



AGENDA

Planning and Economic Development Policy Committee

October 12, 2022

8:30 am

VIRTUAL MEETING

City of Aurora

15151 E Alameda Parkway

Public Participation Dialing Instructions

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Council Member Danielle Jurinsky, Chair

Council Member Dustin Zvonek, Vice Chair

Council Member Angela Lawson, Member

Council Goal: Be a great place to locate, expand and operate a business and provide for well-planned growth and development.

Pages

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Approval of Minutes** 1
September 7, 2022 Draft Subject to Approval Councilmember Jurinsky
3. **General Business**
 - 3.a. **Small Business Program/Event Update – Small Business Development Center (SBDC)** 6
Title: Small Business Program/Event Update – Small Business Development Center (SBDC)
Staff Source: Marcia McGilley, Executive Director Aurora-South Metro Small Business Development Center (SBDC)
Estimated Presentation / Presentation 20 min / Discussion: 10 min

3.b. ARPA Small Business Grant Update 30

ARPA Small Business Update

Staff Source/Legal Source: Elena Vasconez, Small Business and Economic Development Supervisor/Rachel Allen, Client Group Manager

Estimated Presentation / Presentation 5 min / Discussion: 5 min

3.c. Development Review Quarterly Update 32

Quarterly Development Review update, for information only

Staff: DCM Jason Batchelor, DCM Laura Perry

Estimated presentation time: 15 minutes

3.d. UDO Text Amendments including allowing Data Centers in the APZ zone district and a Rezone from Mixed Use Corridor (MU-C) to Business/Tech (I-1) at the Northeast corner of 6th Avenue and Airport Blvd. and to other minor UDO amendments 46

UDO Amendment relating to data centers and adding data centers as a permitted use in the APZ zone district and other minor UDO amendments. Also, a city initiated rezone from MU-C to I-1 at the northeast corner of 6th Avenue and Airport Blvd.

Staff Source name and Title: Brandon Cammarata, Planning Manager

Estimated Presentation / Discussion Time: 10 minutes / 5 minutes

3.e. FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 146 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, RELATING TO STANDARDS FOR OTHER TYPES OF SIGNS 49

FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 146 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, RELATING TO STANDARDS FOR OTHER TYPES OF SIGNS

Staff Source name and Title: Dustin Zvonek, City Council Member

Estimated Presentation / Discussion Time: 10 minutes / 5 minutes

4. Miscellaneous Matters for Consideration

4.a. Aurora Economic Development Council

NO REPORT

4.b. Havana Business Improvement District

NO REPORT

4.c. Aurora Chamber of Commerce

NO REPORT

4.d. Planning Commission

NO REPORT

4.e. Oil and Gas Committee

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Please see update in the agenda packet.
Brad Pierce

4.f. Business Advisory Board

NO REPORT

4.g. Retail

NO REPORT

4.h. Small Business

See items 3.a. and 3.b.

4.i. Visit Aurora

NO REPORT

5. Confirm Next Meeting Date

Tentatively scheduled for November 9, 2022, at 8:30 AM MT

6. Adjournment

PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

Date: September 7, 2022

Time: 8:30 am

Members Present Chair: Councilmember Danielle Jurinsky, Vice Chair: Councilmember Dustin Zvonek, Councilmember Angela Lawson

Others Present Councilmember Steve Sundberg
Adrian Botham, Alicia Montoya, Andrea Amonick, Becky Hogan, Brad Pierce, Brandon Cammarata, Brian Rulla, Cathy DeWolf, Angela Lawson, Bob Oliva, Bruce Dalton, Chance H., Crystal Vigil, Daniel Krzyzanowski, Daniel Money, David Schoonmaker, Dustin Zvonek, Eva Mather, Jacob Cox, Jason Batchelor, Jeffrey Moore, Jennifer Orozco, Jessica Prosser, Jose Rodriguez, Julie Patterson, Karen Hancock, Leah Ramsey, Marisa Noble, Melissa Rogers, Melvin E. Bush, Michelle Gardner, Mindy Parnes, Rachel Allen, Scott Berg, Tod Kuntzelman, Victor Rachael, Yuriy Gorlov

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. APPROVAL OF AUGUST 10, 2022, DRAFT MINUTES–COUNCIL MEMBER JURINSKY

2.a. The minutes were approved.

3. GENERAL BUSINESS

3.a. City Center Vision Update

Summary of Issue and Discussion:

Jennifer Orozco and Daniel Kryzanowski presented this item. The Study Area is located at the intersection of Sable and Alameda. Attention has been placed on the town center Aurora site and the Metro Center. However, the key priority for the city should continue to be the City Center. There has been \$410 million spent on investment and infrastructure for the City Center, with some work being done on the City Hall, the I-225 interchange, light rail, pedestrian improvements, and drainage improvements. For future development, the goal is to make this Aurora’s

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downtown district, to serve a diversity for residents and visitors. There should be retail, restaurants, entertainment, employment opportunities, and commercial and housing opportunities. The goal is to draw people in, encourage them to spend time there, and come back again.

The Committee has talked with stakeholders and the community to develop a tangible draft action plan. The draft plan includes developmental standards that include building height, density, a mix of surface and garage parking, active main streets, walkable block sizes, and public spaces. This plan will help create a concentration of residents for community and economic activity. However, staff is continuing to clarify requirements and remove inconsistencies. Engaging the community does not change any development standards or existing plans but are recommendations until formal adoption. The plans that the city currently has will continue as the Committee works to create a final plan. It is also important to make sure that the near-term decisions will not close doors for the long-term development options.

The development plan is an incremental process using urban grid that is flexible and allows for ongoing progress moving forward into the future. The plan consists of City Council's adopted priorities and focuses on opportunities for the City Center and areas where the City Council will provide incentives to encourage development. This will help determine the improvements and developments the city may need for office development or job creation. Moreover, it will provide more opportunities for locally owned businesses, affordable housing, and enhanced retail, dining, arts, and entertainment districts. The plan will also recommend different options for district identity and branding, understand the stakeholders' interests, and the benefits that an organization can bring to the district by supporting public improvements, marketing, and business development.

The next step moving forward that staff has recommended is re-engaging with stakeholders in the area, such as the property owners, developers, and other representatives. This would be achieved by distributing and updating the draft plan for them to review through in-person and online outreach for final community input. Furthermore, re-engaging with the project Steering Committee member for the final draft to bring forward a final adoption draft for Planning and Economic Development (PED), Planning and Zoning, and Council consideration. Once the plan is approved and adopted, implementation will begin.

- CM Lawson remarked that this has been discussed for seven years and asked what the engagement timeline is and if there is a specific number of engagements that will be done. D. Kryzanowski replied that it is planned for the fall. He added he is going to the community and scheduling stakeholder meetings so that a final adoption draft can be brought forward in the winter.
- CM Zvonek asked who is on the Steering Committee. D. Kryzanowski stated that the developers of Park Side, Bill Parkhill developer of the Metro Center site, Washington Prime the Town Center, and property owners of

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City Play Shopping Center have all been involved. He also added that the city staff, Planning and Zoning Commission, representatives CM Gardner and former CM Berzins, Regional Transportation District (RTD), VisitAurora, Arapahoe County, and neighborhood organization representatives are involved as well.

