

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Aurora City Council

Monday, January 25, 2021

1. **RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 25, 2021 AND CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Coffman reconvened the regular meeting of City Council at 6:30 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL** Kadee Rodriguez, City Clerk

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Coffman, Bergan, Berzins, Bergan, Coombs, Gardner, Gruber, Hiltz, Johnston, Lawson, Marcano, Murillo

3. **INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Mayor Coffman called for a moment of silence for all those who have been lost to the COVID pandemic.

4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** (all standing)

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

No minutes were available for review.

6. **PROCLAMATIONS OR CEREMONIES**

6.a. Aerospace Alley Day Proclamation

Mayor Coffman read the proclamation declaring January 26, 2021 as Aerospace Alley Day in the City of Aurora.

7. **PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD**

(non-agenda related issues only)

8. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Motion by Berzins, second by Johnston, to approve the agenda as presented.

Voting Aye: Mayor Coffman, Bergan, Berzins, Coombs, Gardner, Gruber, Hiltz, Johnston, Lawson, Marcano, Murillo

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- 8.a. RECONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION R2020-24 - to Suspend Certain Council Rules Kadee Rodriguez, City Clerk / Dan Brotzman, City Attorney

Motion by Bergan, second by Berzins, to approve item 8a.

Voting Aye: Mayor Coffman, Bergan, Berzins, Coombs, Gardner, Gruber, Hiltz, Johnston, Lawson, Marcano, Murillo

9. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

This portion of the agenda is a meeting management tool to allow the City Council to handle several routine items with one action. Any member of the Council may request an item to be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered separately. Any item removed will be considered immediately following the adoption of the remainder of the Consent Calendar

- 9.a. Consideration to Authorize the Risk Manager to expend additional funds for City's insurance program. Staff requests a waiver of reconsideration.

Renee Pettinato Mosley, Risk Manager / Dave Lathers, Senior Assistant Attorney

Motion by Gruber, second by Bergan, to approve item 9a with a waiver of reconsideration.

Council Member Gruber asked staff to speak to why there was an additional authorization request for insurance when Council already approved \$2.7M for insurance for next year.

Renee Mosley, Risk Manager, did so.

Council Member Gruber asked if the riots at police headquarters on the Great Lawn and District 1 caused the insurance to increase. Ms. Mosley answered no, noting that related to property insurance coverage whereas the increase related primarily to claims and SB 217.

Council Member Marcano asked if it was use of force on citizens that increased the insurance. Ms. Mosley answered affirmatively, noting it was excessive use of force and fatalities from police encounters claims.

Mayor Pro Tem Bergan asked if the City would have to pay for any claims out of the General Fund if they were unable to pay more for the excess liability coverage. Ms. Mosley answered affirmatively.

Council Member Berzins pointed out it not only increased Homeowner's Insurance but the cost of houses and rents as well.

Voting Aye: Mayor Coffman, Bergan, Berzins, Coombs, Gardner, Gruber, Hiltz, Johnston, Lawson, Marcano, Murillo

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- 9.b. Consideration to AWARD A COMPETITIVELY BID CONTRACT to Radiation Pros, LLC, Englewood, Colorado in the not-to-exceed amount of \$121,000.00 for removal and disposal of residual material from the Griswold Water Purification Facility Lagoon #1, Invitation

Bobby Oligo, Manager of Water Treatment/Dave Lathers, Senior Assistant City Attorney

- 9.c. Consideration to AWARD A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT to Intrado Life & Safety Solutions Corp., Longmont, Colorado in the amount of \$159,390.00 for annual maintenance and support for the City's 911 answering system in the main and backup communication centers

Scott Newman, CIO, IT Dept. / Senior Assistant City Attorney Lathers

- 9.d. Consideration to AWARD A SINGLE SOURCE CONTRACT to Felsburg Holt & Ullevig, Greenwood Village, Colorado in the amount of \$1,772,975.00 for Professional Services for Final Design

Matt Kozakowski, Transportation Project Delivery Manager / Dave Lathers, Senior Assistant City Attorney

- 9.e. Consideration to AMEND AN OPENLY SOLICITED CONTRACT with Kennedy/Jenks Consultants, Inc., Lakewood, Colorado in the amount of \$29,153.66 for providing additional engineering services during construction for the Smoky Hill Pump Station Improvements Project

Dean Bedford, Principal Engineer / Dave Lathers, Senior Assistant City Attorney

- 9.f. Consideration to AWARD A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT to Xylem Water Solutions, USA, Inc., Chicago, Illinois in the amount of \$55,883.52 for the prestressed concrete cylinder pipe Acoustic Fiber Optic Monitoring Program.

