

**MINUTES**

**Regular Meeting – Aurora City Council  
Monday, April 9, 2018**

**CALL TO ORDER – REGULAR MEETING**

Mayor Pro Tem Berzins convened the regular meeting of City Council at 4:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

PRESIDING:	Berzins
COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:	Bergan, Gruber, Hiltz, Lawson, LeGare, Murillo, Richardson, Roth
COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:	Mayor Hogan
OFFICIALS PRESENT:	City Attorney Hyman, City Clerk Blackston
COUNCIL MEMBERS ARRIVING AFTER ROLL CALL:	Johnston

City Clerk Blackston announced the proposed items for discussion at executive session.

**CONSIDERATION TO RECESS FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion by Bergan, second by Lawson, to recess for executive session.

Voting Aye: Berzins, Bergan, Gruber, Hiltz, Johnston, Lawson, LeGare, Murillo, Richardson,  
Roth

Abstaining: None

The executive session was recorded pursuant to the requirements of state law.

1. **RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 9, 2018 AND CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Pro Tem Berzins reconvened the regular meeting of City Council at 7:31 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL** Linda S. Blackston, City Clerk

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Berzins, Bergan, Gruber, Hiltz, Johnston, Lawson,  
LeGare, Murillo, Richardson, Roth

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Mayor Hogan

3. **INVOCATION** Pastor Gene Roncone, Highpoint @ Southlands

4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG** (all standing)

5. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MARCH 26, 2018**

Motion by LeGare, second by Berzins, to approve the minutes of the meeting of March 26,  
2018, as amended.

Voting Aye: Bergan, Berzins, Gruber, Hiltz, Johnston, Lawson, LeGare, Murillo, Richardson,  
Roth

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Abstaining: None

6. **CEREMONY**

- a. Swearing in of newly appointed Boards and Commission members – Presiding Judge Shawn Day

Judge Shawn Day administered the oath of office to the board and commission members. City Council congratulated the members and thanked them for their service to Aurora.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Board or Commission</u>
Tony Brake	Business Advisory Board
Nosh Tarachand	Business Advisory Board
Kathryn Messer	Citizens Advisory Committee for Housing and Community Development
Maria Schoeffler	Human Relations Commission
Cynthia Francis	Veterans Affairs Commission

- b. Proclamation declaring the week of April 8<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Holocaust Awareness Week

The Holocaust Awareness Week will be presented at a future meeting.

- c. Proclamation declaring the week of April 15<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018 Arbor Week

Mayor Pro Tem Berzins invited Keith Wood, Manager of Urban & Community Forestry and Jacque Chomiak, Forestry, to come forward. She read the proclamation declaring the week of April 15 – 21 as Arbor Week. Each guest expressed appreciation for the proclamation.

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

Aly DeWills-Marcano, Aurora, Colorado, discussed her experience as a City of Aurora engaged citizen and suggested efforts that should be made to allow for more robust conversation between citizens and City Council.

8. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Motion by Roth, second by Gruber, to amend the agenda to move item 10i to the beginning of the resolutions on the agenda after item 9e.

Council Member Murillo stated items 9e and 10a were related and interjecting item 10i in between them was not appropriate because item 10i was a completely different issue.

Council Member LeGare stated his support of the motion.

Council Member Richardson stated his opposition to the motion. He asked the City Attorney to speak to the vote requirement to amend the agenda.

Council Member Hiltz stated her opposition to the motion.

Council Member Johnston concurred with Council Members Murillo, Hiltz and Richardson.

Council Member Gruber stated his support of the motion.

Mike Hyman, City Attorney, stated the agenda order was called out in the Council rules of order and moving those items from resolutions to ordinances would require a 2/3 vote of City Council. He stated it would be a simple majority vote however to move one resolution ahead of another on the agenda.

Voting Aye: Berzins, Bergan, Gruber, LeGare, Roth

Voting Nay: Hiltz, Johnston, Lawson, Murillo, Richardson

Motion by Roth, second by Gruber, to amend the agenda to move item 10i between items 10a and 10b.