- CM Zvonek then asked if the recommendations would go to those representatives and then come back to the PED Committee. D. Kryzanowski remarked they would.
- CM Jurinsky asked if the mall parking spaces will be available for the destinations. D. Kryzanowski answered that there is interest in development applications and redeveloping the parking lots into different developments. He added that parking spaces are expected. However, the mall and new developments need to provide appropriate parking. He also mentioned that there are current regulations around how much surface and how much garage parking is permitted in the area. There are recommendations in the plan as to how much should be provided. CM Jurinsky urged how important a large parking lot is and thanked the PED for the presentation.
- CM Lawson expressed her concern about a traffic study being involved, whether the crossing will be safe and if individuals can move in and around the area. D. Kryzanowski answered that what the city would like to do is consider if there are improvements to the streets and crossings to ensure movement between the four sectors is convenient and safe. He also mentioned that the city has processes for reviewing traffic for new development.
- Steve Sundberg asked if there has been talk about the construction or visualization of a multipurpose arena for events, concerts, or high school graduations that could be held in Aurora. D. Kryzanowski remarked that there are opportunities to add a multipurpose arena. He also said that there is a process underway to look citywide for an event or performing arts center. He also mentioned that the City Center would be a prime location for it. S. Sundberg expressed his concern that it would take a large amount of land space.

Outcome:

The committee unanimously approved this item.

Follow-up Action:

None required.

4. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

4. a. Aurora Economic Development Council

- Yuri Gorlov

NO REPORT

4.b. Havana Business Improvement District

- Chance Horiuchi:

NO REPORT

4.c. Aurora Chamber of Commerce

- Kevin Hougen:

NO REPORT

4.d. Planning Commission

- Melvin Bush

NO REPORT

4.e. Oil and Gas Committee

- Brad Pierce:

NO REPORT

4.f. Business Advisory Board

- Garrett Walls

NO REPORT

4.g. Retail

- Bob Oliva

NO REPORT

4.h. Small Business

- Elena Vasquez

NO REPORT

4.i. Visit Aurora

- Bruce Dalton

NO REPORT

5. CONFIRM NEXT MEETING DATE

Scheduled for October 12, 2022, at 8:30 AM MT.

6. ADJOURNMENT

APPROVED: _____
Danielle Jurinsky, Committee Chair



CITY OF AURORA

Council Agenda Commentary

Item Title: Small Business Program/Event Update – Small Business Development Center (SBDC)
Item Initiator: : Andrea Amonick, Development Services/AURA Manager, Planning and Development Services Department
Staff Source/Legal Source: Marcia McGilley, Executive Director, Aurora-South Metro Small Business Development Center (SBDC)
Outside Speaker: N/A
Council Goal: 2012: 5.4--Improve the health of the city's small business community

COUNCIL MEETING DATES:

Study Session: N/A

Regular Meeting: N/A

ITEM DETAILS:

- Agenda long title
- Waiver of reconsideration requested, and if so, why
- Sponsor name
- Staff source name and title / Legal source name and title
- Outside speaker name and organization
- Estimated Presentation/discussion time

Title: Small Business Program/Event Update – Small Business Development Center (SBDC)

Staff Source: Marcia McGilley, Executive Director Aurora-South Metro Small Business Development Center (SBDC)

Estimated Presentation / Presentation 20 min / Discussion: 15 min

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Approve Item and Move Forward to Study Session | <input type="checkbox"/> Approve Item as proposed at Study Session |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Approve Item and Move Forward to Regular Meeting | <input type="checkbox"/> Approve Item as proposed at Regular Meeting |
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Reason for waiver is described in the Item Details field. | |

PREVIOUS ACTIONS OR REVIEWS:

Policy Committee Name: Planning & Economic Development

Policy Committee Date: 1/12/2022

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

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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 September 2014, the South Metro Denver Small Business Development Center (SBDC) moved to the City of Aurora, and Aurora became the Host for the rebranded Aurora–South Metro SBDC during 2015. As the host organization, the full time Executive Director moved to the City.

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

The Aurora–South Metro SBDC helps existing and new businesses grow and prosper by offering free and confidential business consulting, free/low-cost workshops and events, and business referrals. The Aurora-South Metro SBDC Center covers Aurora as well as Arapahoe, Douglas and South Adams county. In 2020-2021, the Aurora-South Metro SBDC served over 5,400 citizens with one-on-one consulting and workshops, presented 220 workshops and referred over 5,000 calls to the needed small business resources.

Funding comes from several grants (SBA, CARES Act and ARPA (separate from City funding), Economic Development Commission, Connect2DOT, Childcare, State of Colorado - Leading Edge), City of Aurora, municipalities, and public/private partnerships.

1. **Milestones:** The Aurora-South Metro SBDC achieved the following **milestones** from 1/1/2022 – 9/30/2022:
 - A. Created **economic impact** to the local community (**City of Aurora**) - Jobs Created: 173, Jobs Retained: 225, Capital Formation: \$6.6M; Increased Sales Increase: \$10.5M; Contracts/Amount: \$1.6M.
 - B. Provided Exceptional **Customer Service** (CORE4 Value): Client Satisfaction rating of 97.5% for consulting and 96% for workshop instruction (out of 100%).

2. New Programs and Events – Discussion

Business Boost program:

- Collaboration with Community College of Aurora and Arapahoe/Douglas Works! (workforce center) and SBDC
- Target Audience: Immigrants, refugees and other underserved communities
- 8-modules in English and Spanish (English curriculum/training by CCA, Spanish curriculum/training by SBDC)
- Skills based modules for topics requested by citizens/clients
- Business Boost module titles: • **Establishing a Professional Virtual Presence** • **Digital Business Fundamentals** • **Online Hiring Tools** • **Cyber Security Fundamentals** • **Excel Basics** • **Credit, Budgeting & Financial Documents** • **Your Cell Phone is a Business Tool** • **QuickBooks Fundamentals**
- Launched test sessions virtually week of June 13 2022
- Feedback and changes to curriculum
- Recordings in 4Q2022 for on-demand/virtual access

15th Annual Veterans Small Business Conference – statewide event held in Aurora

- Purpose: This event provides veteran small business owners, and their spouses, access to the tools, resources and people to make their businesses thrive.
- Aurora is home to 23,589 veterans, a larger population than the Metro Area (9.7% of the population)
- Aurora-South Metro SBDC host for event in collaboration with the Aurora Chamber of Commerce
- City of Aurora/AURA – Premier Sponsor (for the next 2 years)
- 2022 – virtual conference today – October 12, 2022, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
- 2022 - Free to attendees and exhibitors
- Link will be forwarded to PED after the event for viewing
- 2023 – in-person conference at the Aurora Hyatt – Sept 18, 2023, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
- 2023 – Fee for attendees and exhibitors – TBD

QUESTIONS FOR COUNCIL

N/A

LEGAL COMMENTS

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

PUBLIC FINANCIAL IMPACT

YES NO

If yes, explain: N/A

PRIVATE FISCAL IMPACT

Not Applicable Significant Nominal

If Significant or Nominal, explain:

Capital Formation: \$6.6M; Increased Sales Increase: \$10.5M; Contracts/Amount: \$1.6M

General Business

3.a Small Business Annual Update – Small Business Development Center (SBDC)

Summary of Issue and Discussion:

Marcia McGilley, Executive Director Aurora-South Metro Small Business Development Center (SBDC)

- The Aurora–South Metro SBDC helps existing and new businesses grow and prosper by offering free and confidential business consulting, free/low-cost workshops and events, and business referrals. The Aurora-South Metro SBDC Center covers Aurora as well as Arapahoe, Douglas and South Adams and Jefferson counties. In 2020-2021, the Aurora-South Metro SBDC served over 5,400 citizens with one-on-one consulting and workshops, presented 220

workshops and referred over 5,000 calls to the needed small business resources. Funding comes from several grants (SBA, CARES Act (separate from City funding), Minority Business Office, Connect2DOT, Childcare, Leading Edge), City of Aurora, municipalities, and public/private partnerships. We anticipate some ARPA funding from outside sources (in addition to any City ARPA funding) in 2022. The Aurora-South Metro SBDC achieved the following milestones from 1/1/2020 – 12/31/2021:

