surrounding that. Pigs are considered livestock according to Animal Code by ordinance. Livestock is only allowed in residential agricultural areas. Anthony explains that we have taken a look at the guidelines and regulations in other jurisdictions as it pertains to potbellied pigs. A variety of pigs were shown and explained the differences in height and weight and the correct terms used when describing certain breeds of pigs. Anthony also reviewed with

the committee some of the other jurisdiction's regulations. Anthony also explained the type of environments that would be best for the pigs. Anthony also reviewed with the committee the accessibility of care for pigs. Anthony explained some of the behaviors of these pigs. Anthony explained that a pig cannot be seen by a regular veterinarian but by a large animal/farm veterinarian which are scarce in our area and would need to outsource from another area such as up north in Bennett.

CM Johnston advised Anthony that due to time restraints, we would need to move on to the official staff recommendation. Anthony proceeded to move forward to recommendation.

Questions/Comments –

Anthony asked the committee if the committee wishes to move forward with community engagement around the amendment to the livestock portions of the ordinance to work towards an amendment to the ordinance allowing potbellied pigs to be allowed in residential zoned areas?

CM Coombs presented the question of potentially permitting livestock, and if we are limiting it only two pigs? She also commented that if we're going to do community engagement, are there other types of livestock that people would want or have questions about? CM Coombs mentions that we have had the chicken's discussion in the past and some people want goats. CM Coombs suggested opening that discussion, we should perhaps have a more well-rounded discussion.

Anthony Youngblood responded it is a great and that we would gage the community conversations towards all livestock not just pigs. The pigs were the main focus because that was the main topic from the email from the constituent. Anthony also explained that goats and pigeons are huge in the north part of Aurora.

CM Berzins commented that she had no idea there such things as pigs that stay small like "teacup dogs". CM Berzins agreed that we can have more conversation about it. CM Berzins expressed concern about how people would them living in apartments, public safety and cleanliness. CM Berzins stated that it sounds like majority of the committee wants to expand the conversation, not just the potbellied pigs but livestock in general.

CM Johnston is in support of moving forward with the conversation and asked about engagement, not just give it to those who are asking.

Anthony replied that he intends to continue with community engagement.

CM Murillo commented with the suggestion of recommending staff to connect with a Pig Sanctuary who had reached out because they were in support of moving something forward and they might be willing to work more collaboratively with some the issues around care. She also explained if our veterinarians and our facilities are not able to properly address issues in a cost-efficient way, we could develop some sort of IGA or MOU with a pig sanctuary organization that would be able to assist with the needs and concerns. She is in support of the city moving forward with the conversation.

CM Mercano commented that he also learned something new regarding the sizing of the pigs. CM Mercano expressed concerns regarding behaviors of these pigs and spaces that these animals would be raised in. He advised he is in support of moving forward.

Outcome – The Committee unanimously agreed to move this item forward to study session with suggestion of continued community engagement and other animals being included.

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Aurora, Colorado, Expressing

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Outcome –

The Committee unanimously agreed to move this item forward to study session.

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Aurora, Colorado, Expressing the Aurora City Council's Support for Funding Gateway Domestic Violence Services DBA Aurora/Arapahoe Battered Women's Shelter, Inc. with Law ENFORCEMENT NEXUS Program Funds for a

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MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

Housing Strategy Update-

Previous update provided the previous Monday. Jessica Prosser explained there are no additional updates to add.

Mental Health Co-Responder Program Update-

Jessica Prosser advised we are in the hiring process. Jessica advised that we are continuously meeting with our outside partners on a bi-weekly basis and communications team. Jessica also mentioned e are finalizing the name of the program and are working to do a late summer roll out for this program.

Youth Violence Prevention Program Update-

Jessica Prosser advised that the new program manager Christina A has been hired. We are currently working on committee meetings and creating an action table. Yesterday the request proposal was released to support youth pop up events. Jessica advised we are also working on hiring outreach specialists and coordinators supporting this program.

Updates form Community Members-

Brian Arnold advised is he no longer with Ready to Work and provided new contact information.

Craig from Aurora Housing Authority- The American Rescue Plan will be giving out vouchers to serve those in Aurora, for families at risk of homeless.

Chance from Havana Street- Advises of continuing to support vaccination centers and announced the Eat on Havana Event this upcoming week to support our local restaurants.

Questions/Comments

CM Berzins commented that she would like to make sure the minutes transcribed include all the comments are reflected.

CM Johnston complimented staff for continuously gathering data driven, decision making evidence-based policy that has been advocated for. CM expressed great disappointment in recent over-simplification of a social media post where comments made by Mayor Coffman regarding those experiencing homelessness and addiction issues, should sober up and get a job. CM Johnston found these statements to be disappointing and tone deaf.

CM Mercano stated he had no other comments.

CM Coombs stated she concurs with CM Johnston's comment.

Next meeting: Thursday, June 3, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 10:01 a.m.

APPROVED:

Committee Vice Chair, Allison Coombs

HOUSING, NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES & REDEVELOPMENT POLICY COMMITTEE

June 3, 2021

Members Present: *Council Member, Chair Nicole Johnston*
Council Member, Vice-Chair Alison Coombs
Council Member, Marsha Berzins

Others Present: Mayor Mike Coffman, Council Member Francoise Bergan, Council Member Juan Marcano, Council Member Crystal Murillo, George Adams, Meg Allen, Andrea Amonick, Scott Campbell, Sharon Duwaik, Liz Fuselier, Angela Garcia, Jeff Hancock, Karen Hancock, Tim Joyce, Samara Kellem, Daniel Krzyzanowski, Omar Lyle, Jennifer Orozco, Mindy Parnes, Jessica Prosser, Roberto Venegas, Anthony Youngblood, Sandra Youngman

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Council Member Johnston welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were some technical issues with guests not being able to not login as a panelist. CM Johnston wanted to make sure the proper type of invite rather it be panelists or attendee. Jessica Prosser advised that there are many attendees calling in via telephone and advised as needed staff can adjust the roles of those call-in numbers and any others that need to be moved from attendee to panelist.

MINUTES

CM Johnston asked if CM Berzins had any adjustments or would like to approve minutes. CM Berzins advised she did not receive any of the minutes for review. Jessica Prosser advised that minutes have not been fully prepared and ready for review due to some admin staffing sudden changes. Jessica Prosser advised the minutes will be prepared and ready for review at the next meeting. CM Johnston also advised CM Coombs is still listed as an attendee, staff support Brittany McGaughy advised she is currently working on getting CM Coombs role switched from attendee to panelist.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements were made.