Voting Aye: Berzins, Bergan, Gruber, Hiltz, Johnston, Lawson, LeGare, Murillo, Roth

Voting Nay: Richardson

The agenda was adopted as amended.

9. **CONSENT CALENDAR - 9a-e**

**General Business**

- a. Consideration to AWARD CHANGE ORDER NO. 1, in the amount of \$485,420.80 to WORK PACKAGE NO. 1 for the Central Recreation Center bringing the contract total to \$2,422,803.64, R-5540A. STAFF SOURCE: Lynne Center, Facilities Project Delivery Manager, Public Works
- b. Consideration to AWARD CHANGE ORDER NO. 1, in the amount of \$169,576.66 to WORK PACKAGE NO. 2 for the Central Recreation Center, bringing the contract total to \$2,975,229.66, R-5540A. Lynne Center, Facilities Project Delivery Manager, Public Works
- c. Consideration to AMEND A SINGLE SOURCE CONTRACT with Stantec Consulting, Inc., Fort Collins, Colorado in the amount of \$69,665.00 to add construction phase engineering services for the Second Creek Regional Lift Station Project. STAFF SOURCE: Sarah Young, Water Planning Services Manager, Aurora Water

Motion by Bergan, second by Richardson, to approve items 9a – 9c.

Voting Aye: Berzins, Bergan, Gruber, Hiltz, Johnston, Lawson, LeGare, Murillo, Richardson, Roth

**Final Ordinances**

- ◆ d. **2018-07**  
Consideration for ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE of the City Council of the City of Aurora, Colorado, amending Chapter 94, Article III, of the City Code to prohibit the unauthorized use of a Financial Transaction Device. STAFF SOURCE: Sergeant Daniel Courtenay, Police

Motion by Roth, second by LeGare, to approve item 9d.

Voting Aye: Berzins, Bergan, Gruber, Hiltz, Johnston, Lawson, LeGare, Murillo, Richardson, Roth

- ◆ e. **2018-08**

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Consideration for ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE of the City Council of the City of Aurora, Colorado, enacting a Moratorium on the acceptance or approval of development applications for the redevelopment of mobile home parks within the City. STAFF SOURCE: Michael Hyman, City Attorney

Motion by Murillo, second by Richardson, to approve item 10b.

Mike Burke, Aurora, Colorado, spoke in support of the item.

Bob Murphy, State Director, American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), extended his thoughts and prayers to Mayor Hogan and his family and spoke in support of the item.

Dean Antweiler, Aurora, Colorado, spoke in opposition to the item.

Council Member Gruber pointed out this was an important vote that related to a zoning issue which would not take away a property right. He noted 10 months was a short amount of time to get everything done and he could support the item for 10 months but no longer.

Council Member Bergan clarified this was a rezoning moratorium and not on the sale of the land. She asked the City Attorney to comment on a potential lawsuit.

Mike Hyman, City Attorney, did so, noting this was a stop that was permitted under the law, noting all state requirements have been met. He agreed someone could sue the City but this was a defensible moratorium because it was temporary.

Voting Aye: Berzins, Bergan, Gruber, Hiltz, Johnston, Lawson, LeGare, Murillo, Richardson, Roth

## 10. RESOLUTIONS

- ◆ i. **R2018-29**  
Consideration to APPROVE A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Aurora, Colorado, expressing support for legislation facilitating the construction of affordable single-family attached housing in Aurora and throughout the State of Colorado. **Staff requests a Waiver of Reconsideration (This item will also appear on the April 9, 2018 Study Session Meeting)** STAFF SOURCE: Michael Hyman, City Attorney

Motion by Roth, second by Bergan, to approve item 10i with a waiver of reconsideration.

Juan & Aly Marcano, Aurora, Colorado, spoke in opposition to the item.

