MINUTES

Regular Meeting – Aurora City Council
Monday, September 25, 2017

CALL TO ORDER – REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Hogan convened the regular meeting of City Council at 4:15 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESIDING:	Mayor Hogan
COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:	Bergan, Berzins, Cleland, Lawson, LeGare, Mounier, Pierce, Richardson, Roth
COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:	Peterson
OFFICIALS PRESENT:	City Manager Noe, City Attorney Hyman, City Clerk Blackston
COUNCIL MEMBERS ARRIVING AFTER ROLL CALL:	None

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

CONSIDERATION TO RECESS FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Roth, second by Berzins, to recess for executive session.

Voting Aye: Mayor Hogan, Bergan, Berzins, Cleland, Lawson, LeGare, Mounier, Pierce, Richardson, Roth

Abstaining: None

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

1. **RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 25, 2017 AND CALL TO ORDER**

   Mayor Hogan reconvened the regular meeting of City Council at 7:30 p.m.

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

3. **INVOCATION** Stephen D. Hogan, Mayor of Aurora

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

5. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2017**

   Motion by Bergan, second by Roth, to approve the minutes of September 11, 2017 as presented.

   Voting Aye: Mayor Hogan, Bergan, Cleland, Berzins, Lawson, LeGare, Mounier, Pierce, Richardson, Roth

   Abstained: None

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6. **CEREMONY**

None

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

Mayor Hogan invited Girl Scout Troop #60789 to come forward. The troop, who is working on their Silver Award, took turns discussing a proposed future ordinance that would prohibit smoking in a car with a minor present.

Council Member Richardson stated he would be following up on the proposed ordinance.

JC McDonald, Out Front Foundation, expressed appreciation to the City of Aurora Police and Fire departments and the City of Aurora City Council for their help and support during the recent Aurora Pride event.

Johanna Hernandez, representing Mike Johnson, Governor of Colorado candidate, stated she would be available after the meeting to answer any questions related to Mr. Johnson.

John O'Donnell, discussed a perceived ethical issue related to a conflict of interest associated with a real estate transaction between Council Member Marsha Berzins' family and Adam Berger, Adam Berger Development in Aurora. He stated he would be sharing the information with the state ethics board.

Council Member Cleland stated as a Home Rule City, the Aurora City Council was not subject to the state ethics board.

8. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

The agenda was adopted as presented.

9. **CONSENT CALENDAR - 9a-n**

General Business

a. Consideration to AWARD A SINGLE SOURCE CONTRACT to HB&A, LLC, Colorado Springs, Colorado in the amount of $460,055.00 for architectural services associated with the design of Fire Station 5. ***(Staff Requests a Waiver of Reconsideration)***
STAFF SOURCE: Elly Watson, Manager of Business Services, Public Works

Council Member Richardson stated he would not support the item because it should be subject to competitive bidding.

Council Member Bergan stated her perspective that the first award was given to HB&A, LLC for Fire Station #15.

Elly Watson, Manager of Business Services, Public Works, stated the original award for this firm was for the prototype which was subsequently used.

Council Member Bergan stated two stations were designed and HB&A had the ability to design and then use the design for the third station to the City's advantage. She asked why the cost was not less considering a prototype was in place for the third station. Ms. Watson confirmed significant savings was realized from the original design of Fire Station #15 to Fire Station #16, noting the cost for Fire Station #5 was slightly higher due to the extensive public process. Council Member Bergan stated the reason the same firm was used in this case was due to economies of scale because they were able to design a prototype.

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Ms. Watson concurred, noting another firm would have to recreate a lot of the work that has already been accomplished.

Council Member LeGare stated he would support the item but agreed there should have been more savings involved. He suggested the next one should be a competitive bid because this one did not show enough savings.