NEW ITEMS

CM Johnston advised the new items segment would begin with the agenda item 4.b Neighborhood Registration Roadmap and Engagement Update presented by Meg Allen and Scott Campbell, both titled Neighborhood Liaisons. CM Johnson inserted this change due to technical issues with Mayor Mike Coffman logging into the meeting. Staff continued to work on the technical issues and Mayor Mike Coffman to present following this item order change.

Neighborhood Registration Roadmap and Engagement Update

Summary of Issue and Discussion

Scott Campbell and Meg Allen presented this item.

Scott Campbell opened the presentation with an overview. Scott stated that the Neighborhood Liaisons gathered input from residents, neighborhood groups, and HOAs to determine what incentives would encourage participation the its Neighborhood Registration Program. Input in this process was critical to crafting and fine-tuning the incentives we offer in our programing. Scott also mentioned staff started building an Engage Aurora site (<https://engageaurora.org/neighborhoodregistration>) in order to gather feedback. The site and survey were launched on April 1st. The survey closed at the end of April. The survey was used to gauge how connected residents felt to their neighbors, neighborhood and how resilient they thought that they were together. The survey also asked respondents to rank the various programmatic ideas in order of their preferences. Scott stated that on April 21st a special virtual community brainstorming session was held to give more of an expansive information about their

preferences and provide feedback on both the current set of programming as well as some new ideas. Scott also comments that staff has researched programming from other municipalities with consideration to our budget, our staffing levels and ways to make the programs run more efficiently. Staff then put together a roadmap that both honors the most requested programming including all the feedback received to ultimately get more people to participate in our registration. Due to time constraints, Scott requested that the group will be able to review the data in their agenda packet that has the full presentation included.

Meg Allen began to present the proposed programming and Budgets. Meg reviewed the following programs listed: Beautification Grant, Know Your Neighbor Grant, Neighborhood Printing Assistance Grant, Neighborhood Small Activity Grant, Education Program, Neighborhood Trash Day Program, Block Party Trailer and Block Party Permits. Meg explained what each of the programs purpose along with the budget year and dollar amounts per program.

Questions/Comments –

CM Berzins commented she had several questions. The first question asked, for the input from 115 people, where did that input come from? Was that information from private meetings or from the city website?

Scott Campbell replied with that input from the 115 people came from the survey that was posted on the Engage Aurora website. In addition, a virtual brainstorming session also contributed. Scott also replied that neighborhood leaders reached out directly. Scott explained that the information was spread through social media and newsletters as well.

CM Berzins also asked if these leaders were like the presidents of HOA groups? CM Berzins stated there is an issue where those who have not registered with the City, miss out on a lot of information and opportunities that could be beneficial. CM Berzins mentions that with these groups, sometimes change president positions and have those miscommunications and don't quite understand the importance of registering with the City. CM Berzins commented she is in favor of the Clean Up Days. CM Berzins state she is also in support of the printing but would like to have some rules implemented such as political printing or other controversial things.

Meg Allen commented she absolutely agrees and clarified that this would only be available for parties and events such as the block parties or neighborhood events.

CM Coombs states she did not have any questions.

Outcome – This item was informational only and no further action was taken on the item at this time.

An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Aurora, Colorado, adding a New Section to be Numbered 94-122 to the City Code Pertaining to Prohibiting Unauthorized Camping on Public or Private Property and Adding Article IV, Sections 114-106 through 114-

CM Johnston opened with remarks stating due to time constraints, she will be setting some parameters due to the importance of the issue being presented by Mayor Coffman. CM Johnston states she will take the liberty of adjusting the agenda where we typically have community members speak at the end of the meeting. CM Johnston states we will have community members and stakeholders give limited minutes for comments on the ordinance and Mayor Coffman presents. CM Johnston explains she wants to keep things from going back and forth between everyone. CM Johnston also states Chief Vanessa Wilson and Sheriff Terry Brown will also be in attendance and will be providing feedback after the Mayor presents.

Summary of Issue and Discussion-

Mayor Coffman opens the presentation explaining this ordinance is a camping ban. This bans unauthorized camping on public or private property. Mayor Coffman is proposing authorization of abatement of unauthorized campsites on public and private properties. Mayor Coffman states that in terms of citing someone for this type of

violation, the person must be given proper notice and given the option for an alternative location prior to being cited, per the current ordinance. Mayor Coffman states that he would like to make several changes to the current ordinance in place. Mayor Coffman states one of the changes he would like to make is to make it a hard requirement in finding an alternative place for shelter and camping that's not in violation of the ordinance. Mayor Coffman states that in his observations, he discovered is the persons who were seeking shelter in a shelter, rarely would go out and seek shelter in camps. Mayor Coffman also explained that he discovered those who were in camps would not likely seek shelter in a shelter. Mayor Coffman stated he would like to acknowledge that in the proposal, he would like to make sure we have a designated camping space. Mayor Coffman refers to page 8, section 114-109 in the ordinance, there is a notice requirement, and, in that part, he is asking to change that no notice is given. Mayor Coffman wanted to also simplify 114-107 and align with case law.

Questions/Comments –

Tim Joyce comments to clarify that on Section 114-108 the prerequisite before any camp can be abated is there must be shelter space available for every individual, or every family in an authorized camp.

Mayor Coffman then explains that the language on section 114-109 is confusing and not aligned with section 114-108. Mayor Coffman states that in section 114-109, it does not speak of the notice requirements, the date of abatement, date in the notice or within the next 10 days if a sufficient shelter option is available for all the occupants on the date of abatement, or due to weather delays.

Tim Joyce acknowledges what Mayor Coffman is reading. He then clarifies that when you take both sections in combinations, the 10-day window was mostly to permit weather delays, but also, if they are on the day of the scheduled abatement, if shelter space isn't available that day, we can return the next day, explaining the purpose of that window.

Mayor Coffman then comments and apologizes to the chair that he should've had this conversation with Tim prior to the meeting for clarification but thinks it is good to see this exchange.

Tim Joyce continues to comment that the ordinance intention is to mirror what Denver uses as criteria to abate a camp and is aligned with case law.