Council Member Gruber discussed how condominium construction in the City of Aurora was impacted because insurers would not provide insurance to the developer. He noted the ordinance was specifically designed to create a remedy for a perceived defect prior to legal action being initiated. He pointed out this item was currently being addressed at this time because it was previously determined that the legislation would not deal with Aurora in this regard. He stated his support of the item.

Council Member Johnston pointed out the wording of the resolution was to establish a right for developers and contractors to remedy alleged defects prior to legal action and asked Council Member Roth if there was a time period for the remedy. Council Member Roth answered no, noting there was currently no right to remedy or recourse for a contractor to deal with an alleged defect. Council Member Johnston stated she raised the question because this item has been framed as an affordable housing question and she was concerned about consumer protections as it related specifically to health and safety and a time frame to

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address defects. She asked for clarification regarding the peer and consultant review processes and if it was related to inspections. Council Member Roth answered no.

Council Member LeGare stated his support of the item. He discussed his conversations with those who would like to build condominiums and those who would like to purchase them in Aurora. He stated there were so many apartments being built but not condominiums and that would say that all of those people did not want to purchase their own property and that did not fit the reality.

Council Member Bergan stated her support of the item, noting there was a real problem with affordable housing in Aurora. She pointed out it was a resolution asking the legislators to consider seeking solutions and some of those solutions included construction defect reform.

Council Member Murillo expressed frustration that the construction defect conversation was combined with the moratorium, noting her opinion that it muddied the waters in terms of the intent of the resolution. She agreed dialogue with the legislation was important but she was not certain this was the right way to do it.

Council Member Hiltz stated she would not support the item and concurred with Council Member Murillo regarding the timing of the moratorium and this discussion. She referenced the requirement that all defect claims be submitted for litigation or arbitration prior to any defect claims, noting her opinion that that was just a way to placate developers and builders. She asked the City Attorney if it violated the due process property rights of homeowners and HOAs if the City approved a mandatory override of a procedure that was specified in the declaration.

Mike Hyman, City Attorney, answered no.

Council Member Richardson asked Mr. Hyman to speak to the third whereas in the item related to HB-1279. Mr. Hyman pointed out that that was written in the past tense, noting it was his opinion that it was not a clause that represented the current state of the law. Council Member Richardson stated that was a material misrepresentation that was intended to commit a fraud on the Aurora City Council. He referenced the section that required all defect claims to be submitted for litigation or arbitration, noting the Colorado Supreme Court has stated mandatory arbitration meant mandatory arbitration therefore that wording was unnecessary and should be removed. He stated the bylaws were vague and the City of Aurora should not get involved in the situation. He reiterated his question related to costly peer and consultant review processes and asked why a reconsideration was waived, noting it was a part of the rules. He stated he would not support the item.

Council Member Johnston stated she would not support the item, noting high insurance premiums were driven by claim histories of developers and builders. She stated building a better quality product resulted in fewer claims. She addressed HB-1279, noting it passed in the last session and there was not adequate time to see if it would work so she encouraged her colleagues to give it that time. She pointed out she would always support the homeowners and consumer advocates when asked to support an item in this regard.

Council Member Gruber pointed out the question was raised related to why the City Council was addressing this issue and why it was combined with the moratorium. He reiterated a no vote was a vote against affordable housing.

Council Member Richardson disagreed, noting it was a flawed resolution and he would not allow his vote to be framed as a vote against affordable housing. He suggested the City Council look into what the City of Aurora could do to incentivize these.

Council Member Gruber restated this was a vote for affordable housing for Aurora.

Mayor Pro Tem Berzins confirmed the City Council has addressed the issue with the Colorado Delegation, noting they would continue to do so. She discussed a Mayoral forum where various Colorado mayors attended and raised the issue of construction defects. She pointed out this was not just an Aurora problem; it was a state problem.