Motion by LeGare, second by Cleland, to approve item 9a with a waiver of reconsideration

Voting Aye: Mayor Hogan, Bergan, Berzins, Cleland, Lawson, LeGare, Pierce, Roth

Voting Nay: Mounier, Richardson

b. Consideration to AWARD CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 2 to Hallmark, Inc., Denver, Colorado in the amount of $50,958.00 for the installation of two street lights and a gate at the new North Satellite driveway for the Knight Trucking Access Project, Project Number 14060. ***(Staff Requests a Waiver of Reconsideration)*** STAFF SOURCE: Cindy Colip, Transportation Project Delivery Manager, Public Works

c. Consideration to AWARD CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 2 to Goodland Construction, Inc., Golden, Colorado in the amount of $107,842.90 for the 2015 Aurora Line/I-225 Rail Line Station Access Improvements & Florida Avenue Pedestrian Path Project, Project Number 15028. STAFF SOURCE: Cindy Colip, Transportation Project Delivery Manager, Public Works

d. Consideration to AWARD A COMPETITIVELY BID CONTRACT to ARS Companies, Wheat Ridge, Colorado in the amount of $272,300.00 for the 2017 Roadway Rehabilitation Program, Project Number 17004. ***(Staff Requests a Waiver of Reconsideration)*** STAFF SOURCE: Tom McMinimee, Manager of Street Operations, Public Works

e. Consideration to AWARD WORK PACKAGE NO. 3 of the Central Recreation Center to Adolfson & Peterson Construction, Aurora, Colorado in the amount of $17,767,101.00, R-5540A. ***(Staff Requests a Waiver of Reconsideration)*** STAFF SOURCE: Lynne Center, Principal Engineer, Public Works

f. Consideration to AWARD A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT to Superion LLC (formerly Sungard Public Sector), Lake Mary, FL in the amount of $65,380.00 for professional services to conduct a Business Process Review in HR of One Solution software through December 2018. STAFF SOURCE: Terri Velasquez, Director of Finance, Finance

g. Consideration to AWARD A COMPETITIVELY BID CONTRACT to Richdell Construction, Inc., Commerce City, Colorado in the amount of $570,761.60 for the City Center Park/High Line Canal Trail Connector-Landscape & Irrigation Restoration Project, Project Number 5577A. ***(Staff Requests a Waiver of Reconsideration)*** STAFF SOURCE: John Sawatzke, Principal Landscape Architect, Parks, Recreation & Open Space

h. Consideration to AWARD A SINGLE SOURCE CONTRACT to Leonard Rice Engineers, Inc., Denver, Colorado in the amount of $150,000.00 to complete a hydrogeologic study for the Lost Creek Designated Basin. STAFF SOURCE: Alexandra Davis, Deputy Director/Water Resource, Aurora Water

i. Consideration to AMEND AN OPENLY SOLICITED CONTRACT with Mott MacDonald LLC, Denver, Colorado in the amount of $282,376.00 for engineering services for final design, services during bidding and services during construction for the Kings Point Sanitary Sewer Outfall Project. (R-1820) ***(Staff Requests a Waiver of***

Reconsideration) STAFF SOURCE: Vern Adam, Engineering Services Manager, Aurora Water

Motion by Roth, second by Bergan, to approve items 9b – 9i with waivers of reconsideration on 9b, 9d, 9e, 9g and 9i.

Voting Aye: Mayor Hogan, Bergan, Berzins, Cleland, Lawson, LeGare, Mounier, Pierce, Richardson, Roth

Final Ordinances

♦ j. **2017-35**
Consideration for ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE of the City Council of the City of Aurora, Colorado, organizing the Citadel on Colfax Business Improvement District; providing for an election of the Board of Directors of the District; and approving the 2017 Operating Plan and Budget for the District. STAFF SOURCE: Gary Sandel, Project Manager, General Management

♦ k. **2017-36**
Consideration for ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE of the City Council of the City of Aurora, Colorado, organizing the Painted Prairie Business Improvement District Number One; providing for an election of the Board of Directors of the District; and approving the 2017 Operating Plan and Budget for the District. STAFF SOURCE: Jacob Cox, Project Manager, General Management

♦ l. **2017-37**
Consideration for ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE of the City Council of the City of Aurora, Colorado, organizing the Painted Prairie Business Improvement District Number Two; providing for an election of the Board of Directors of the District; and approving the 2017 Operating Plan and Budget for the District. STAFF SOURCE: Jacob Cox, Project Manager, General Management

♦ m. **2017-38**
Consideration for ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE of the City Council of the City of Aurora, Colorado, organizing the Parkside at City Centre Business Improvement District; providing for an election of the Board of Directors of the District; and approving the 2017 Operating Plan and Budget for the District. STAFF SOURCE: Mark Geyer, Project Manager, General Management

♦ n. **2017-39**
Consideration for ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE of the City Council of the City of Aurora, Colorado, vacating a portion of the public right-of-way for Inspiration Lane, located on the west side of Inspiration Lane approximately 930 feet North of the intersection of Inspiration Lane and Inspiration Drive, City of Aurora, County of Douglas, State of Colorado. STAFF SOURCE: Sara Ullman, Planner, Planning & Development Services

Motion by Berzins, second by Mounier, to approve items 9j – 9n.