1. Created **economic impact** to the local community (**City of Aurora**) - Jobs Created: 173, FINAL

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- CM Lawson asked if Marcia could return and provide more detailed information on the types of businesses interested in opening in Aurora? She also asked if it would be possible to include a webinar session for youth entrepreneurship? And whether there is an innovative space in Aurora that would offer a co-op for potential entrepreneurs? Marcia responded that she would be happy to return to discuss these questions.
- CM Zvonek asked what metric is used to determine jobs retained? Marcia responded that they ask their clients for their baseline number of employees, then the following year, they ask if they still have those employees, or did you have any changes? Once a year, they receive the reports from the clients who choose to report. Some clients choose not to provide a report. With the PPP Program grant or loan, the client reports an actual number. CM Zvonek asked if that is from her pool of partners, where they start, and where they end? Marcia responded yes, and they do a survey twice a year. They can only report retention and creation once a year. CM Zvonek asked for help pushing out the recently created security grants. Marcia responded that anything from the city is immediately pushed out to their client base and partner organizations.
- CM Zvonek added that the Red Tape Reduction Committee has a kick-off meeting scheduled next week on the 20th. They ask for feedback from businesses or anyone involved with rules, regulations, fees. They will have hearings in the subsequent months.
- CM Jurinsky asked what total budget is needed? Marcia responded the budget is over a million but changes yearly depending on funding. Funds come from SBA at \$155,000, The City of Aurora at \$450-\$500,000, CARES and ARPA, and other grants and funds Marcia raises. CM Jurinsky asked how they could collaborate to help expand the county funding? Marcia responded that she focused on the City of Aurora today, and they have not received money from Arapahoe County in the last seven or eight years. With the new Arapahoe Grant Program, they are getting funding from Arapahoe and Douglas County this year to pay consultants for work in their respective areas. If anyone talks to legislators in those areas, the SBDC welcomes funding.
- CM Jurinsky asked about the supply chain issues help they are offering? Marcia responded they are asking their clients what they need, what substitutions are available, talking with the Manufacturer's Edge organization for other sources of the supply. Anyone is welcome to become a client. CM Jurinsky mentioned that she is looking for chicken wings.

Jobs Retained: 225, Capital Formation: \$6.6M; Increased Sales Increase: \$10.5M; Contracts/Amount: \$1.6M.

2. Provided Exceptional **Customer Service** (CORE4 Value): Client Satisfaction rating of 97.5% for consulting and 96% for workshop instruction (out of 100%).

3. **Pandemic and Recovery Trends and SBDC Response Strategy** - Discussion

4. **Additional Funding:** In 2020-2021, the SBDC brought in much needed additional funding to meet the needs of the local business community, \$627,760 total. Over and above the \$155,000 annual grant from the Small Business Administration, we brought in \$627,760 from the following sources: \$17,500 from the State of Colorado/Leading Edge grant; \$254,000 in supplemental funding from the CARES Act; \$10,000 from the Office of Minority Business, \$40,260 from the Colorado Department of Transportation; \$58,500 from the Office of Early Childcare; \$32,500 from the Economic Development Council (for 4Q21); and \$60,000 from OEDIT for Employee Ownership/Minority Businesses. We anticipate additional funding from ARPA and the Economic Development Council in 2022.

5. **Key strategic partnerships:** Chambers of Commerce, Aurora and Arapahoe Libraries, Arapahoe/Douglas Works! Workforce Center, PTAC, City of Aurora Retail Specialist, Community College of Aurora, Pickens Technical College, Office of International Immigrant Affairs, NAACP, and others.

Small Business(SBDC) Program/Event Update: PED Meeting 10/12/22

Presented by Marcia McGilley



Agenda

1. Services and Sponsors

2. Economic Impact: YTD 2022 (Jan – Sept)

3. Two New Programs:

- Business Boost program
- 15th Annual Veterans Small Business Conference

SBDC Services



- **One-on-One Business Consulting**
(Free and confidential; By appointment only)
- **Business Educational Webinars & Events**
- **Business Resource Referrals**

All services offered in English and Spanish

Jan – Sept 2022 City of Aurora: Citizen Economic Impact



- **Jobs Created: 36**
- **Jobs Retained: 25**
- **Capital Formation: \$2.3M**
- **Increased Sales: \$4.7M**
- **Contracts/Amount: \$3.4M**

Business Boost Purpose

The disruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic has been particularly challenging for small and micro-businesses. Many have expressed interest in learning about digital business tools and processes to increase operational efficiencies.

This program is designed to enhance the operations and scalability of small/micro-businesses to thrive in a digital world.

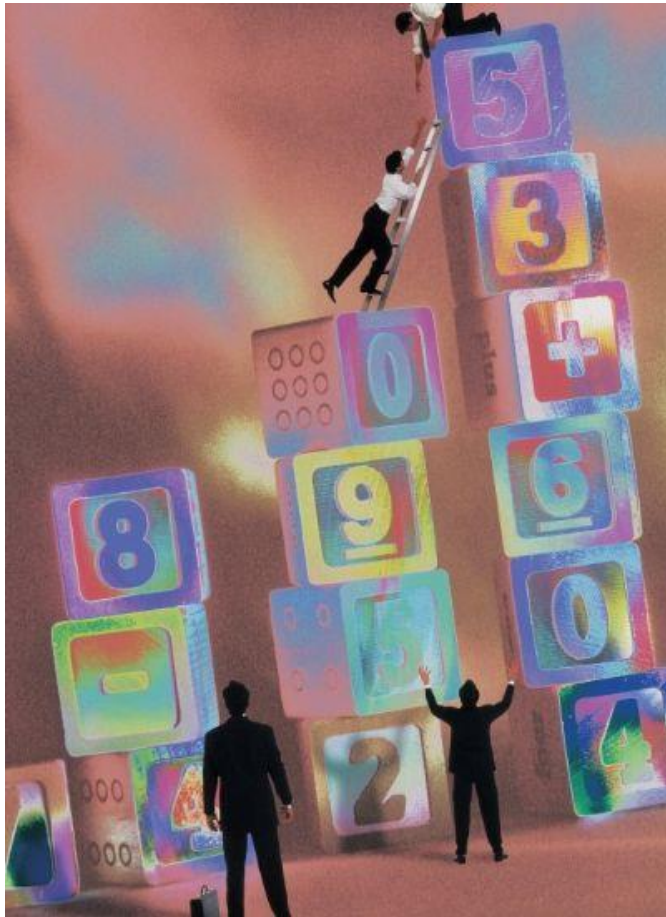
Program Partnerships

- **Community College of Aurora**
 - Professors developed English curriculum
- **Arapahoe/Douglas Works!**
 - Registration, marketing and hosting of live and on-demand session
- **Aurora-South Metro SBDC**
 - Consultants developed Spanish curriculum

Sponsor Partnerships

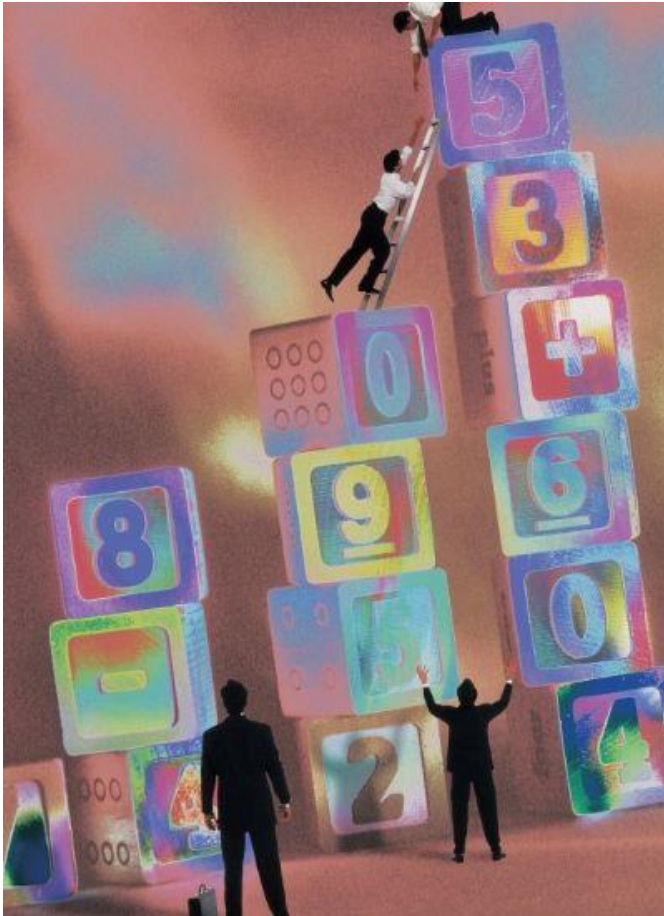


8 Business Boost Modules: English and Spanish



- Establishing a Professional Virtual Presence
- Digital Business Fundamentals
- Online Hiring Tools
- Cyber Security Fundamentals
- Excel Basics
- Credit, Budgeting & Financial Documents
- Your Cell Phone is a Business Tool
- QuickBooks Fundamentals