Council Member Roth discussed the history of the issue on a statewide level, noting municipalities could address this issue, but it did not go far enough and the resolution could help that. He agreed it was a statewide issue that had to be dealt with at the state level. He pointed out the City Council has talked to the legislators that represent the City of Aurora and the legislation as a whole, noting it has not gone anywhere. He stated the Associated General Contractors (AGC) of Colorado was the largest proponent of the item and discussed their impact on it. He stated there has been discussion related to consumer protection and pointed out every homeowner was encumbered when the item went into litigation. He confirmed this was the one and only reason that condos and townhouses were not being built in Aurora and urged his colleagues to support the item. He agreed it would not remedy it but it would encourage the state legislators to address the issue.

Council Member Murillo clarified the reason she would not support the item was not because she did not support affordable housing. She stated she was not comfortable with the language and was not sure this was the most effective solution. She asked City Council to be respectful of her position and to not make assumptions of the intent behind her vote.

Voting Aye: Berzins, Bergan, Gruber, Lawson, LeGare, Roth

Voting Nay: Hiltz, Johnston, Murillo, Richardson

**(Item 10a continued)**

**a. R2018-21**

Consideration to APPROVE A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Aurora, Colorado, creating a Task Force for the purpose of studying and adopting solutions to affordable housing problems within the City as it relates to the redevelopment of Mobile Home Parks and the displacement of mobile home residents. STAFF SOURCE: Michael Hyman, City Attorney

Aaron Miripol, President & CEO, Urban Land Conservancy; Ma de Lourdes Lezano, Aurora, Colorado; and Dr. Esther Sullivan spoke in favor of the item.

Council Member Richardson expressed appreciation to Dr. Sullivan for her testimony.

Aly DeWills-Marcano, Aurora, Colorado; Jenee Elise, representing Shannon, a Denver Meadows resident; Judith Marquez, Lead Organizer, 9to5, Aurora, Colorado; Lalo Ramirez, Aurora, Colorado; Andrey List, representing Onelia Gonzalez; Nancy Ibarra, Aurora, Colorado; Martha Lugo, Aurora, Colorado; Joseph Vasquez, Aurora, Colorado; Luz Galicia, Aurora, Colorado; Omar Montgomery, NAACP-Aurora, Aurora, Colorado; spoke in support of the item.

Motion by Murillo, second by Johnston, to approve item 10a.

Council Member Bergan noted the resolution was amended to allow for a variety of people to sit on the task force. She expressed concerns related to the number of residents on the task force and the size of the task force, noting she would support the item because it was a moratorium on the rezoning and the hope was that doing so would bring about solutions. She suggested the task force set objectives, stay on task and have experts come in to add advice.

*SUBSTITUTE MOTION*

Motion by Murillo, second by Richardson, to change the number of people on the task force from six to eleven.

Council Member LeGare expressed concerns related to the make-up of the task force not bringing the expertise that was needed because it did not include the experts that could address this complicated subject. He stated his support of changing the number of members from six to eleven but not the make-up of the group.

Council Member Gruber expressed appreciation to those who testified. He stated there was a major affordable housing issue in the City. He stated his support of the item. He reiterated 10 months was not a lot of time and there was a lot to be done in this regard. He concurred with Council Member LeGare's comments related to the lack of expertise on the task force.

Council Member Hiltz stated her support of the item, noting Section 6 of the resolution stated the requirement of staff to bring in experts in this regard. She referenced Section 2 where it was stated that experts would be brought in. She stated her confidence that would occur.

Council Member Murillo expressed appreciation to residents for speaking. She agreed with the need for subject matter experts on the task force. She stated she was impressed with Dr. Sullivan's testimony and research, noting she could be a part of the task force or could speak to the task force in this regard. She discussed how the task force would move forward in a very organized manner with clear goals and objectives.

Mayor Pro Tem Berzins stated she was happy to hear that people would be brought in, noting she wanted the task force to succeed and reiterated there was a short amount of time to realize that success. She addressed concerns related to Section 7 that required findings recommendations to be returned to the policy committee 60 days prior to the moratorium. She stated she would prefer a study session update every few months.