Swirvine Nyirenda, Water Planning Svcs Mgr / Dave Lathers, Senior Assistant City Attorney

Motion by Gardner, second by Hiltz, to approve items 9b – 9f.

Voting Aye: Mayor Coffman, Bergan, Berzins, Coombs, Gardner, Gruber, Hiltz, Johnston, Lawson, Marcano, Murillo

10. RESOLUTIONS

- 10.a. TransPort Colorado Amended and Restated Interim Facilities and Intergovernmental Agreement

R2021-06 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO APPROVING THE AMENDED AND RESTATED INTERIM FACILITIES

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AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT PERTAINING TO TRANSPORT COLORADO LOGISTICS AND COMMERCE PARK

Jacob Cox, Interim Manager of Development Assistance / Brian Rulla, Assistant City Attorney

Motion by Gruber, second by Coombs, to approve item 10a.

Voting Aye: Bergan, Berzins, Coombs, Gardner, Gruber, Hiltz, Johnston, Lawson, Marcano, Murillo

Mayor Coffman called for a five-minute break to allow callers to call in.

Call-in instructions were provided for the benefit of the public.

11. PUBLIC HEARING WITH RELATED ORDINANCE

11.a. High Point-Hyde Zoning Map Amendment (Rezone)

2021-05 PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF FOR AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, REZONING 185 ACRES MORE OR LESS SOUTH OF 64TH AVENUE BETWEEN E-470 AND DENALI STREET FROM MIXED-USE AIRPORT DISTRICT (MU-A) TO AIRPORT DISTRICT (AD) AND AMENDING THE ZONING MAP ACCORDINGLY (HIGH POINT HYDE INDUSTRIAL REZONE

Deborah Bickmire, Senior Planner/Daniel Money, Sr. Assistant City Attorney

Mayor Coffman opened the public hearing on the item and closed the public hearing upon hearing no comment.

Motion by Marcano, second by Berzins, to approve item 11a.

Council Member Johnston asked staff to provide a brief overview for the benefit of the public.

Deborah Bickmire, Senior Planner, did so.

Voting Aye: Bergan, Berzins, Coombs, Gardner, Gruber, Hiltz, Johnston, Lawson, Marcano, Murillo

12. PUBLIC HEARING WITHOUT RELATED ORDINANCE

12.a. Crestone Peak Resources Operator Agreement

R2021-04 PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, EXPRESSING THE AURORA CITY COUNCIL'S SUPPORT OF REVISIONS TO EXHIBITS A AND B OF THE CRESTONE PEAK RESOURCES OPERATOR AGREEMENT

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Jeffrey S. Moore, Manager Oil & Gas Division/ Ian Best Assistant City Attorney
Outside Speaker: Cameron Ming and David Stewart et al (Crestone Peak Resources)

Mayor Coffman opened the public hearing on the item.

Council heard call-in testimony on the item.

Jeffrey S. Moore, Manager Oil & Gas Division, provided a presentation on the item.

Mayor Coffman closed the public hearing on the item.

Council Member Johnston asked Mr. Moore to speak to the Council's ability to make substantive changes to the Operator Agreements approved in 2019. Mr. Moore did so, noting Council was unable to make changes as they were legal binding agreements for both the City and the operator.

Mayor Pro Tem Bergan asked if the referenced residence that was located 1200 feet away from the Lone Tree existed. Mr. Moore answered affirmatively.

Ashley Campbell, Government Affairs Advisor, Crestone Peak Resources, introduced the applicant's team.

Cameron Ming, Senior Services, Crestone Peak Resources, provided a presentation on the item.

David Stewart, Vice-President, Environment, Health, Safety (HSE) and Regulatory, Crestone Peak Resources, discussed additional impacts.

Council Member Marcano asked what was keeping wells in the existing pad on Phase I from being relocated and consolidated to increase the distance from 1200 feet to 1800 feet from the residence. Mr. Ming stated the current size of the location would not accommodate the approved wells currently.

Council Member Johnston asked if the residents adjacent to Lone Tree North would be informed as to who they should contact if any safety or protection concerns arose. Mr. Stewart answered affirmatively and agreed to make sure the resident was made aware of that information also.