Mayor Coffman responds and acknowledges what Tim is saying and is asking to have a further discussion as to whether this can be condensed down. Mayor Coffman stated that he believes the criteria meets pretty much every situation and isn't quite clear why this wouldn't be consistent with Case Law. Mayor Coffman thanks Tim and states that he thinks the changes to this ordinance are important.

CM Johnston thanks Mayor Coffman and advises that in the interest of time we would like to get some input from law enforcement and states there is an impact on law enforcement. CM Johnston introduces Chief Wilson.

Chief Wilson greets everyone and comments that our residents are experiencing homelessness as well as it having impacts on business and being a high priority for most people. Chief Wilson states she is concerned with the community being aware of the role law enforcement will have with implanting this ordinance. Chief Wilson states her intentions are to build relationships back between the community and law enforcement. Chief Wilson is greatly concerned with the enforcement piece of the ordinance. Chief Wilson is concerned and would like to see more of the ordinance and see how clear of who is going to be doing what and what the roles are. Chief Wilson is aware that we do not want to displace the problem if we have places individuals can go. Chief Wilson states she is grateful for the work Lana Dalton, Homelessness Program Manager and outreach team are doing to find and help navigate those individuals to find safe shelter spaces and agrees that it would be appropriate to have our outreach continue with the process. Chief Wilson expressed that she wants to make sure law enforcement is used at the most minimal.

CM Johnston thanks Chief Wilson for her comments and explained that due to time constraints we wouldn't be able to have a back and forth questions. CM Johnston states she is aware that homelessness is a regional issue, especially

with the City of Aurora having three counties within and have great partnerships with all these counties. CM Johnston asked Arapahoe County Sheriff Brown if he had any comments he would like to add.

Sheriff Brown thanked CM Johnston and states he has worked with Mayor Coffman and CDOT. Sheriff Brown states his biggest concerns are that individuals that fail to adhere to the notices and continue to live in a specific place being held at the county jail. Sheriff Brown states that we're looking at legislation right now that would require us to just issue a summons and release these individuals. Sheriff Brown continues to comment that right now, because of the low level and nature of that offense, it costs 108 dollars a day right now to house individuals. Sheriff Brown believes there are better options for that 108 dollars to be used to try to help. Sheriff Brown acknowledges there are so many programs out there and listening to what the city of Aurora has to offer is encouraging. He is concerned the county jail will become a depository for individuals that are experiencing homelessness and taking the criminal element out.

CM Johnston thanks both Chief Wilson and Sheriff Brown for their time and input and recognizes their busy schedules.

Chief Wilson states she would like to remain on the call and continuing listening in.

CM Johnston asks if Pastor McBride or Cheryl from Restoration Christian Fellowship if they have any comments or feedback.

Pastor McBride comments she is thrilled to hear the conversation surrounding not criminalizing these individuals that are unhoused and hopefully finding resolution to such. Pastor McBride thank the group for their support with Restoration Christian Fellowship.

CM Johnsnton thanked Pastor McBride and asked for more feedback that the individuals that were invited from Denver, for the purpose of minutes, state their name, title, and the work they do

Ean Tafoya the founder of Headwaters Protectors Mutual Aid Group that formed during the pandemic to provide drinking water and sanitation to those experiencing homelessness, provided some comments and feedback. Ean stated he has done with the Mayor of Denver as well as the City Council of Denver. Ean states that back in 2015, he ran for city council member in opposition to the camping ban offering better solutions that have been brought to reality in recent months. Ean also stated he was a spokesperson to legislature regarding human rights of 300 people. Ean states he believes that the camping ban in Denver continues to go back and forth and will ultimately be held to be unconstitutional. Ean states he believes this to be an economic issue giving the example of how much it costs daily for those who are in jail. Ean states that we have seen that it costs us more resources, law enforcement resources to contact these on a regular basis and though people may say that the are not being contacted, they are also being ticketed for being homeless. Ean feels that those who are experiencing homelessness are being targeted and picked up on other offenses. Ean believes that due to lack of sanitation services, trash begins to add up and there is no where for these individuals to properly dispose. Ean acknowledges the efforts from the community and trying to guide resources to the homeless community. Ean states he is asking for a better resolution. Ean also offered to be a resource.

Maura Proser from Tri-County Health Department commented that she is committed and appreciates the city's commitment to get more people into safe, affordable and attainable homes. Maura states we share concern for the growing number of individuals in Aurora and the metro area and understands the health and environmental concerns associated with encampments. Maura states she is committed to working with you to mitigate these hazards through proactive means. Maura shared some of the things Tri-County Health and City of Aurora have collaborated on such as the syringe access and production education, outreach program. Maura explains working directly with people experiencing homelessness, as well as direct outreach to reduce the heart caused by injection drug use. Maura explains the program staff have also trained APD officers how to use a particular medication, which is an opioid overdose reversal medication and we're very proud to say that your officers have saved lives

and that medication is saving lives across the state. Maura adds encouragement to the city to invest in more things, like public restrooms and hand washing stations and trash collection and disposal for the protection of the health and environment. So, rather than just banning the encampment, helping to make safer cleaner areas and we are supportive of that. Maura explains Tri-County Health are here to be your partner, we also do want to remind you that homelessness is a very complex issue. Many people experiencing homelessness, have complex needs. A lot of them are dealing with trauma and other needs like that and sweeping them from an encampment can be an additionally traumatizing environment and it can trigger some other trauma in their lives. Maura also stated camp when sweeps are done, individuals are forced to disperse which leads to disconnection from services. Maura states we believe that a more important step to reducing homelessness would be to invest in mental health services, substance use disorder treatment, harm reduction services, sanitation services and other health environmental needs, job training, GED and other higher education preparation and economic programs that help with sustainable income attainment.

CM Johnston thanked Maura for her comments. CM Johnston asked if there were any others that wish to provide feedback since we have had law enforcement, faith-based community partners, and City of Denver advocate.

Mayor Coffman commented he didn't properly prepare the presentation, he was under the impression this was just being presented to committee members and apologized.

CM Johnston asked if there were any others who were in support of Mayor Coffman. CM Johnston understands there will be more time to have a more robust conversation but wanted to give an opportunity to speak now. CM Johnston then opened the floor to council member Coombs and Berzins for questions and comments.

CM Coombs had some questions for staff to see how many permanent beds the city has available for shelter.