Business Boost Program



- Curriculum Developed
- Modules presented virtually (June-July-Aug)
- Gather feedback
- Adjusted curriculum per feedback
- Record modules (Sept-Oct)
- Offer on-demand modules (Dec)
- No cost to take the Business Boost Modules

- Program referrals to small business resources:
 - CCA – further education
 - A/D/Works! – hiring, retention & apprenticeship
 - SBDC – workshops and one-on-one consulting

15th Annual Veterans Small Business Conference



The screenshot shows the Colorado SBDC website with a dark blue background and a collage of business-related images. The Colorado SBDC logo is in the top left. The navigation menu includes: WHO WE ARE, WHAT WE DO, SMALL BUSINESS RESOURCES, CLASES E INFORMACIÓN EN ESPAÑOL, and BLOG. A search icon is in the top right. The main heading reads: Veterans Small Business Conference.

Aurora-SouthMetroSBDC.com/Veterans

Purpose

This event provides veteran small business owners, and their spouses, access to the tools, resources and people to make their businesses thrive.

Aurora is home to 23,589 veterans

2022 Event

- Wednesday, October 12, 2022
- 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
- Virtual Conference
- Registration opened Aug 15th
- Free to attendees and exhibitors
- Website: Aurora-SouthMetroSBDC.com/veterans

Event Partnerships

- Presenting Sponsors:



- Premiere Sponsor:



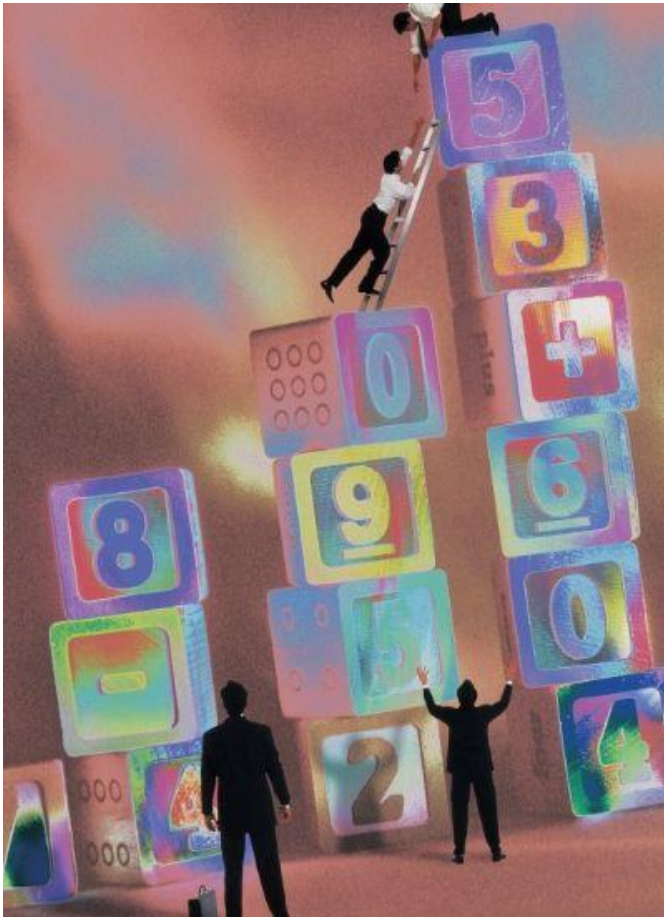
- Collaborating Sponsor:



Event Agenda

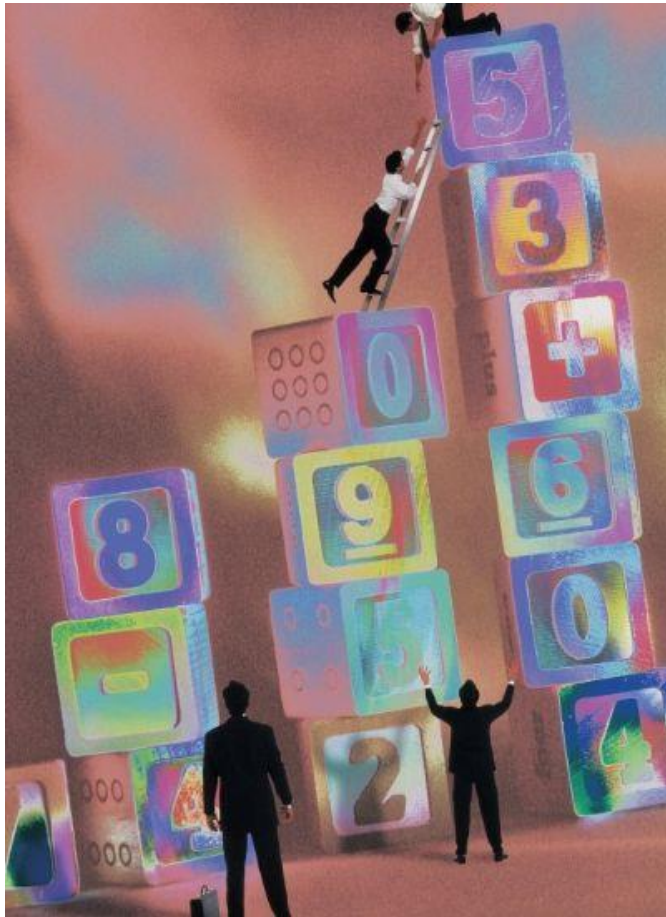
- Pre-recorded Welcome and Sessions
- 6 – Break-out Sessions
- Live Roundtables via Zoom
- Closing Remarks

Sessions/English and Spanish



- **Where is Everyone?** Hiring and Retaining Employees in a Challenging Economy
- **Maximizing Social Media** with Limited Time
- Capitalizing on a **Veteran-Owned Business Certification**
- So You Want to **Start a Business**

Sessions/English only



- **Wisdom from the Best:** What Successful Veteran Small Business Owners Wish They Had Known When Starting Out
- **On the Move:** Managing a Mobile Business from Anywhere in the World
- **Where is Everyone?** Hiring and Retaining Employees in a Challenging Economy

Sample Virtual Expo Floor

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Alliance Business Assistance Center ...	64
Alpine Bank	46
American GPR and Coring	21
Apple Spice Corporate Catering	8
Artisan You	16
Best Mobile Auto and Diesel	32
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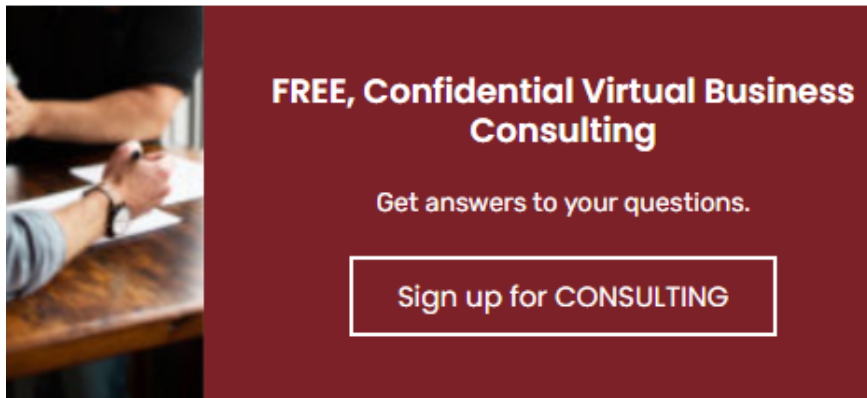
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2023 Event

- Monday, September 18, 2023
- 8:00 am to 8:00 pm
- In-Person Conference
- Hyatt Regency Aurora
- Premier Sponsor: City of Aurora/AURA
- Fees for attendees/exhibitors - TBD

Thank You!