Mayor Coffman asked the applicant to speak to the surface area impacts as a result of reducing the number of well sites. Mr. Ming did so, noting a minimum of 25 acres was being saved.

Mayor Pro Tem Bergan stated her support of the item and her appreciation that the applicant and the City could continue to work together to make improvements that benefitted City residents.

Council heard call-in testimony on the item.

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Mr. Ming provided responses to the testimony.

Council Member Marcano noted the caller asked if the applicant would be willing to renegotiate the Operator's Agreement with the City to ensure they would be beholden to the incoming Oil and Gas regulations. Mr. Ming stated he would need to review those regulations, noting the agreement was very stringent and provided very specific methods and processes for the operator which was good for the public.

Mayor Coffman asked if the applicant was subject to the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (COGCC) changes. Mr. Ming answered affirmatively.

Council Member Coombs noted an additional question raised by the speaker was whether or not additional opportunities for public engagement and public comment would be provided.

Mr. Moore stated there was an additional step that needed to be taken and that was when all of the City departments would review and collect public comments.

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

Voting Aye: Bergan, Berzins, Coombs, Gardner, Gruber, Hiltz, Johnston, Lawson, Marcano, Murillo

13. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

13.a. Information Sharing between the City and Federal Immigration Authorities

2021-01 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, ADDING SECTIONS 102-3, 103-5, 102-6, 2-687 AND AMENDING SECTION 2-680 PERTAINING TO RESTRICTIONS AND REGULATIONS ON CITY FUNDS, RESOURCES, AND INFORMATION SHARING BETWEEN THE CITY AND FEDERAL IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES AND PROVIDING FOR SAFE SPACES IN THE CITY LIMITS.

Sponsor: Council Member Crystal Murillo and Council Member Alison Coombs
Ricardo Gambetta-Alverado, Intergovernmental Rltns Mgr / Hans Hernandez,
Assistant City Attorney

Sponsors moved this item forward from Study Session.

Motion by Coombs, second by Murillo, to introduce item 13a.

Council Member Murillo stated items 13a and 13b were separate ordinances but they both provided the immigrant community a level of safety and comfort by giving clarity for the police department. She noted it codified what was currently done in terms of Aurora Police cooperating with US Immigration and Custom Enforcement. (ICE) She stated it created safe spaces for members of the public to conduct the business of the public and focused on creating a welcoming environment to the community.

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Council Member Coombs discussed the ordinance, noting it was proposed for the purpose of keeping families together and Aurora communities safe. She stated it extended current policies to ensure community members were welcome to access City services without fear. She noted additionally, it was the right thing to do and the City Council should do everything that was within their limited power to protect these communities.

Council Member Marcano provided a brief overview of how the item came about. He expressed his hope Council could put their differences aside and put people over politics.

Council Member Johnston stated she supported both ordinances and addressed the erroneous narrative related to the increase in crime. She stated the more the City could do to show their support as a City would make Aurora a safer city.

Mayor Coffman pointed out the Mayor's Report was generally set at the beginning of the other agenda therefore he stated labor negotiations were discussed in the Executive Session.

Council heard public call-in testimony on the item.

Council Member Marcano expressed appreciation to all those who testified regardless of what side they supported. He pointed out immigration laws have changed dramatically over the course of this country's history and different people with different nationalities and races have been permitted or denied immigration with the politics of the time. He stated the importance of people understanding this was the same conversation happening now just at a different level. He stated the ordinances complied with federal law because the Constitution afforded certain rights to states and their subordinate jurisdictions of which the City was one. He discussed rights that were currently celebrated that would have been illegal in the past. He stated it was critical for people to remember that what was legal was not always what was just which was why the arc of history must continue to be bent towards justice. He expressed his hope that he could count on all of Council to choose to do better. He shared his personal experience growing up in Texas as a Puerto Rican, and asked Council to do better.

Council Member Murillo referenced the public comments related to the law, Constitution and government and pointed out separation of power has been built into the country's legal system which meant no one branch of government could make decisions that impacted people's lives and delineating local and federal governments did exactly that. She discussed the social awakening around Black Lives Matter and expressed her hope that Council could also prioritize and be intersectional around immigrants. She confirmed it was by no means the same plight but noted there were disparate impacts and people should be given access to core pillars of democracy. She stated the item codified what was already in policy and gave clarity to a gray area of the law. She expressed appreciation to all those who shared their personal testimonies. She stated a good process meant good policy and good policy should be codified in language so that it was clear to the public and to the police.