Jessica Prosser responded 150 permanent beds were available not counting any domestic violence beds or emergency shelter beds.

CM Coombs asked if we do include a domestic violence, what is the number at that?

Jessica Prosser responded that sometimes our domestic violence provider, utilizes hotel and motel vouchers and so there's probably anywhere from 15 to 20 housed at the shelter and the vouchers give some flexibility

CM Coombs then responded with the question of confirming the number of people that have counted in the point in time count and then any information we may have that gets us closer to definitions of homelessness in the city? Lana Dalton answered as of 2020, our last count was 427 individuals experiencing homelessness. We were not able to do a point in time, count this last year. There are discussions with the Metro, Denver, homeless initiative to gather this information. Lana is hopeful to complete a summer I'm possibly doing a summer count. Lana continues to state that with this population, trying to get a better understanding of the impacts of pulpit, we're looking at the account, specifically at anyone who is that is sleeping in shelters, on the streets, or sleeping in vehicles. That is what that count takes into consideration. Lana also states that we can't go into people's homes where folks are doubled up, or at risk of being kicked out of a family or friends' home to count those folks that are experiencing homelessness, or don't have a home of their own. Essentially couch surfing, so it does not take that into account some folks that also stay in hotels that are very temporarily housed due to loss of the home, or things of that nature many of those individuals are not counted as well.

CM Coombs thanked Lana and explained that we have a proposal that would require us to triple or potentially the amount of shelter space that we currently have. CM Coombs referred to Mr. Tafoya's previous comments that we seem to be getting ahead of ourselves. CM Coombs states we are at less than 30% of what we need to be doing. CM Coombs states that in order to really address this issue and so, rather than putting in a ban and then saying that's how we going to address this issue. CM Coombs believes we should continue working with staff in bringing forth proposals and once we are offering what we need to offer, then have a conversation about that.

CM Berzins states she was taking notes and wanted to clarify if Mr. Tafoya represents the Mayor of Denver?

CM Johnston clarified Mr. Tafoya is not.

CM Berzins continues to comment and suggest that Mayor Coffman get a statement from mayor Hancock of Denver, regarding how the ban is working or worked. She also mentioned that she noticed several other cities have this. CM Berzins also suggested maybe gathering data or statements from these other cities. CM Berzins states she is interested in knowing if this is helping or hurting the homeless population. CM Berzins explained the impact the camping ban has had, many people reached out via email and social media. CM Berzins recognizes it's a national issue.

CM Mercano commented that he wanted to thank everyone and the mayor for this ordinance presentation. CM Mercano states that if camping bands worked, he would support them, but the evidence is clear this isn't quite the solution. CM Mercano mentions the people feel their government hasn't done anything about this issue is wasting time with law enforcement city, staff and setting taxpayer dollars on fire. CM Mercano continues to state that we have heard about how much it costs to jail somebody. We know that there are tremendous costs and it costs the city many dollars to abate camps. CM Mercano agreed with the prospective Ean Tafoya shared. CM disagrees with this ordinance and does not believe this is the first step to resolution.

CM Murillo stated over the past three years the city has been focusing on getting the necessary data pertaining to housing needs and needs to start having the necessary conversations. CM Murillo mentions the findings of the housing market study and housing strategy and how it is all evidence-based practices, creative solutions, borrowed from other communities. CM Murillo feels this ordinance is left field and not productive. CM Murillo expresses she is disappointed in the timing and feels it will derail the progress that has been made in the past three years. CM Murillo states she recognizes there are socioeconomic issues that need to be addressed. CM Murillo expressed she is not in support of this ordinance. CM Murillo expressed she is agreeing with previous comments made regarding other data points.

CM Bergan commented that she does not believe this to be a negative policy. CM Bergan believes the intent is to provide assistance to those experiencing homelessness in the camping site. CM Bergan is interested in knowing if we do have a location where we would be able to provide that alternative site. CM Bergan is also curious if we have been providing adequate resources to get people out of their situations and curious as to what services the counties are providing. CM Bergan recognizes the work being done by our partners but would like to have a conversation regarding some of the deeper issues regarding homelessness and its big picture and its data hopefully at study session.

CM Johnston thanked CM Bergan for her comments. CM Johnston states she would like for the committee members formally make a decision regarding this ordinance. CM Johnston states she would like to briefly comment. She states this ordinance is not quite ready and we are a bit premature. CM Johnston states she personally does not support moving this to study session.

CM Berzins commented that she would like to see this go to voters and let the voters decide. CM Berzins states there was a huge response in Denver. CM Berzins asked Mayor Coffman if he would be interested in a vote.

Mayor Coffman advises he initially did not regard the vote. Mayor Coffman explains he'd be open with this option and may take it into consideration.

CM Berzins agreed to move this item to study session.

CM Coombs commented the suggestion of looking at new and effective proposals. CM Coombs states that we should redirect and take a look at proposals that do work instead of focusing on what does not work. CM Coombs

states she would not like to move this item forward. CM Coombs explained she does not think this item is quite ready and needs to be revised.

CM Murillo commented that she thinks the timing of this is curious at best being that we are just starting the implementation of our housing strategy.

CM Murillo expresses concern as it is an election year, the intention of this ban as well as the conversation is potentially putting it to the voters. CM Murillo states she is disappointed that this issue is being used as a campaign issue. CM Murillo states she wants to be on record that is not in agreement with this ordinance.

CM Johnston thanks the councilmembers for there comments and votes. CM Johnston states she would like to move forward with the remaining items on the agenda.

Outcome – The Committee agreed not to move this item forward to study session.

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Aurora, Colorado Expressing the Aurora City Council's Support to Fund Restoration Christian Ministries with a Rehabilitation Grant Using Community Development Block Grant COVID

Summary of Issue and Discussion

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Questions/Comments –

CM Johnston asked the Councilmembers if they were in agreement to move all these items forward to study session.

CM Berzins commented that she agrees to move these items forward to Study Session. CM Berzins commented that she is in support of using the funds as they are needed.

CM Coombs agreed that she is in agreement to move these items forward to study session.

Outcome – The Committee unanimously agreed to move this item forward to study session.