Please send citizens to register for consulting and training: Aurora-SouthMetroSBDC.com



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CITY OF AURORA

Council Agenda Commentary

Item Title: ARPA Small Business Grant Update
Item Initiator: Elena Vasconez, Small Business and Economic Development Supervisor
Staff Source/Legal Source: Elena Vasconez, Small Business and Economic Development Supervisor/Rachel Allen, Client Group Manager
Outside Speaker: NA
Council Goal: 2012: 5.4--Improve the health of the city's small business community

COUNCIL MEETING DATES:

Study Session: NA

Regular Meeting: NA

ITEM DETAILS:

ARPA Small Business Update

Staff Source/Legal Source: Elena Vasconez, Small Business and Economic Development Supervisor/Rachel Allen, Client Group Manager

Estimated Presentation/discussion time: 10 min /5 min

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

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Reason for waiver is described in the Item Details field. | |

PREVIOUS ACTIONS OR REVIEWS:

Policy Committee Name: Planning & Economic Development

Policy Committee Date: 10/12/2022

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.)*

On January 31, 2021, City Council passed a resolution creating the Small Business Grant program with \$ 2.5 million of ARPA funds. The program launched on June 27 and closed on July 15. It was expected that the funding would support approximately 225 exiting businesses (pre-2020) and 50 post-pandemic startups.

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

Three hundred twenty (320) applications have been completed and screened. The staff is currently reviewing all completed applications and verifying eligibility for grant funding. Of the 320 applications, approximately 77 applications have been reviewed for payment. Of the reviewed applications 39% were female-owned businesses and 62% were minority-owned. The applications are from small businesses across the city. To date, \$ 520,000 has been disbursed thus far. Staff anticipates that all funding will be approved by the end of 2022 however given the number of grants we have received we expect to run short of funding. Staff is requesting additional funding from the ARPA program in the amount of up to \$700,000 to fund all the eligible approved applications.

QUESTIONS FOR COUNCIL

Information only

LEGAL COMMENTS

Pub. Law 117-2, Subtitle M, Sec. 9901 (The American Rescue Plan Act or "ARPA") allocated money to local governments for various purposes. The Aurora City Council has discretion to utilize this funding for the purpose described in this request. (Money)

PUBLIC FINANCIAL IMPACT

YES NO

If yes, explain: An additional \$ 700,000 of ARPA funds is being sought to complete the program.

PRIVATE FISCAL IMPACT

Not Applicable Significant Nominal

If Significant or Nominal, explain: Small businesses receive either \$ 5,000 or \$ 10,000 to help their business recover from continued impacts of the pandemic.



CITY OF AURORA

Council Agenda Commentary

Item Title: Development Review Quarterly Update
Item Initiator: Jason Batchelor, Deputy City Manager; Laura Perry, Deputy City Manager
Staff Source/Legal Source: Jason Batchelor, Deputy City Manager; Laura Perry, Deputy City Manager
Outside Speaker: N/A
Council Goal: 2012: 5.0--Be a great place to locate, expand and operate a business and provide for well-planned growth and development

COUNCIL MEETING DATES:

Study Session: N/A

Regular Meeting: N/A

ITEM DETAILS:

- Agenda long title
- Waiver of reconsideration requested, and if so, why
- Sponsor name
- Staff source name and title / Legal source name and title
- Outside speaker name and organization
- Estimated Presentation/discussion time

Quarterly Development Review update, for information only

Staff: DCM Jason Batchelor, DCM Laura Perry

Estimated presentation time: 15 minutes

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

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Reason for waiver is described in the Item Details field. | |

PREVIOUS ACTIONS OR REVIEWS:

Policy Committee Name: N/A

Policy Committee Date: N/A

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

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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.)

The development process includes cross-departmental collaboration between the Office of Development Assistance (ODA), Planning, Public Works, PROS, and Aurora Water.

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

This quarterly update presentation includes Development Review Fund projections, workload and performance by department and division, Process Improvement initiatives, and other updates for development review related business.

QUESTIONS FOR COUNCIL

For information only

LEGAL COMMENTS

N/A

PUBLIC FINANCIAL IMPACT

YES NO

If yes, explain: N/A

PRIVATE FISCAL IMPACT

Not Applicable Significant Nominal

If Significant or Nominal, explain: N/A



Development Review Update

Focus of Performance

Q3 2022 10.12.2022

Planning and Economic Development Council Committee October 12, 2022

Agenda

- Development Review Fund Proforma January – August 2022
- Development Workload and Performance
- Focus of Performance
 - Process Improvement Road Map Project Plan Status Update
 - Resource Request & Staffing



Development Review Fund

The development process includes cross-departmental collaboration between the Office of Development Assistance (ODA), Planning, Public Works, PROS, and Aurora Water.

The **Development Review Fund (DRF)** was created in 2002 to address developer demand for a consistent and predictable approval process for development, land planning, engineering, and building permits.

Revenues

- Originate from development-related fees for various plan reviews, permits, and inspections.
- Revenues that exceed planned expenditures remain in the DRF creating a contingency reserve.
- The reserve stabilizes the Development Review program in case revenues decline, or unexpected program needs arise.
- Revenues and expenditures will fluctuate over time, depending on the level of new development and construction activity within the city and the resulting changes in plan review and inspection activity.

Development Review Fund Summary

	2020 Actuals	2021 Actuals	2022 Budget	2022 Projected
SOURCES OF FUNDS				
Revenues				
Licenses and Permits (Building)	\$ 13,970,758	\$ 17,104,942	\$ 16,237,075	\$ 15,294,117
Public Works Engineering	\$ 2,411,768	\$ 4,839,311	\$ 2,800,000	\$ 5,017,000
Planning	\$ 2,269,294	\$ 4,267,673	\$ 2,217,000	\$ 4,452,540
Charges for Services Total	4,681,062	9,106,984	5,017,000	9,469,540
Investment Income	271,434	185,871	189,766	189,766
Other Revenues	-	48,841	25,000	40,604
Proceeds from sale of assets	-	-	-	-
Subtotal Revs Before Transfers In	\$ 18,923,254	\$ 26,446,638	\$ 21,468,841	\$ 24,994,027
Transfers In (from other funds)	-	-	-	-
Total Sources Before Decrease in FA	\$ 18,923,254	\$ 26,446,638	\$ 21,468,841	\$ 24,994,027
USES OF FUNDS				
Expenditures				
Personal Services	\$ 13,116,899	\$ 13,878,938	\$ 15,740,791	\$ 16,449,915
Allocated expenses	254,580	342,720	3,597,203	3,597,203
Supplies & Services	3,201,792	4,982,396	3,206,371	8,317,579
Interfund Charges	243,963	262,569	301,645	307,542
Capital Related	-	53,989	125,000	168,530
Subtotal Exps Before Transfers Out	\$ 16,817,234	\$ 19,520,612	\$ 22,971,010	\$ 28,840,769
Transfers Out (to other funds)	2,230,337	2,274,944	-	-
Total Uses Before Increase in FA	\$ 19,047,571	\$ 21,795,556	\$ 22,971,010	\$ 28,840,769
To Increase Funds Available	-	4,651,082	-	-
Total Uses	\$ 19,047,571	\$ 26,446,638	\$ 22,971,010	\$ 28,840,769
FUNDS AVAILABLE				
Beginning Funds Available	\$ 11,508,987	\$ 11,384,670	\$ 16,035,752	\$ 16,035,752
Net Changes in Funds Available	(124,317)	4,651,082	(1,502,169)	(3,846,742)
Total Ending Funds (Cash Basis)	\$ 11,384,670	\$ 16,035,752	\$ 14,533,583	\$ 12,189,010