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Council Member Hiltz stated her support for the item. She pointed out there were items within the item that differentiated it from being similar to the Aurora Police Department (APD) non-enforcement because it allowed other protections for the City's immigrant community. She noted there could be conversations about what was state, federal and local law but at the end of the day, the issue was providing safe spaces for human beings in the City of Aurora while still maintaining compliance with federal law. She stated she did not understand why providing that basic sliver of dignity to human beings was so difficult. She expressed disappointment at the comments that were so quick and eager to dismiss people for not having the privileges others had. She stated it was her job to listen to the experiences of the people who were living this. She expressed appreciation to Council Member Marcano for sharing his story and noted those on Council who were not directly and similarly impacted should consider and acknowledge that and should listen to the stories of the people who were.

Council Member Lawson noted there were those who have stated that she did not support the immigrant community because she did not support the item. She discussed her record of support of the immigrant community over her six years on City Council. She stated she found it disingenuous of her colleagues to push that agenda. She stated it was untrue as she has been very supportive of the immigrant community. She stated she would not support the item because of the reasons stated in the study session. She stated she had her own framework and her own mind and pointed out black people were still being hunted, killed and racially profiled and noted while the plights were the same, they were also different. She stated she understood the intention behind the item but pointed out this was already being done in the City so she believed this put government on top of government. She reiterated her not supporting the items did not mean she did not support immigrants. She discussed her conversations with some in the African immigrant community where they stated they did not understand the fear of this. She stated she understood fear for black people to even step out because they lived that plight every single day. She stated she would not support the next item either because the City would delegate all of the work on it which would cost more than \$50k, noting that was not in the proposal.

Kadee Rodriguez, City Clerk, stated a caller who was unable to speak earlier because their call was dropped was prepared to speak on the item.

Council heard call-in testimony on the item.

Council Member Coombs clarified a person did not have to be a felon or one without a legal status to be subject to removal proceedings as there only had to be a question of that. She stated therefore framing these members of the community as non-resident felons was a false and inaccurate narrative. She stated reiterating the word 'legal' rang hollow as it ignored history including recent history where her own marriage only became legal during her adult life.

Council Member Murillo stated there have been many conversations about the benefits to safety and productivity to the Aurora community by enacting an ordinance like this. She

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expressed disappointment at the narrative of uplifting one community while disempowering another. She stated she was very intentional about not equating the plight of black and African Americans but rather drawing some parallels with systems of oppression and over-policing in different communities. She stated Council had the opportunity to create a policy that acknowledged that there were different ways that people navigated the legal system and that regardless of immigration status, people were people and people deserved human rights, the opportunity to have access to legal representation and to safety in public spaces. She stated intersectionality demanded that black lives be prioritized, noting again, that was not the same experience immigrants faced as they had different challenges and this item was one way to support them. She stated she would advocate for these policies to be passed just as loudly as she would for police reform to be. She expressed her hope the items would add clarity to the City process because community members were humans and their lives deserved to matter.

Motion by Berzins, second by Bergan, to end discussion and call for the vote on item 13a.

Voting Aye: Mayor Coffman, Bergan, Berzins, Coombs, Gardner, Gruber, Hiltz, Johnston, Lawson, Marcano, Murillo

VOTE ON ORIGINAL MOTION

Voting Aye: Coombs, Hiltz, Johnston, Marcano, Murillo

Voting Nay: Mayor Coffman, Bergan, Berzins, Gardner, Gruber, Lawson

13.b. Immigrant Legal Defense Fund Ordinance

2021-02 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, ADDING DIVISION 5 TO ARTICLE V OF CHAPTER 2 OF THE CITY CODE PERTAINING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN IMMIGRANT LEGAL DEFENSE FUND

Sponsor: Council Member Crystal Murillo and Council Member Alison Coombs
Ricardo Gambetta-Alverado, Intergovernmental Rltns Mgr / Hans Hernandez
Assistant City Attorney

Sponsors moved this item forward from Study Session.

Motion by Marcano, second by Coombs, to introduce item 13b.