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Aurora, Colorado Expressing Support to Fund Ready to Work Aurora with a Rehabilitation Grant Using Community Development Block Grant COVID-19 Dollars

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A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Aurora, Colorado Expressing Support to fund Asian Pacific Development Center of Colorado with Community Development Block Grant COVID-19

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A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Aurora, Colorado Expressing Support of the 2021 Winter Round Affordable Housing GAP Financing Program funding Recommendation for the Aurora Housing Authority Gateway Apartments

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A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Aurora, Colorado Expressing Approval of a Loan from the City's General Fund for Various Projects by Elevation Community Land Trust

Summary of Issue and Discussion

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MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

CM Johnston asked the committee that due to time constraints if we could keep the updates limited to a few minutes if possible.

Housing Strategy Update- Rodney Milton provided a brief update. Rodney explained that the intention is to have a full update in July.

Mental Health Co-Responder Program Update- Jessica Prosser explained we are continuously meeting with partners and continuing the hiring process. Jessica Prosser advised that some of our partners will be in training this upcoming week and still working to launch this program this summer.

Youth Violence Prevention Program Update- Christina Amparan provided the following update. Christina states she is working on putting together the youth advisory council and the release of a recruitment video that our communications department is helping with June 9th. Christina also mentions the release of their first round of funding for organizations to request funding. There are 11 applications that are currently being reviewed. Christina also mentions the program is continuing with the hiring process. There will be two outreach specialists starting on Monday. Lastly, the program is working on putting together work groups to move some of the work forward, including our regional compact, a group meeting with Denver representatives.

Updates from Community Members- CM Johnston states the reminder that this section was moved up to the discussion following the ordinance presentation that was presented by Mayor Coffman.

Questions/Comments-

CM Johnston announced this is the last meeting as a councilmember with HORNS. She thanked staff and the other councilmembers present for their time and work. She advised the vacancy will not be filled in time before the next HORNS meeting, explaining Councilmember Coombs is the co-chair.

CM Berzins thanked CM Johnston for her leadership and work with HORNS. CM Berzins suggested moving the next meeting that was initially scheduled for July 2nd to a different day due to scheduling issues.

CM Coombs suggested she is in agreement to schedule the following meeting a week after.

CM Berzins suggests having a conversation via email to setup the upcoming meeting.

All councilmembers agreed to have this conversation via email and get the upcoming meeting scheduled with a new time.

Next meeting: Thursday, July 8, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

APPROVED:

Committee Vice Chair, Allison Coombs



CITY OF AURORA

Council Agenda Commentary

Item Title: Xcel Energy Advanced Grid Initiative
Item Initiator: Karen Hancock, Principal Planner
Staff Source/Legal Source: Karen Hancock Principal Planner/Ian Best, Asst. City Attorney
Outside Speaker: Xcel Energy Representative
Council Goal: 2012: 6.4--Provide appropriate stewardship of natural resources to ensure long-term sustainability for the city

COUNCIL MEETING DATES:

Study Session: N/A

Regular Meeting: N/A

ACTIONS(S) PROPOSED *(Check all appropriate actions)*

- Approve Item as proposed at Study Session
- Information Only
- Approve Item and Move Forward to Regular Meeting
- Approve Item as proposed at Regular Meeting
- Approve Item with Waiver of Reconsideration
Why is a waiver needed?[Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

PREVIOUS ACTIONS OR REVIEWS:

Policy Committee Name: N/A

Policy Committee Date: N/A

Action Taken/Follow-up: *(Check all that apply)*

- Recommends Approval
 - Does Not Recommend Approval
 - Forwarded Without Recommendation
 - Recommendation Report Attached
 - Minutes Attached
 - Minutes Not Available
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HISTORY *(Dates reviewed by City council, Policy Committees, Boards and Commissions, or Staff. Summarize pertinent comments. ATTACH MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS, POLICY COMMITTEES AND BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.)*

In July 2020, City Council authorized the City Manager to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with Xcel Energy for Aurora to participate in the Partners in Energy program. The city's application to the program included identifying resources for businesses, non-profits and institutions, such as school districts, to help reduce energy, save money and contribute to recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic economy.

Recently, staff leading Partners in Energy for the city learned that Aurora has been selected by Xcel Energy to deploy new smart meter technology to electric customers. This deployment is part of Xcel Energy's Advanced Grid Initiative.

ITEM SUMMARY *(Brief description of item, discussion, key points, recommendations, etc.)*

Xcel Energy representatives will present a description of the Advanced Grid Initiative, how it will be deployed in Aurora and benefits to customers. Xcel Energy requests the city's assistance in educating and engaging the community on this new program. As community awareness increases, city staff and Elected may be asked to support response to questions and concerns. Primary objectives of installing smart meter technology is to inform customers about their energy use and assist them in identifying ways to reduce their utility bills.

QUESTIONS FOR COUNCIL

This item is for information only.

LEGAL COMMENTS

The City Manager shall be responsible to the City Council for the proper administration of all affairs of the City placed in his charge and, to that end, he shall have the power and duty to make written or verbal reports at any time concerning the affairs of the City under his supervision. City Charter § 7-4(e).

PUBLIC FINANCIAL IMPACT

YES NO

If yes, explain:

PRIVATE FISCAL IMPACT

Not Applicable Significant Nominal

If Significant or Nominal, explain:

Aurora Council AGIS Item Summary

Xcel Energy is building a smarter and more resilient energy grid that will better serve customers for decades to come. The Advanced Grid Initiative will give customers more of what they expect from Xcel Energy – clean, reliable energy, new ways to save money, and a better experience for the City of Aurora as a community. It includes:

- ***New technologies to help community members save energy and money***
- ***Improved reliability and faster outage restoration***
- ***More options to protect the environment and use new technologies***
- ***Data security***

Xcel Energy customers in the City of Aurora can expect to see new Smart Meters installed starting in October-December of 2021. Customers may begin to receive communications about these changes up to 90 days in advance of installation. As the Advanced Grid Initiative progresses, and smart electric meters and new pricing plans are implemented, constituents will likely look to community leaders for help understanding these changes.

For more information, the [Partners in Energy Advanced Grid Community Playbook](#) identifies steps to educate and engage on this topic. It's designed to provide you with the essential information, help raise community awareness, and help you respond to questions and concerns. The August News Aurora newsletter will include information about this upcoming initiative.