Year to date Jan – Aug 2022 Revenue Projection is trending over 2022 Budget

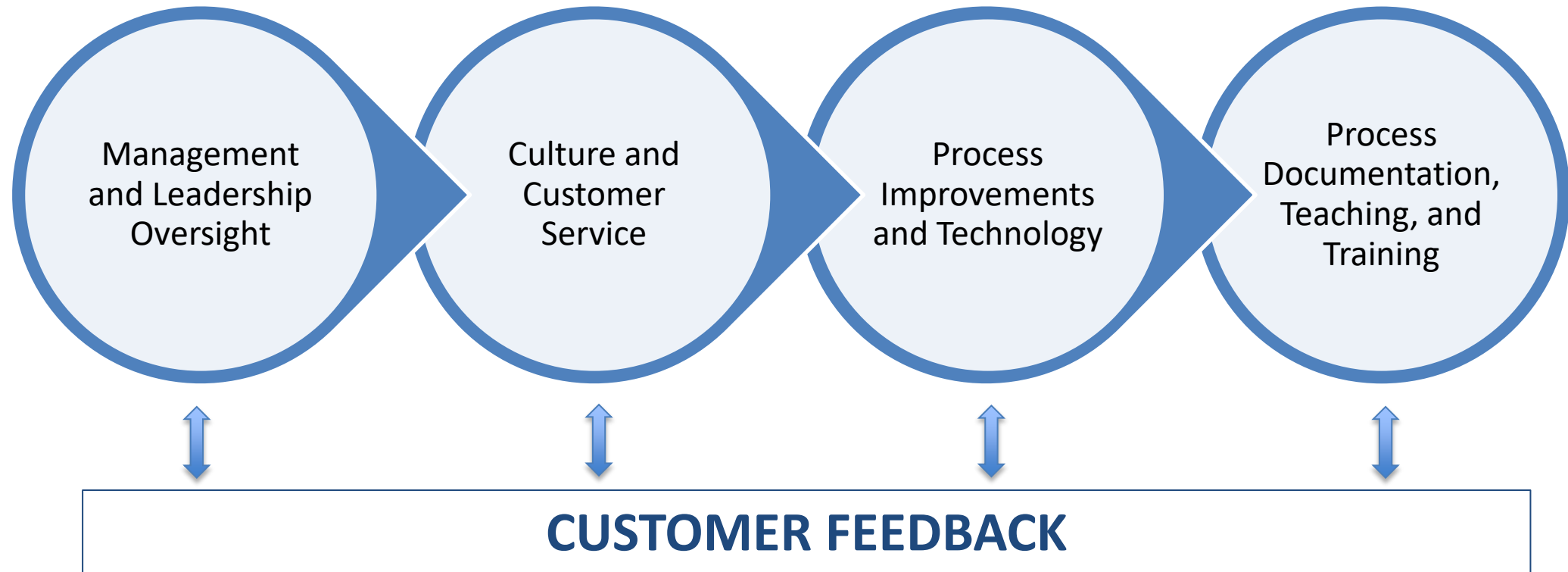
Expenditures are trending over 2022 Budget due to staffing costs for additional FTEs and Contracted Services for external plan review

Development Review Fund Workload

	January 2022	February 2022	March 2022	April 2022	May 2022	June 2022	July 2022	August 2022	YTD 2022	YTD 2021	2022 / 2021
Office of Development Assistance											
Pre-Application Meetings	20	20	24	19	18	21	16	13	151	161	-6%
Pre-app meeting notes completed within established timeframes Goal: 100%	100%	100%	92%	100%	89%	95%	81%	92%	94%	100%	
Planning											
Development Applications	7	23	17	16	25	16	19	26	149	142	5%
Plans reviewed within established timeframes. Goal: 95%	70%	77%	74%	56%	71%	61%	66%	86%	70%	72%	
Public Works											
Public Works Engineering											
Total Civil Plan Sets Approved	9	11	22	44	37	31	37	57	248	272	-9%
Civil plans reviewed within established timeframes. Goal: 95%	73%	74%	68%	80%	75%	77%	59%	66%	71%	72%	
Total Drainage Plan Sets Approved	10	8	20	6	12	12	14	17	99	93	6%
Drainage plans reviewed within established timeframes. Goal: 95%	71%	81%	75%	63%	72%	59%	60%	42%	65%	60%	
Real Property Easement (RD) Approved	3	3	1	10	16	18	26	17	94	103	-9%
Complete 80% of on-site easement releases & off-site easement dedications within deadline.	54%	63%	36%	65%	60%	65%	87%	59%	61%	84%	
Real Property License (RL) Approved	12	10	11	18	22	20	8	8	109	116	-6%
Complete 80% of development related licenses within the assigned deadline	73%	71%	73%	89%	77%	83%	79%	71%	77%	61%	
Public Works Building											
Total Building Permits Issued	1,109	1,164	1,403	1,455	1,480	1,670	1,291	1,702	11,274	12,229	-8%
Building Plan Set Reviews	1,397	1,293	1,855	1,812	2,192	1,949	1,746	1,871	14,115	12,353	14%
Plans reviewed within established timeframes. Goal: 90%	99%	100%	98%	99%	98%	99%	99%	99%	99%	100%	
Inspections Completed	9,250	9,406	11,270	11,072	11,260	12,585	11,066	12,571	88,480	91,652	-3%
Building inspections on the day requested. Goal: 90%	99%	99%	98%	99%	93%	95%	97%	96%	97%	96%	

Focus of Performance

Development Review – Challenges and Planned Solutions



“Our goal is to get projects to approval while meeting City codes and regulations.”

RoadMap Description

Initiative	Description	Status
Development Review Governance Committee	Provides leadership and governance to effectively and efficiently implement citywide process improvements that improve the effectiveness of our services for the Development Staff and Customers.	Complete Q4 2021
Expedited review process (ASAP)	Pad site ready developments (infrastructure in place, approved plans and density/land use not changing).	Complete Q2 2022
In-Person Meetings	In-person, hybrid, or 100% virtual meetings are available to meet all customers needs and preferences.	Complete Q2 2022
ODA Pre-Application Meetings	ODA meetings are optional but highly encouraged, current lead time is approximately three weeks (June 2022).	Complete Q2 2022
Inspections	<p>Q3 2022; Public Works contracted with a 3rd-party for Public Improvement paving inspections and will continue to augment staff inspectors with 3rd party support</p> <p>Building Division utilizes 3rd-party inspections for roofing as needed based on workload.</p>	Complete Q3 2022

Roadmap Description (Continued)

Initiative	Description	Status
TCO Extension Fee	Beginning June 1, 2022, the TCO extension fee will no longer be administered for Single Family Permits. The TCO extension fee will also no longer be charged for Commercial and Multi-Family permits. Due to code requirements specified in the IRC (R110.4) and IBC (111.3) require an expiration date be recorded when a TCO is granted.	Complete Q2 2022
Public Works Reorganization	Realign Development Review staff into a consolidated Public Works Division to include Engineering, Traffic, Real Property, Public Improvements, Building.	In Process; phased implementation Q2 through Q4 2022
	Transferred Drainage to Aurora Water	Complete Q2 2022
	Permit Center Cross Training with Real Property for Consolidated In-Take and Approvals	Complete Q3 2022
	Permit Center Cross Training with Civil Engineering for Consolidated In-Take and Approvals	In Process; Complete Q4 2022
	Public Improvement Inspection Operations transferred to Building Inspection Operations	Complete Q3 2022
Digital Mylars	Digital mylars process coordination with Adams, Arapahoe, and Douglas County.	Complete Q3 2022

