

CITIZENS' ADVISORY BUDGET COMMITTEE (CABC)

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: November 14, 2023

Time: 6:30PM

Location: In-Person (AMC)

Next Meeting: December 5, 2023

Time: 6:30PM

Location: In-Person (AMC)

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

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

MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order	Chair Danielle Lammon called the meeting to order at 6:32pm	
2. Roll Call/ Establishment of Quorum	Attendance was recorded and with 9 members present, a quorum was not established.	
3. Approval of November Agenda	Chair Lammon presented the November agenda. Due to the lack of quorum, approval of the October meeting minutes will be tabled until the December meeting. With this revision, the agenda stands as amended.	
4. Aurora Economic Development Council Presentation	<p>Chair Lammon welcomed Yuriy Gorlov, AEDC Vice President, to provide an overview of the Aurora Economic Development Council (AEDC).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most of AEDC’s efforts are focused on attracting and supporting primary employers. Small businesses and other retail industries are considered secondary and tertiary businesses as their income comes from within the community (for instance a coffee shop – a secondary versus a coffee producer – a primary) • \$3 million dollar budget overall: 19% of this is from the city and the rest is from private sector, investors, partnerships. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ \$200 million dollars in economic impact is created (jobs, deals, projects, tax revenue, etc.) through these efforts. • Recent wins: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 48 deals ○ 5,068 primary jobs ○ \$1.98 billion in capital investment • The largest hundred largest employers in Aurora make up over 50% of the Aurora workforce • Wages are on the rise – avg wage is \$71k (defense, information, technology services, manufacturing are all growing industries and are helping elevate wages overall) <p>CABC members then had a discussion and Q&A with Yuriy.</p>	
5. Approval of October Meeting Minutes	This item is tabled for action in December.	
6. Revenue and Budget Updates	<p>Greg Hays provided a brief budget update from September and October.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flat 0.3% Sept – the downward trend is from a decline in auto sales • 2.9% in October <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This is up almost \$700k – most of this is driven by one-time dollars ○ There was also an uptick in roofing supplies – unsure if this is an on-going/annual trend, so somewhat treating this as onetime dollars 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sales tax is dropping off more quickly than initially forecasted. Not to the levels of recession, but trending toward flat ○ Building activity has been strong the last three months – making it almost on pace with this time last year. 	
6. Formation of the Nominating Committee	<p>Chair Lammon opened the floor for self nominations for the nominating committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Andris Berzins, Dave Rich, and George Peck all volunteered to serve on the nominating committee. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Interested CABC members should indicate their intention to run to the nominating committee 	
7. Bylaws Review	<p>Annually, CABC must review its bylaws. There was an interest in exploring bylaw changes regarding attendance (chronic absences both excused and unexcused). A few ideas that were circulated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● After 3 consecutive unexcused absences or 6 consecutive excused absences, would this be grounds for dismissal? ● CABC exec can draft rationale for why changes are needed and take this to study session to lay the groundwork for making these changes. 	
7. Housekeeping	<p>Upcoming Meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● December 5 (start time moved to 7pm for Tree Lighting and will include a cookie/treat exchange upon adjournment for those wanting to participating) 	
8. Meeting Adjourned	<p>Chair Lammon adjourned the formal business meeting at 7:42pm.</p>	