For a quick summary of Xcel Energy's Advanced Grid Initiative, watch the following short clip:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XVFZeSZ6zbg>

Partners in Energy

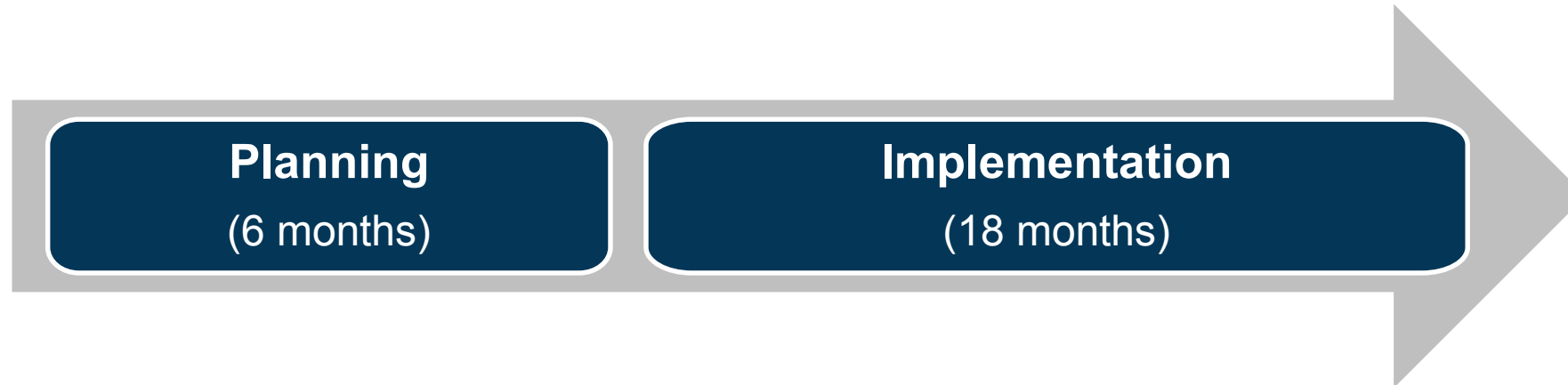
Xcel Energy's Advanced Grid Initiative



PARTNERS IN ENERGY²²
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PARTNERS IN ENERGY SCOPE

- Partners in Energy is a *two-year* collaboration with Xcel Energy to develop and implement your energy plan goals
- Opportunity to engage stakeholders, create goals and strategies, and develop a work plan to be successful



Aurora Partners in Energy Vision Statement

The City of Aurora will be a leader in energy action, by piloting and sharing success stories and significantly increasing the number of customers participating in energy programs. In doing this, the city and its community members will keep energy-related operational and capital costs low, while contributing to a more reliable energy infrastructure and a greener, cleaner environment.



Common area in Aurora, CO, June 23, 2021. (AP Photo/City of Aurora)

Objectives

- ✓ Explain the basics of the Advanced Grid
- ✓ Learn how the Advanced Grid supports the City of Aurora's goals
- ✓ Discuss when Advanced Grid is coming to our community and what we will experience



Inside of Stanley Marketplace, June 20, 2017. (AP Photo/City of Aurora)

AGENDA

Time	Agenda
5 min	Advanced Grid Overview
5 min	Alignment with Community Goals
5 min	Our Expected Experience (before, during and after meter installation)
5 min	Q&A



ADVANCED GRID OVERVIEW



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DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY TO OUR ELECTRIC SERVICE

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WHAT IS THE ADVANCED GRID?

- Smart meters
- Advanced Distribution Management System (ADMS)
- Field Area Network (FAN)
- Integrated Volt-Var Optimization (IVVO)



WHAT IS THE ADVANCED GRID?

Smart meters

- The first change visible to most customers will be the new smart meters at their homes and businesses.
- Two-way communication capabilities to wirelessly transmit data
- Safe and secure



Multifamily building in Aurora, CO, June 23, 2021. (AP Photo/City of Aurora)

WHAT IS THE ADVANCED GRID?

Advanced Distribution Management System (ADMS)

- Acts as the operating system for Xcel Energy
- Provides better control of the electric distribution
- Provides timelier, more accurate outage detection and restoration for improved service reliability.



Multifamily building in Aurora, CO, June 23, 2021. (AP Photo/City of Aurora)

WHAT IS THE ADVANCED GRID?

Field Area Network (FAN)

- Links the Advanced Distribution Management System to smart meters and other devices on the grid.
- Provides data communication back to Xcel Energy.



WHAT IS THE ADVANCED GRID?

Integrated Volt-VAr Optimization (IVVO)

- Ensures more even voltage distribution across Xcel Energy's system.
- Allows for higher penetration of renewable energy.
- Increases the ability to sense voltage in more locations and provide more points to equalize voltage levels.



Person typing on a laptop, April 6, 2021. (AP Photo/Pexels/Gustavo Fring)