Roadmap Description (Continued)

Initiative	Description	Status
Checklist Updated	Aurora Water: Master Drainage Plan (MDP) and Preliminary Drainage Report (PDR) checklists updated	Complete Q3 2022
Large Project Development Review	Enhanced development review process oversight & management for large scale projects.	Complete Q3 2022
Guidance & Reference Manuals Updates	Update all Development related Manuals & Guidance documents; Drainage, Roadway Specs, Real Property, Traffic, and Zoning (UDO).	In Process; Consultant retained. Kick-off mid-October. Phased implementation; on-going
	Roadway Design & Construction Specifications Manual Update PHASE I	In Process; Public outreach begins July 2022 Complete Fall 2022
	Unified Development Ordinance (UDO)	In Process; Consultant retained. Phased Implementation
	Drainage Manual	In Process; Complete Q2 2023
Staffing for plan review	Public Works, Planning, and Aurora Water are augmenting workload through contract services from outside review firms for Engineering, Drainage, Real Property, Landscaping, and Traffic.	On going; in service

Roadmap Description (Continued)

Initiative	Description	Status
License Agreements	Cross-departmental review of License agreement requirements. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No longer require easements for private stormwater pipes/lines. • No longer require license agreements for any improvements within private water quality/detention ponds. • Subdivision Plat dedication language will be amended and combined with easement statements. Dedication language will replace master license agreements and revocable license agreements for majority of private infrastructure constructed within easements or rights-of-way dedicated to the City by new subdivision plats. 	Complete Q4 2022 – subdivision plat dedication language/process being finalized
Plan Review Comments Tracking and Scorecard	Implement a more streamlined approach for documenting, managing, and sharing comments amongst all divisions/departments.	Developing project requirements, TBD
Evaluate Timelines and Clocks	Evaluate timelines based on scope and complexity of projects. Reevaluate review timelines for all development teams. Establish review timelines for Drainage.	Developing project requirements; TBD
A Culture of Performance	Cross-departmental training and knowledge sharing workshops; weekly consistency division meetings; process and compliance consistency, on-time project tracking, and customer service standards	On-going; Public Works initial engagement complete Q4 2022
Fee Payment Timing	Review and adjust timing of fee payment to avoid possibility of plans being held for review due to payment.	Developing project requirements; TBD

Public Works Reorganization

Long-Term Goal: Creation of a culture of performance with customer service at its core.

- Over the next 12 weeks, we will be implementing a change initiative to complete the reorganization of the department to support development review and establish a framework for Public Works (PW) organizational performance and customer service.
- The immediate goals of this initiative are:
 - **Provide employee tools, training, and mentoring** to be successful in their job and in serving our customers
 - **Improve predictability and consistency** for reviews and approvals by increasing the number of on-time reviews (80%+ on-time reviews)
 - **Simplify the development review processes** by updating checklists to clarify requirements
 - **Enhance the customer experience** through improved communication and solutions-oriented collaboration with customers

Each PW development review workgroup (Real Property, Traffic, Civil Plans, Site Plans) will work to meet the immediate goals of improved review times and predictability for staff and customers by:

- Transitioning and resetting staff roles and responsibilities in new PW Development Review Division
- Identifying and implementing additional solutions to streamline and standardize plan review processes



Questions?





CITY OF AURORA

Council Agenda Commentary

Item Title: UDO Text Amendments including allowing Data Centers in the APZ zone district and a Rezone from Mixed Use Corridor (MU-C) to Business/Tech (I-1) at the Northeast corner of 6th Avenue and Airport Blvd. and to other minor UDO amendments

Item Initiator: Brandon Cammarata, Planning Manager

Staff Source/Legal Source: Brandon Cammarata, Planning Manager/ Daniel L. Money, Senior Assistant City Attorney

Outside Speaker: N/A

Council Goal: 2012: 5.0--Be a great place to locate, expand and operate a business and provide for well-planned growth and development

COUNCIL MEETING DATES:

Study Session: TBD

Regular Meeting: TBD

ITEM DETAILS:

- Agenda long title
- Waiver of reconsideration requested, and if so, why
- Sponsor name
- Staff source name and title / Legal source name and title
- Outside speaker name and organization
- Estimated Presentation/discussion time

UDO Amendment relating to data centers and adding data centers as a permitted use in the APZ zone district and other minor UDO amendments. Also, a city initiated rezone from MU-C to I-1 at the northeast corner of 6th Avenue and Airport Blvd.

Staff Source name and Title: Brandon Cammarata, Planning Manager

Estimated Presentation / Discussion Time: 10 minutes / 10 minutes

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Approve Item with Waiver of Reconsideration
Reason for waiver is described in the Item Details field. | |

PREVIOUS ACTIONS OR REVIEWS:

Policy Committee Name: N/A

Policy Committee Date: N/A

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

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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.)

The property located at the northeast corner of 6th Avenue/Highway 30 and Airport Boulevard was encumbered with a restrictive deed in 1965 when Buckley (then) National Guard Base exceded the property and sold it to a private owner. The deed generally restricts residential, commercial and industrial land uses rendering the property nearly undevelopable. City staff has worked with the property owner, Base staff and the General Services Administration to reduce the restrictions on the property to "compatible" commercial and industrial land uses. The Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) also imposes additional restrictions on permitted land uses that are required for compatibility with Buckley operations and missions. Additionally, planning staff has made note of several text amendments needed to clean up definitions, permitted land use and development standards pertaining to the APZ, Office Flex and data centers.

Changes to the UDO require a public hearing and recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission and adoption by the City Council at a public hearing ([UDO Section 146-5.4.1.C](#)).

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

The property owner is working with the Aurora Economic Development Council (AEDC) to develop the property with a data center. Currently, data centers are not permitted in the MU-C Zone District. A review of the city's comprehensive plan, Aurora Places, resulted in a determination that the I-1 light industrial Zone District is more consistent with the Innovation District Placetype that supports the military base operations and missions. The I-1 Zone District is also consistent with the current and pending deed restrictions that were placed on the property. Buckley Garrison and Judge Advocate General staff has indicated via email that Buckley would support a rezone that would include data centers as permitted land uses as well as a UDO Amendment to allow data centers in the APZ zone district. A more formal process will be initiated to engage Buckley in a review of any development application. State law requires an additional process for Buckley to review any proposed rezonings within two miles of the Base.

As Office of Development Assistance and planning staff reviewed a number of projects, several text clean-up amendments were identified. These changes include revising the definition of Hazardous Materials, Office Flex and Bulk Storage. Standards for Office Flex and data centers, such as parking, are also included in the list of revisions, because some land uses within the broader category need more parking than others.

QUESTIONS FOR COUNCIL

Does the Planning and Economic Development Sub Committee recommend advancing an amendment to clarify allowances for data centers including allowing data centers in the APZ zone district and other minor amendments?

