

CITIZENS' ADVISORY BUDGET COMMITTEE (CABC)

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: April 4, 2023 Time: 6:30PM Location: Hybrid In-Person (AMC) and Teams Virtual Meeting
 Next Meeting: May 2, 2023 Time: 6:30PM Location: To be confirmed

MISSION STATEMENT: *The mission of the Citizens' Advisory Budget Committee (CABC) is to study all phases of the budget of the City of Aurora and to make recommendations to City Council in regard to any and all budget matters.*

The CABC accomplishes the mission by examining and evaluating needs and priorities as they relate to the budget and by making recommendations for action to the City Council.

ATTENDANCE

| Name | | Name | | Name | | Name |
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| Mustafa Abdullah | A | Max Gimelshteyn | P | Michael Senich | P | COA Staff |
| Ericka Alfonso | P | Debra Johnson | P | JulieMarie Shepherd Macklin | E | Greg Hays |
| Sunny Banka | P | Danielle Lammon | P | Janet Marlow | P | |
| Tikneshia L. Beauford | E | Jim Mattson | E | Katrice Traylor | A | Guests |
| Andris Berzins | P | Omar Montgomery | P* | Katrina Zerilli | E | |
| Marsha Berzins | P | George Peck | P | | | |
| Reno Carollo | P | David Rich | P | | | |
| Gretchen Dirks | P | Jonathan Scott | P | | | |

Key: P=Present; P* Present after roll call; E=Excused; A=Absent; R=Resigned; *New Member

HANDOUTS

(Emailed to committee)

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| March Meeting Minutes (<i>Sent April 4, 2023, via email</i>) April Meeting Agenda (<i>Sent March 30, 2023, via email</i>) |
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MEETING MINUTES

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| 1. Call to Order | Chair Danielle Lammon called the meeting to order at 6:33pm | |
| 2. Roll Call/ Establishment of Quorum | Roll call was taken by and a quorum was established with 9 members present in-person and 5 members joining virtually. [with 1 joining later] | |
| 3. Approval of June Agenda | Chair Lammon introduced the June agenda for consideration. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With no changes or additions, the June agenda stands approved as presented. | |
| 4. Approval of May Minutes | Because the notes were not sent for May, the approval of May minutes was postponed until the May meeting. | |
| 5. Revenue and Budget Updates | Greg Hays provided a monthly budget update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April sales tax info: up 4.7% • Sectors which were up: auto dealers, grocery, eating and drinking, etc. • Sectors which were down: department stores, telecom, discount stores, etc. • Questions from the floor: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Is water taxed? No. ○ Marijuana is down... leveling off. ○ Black market for marijuana? (Speculation: it is a bigger deal now, because of high taxes and underground market.) ○ Is there a way to differentiate between online and brick-and-mortar stores/sales? Amazon = yes (because it is all online), Walmart = no (because it is both). • Greg also updated the committee on the Spring Budget Workshop. Because time was limited in the last meeting a wider explanation was given in this meeting. Some of the key points given were: • The city currently has around 3100 employees with 127 vacancies. Public Works is the biggest need right now (more than police or fire). CDL and maintenance workers are a major need for the city. Vacancies are a double impact: although it technically helps city budget (no cost for FTE) it hurts quality of city services. • \$6.4 million unspent in 2022. Going to be allocated for future (2025 shortfall). • 5% recession reserve is met. • Current projections are mostly good news: • Auto Use tax continued to do well in 2022. It is doing well for now, but not sure of future growth. (Increasing base will offset projected shortfalls in fine and forfeitures, external charges, other revenue.) • Capital-Related Taxes: BMUT (Building Materials Use Tax) did well in 2022 but is expected to go down. • Risks to Projection: Still quite a bit of uncertainty regarding what the future holds (inflation, economy, bank issues, savings rates, etc.) • Turnover was lower in the City of Aurora than the private, state, and federal sectors. (But still higher than desired.) | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plans for one-time operating funds: Save 2022 funds of \$6.4 million to cover 2025 shortfall (buys the city time for hopeful/expected budget revenue growth); fix risk fund funds available; no significant amendments beyond what is in proforma (Public safety). | |
| 6. Subcommittee Work Time | <p>After asking for any specific items that impact the entire CABC, Chair Lammon recommended that this agenda item simply be mentioned, then encouraged the sub-committees to meet individually at the conclusion of adjournment.</p> <p>Each subcommittee was given a chance to give an update on their work and their plan for future work. Simple, very quick updates were given.</p> <p>The subcommittees for 2023 are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arts and Venues (George, Reno, Debra, Danielle, and <i>David</i>) Infrastructure (Gretchen, Mike, Jim, <i>Andris</i>, and <i>Debra</i>) Economic Development (Reno, Erika, Katrina, and JulieMarie) Public Safety (Sunny, Erika, Katrina, Janet, Jono, Marsha, and <i>Omar</i>) <p>Each subcommittee was informed to go through Greg if they would like to talk to city staff or department.</p> | |
| 7. Housekeeping | <p>Future meeting dates:</p> <p>July 11th (<i>*a non-formal meeting - set aside for subcommittee meetings</i>)</p> <p>July 25th – July 26th Workshop (Aurora Room; 5:30-8:30)</p> <p>August 1st</p> <p>September 5th</p> <p>October 3rd</p> <p>November 14th (<i>*not Nov. 7th</i>)</p> <p>December 15th</p> | |
| 8. Meeting Adjourned | <p>Encouraging sub-committees to meet immediately following, Chair Lammon officially adjourned the meeting at 7:45pm.</p> | |