Voting Aye: Bergan, Berzins, Cleland, Lawson, LeGare, Mounier, Pierce, Richardson, Roth

10. **PUBLIC HEARING WITHOUT RELATED ORDINANCE**

♦ a. **R2017-67**
Public Hearing and Consideration to APPROVE A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Aurora, Colorado, approving the First Amended and Restated Service Plan for the Aerotropolis Area Coordinating Metropolitan District and Authorizing the

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execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City and the District. ***(Staff requests a Waiver of Reconsideration)*** STAFF SOURCE: Vinessa Irvin, Manager Office of Development Assistance, General Management

Mayor Hogan opened the public hearing on the items.

Alison Coombs, Aurora, Colorado, spoke in opposition to the items because the only person who had a vote on the districts associated with the development had a personal financial stake in the development and asked that the fee timeframe not be extended from 20 or 40 years to 60 years.

Council Member Cleland suggested anyone with a problem with who could vote on special districts should address their concerns to the state legislature because it was their decision and not the City's.

♦ b. **R2017-68**
Public Hearing and Consideration to APPROVE A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Aurora, Colorado, approving the First Amended and Restated Service Plan for the Green Valley Aurora Metropolitan District No. 1 (Formerly Known as Green Valley Ranch East Metropolitan District No. 5) and authorizing the execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City and the District. ***(Staff requests a Waiver of Reconsideration)*** STAFF SOURCE: Vinessa Irvin, Manager Office of Development Assistance, General Management

♦ c. **R2017-69**
Public Hearing and Consideration to APPROVE A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Aurora, Colorado, approving the First Amended and Restated Service Plan for the Aurora Highlands Metropolitan District Nos. 1, 2, and 3 (Formerly known as Green Valley Ranch East Metropolitan District Nos. 2, 3, and 4, Respectively) and authorizing the execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City and the Districts. ***(Staff requests a Waiver of Reconsideration)*** STAFF SOURCE: Vinessa Irvin, Manager Office of Development Assistance, General Management

♦ d. **R2017-70**
Public Hearing and Consideration to APPROVE A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Aurora, Colorado, approving the consolidated First Amended and Restated Service Plan for the Green Valley Ranch East Metropolitan District Nos. 6, 7 and 8 and authorizing the execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City and the Districts. ***(Staff requests a Waiver of Reconsideration)*** STAFF SOURCE: Vinessa Irvin, Manager Office of Development Assistance, General Management

Mayor Hogan closed the public hearing on the items.

Motion by Richardson, second by Roth, to continue items 10a – 10d to the October 16, 2017 City Council meeting.

Council Member Bergan asked why the items were on the agenda considering the terms were not yet agreed upon.

Mayor Hogan stated as the items were moving through the process, actions related to the election calendar were required, noting it was later determined the items could be continued to the next City Council meeting and this was a formal action to do so.

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Council Member LeGare addressed Ms. Coomb's comments related to developers that vote on the formation of metro districts, noting the state defined how metro districts were formed. He pointed out that homeowners eventually take over the board and district. He encouraged anyone buying a home to always read their title documents so they could make an informed decision whether or not to buy a house in a metro district, noting there were older areas of Aurora that did not have district fees. He noted there were benefits that came with metro districts and people bought there because they want to and not because they were ignorant.

Voting Aye: Bergan, Berzins, Cleland, Lawson, LeGare, Mounier, Pierce, Richardson, Roth

11. **RESOLUTIONS**

♦ a. **R2017-71**
Consideration to APPROVE A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Aurora, Colorado, authorizing the execution of the Economic Development Incentive Agreement between the City of Aurora, Colorado and PAR IV Inc. (The "Parties") STAFF SOURCE: Timothy "Tim" Gonerka, Senior Project Manager, Planning & Development Services

Motion by Richardson, second by Roth, to approve item 11a.