Council Member LeGare asked those heading up the item to consider asking the mobile home residents' backgrounds when discussing the possibility of them joining the task force. He expressed concerns related to the inclusion of legislation that would allow residents to purchase the park should the mobile home park be offered up for sale. He stated the provision treaded heavily on property rights.

Council Member Johnston stated her opinion that Section 6 addressed the subject matter experts and noted her confidence that experts would attend the meetings.

*VOTE ON SUBSTITUTE MOTION*

Voting Aye: Berzins, Bergan, Gruber, Hiltz, Johnston, Lawson, LeGare, Murillo, Richardson, Roth

◆ b. **R2018-22**

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Consideration to APPROVE A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Aurora, Colorado, to approve the amended and restated Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Aurora and the E-470 Public Highway Authority for fire and emergency response services to designated portions of the E-470 toll road. STAFF SOURCE: Chief Fernando Gray, Fire

Motion by Bergan, second by Roth, to approve item 10b.

Voting Aye: Berzins, Bergan, Gruber, Hiltz, Johnston, Lawson, LeGare, Murillo, Richardson, Roth

- ◆ c. **R2018-23**  
Consideration to APPROVE A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Aurora, Colorado, approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between Aurora, the Urban Drainage and Flood Control District and the Southeast Metro Storm Water Authority regarding funding of major drainage way planning and flood hazard area delineation for Cherry Creek Tributaries upstream of reservoir. STAFF SOURCE: Sarah Young, Water Planning Services Manager, Aurora Water

Motion by Roth, second by LeGare, to approve item 10c.

Voting Aye: Berzins, Bergan, Gruber, Hiltz, Johnston, Lawson, LeGare, Murillo, Richardson, Roth

- ◆ d. **R2018-24**  
Consideration to APPROVE A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Aurora, Colorado, approving the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Aurora, Colorado, acting by and through its Utility Enterprise and the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Arapahoe, State of Colorado. STAFF SOURCE: Vern Adam, Engineering Services Manager, Aurora Water

Motion by Bergan, second by Gruber, to approve item 10d.

Voting Aye: Berzins, Bergan, Gruber, Hiltz, Johnston, Lawson, LeGare, Murillo, Richardson, Roth

- ◆ e. **R2018-25**  
Consideration to APPROVE A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Aurora, Colorado, approving the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Aurora, Colorado, acting by and through its Utility Enterprise and the Arapahoe County Water and Wastewater Authority. STAFF SOURCE: Vern Adam, Engineering Services Manager, Aurora Water

Motion by Roth, second by Hiltz, to approve item 10e.

Voting Aye: Berzins, Bergan, Gruber, Hiltz, Johnston, Lawson, LeGare, Murillo, Richardson, Roth

- ◆ f. **R2018-26**  
Consideration to APPROVE A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Aurora, Colorado, approving the agreement between the city of Aurora, Colorado, and Southern Glazer's Wine and Spirits of Colorado, LLC. STAFF SOURCE: Chad Argentar, Planning Supervisor, Planning & Development Services

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Motion by LeGare, second by Bergan, to approve item 10f.

Voting Aye: Berzins, Bergan, Gruber, Hiltz, Johnston, Lawson, LeGare, Murillo, Richardson, Roth

- ◆ g. **R2018-27**  
Consideration to APPROVE A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Aurora, Colorado, approving the amendment to Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Aurora and the City of Centennial to allocate construction funding for the East Quincy Avenue Improvements. STAFF SOURCE: Cindy Colip, Transportation Project Delivery Manager, Public Works

Motion by Bergan, second by LeGare, to approve item 10g.

Council Member Bergan stated she was happy this was finally happening in partnership with Arapahoe County because the residents were excited to have the road widened.