Council Member Murillo stated she would like to create nuance on the vote. She stated it related to support for having access to legal representation and then, whether that should be funded through the City. She clarified that while City funding would be requested should the item pass, the current vote was on whether one agreed that people should have access to legal representation regardless of who funded it. She stated it would be set up as a grant program and expressed her hope the City would allocate money should it pass but pointed out that would be determined at a later time. She reiterated the vote related to whether one supported the foundation and philosophy behind access to legal

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representation and that it should be afforded to the immigrant community, noting one could support this and still have another conversation around funding at a different time.

Council Member Johnston pointed out in discussions around legal representation and reform in the judicial system, there were many on Council who supported the Public Defender's Office. She shared the personal experience of a constituent and stated this was not the case where an abundance of legal resources would be provided but was rather a simple vote to state there could be a defense fund. She pointed out those who might not support it later for fiscal reasons could do so at that time but reiterated this was a vote to support representation just as many on Council supported the Public Defender's Office. She encouraged everyone to support the item and expressed her hope they would also support the budget request later on but noted that was another issue for another time.

Council Member Marcano echoed Council Member Johnston's comments and stressed that giving the item institutional legitimacy would make it easier to reach out to the private sector and other nonprofits to raise grant money for legal protection.

Voting Aye: Coombs, Hiltz, Johnston, Marcano, Murillo

Voting Nay: Mayor Coffman, Bergan, Berzins, Gardner, Gruber, Lawson

13.c. I70 and Picadilly Road Interchange Project

2021-06 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, TO EXERCISE THE POWER OF EMINENT DOMAIN FOR ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN PROPERTIES FOR THE I-70/PICADILLY ROAD INTERCHANGE PROJECT

Hector Reynoso, Real Property Services Manager / Michelle Gardner, Senior Assistant City Attorney

Motion by Gruber, second by Johnston, to approve item 13c.

Voting Aye: Bergan, Berzins, Coombs, Gardner, Gruber, Hiltz, Johnston, Lawson, Marcano, Murillo

14. FINALIZING OF ORDINANCES

14.a. Residency Requirements for Aurora Boards and Commissions

2021-03 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, AMENDING SECTION 2-769 OF THE CITY CODE PERTAINING TO RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR PERSONS APPOINTED TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES OR AUTHORITIES

Sponsor: Council Member Alison Coombs
Kadee Rodriguez, City Clerk, Dave Lathers, Assistant City Attorney

Mayor Coffman called for a five-minute break.

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Council heard call-in testimony on the item.

Motion by Coombs, second by Marcano, to approve item 14a.

Council Member Coombs stated for the record how the item came about and what the intention was behind it. She clarified it was a means to accept other ways of determining residency for the purposes of serving on City boards and commissions as voter registration was not a requirement to do so. She stated her hope that those on Council who supported the item previously would continue to do so.

Voting Aye: Coombs, Gardner, Hiltz, Johnston, Lawson, Marcano, Murillo

Voting Nay: Bergan, Berzins, Gruber

14.b. AMENDING THE UDO TO REMOVE "GENERAL AVIATION" AS A DESCRIPTOR OF AIRPORTS

2021-04 FOR AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, AMENDING SECTION 2.6.2.C.2.A OF THE UDO, PERTAINING TO THE 60 LDN SUBAREA, REMOVING "GENERAL AVIATION" AS A DESCRIPTOR OF AIRPORTS IN ORDER TO PROVIDE CONSISTENT REGULATIONS WITHIN NOISE CONTOURS OF AIRPORTS IN AND NEAR THE JURISDICTIONAL BOUNDARIES OF AURORA

Karen Hancock, Senior Planner II/Daniel Money, Senior Assistant City Attorney

Motion by Gruber, second by Coombs, to approve item 14b.

Voting Aye: Bergan, Berzins, Coombs, Gardner, Gruber, Hiltz, Johnston, Lawson, Marcano, Murillo

15. **PLANNING MATTERS**

None

16. **ANNEXATIONS**

None

17. **RECONSIDERATIONS AND CALL UPS**

17.a. RECONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2020-22 – Review of the powers granted to the City Manager by Resolution 2020-22.

Jim Twombly, City Manager / Evans, Isabelle, Assistant City Attorney

Motion by Gruber, second by Berzins, to approve item 17a.

Voting Aye: Mayor Coffman, Bergan, Berzins, Coombs, Gardner, Gruber, Hiltz, Johnston, Lawson, Marcano, Murillo

18. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

None

19. **REPORTS**

19.a. Report by the Mayor

No report.