Voting Aye: Bergan, Berzins, Cleland, Lawson, LeGare, Mounier, Pierce, Richardson, Roth

♦ b. **R2017-72**
Consideration to APPROVE A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Aurora, Colorado, recommending the adoption of a New Employee Manual by the City Manager. STAFF SOURCE: Noel Mink, Manager of Human Resources Operations, Internal Services

Motion by LeGare, second by Bergan, to approve item 11b.

Motion by Richardson, second by Cleland, to amend item 11b to add proposed provision 1.6 related to due process for situations involving serious discipline.

Council Member Richardson expressed appreciation to Mayor Hogan for his leadership in asking staff to develop this provision because it retained important due process rights to employees who were accused of serious conduct and could receive serious discipline.

Council Member LeGare stated he would not support the item because this was not in the purview of the City Council.

Mayor Hogan disagreed that the City Council should not have the authority to make a change to the employee manual, noting items should be brought forward specifically.

Voting Aye: Mayor Hogan, Berzins, Cleland, Mounier, Richardson

Voting Nay: Bergan, Lawson, LeGare, Pierce, Roth

Mayor Hogan noted he voted to create a tie so that the item would return to City Council for review.

Council Member LeGare stated his understanding that a tie vote caused an item to fail.

Mayor Hogan stated a tie vote caused the item to return to City Council at the next meeting.

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♦ c. **R2017-73**
Consideration to APPROVE A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Aurora, Colorado, an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Aurora, Colorado, acting by and through its Utility Enterprise, and the United States Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management Colorado State Office for cooperation in the management of water rights, facilities, and Lands. (Trout Creek) STAFF SOURCE: Alexandra Davis, Deputy Director/Water Resource, Aurora Water

Motion by Roth, second by Bergan, to approve item 11c.

Council Member Mounier asked staff to state an opinion on whether or not it was a good idea for the Bureau of Land Management of move their offices from Washington DC to the west and if it was possible for them to come to Aurora.

Marshall Brown, Director, Aurora Water, stated most of the land the bureau managed was located in the west but he stated he did not know if there was a chance for them to come to Colorado.

Voting Aye: Bergan, Berzins, Cleland, Lawson, LeGare, Mounier, Pierce, Richardson, Roth

♦ d. **R2017-74**
Consideration to APPROVE A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Aurora, Colorado, approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Aurora, the Town of Castle Rock, and the Colorado Water Conservation Board for funding of Lost Creek underground storage pilot study. STAFF SOURCE: Alexandra Davis, Deputy Director/Water Resource, Aurora Water

Motion by Roth, second by Mounier, to approve item 11d.

Marshall Brown, Director, Aurora Water, provided a brief summary of the pilot project, noting it related to the concept of taking advantage of subsurface geology to store water underground rather than storing it in aboveground reservoirs, noting the water could then be pulled out during times of need.

Voting Aye: Bergan, Berzins, Cleland, Lawson, LeGare, Mounier, Pierce, Richardson, Roth

♦ e. **R2017-75**
Consideration to APPROVE A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Aurora, Colorado, supporting the continuation of the Federal Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program and applaud Congressman Coffman for his support of the bridge (Bar Removal of Individuals who Dream and Grow our Economy) act. ***(Staff requests a Waiver of Reconsideration)*** STAFF SOURCE: Michael J. Hyman, City Attorney

Motion by Richardson, second by Cleland, to approve item 11e with a waiver of reconsideration.

Motion by Mounier, second by Bergan, to move item 11e to the Management & Finance (M&F) policy committee for further discussion, amendments and more developed discussion related to immigration and the City's immigration problems.

Council Member Cleland pointed out the issue had the opportunity to be heard in committee because it was on the last Federal, State & Intergovernmental Relations (FSIR) committee meeting agenda. She stated it was not heard at that time due to time constraints. She explained her efforts in having the committee hear the item on two occasion's particularly in retrospect of the Bridge Act but was told there was no interest in reviewing the issue. She stated she believed the item should be on the City Council agenda and discussed her personal experience with those who were brought to the United States as babies who grew up to be undocumented adults. She stated her support of Congressman Coffman and the Bridge Act.

Council Member Mounier stated her support of a path to citizenship for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) children as well as total and complete immigration reform which she believed the US Congress had abdicated thus far. She stated her hope that the item would go to committee where there would be a complete discussion related to multiple immigration issues.

Council Member Richardson stated the motion to send the item to committee was an attempt to kill it until after the election. He then discussed the resolution, the Bridge Act and its support from Congressman Coffman and others. He asked City Council to decide if they would support deportation or congressional action.