Voting Aye: Berzins, Bergan, Gruber, Hiltz, Johnston, Lawson, LeGare, Murillo, Richardson, Roth

- ◆ h. **R2018-28**  
Consideration to APPROVE A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Aurora, Colorado, approving the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Aurora, Colorado, and the Adams-Arapahoe 28J School District for Cooperation in the administration of the Grant from Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) to Partially Fund the Construction of the Side Creek Elementary School Playground Renovation Project. STAFF SOURCE: Tracy Young, Planning, Design, Construction Manager, Parks, Recreation & Open Space

Motion by Roth, second by Hiltz, to approve item 10h.

Voting Aye: Berzins, Bergan, Gruber, Hiltz, Johnston, Lawson, LeGare, Murillo, Richardson, Roth

## 11. **ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION**

- ◆ a. **2018-09**  
Consideration for INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE of the City Council of the City of Aurora, Colorado, amending Section 2-432 to the City Code to increase the number of commanders in the Aurora Police Department from five (5) to six (6). STAFF SOURCE: Deputy Police Chief Paul O'Keefe, Police

Motion by Richardson, second by Gruber, to introduce item 11a.

Voting Aye: Berzins, Bergan, Gruber, Hiltz, Johnston, Lawson, LeGare, Murillo, Richardson, Roth

- ◆ b. **2018-10**  
Consideration for INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE of the City Council of the City of Aurora, Colorado, amending Section 136-26 and 138-170 of the City Code of the City of Aurora, Colorado, relating to the City's Cross-Connection Control Program. STAFF SOURCE: Sean Lieske, Environmental Permitting Manager, Aurora Water

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Motion by Roth, second by LeGare, to introduce item 11b.

Council Member Gruber asked if there has been a cost analysis for compliance with the regulation.

Sean Lieske, Environmental Permitting Manager, Aurora Water, stated most golf courses had backflow devices so there should not be much of a cost impact.

Voting Aye: Berzins, Bergan, Gruber, Hiltz, Johnston, Lawson, LeGare, Murillo, Richardson, Roth

12. **ORDINANCES FOR FINAL**

- ◆ a. **2018-06**  
Consideration for ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE of the City Council of the City of Aurora, Colorado, amending the 2009 Aurora Comprehensive Plan to allow for the rezoning of two parcels of land from e-470 Regional Activity Center Subarea (E-470 RAC) to E-470 Medium Density Residential Subarea (E-470 RMED) (Cross Creek Comprehensive Plan Amendment) **Ordinance 2018-05, Introduced 7-3 (Hiltz, Johnston, Murillo voting no) at the March 26, 2018 City Council meeting.** STAFF SOURCE: Jonathan Woodward, Planner, Planning & Development Services

Motion by LeGare, second by Bergan, to approve item 12a.

Council Member Hiltz reiterated she would not support the item for the same reasons she stated previously that related to the need for more retail and her opposition to switching the retail to more residential development.

Council Member Johnston stated she would not support the item. She confirmed the number of residences in the area was approximately 10k and that many rooftops could support retail, noting support of commercial development related to taxes in the general fund.

Voting Aye: Berzins, Bergan, Gruber, Lawson, LeGare, Richardson, Roth

Voting Nay: Hiltz, Johnston, Murillo

- ◆ b. **2018-05**  
Consideration for ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE of the City Council of the City of Aurora, Colorado, to Rezone 41.71 acres, more or less, generally located at the Southwest Corner of N Catawba Way and E 6th Avenue from E-470 – RAC E-470-RMED to allow for single-family duplex homes and amend the Aurora Zoning Map accordingly. (Cross Creek Rezone) **(Case Number 1999-2024-02) Recommended unanimously at the February 14, 2018 Planning Commission meeting. Ordinance 2018-05, Introduced 7-3 (Hiltz, Johnston, Murillo voting no) at the March 26, 2018 City Council meeting.** STAFF SOURCE: Jonathan Woodward, Planner, Planning & Development Services

Motion by LeGare, second by Roth, to approve item 12b.

Council Member Hiltz reiterated the same concerns raised previously.