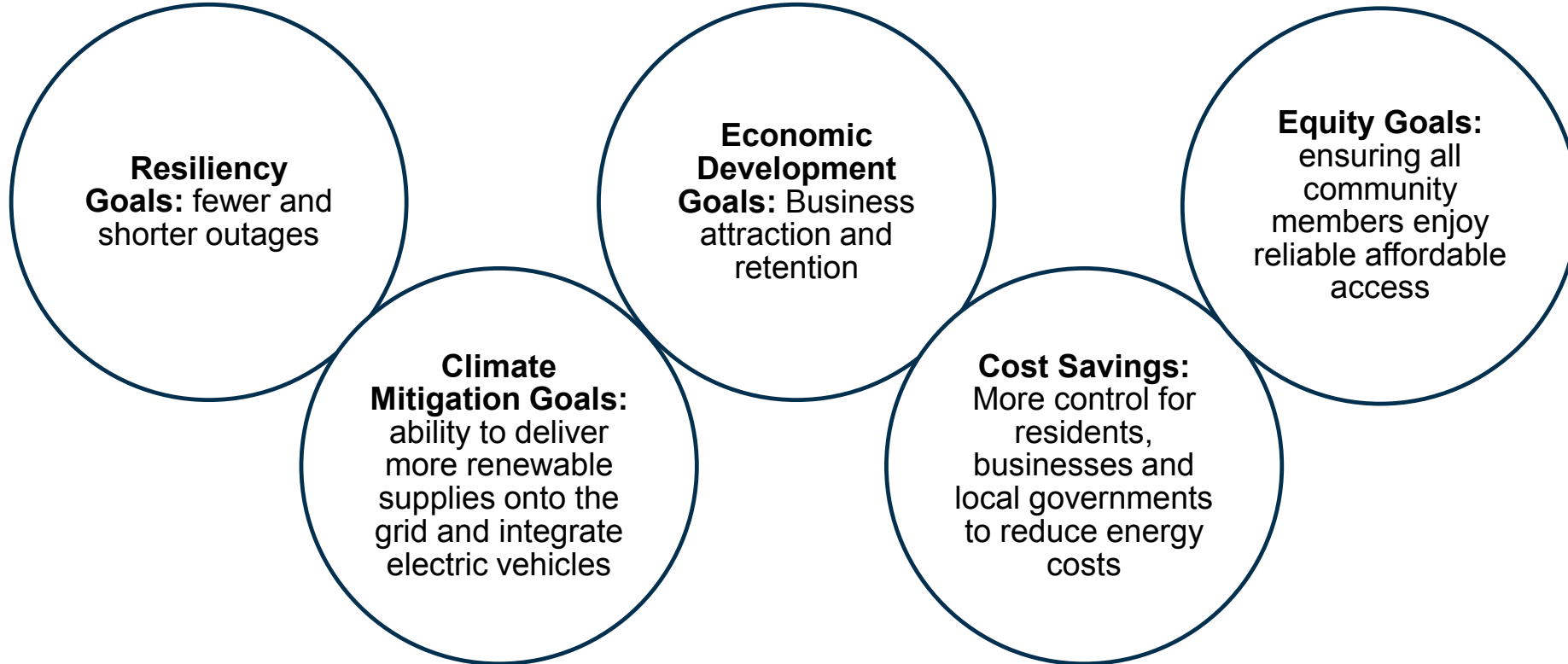


ALIGNMENT WITH COMMUNITY GOALS



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ADVANCED GRID COMMUNITY BENEFITS



ADVANCED GRID PRIORITIES FOR CITY OF AURORA

Comprehensive Plan

- Principle: Thriving Environment
- Goal: Conserve and efficiently use energy resources

Energy Action Plan

- Lower operational and capital costs
- Reliable energy infrastructure
- Greener, cleaner environment

Hazard Mitigation Plan

- Improving resiliency and shortening recovery times and disruptions



OUR EXPECTED EXPERIENCE

BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER METER INSTALLATION



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THE JOURNEY

DAY 1



90 Days
AWARENESS



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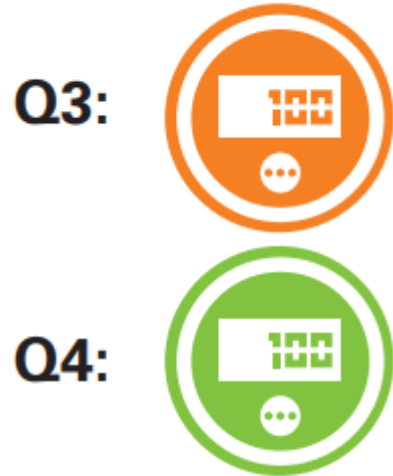


First Bill
INSIGHTS



Future
TRANSFORM

SMART METER INSTALLATION MAP 2021



WHAT XCEL ENERGY CUSTOMERS WILL RECEIVE

Communications prior to meter installation

- Postcard: 60 days in advance
- Letter/Email: 30 days in advance
- Door hanger: left by meter installer

Additional guidance will be provided in advance of your smart meter exchange.



WHAT XCEL ENERGY CUSTOMERS WILL RECEIVE

Personalized account information

- ✓ Real-time energy use and costs through new web and mobile dashboards
- ✓ Cost impacts will be projected on bills
- ✓ Detailed information about the individual customer's energy use by time of day
- ✓ Personalized tips about how to save on energy costs.

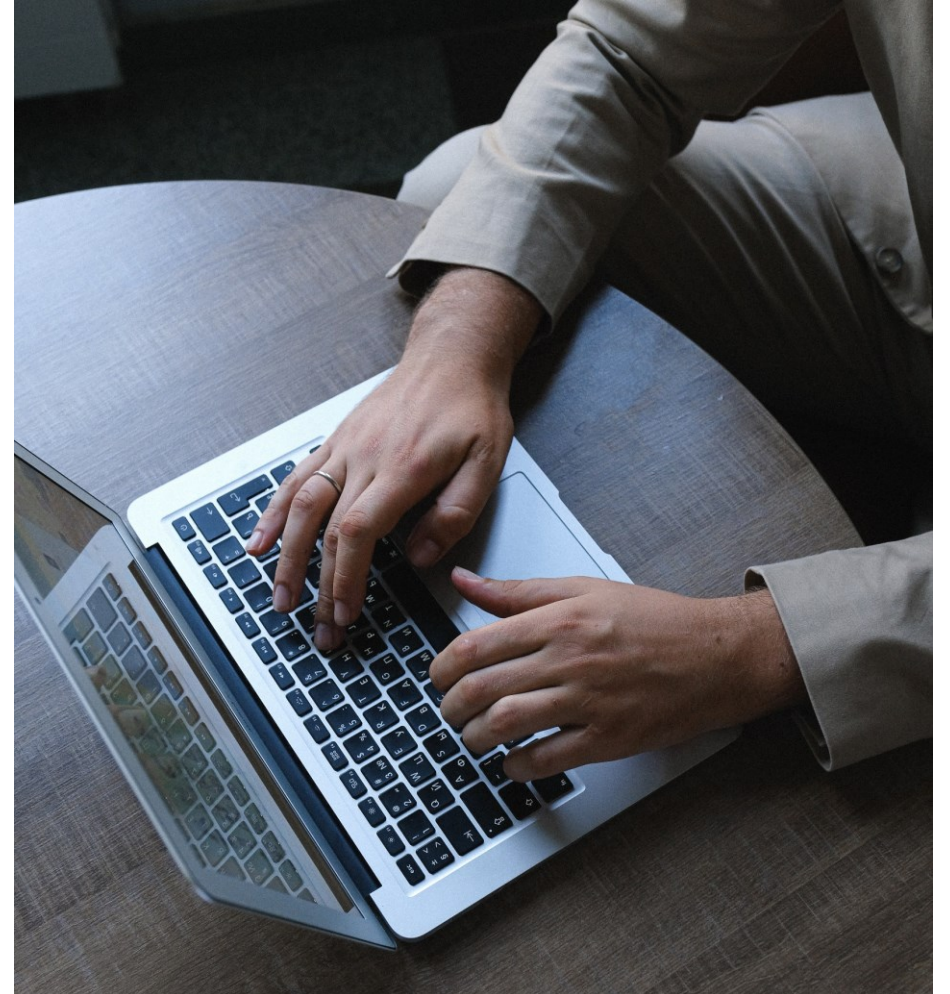


Outside of Stanley Marketplace, June 20, 2017. (AP Photo/City of Aurora)