LEGAL COMMENTS

An application for an amendment to the text of this UDO or a legislative rezoning of a large area shall only be recommended if the Planning Director and the Planning and Zoning Commission find that the following criteria have been met, and shall only be approved if City Council finds that the following criteria have been met. i. The applicant has demonstrated that the proposed Ordinance amendment is consistent with the spirit and intent of the Comprehensive Plan and with other policies and plans adopted by the City Council; and a. The change to the Ordinance text is required because of changed conditions or circumstances in all or a portion of the city; or b. The change to the Ordinance text is required to address a new or unforeseen threat to the public health, safety, and welfare; or c. The change to the Ordinance text is required to promote economic growth and investment that will not create material risks to the public health, safety, and welfare. (Code § 146-5.4.1.C.3.B) (Money)

PUBLIC FINANCIAL IMPACT

YES NO

If yes, explain: N/A

PRIVATE FISCAL IMPACT

Not Applicable Significant Nominal

If Significant or Nominal, explain: N/A



CITY OF AURORA

Council Agenda Commentary

Item Title: FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 146 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, RELATING TO STANDARDS FOR OTHER TYPES OF SIGNS
Item Initiator: Dustin Zvonek, City Council Member
Staff Source/Legal Source: Brandon Cammarata, Planning Manager/ George Koumantakis, Manager of Client Services
Outside Speaker: N/A
Council Goal: 2012: 5.1--Support an environment conducive to business development and expansion

COUNCIL MEETING DATES:

Study Session: 11/7/2022

Regular Meeting: 11/14/2022

ITEM DETAILS:

FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 146 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, RELATING TO STANDARDS FOR OTHER TYPES OF SIGNS

Staff Source name and Title: Dustin Zvonek, City Council Member
Estimated Presentation / Discussion Time: 10 minutes / 10 minutes

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

- Approve Item and Move Forward to Study Session
- Approve Item as proposed at Study Session
- Approve Item and Move Forward to Regular Meeting
- Approve Item as proposed at Regular Meeting
- Information Only
- Approve Item with Waiver of Reconsideration
Reason for waiver is described in the Item Details field.

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

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.)*

N/A

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

This is a UDO text amendment relating to the sign type "Pennant and Streamer," as identified in UDO Section 146-4.10.6; Table 4.10-2. The change would remove the permit requirement and eliminate the time limitation for these types of signs.

QUESTIONS FOR COUNCIL

Does Council wish to approve this code amendment?

LEGAL COMMENTS

The council shall have all legislative powers of the city and all other powers of a home rule city not specifically limited by the Constitution of the State of Colorado and not specifically limited or conferred upon others by its Charter. It shall have the power to enact and provide for the enforcement of all ordinances necessary to protect life, health and property. City Charter §3-9. The City Council has the authority pursuant to its police power to regulate the use and occupancy of land and structures. City Charter §3-9. A home rule city's authority to adopt and implement zoning policies is governed and limited by its own charter and ordinances. City of Colorado Springs v. Securcare Self Storage, Inc. 10 P.3d 1244 (Colo. 2000).

The Planning and Zoning Commission shall exercise the functions and powers and perform the duties assigned to it by this Charter and the ordinances of the City. It shall hold hearings relative to zoning and changes in the zoning ordinance and shall make recommendations thereon to Council. (City Charter §9-5)

An application for an amendment to the text of this UDO or a legislative rezoning of a large area shall only be recommended if the Planning Director and the Planning and Zoning Commission find that the following criteria have been met, and shall only be approved if City Council finds that the following criteria have been met. i. The applicant has demonstrated that the proposed Ordinance amendment is consistent with the spirit and intent of the Comprehensive Plan and with other policies and plans adopted by the City Council; and a. The change to the Ordinance text is required because of changed conditions or circumstances in all or a portion of the city; or b. The change to the Ordinance text is required to address a new or unforeseen threat to the public health, safety, and welfare; or c. The change to the Ordinance text is required to promote economic growth and investment that will not create material risks to the public health, safety, and welfare. (UDO 146 § 5.4.1.C.3.B) (Money)

PUBLIC FINANCIAL IMPACT

YES NO

If yes, explain: Elimination of a permit and fee will have some impact.

PRIVATE FISCAL IMPACT

Not Applicable Significant Nominal

If Significant or Nominal, explain: N/A

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-____

A BILL

FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 146 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, RELATING TO STANDARDS FOR OTHER TYPES OF SIGNS

WHEREAS, the City of Aurora, Colorado (City), is a home rule municipality, organized and existing under and by Article XX, Section 6 of the Colorado Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the City Council (Council) has the power to make and publish from time to time ordinances as it shall deem necessary and proper to provide for the safety; preserve the health; promote the prosperity; and improve the morals, order, comfort and convenience of the city; and

WHEREAS, the City has received several requests to remove the requirements for pennants, streamers, or similar decorative device. However, currently there are limits on those types of signs in the City, and the Council no longer wishes to limit their use within the City; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds it necessary and proper to remove the requirement of a permit for pennants, streamers, or similar decorative device; and

WHEREAS, the Council believes it is necessary and proper to remove the 30-day limitation of consecutive days pennants, streamers, or similar decorative device may be hung in the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO:

Section 1. Section 146-4.6, Table 4.10-2, of the City Code of the City of Aurora, Colorado, is hereby amended by changing the Description and Standard(s) to remove the limit on the consecutive days per year for Other Types of Signs and to remove the permit requirement, which shall read as follows:

Table 4.10-2 Standards for Other Types of Signs				
Sign Type	Description and Standard(s)	Size and Quantity	Permit Required?	Zone Districts Permitted
Pennants, streamers, or similar decorative device	30 consecutive days per year Refer to Section 146-4.10.15	n/a	No Yes	All zone districts

Section 2. All orders, resolutions, or ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance or with any of the documents hereby approved, are hereby repealed only to the extent of such

conflict. This repealer shall not be construed as reviving any resolution, ordinance, or part thereof, heretofore repealed.

Section 3. Pursuant to Section 5-5 of the Charter of the City of Aurora, Colorado, the second publication of this ordinance shall be by reference, utilizing the ordinance title. Copies of this ordinance are available at the office of the city clerk.

INTRODUCED, READ AND ORDERED PUBLISHED this ____ day of _____, 2022.

PASSED AND ORDERED PUBLISHED this ____ day of _____, 2022.

MIKE COFFMAN, Mayor

ATTEST:

KADEE RODRIGUEZ, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

George Koumantakis

GEORGE KOUMANTAKIS, Manager of Client Services

MEMO

TO: COUNCIL MEMBER DANIELLE JURINSKY, CHAIR PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT POLICY COMMITTEE
COUNCIL MEMBER ANGELA LAWSON
COUNCIL MEMBER DUSTIN ZVONEK

FROM: BRAD PIERCE, CHAIR OIL AND GAS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: OIL AND GAS ADVISORY COMMITTEE THIRD QUARTER 2022 REPORT

DATE: OCTOBER 12, 2022

I am pleased to provide the Third Quarter 2022 Report of the activities of the Oil and Gas Advisory Committee. We had three meetings on WebEx in the Third Quarter on July 20, 2022, August 4, 2022 and September 21, 2022.

July 20, 2022 Virtual Meeting on WebEx:

- Staff provided updates on the following:
 - Status of Oil and Gas Applications since our May 17, 2022 Meeting
 - Inspection Update
 - General Division Update
- Public Comment
 - None
- We conducted interviews of the three applicants for one citizen vacancy.

August 4, 2022 Virtual Special Meeting on WebEx:

- We discussed the interviews of the three applicants for one citizen vacancy. We recommended Greg Bloodworth for appointment and Tom Tobiassen for re-appointment. They both were subsequently appointed and re-appointed, respectively, by City Council on September 26, 2022.

September 21, 2022 Virtual Meeting on WebEx:

- Public Comment
 - None
- Staff provided updates on the following:

- Status of Oil and Gas Applications since our July 20, 2022 Meeting
- Inspection Update
 - Staff acquired their own FLIR (Forward Looking Infrared) camera for detecting leaks
- General Division Update
 - Jeffrey Moore presented information on oil and gas production in Aurora
- The Oil and Gas Division website
- We had a discussion by the City Attorney's office pertaining to our By Laws and City Code.
- One of our members attended the COGA (Colorado Oil and Gas Association) Energy Summit that held August 22 – 24, 2022 and provided a summary.

Our next meeting is November 16, 2022 on WebEx.

Respectfully Submitted,



Brad Pierce
Chair, Oil and Gas Advisory Committee