Voting Aye: Berzins, Bergan, Gruber, Lawson, LeGare, Richardson, Roth

Voting Nay: Hiltz, Johnston, Murillo

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13. **RECONSIDERATIONS AND CALL-UPS**

None

14. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

- a. Consideration to appoint two (2) Members to the Aurora Fox Arts Center Board.  
STAFF SOURCE: Linda Blackston, City Clerk, General Management

Motion by Roth, second by Gruber, to appoint Al McKittrick and Jeffrey Johnson to the Aurora Fox Arts Center Board.

Voting Aye: Berzins, Bergan, Gruber, Hiltz, Johnston, Lawson, LeGare, Murillo, Richardson, Roth

15. **REPORTS**

- a. Report by the Mayor

No report.

- b. Reports by the Council

Council Member Murillo stated the reappointment of Robert Fryberger to the Business Advisory Board and announced the Ward I Town Hall meeting was scheduled for Saturday, April 21, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at North Middle School where the Original Aurora rezone would be discussed.

Council Member Hiltz discussed her participation in the recent Grocery Cart Races benefitting Comitis Crisis Center and expressed appreciation to Bob Wesner, Aurora Police Association and Jimmy Allen, Aurora Fire Local 1290, for joining the team.

Council Member Richardson announced the reappointment of Sally Vander Veer to the Business Advisory Board.

Council Member Bergan expressed appreciation to Tim York, Conservation Division, Aurora Water and Marshall Brown, Director, Aurora Water, for the water conservation and xeriscape presentation they provided at the recent Ward VI Town Hall and to the residents who attend the Ward VI Town Hall meetings.

Council Member Roth announced the Ward V Town Hall meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. where a tour of the City of Aurora Police and Fire Safety Training Center (CAPSTC) was planned. He raised the topic of the City Council discussion related to the marijuana retail facility located on Arapahoe Road in Ward V. He provided the history of the situation and pointed out the time to protest the situation has passed.

Council Member Lawson expressed appreciation to Council Member Hiltz for allowing her to join the Grocery Cart team. She discussed the start of the Aurora Citizen's Academy and addressed its importance to the community. She invited the City Council to visit the Academy to introduce themselves.

Council Member Gruber congratulated the Aurora Veterans Affairs Commission and everyone involved in the success of the recent job fair.

Council Member Johnston announced the Ward II Town Hall meeting was scheduled for Thursday, April 26, 2018 at the Beck Recreation Center. She discussed the success of the recent Ward II Town Hall meeting where Spanish speaking interpreters were present. She encouraged her colleagues to include them at their meetings because it provided more access to constituents. She discussed her attendance at the recent United Veterans Committee Awards Banquet and noted the Veterans Hospital opens on August 11, 2018.

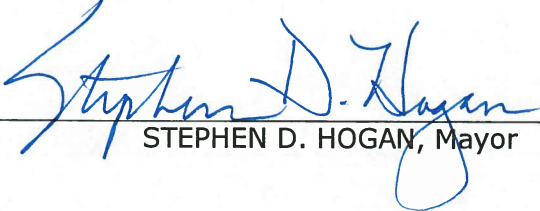
Mayor Pro Tem Berzins announced the Ward III Town Hall meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, April 11, 2018 at the Aurora Chamber of Commerce office at 6:00 p.m. where Neighborhood Services and Code Enforcement representatives would be present. She discussed her attendance at the recent Bio-Science III building groundbreaking on the Fitzsimons campus and the growth on the Fitzsimons campus overall. She invited all those interested to attend the National Day of Prayer event scheduled for Thursday, May 3, 2018 at the Heritage Christian Center at noon.

14. **PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD**

Aly DeWills-Marcano, Aurora, Colorado, expressed appreciation to Aurora City Council and City of Aurora staff for their efforts with regards to the Aurora Citizen's Academy, noting the importance of civic engagement in Aurora.

15. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Pro Tem Berzins adjourned the regular meeting of City Council at 10:26 p.m.

  
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STEPHEN D. HOGAN, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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LINDA S. BLACKSTON, City Clerk