WHAT XCEL ENERGY CUSTOMERS WILL RECEIVE

Time of Use rate plan

- ✓ More control over your energy bill
- ✓ Opportunities to reduce your energy costs



Person typing on a laptop, April 6, 2021. (AP Photo/Pexels/Anna Shvets)

WHAT XCEL ENERGY CUSTOMERS WILL RECEIVE

New products and services

Coming soon!



Calm Asian mother resting at home with kids, October 4, 2020. (AP Photo/Pexels/Alex Green)

RESOURCES

- Web-site: <https://xcelenergycommunities.com/advancedgrid>
- FAQs
- Overview videos
- Customer flyers
- Translated materials for non-English speaking customers
- Customizable community resources

QUESTIONS?



Questions Answers Signage, October 22, 2016. (AP Photo/Pexels/Pixabay)

OPT-OUT IN COLORADO

- Before: When they receive a communication about their advance meter installation, customers can call Customer Care to opt-out of their meter. A monthly meter reading fee will be added to their bill, starting when the meter is manually read (\$11.84/mo in metro Denver/Boulder or \$23.64/mo outside these metro areas)
- During: When the meter technician arrives to install their advanced meter, the customer can call Customer Care to finalize their opt-out. Same monthly meter reading fees apply.
- After: Customers can call Customer Care and ask to opt out after the meter has been installed. Same monthly meter reading fees apply. In addition, there will be a on-time \$46 trip charge to remove the advanced meter and re-install the older technology meter.
- Opt-Out Customer Moves: If an opt-out customer moves from their home, there will be a \$46 trip charge on their final bill to have their meter switched to an advanced meter for the incoming resident.

ADDRESSING ADVANCED GRID CONCERNS

Radio Frequency (RF) Emissions

Smart meters use radio frequency technology, but with significantly lower radio frequency exposure than cell phones, most home appliances, and Wi-Fi routers.

Xcel Energy's smart meters emit radio frequency lower than the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) guidelines established to protect the public.

All Xcel Energy meter systems are fully authorized, licensed and in compliance with the FCC's guidelines.

ADDRESSING ADVANCED GRID CONCERNS

Privacy & Security

Energy use data will be securely transferred electronically from the smart meter, eliminating the need for manual meter reading or estimates, which also helps reduce cost.

Protecting your data is extremely important to Xcel Energy and they use multiple layers of defense to ensure all data is secure and protected.

ADDRESSING ADVANCED GRID CONCERNS

Fixed and Low-Income Customers

The Advanced Grid will enable more information, choice and options to help customers save energy and lower their energy bills.

More affordable energy options will improve equity in electricity access, while leaving more money in customers' pockets for other expenses.

Additionally, Xcel Energy provides a range of [energy assistance options](#) for customers.



CITY OF AURORA

Council Agenda Commentary

Item Title: Aurora Mobile Response Unit Team Update
Item Initiator: Jessica Prosser, Director, Housing and Community Services
Staff Source/Legal Source: Lana Dalton, Homelessness Programs Manager; Tim Joyce, Assistant City Attorney
Outside Speaker: N/A
Council Goal: 2012: 4.0--Create a superior quality of life for residents making the city a desirable place to live and work

COUNCIL MEETING DATES:

Study Session: N/A

Regular Meeting: N/A

ITEM DETAILS: Enter all applicable information from following list in the highlighted area below:

Aurora Mobile Response Unit Team Update

ACTIONS(S) PROPOSED *(Check all appropriate actions)*

- Approve Item as proposed at Study Session
 - Information Only
 - Approve Item and Move Forward to Regular Meeting
 - Approve Item as proposed at Regular Meeting
 - Approve Item with Waiver of Reconsideration
- Why is a waiver needed?

PREVIOUS ACTIONS OR REVIEWS:

Policy Committee Name: Housing, Neighborhood Services & Redevelopment

Policy Committee Date: 8/5/2021

Action Taken/Follow-up: *(Check all that apply)*

- Recommends Approval
- Does Not Recommend Approval
- Forwarded Without Recommendation
- Recommendation Report Attached
- Minutes Attached
- Minutes Not Available

HISTORY (Dates reviewed by City council, Policy Committees, Boards and Commissions, or Staff. Summarize pertinent comments. ATTACH MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS, POLICY COMMITTEES AND BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.)

Council approved funding for an alternative crisis response team pilot program in the City of Aurora as part of the 2021 budget. This team is comprised of a program manager, licensed mental health worker and a paramedic that will be paired together and taking 9-1-1 calls in the northwest Aurora for a period of approximately 6 months, Wednesday-Saturday from 10am-8pm.

ITEM SUMMARY (Brief description of item, discussion, key points, recommendations, etc.)

Housing and Community Services will provide an update on the status of launching the program and the types of calls the team will respond to.

QUESTIONS FOR COUNCIL

N/A

LEGAL COMMENTS

This item is informational only. No formal council action necessary.
The City has the powers which are necessary, requisite, or proper for the government and administration of its local and municipal matters. (City Charter, Art. 1-3). Council shall act by ordinance, resolution, or motion. (City Charter, Art. 5-1). Council has the authority to do what is deemed necessary and proper to promote the prosperity, improve the order, comfort and convenience of the City and its inhabitants. (City Code § 2-32) (TJoyce)

PUBLIC FINANCIAL IMPACT

YES NO

If yes, explain: We are working to produce appropriate alternatives to 9-1-1 calls for service that are related to mental health, substance use, homelessness, and other social issues police have traditionally been responding to in the community of Aurora. This allows police a faster response time to other more traditional policing issues and a more trauma informed, person centered approach to those in need.

PRIVATE FISCAL IMPACT

Not Applicable Significant Nominal

If Significant or Nominal, explain: N/A