Council Member LeGare stated he would limit his comments to the amendment on the floor, noting he concurred with Council Member Mounier's comments related to Congress' failure to act in this regard. He stated he would not support the motion because if Congress were to pay attention to what the City of Aurora had to say, they would most likely pay more attention to the entire body of the City Council rather than a policy committee.

Council Member Berzins stated she would commit to personally making an appointment with state delegations to discuss the issue one-on-one in the hopes this would demonstrate how important these young people were to the City of Aurora.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT

Voting Aye: Bergan, Berzins, Lawson, Mounier, Pierce, Roth

Voting Nay: Cleland, LeGare, Richardson

Mayor Hogan noted he could not vote but stated his opinion that the item ought to return to the City Council after it was reviewed by committee. He stated he would have voted for the resolution if he had been allowed to.

Council Member Berzins asked City Council to consider joining her in her endeavor to have one-on-one discussions with the state delegation in this regard.

Council Member Cleland asked when the item would return to City Council.

Council Member Pierce, Chair, M&F committee, stated October 25, 2017.

Council Member Mounier asked if it could be put on the agenda in 24 hours.

Mayor Hogan stated the agenda was determined by the Chair.

Council Member Pierce stated his intention to put the item on the September 27, 2017 M&F agenda.

Council Member LeGare stated he too would have supported the resolution, noting he concurred with Council Member Richardson's comments related to Congress stalling on this issue for the last 30 years. He discussed the "wink-wink" immigration policies and the need to make changes.

Council Member Richardson stated his resolution was being sent, by his objection, to a committee that he did not sit on and in his mind, the City Council should have the guts to vote on the item prior to the ballots. He stated the resolution would support Congressman Coffman in his effort to fix the problem.

12. **ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION**

♦ a. **2017-41**
Consideration for INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE of the City Council of the City of Aurora, Colorado, Amending Chapter 102 of the City Code of the City of Aurora, Colorado, Relating to the General Employees' Retirement Plan. STAFF SOURCE: Nancy Wishmeyer, Controller, Finance

Motion by LeGare, second by Roth, to introduce item 12a.

Council Member Bergan asked staff to speak to the revisions.

Nancy Wishmeyer, Controller, Finance, did so, noting the interest rate and inflation assumptions were changed.

Voting Aye: Bergan, Berzins, Cleland, Lawson, LeGare, Mounier, Pierce, Richardson, Roth

13. **ORDINANCES FOR FINAL**

♦ a. **2017-40**
Consideration for ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE of the City Council of the City of Aurora, Colorado, An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Aurora, Colorado, repealing Ordinance No. 2017-23 regarding the amendment of Section 11-18.5 of the City Charter. STAFF SOURCE: Jason Batchelor, Deputy City Manager, General Management

Motion by LeGare, second by Bergan, to approve item 13a.

Voting Aye: Bergan, Berzins, Cleland, Lawson, LeGare, Mounier, Pierce, Roth

Voting Nay: Richardson

14. **RECONSIDERATIONS AND CALL-UPS**

None

15. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

a. Consideration to Appoint (1) one member to the Aurora Planning and Zoning Commission. STAFF SOURCE: Linda Blackston, City Clerk, General Management

Motion by Bergan, second by Mounier, to appoint Dana Jackiewicz to the Aurora Planning and Zoning Commission.

Voting Aye: Mayor Hogan, Bergan, Berzins, Cleland, Lawson, LeGare, Mounier, Richardson, Roth

Voting Nay: Pierce

16. **REPORTS**

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a. Report by the Mayor

Mayor Hogan discussed his attendance at the recent ribbon-cutting event at the remote pet adoption center in a PetSmart in Westminster, which was the result of a grant shared between the City of Aurora Animal Shelter and PetSmart from the PetSmart Charities. He discussed the recent Austin, Texas Chamber of Congress tour where he spoke about what the City of Aurora had been doing with regards to homelessness issues.

B. Reports by the Council

Council Member Bergan discussed her attendance at the recent Police Academy graduation and congratulated all of the graduates. She announced the Ward VI Town Hall meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, September 27, 2017 where budget and traffic engineering presentations were scheduled.

Council Member Roth announced the Ward V Town Hall meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, October 17. 2017 at the Heather Gardens Clubhouse from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. where a candidate forum would take place. He expressed appreciation to Skip Noe, City Manager, for the leadership he provided to the City of Aurora and wished him well in his retirement.