19.a.1. Civil Service Commission Interview Process

Kadee Rodriguez, City Clerk, provided an update on the Civil Service Commission interview process and asked how many and which candidates Council wanted to interview.

Council Member Johnston stated she was open to more than three and noted the person who received seven votes was not included.

Council Member Gardner proposed bringing the top five candidates in for interviews.

Mayor Coffman asked if there were any objections to Council Member Gardner's proposal.

Council Member Coombs stated she would like to amend the proposal to include the top six candidates since there were six rankings to go by and it provided an adequate pool.

Mayor Coffman asked Council Member Gardner if he considered that a friendly amendment. Council Member Gardner answered affirmatively.

Council Member Berzins asked Ms. Rodriguez if adding her top person changed the order of the ranking. Ms. Rodriguez answered no.

Mayor Pro Tem Bergan stated her preference for five interviews rather than six as these interviews were often lengthy.

Mayor Coffman noted Council Member Coombs moved the number to six without objection.

Council Member Berzins pointed out the top four had seven Council votes and the fifth had five votes and asked Council Member Coombs the likelihood of the sixth

getting six votes. Council Member Coombs stated based on that argument, both the fifth and sixth person would have to be dropped which then called into question why interviews were necessary since people have already made up their minds.

Mayor Coffman stated this was not a formal process but was simply a way for Council to give direction to staff.

Mayor Pro Tem Bergan asked staff how many voted for the sixth person. Ms. Rodriguez stated three.

Mayor Coffman asked individual council members if they supported six interviews and the majority did.

Council agreed to interview six candidates for the Civil Service Commission.

19.b. Reports by the Council

Council Member Lawson stated she served on the National League of Cities (NLC) Transportation Committee and announced today was their kickoff meeting. She provided an FSIR update and had no report for RTD Reimagined or Colorado Municipal League. (CML)

Council Member Gardner announced he was appointed to the NLC Finance Administration Intergovernmental Relations Committee.

Council Member Murillo announced the Ward I Town Hall meeting was scheduled for Thursday, January 28, 2021 at 6:00 p.m., where many topics would be discussed. She provided an update on the RTD Accountability Committee and expressed her excitement over any nexus that could be advanced between unaffordable housing and small business development in the RTD conversation.

Council Member Johnston stated Council would be reviewing the draft Oil & Gas Manual at the next study session meeting on Monday, February 1, 2021 and she would hold a Ward II Town Hall on Thursday, February 4, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in that regard. She noted all were welcome. She raised the topic of the Denver Business Journal State of the City Address and addressed Mayor Coffman. She expressed her hope he would frame any discussions on homelessness as his opinion rather than that of the City or the City Council. She discussed the damage his continued narrative has caused and expressed her hope that he would have sensitivity and listen to City non-profits so that homelessness could continue to be a part of the dialogue rather than his specific talking points.

Council Member Berzins recognized the passing and loss of Gene Hogan, a wonderful patriot and lover of the City. She stated he and his wonderful personality would be missed. She announced the Ward III virtual meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. She suggested those interested in attending should go onto the City's website or her City Facebook page for more information.

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Council Member Marcano announced the Sister Cities Japan committee's virtual bullet train ride event was scheduled for Saturday, February 6, 2021 at 4:00 p.m., noting more information could be found at www.aurorasistercities/newsroom.com and the Ward IV Town Hall meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 10, 2021 online at 6:30 p.m. via Facebook Live and WebEx, where HOAs would be discussed.

Council Member Coombs announced the Ward V Town Hall meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, February 3, 2021 at 6:30 p.m., where homelessness and homelessness services would be discussed, and noted moving forward that all Ward V meetings would be held the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. She provided updates on Visit Aurora, Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG), Arts and Culture Administration of Emergency Preparedness and the Cherry Creek Basin Water Quality Authority.

Mayor Pro Tem Bergan provided reports on the E-470 board and the-Mile-High Flood District. She announced the Ward VI Town Hall meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, January 27, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., where the increase in crime in Ward VI and how to prevent it would be discussed as well as an update on the rec center provided. She expressed her sincere condolences to Gene Hogan's family and stated she was sorry for their loss.

20. **PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD**

(non-agenda related issues only)


21. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Coffman adjourned the regular meeting of City Council at 10:14 p.m.



MIKE COFFMAN, MAYOR

ATTEST:



Kadee Rodriguez, City Clerk

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