Council Member LeGare stated there were three City Managers during his 15 year City Council tenure and Mr. Noe was at the top of the list of good city managers.

Council Member Cleland wished Mr. Noe good luck in his retirement and with his grandbabies, noting that while they have not always agreed, she appreciated all he had done.

Council Member Pierce offered congratulations to Mr. Noe on his retirement.

Council Member Berzins stated she has heard that people were busier during retirement than during their working years, noting that would fit Mr. Noe because he was a workaholic. She announced the Ward III meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, October 11, 2017 at Mimi's Cafe at 6:00 p.m. where Andrea Amonick, Development Services/AURA Services/AURA Manager, would speak about projects in Ward III.

Council Member Mounier stated she would miss Mr. Noe, noting he was a professional with a wonderful judge of character and projects.

Mayor Pro Tem Lawson discussed her first meeting with Mr. Noe where he listened to all of her ideas for the City, noting her appreciation for that and everything he has done.

Council Member Bergan expressed appreciation to Mr. Noe on his professionalism and assistance to her as a new council member. She wished him good luck in his retirement.

Council Member Richardson stated his hope that Mr. Noe would have a long and enjoyable retirement.

Council Member Mounier left the meeting at 8:55pm due to a prior familial commitment.

17. **PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD**

Juan Marcano, Aurora, Colorado, stated his initial intention to speak in support of agenda item 11e but changed his view considering the Council's fearful stance of political motivation. He then discussed the diversity in Aurora and the need to make 'dreamer' and their families feel welcome by city hall and the community at large. He stated his hope that the City Council would do their part in combating the disruptive rhetoric that led people to live in fear.

Dale Nichols, discussed a New York Times article by 125 bishops of the Episcopal Church of the USA related to their support of DACA and the ineffectiveness of the Bridge Act.

Michael Himawan, Aurora, Colorado, expressed appreciation to those council members who brought resolution 11e forward and stated his hope it would represent a step towards reversing the anti-sanctuary measure passed in May. He discussed Congressman Coffman's and the City of Aurora's treatment of immigrants.

Alison Coombs, Aurora, Colorado, concurred with Mr. Himawan's comments, noting her disgust at those on Council who would choose to delay public discussion until after the election. She discussed accountability and the importance of considering the role of immigration policy in society and asked City Council to take the issue seriously for these people who were citizens and not problems.

Crystal Murillo, Aurora, Colorado, stated her support of resolution 11e and discussed her own immigration journey. She expressed her disappointment in the outcome of the item and the lack of opportunity for people to speak on the item.

Jason Legg, Aurora, Colorado, discussed previous hearings where he and friends have been condescended to and asked City Council to construe speaker comments in a constructive light.

Jeanette Rodriguez, Aurora, Colorado, Co-chair of the Immigrant and Refugee Commission, expressed her frustration and disappointment at the City Council's actions on item 11e.

Jessica Campbell-Swanson, Aurora, Colorado, discussed the recent Mexican immigrant community celebration in Aurora and expressed her frustration and confusion at the hypocritical acts of City Council as it related to item 11e. She discussed the lack of transparency in the City Council and how it created distrust for them with citizens. She expressed her hope that there would be more substantial action related to the human issue of immigration.

Reid Hettich, Aurora, Colorado, discussed his experience moving to Colorado 32 years ago and expressed his disappointment that the City Council could not pass the resolution to support Congressman Coffman and to take a step forward.

Alondra Flores, Aurora, Colorado, stated the DACA resolution was literally the least the City Council could do, noting it was symbolic in nature but it would have assuaged people's fears by letting them know they were cared for by the City Council.

Ivania Rivera, Aurora, Colorado, spoke of her sadness at how City Council handled item 11e. She discussed her health battles which made her strong and a fighter. She stated she would continue to help immigrants that needed help.

Christian Jiminez, Aurora, Colorado, stated Council Member Richardson was on point with his comments as they related to item 11e. He pointed out the City Council had the opportunity to stand up for the youth of Aurora but they chose not to. He asked what they were going to do if they could not stand up for the youth.

18. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Hogan adjourned the regular meeting of City Council at 9:25 p.m.

Stephen D. Hogan

STEPHEN D. HOGAN, Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda Blackston

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