

## MINUTES

### Regular Meeting of the Aurora City Council

Monday, April 26, 2021

1. **RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 12, 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, Coombs, Gardner, Gruber, Hiltz, Johnston, Lawson, Marcano, Murillo

3. **INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Mayor Coffman called for a moment of silence to remember those who have been lost to COVID and all who are struggling to recover.

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

Mayor Coffman requested Item 9 be heard prior to Item 5 and upon hearing no objection, called for the approval of the agenda.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

5.a. March 8, 2021

Motion by Marcano, second by Bergan, to approve the minutes of the meeting of March 8, 2021, as presented.

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

6. **EXECUTIVE SESSION UPDATE**

Mayor Coffman noted there was discussion on the Aurora Police Association v. City of Aurora agreement at Executive Session.

7. **PROCLAMATIONS OR CEREMONIES**

7.a. Victims' Rights Week

Mayor Pro Tem Bergan read the proclamation declaring April 18 – 24, 2021 as Victims’ Rights Week. She recognized and expressed appreciation to all Aurora Police Department Victims Services personnel and volunteers for their efforts in this regard.

7.b. AAPI Heritage Month

Mayor Coffman read the proclamation declaring May 2021 as Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders Month.

8. **PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD**

(non-agenda related issues only)

Council heard public testimony from the call-in line.

9. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

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

Motion by Gruber, second by Berzins, to approve item 9a.

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

*AMENDMENT I*

Motion by Johnston, second by Gruber, to move item 12a to the May 24, 2021 City Council agenda.

Council Member Johnston provided context for the change request, noting questions from all sides have arisen that needed to be addressed prior to the item being heard. She expressed appreciation to her colleagues for their support of the motion.

Council Member Marcano expressed appreciation to those who provided comments and questions in this regard.

Mayor Coffman asked if there were any objections to the change and hearing none, moved the item to the May 24, 2021 meeting. He asked if there were any objections to moving item 21 prior to item 20 and hearing none, did so.

Motion by Johnston, second by Marcano, to approve the agenda, as amended.

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

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

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10. **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.*

10.a. CABC Bylaw Changes

Greg Hays, Budget Officer Finance / Hans Hernandez Assistant City Attorney

10.b. Consideration to AWARD AN OPENLY SOLICITED CONTRACT to Versaterm Systems, Scottsdale, Arizona in the amount of \$2,710,108.00 to provide a Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system for the E911 Communications Centers. (R2027)

Motion by Gruber, second by Coombs, to approve items 10a and 10b.

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

10.c. Consideration to EXTEND AN OPENLY SOLICITED CONTRACT to Viewu, Seattle, WA in the amount of \$93,600.00 to provide 2021 Body Worn Camera hardware and software services for the Aurora Police Department through July 31, 2021. (R1717)

Motion by Coombs, second by Marcano, to approve item 10c.

Council Member Coombs requested an update on the item because Council continued to approve the contract extension with the expectation of a new vendor.

Chris Juul, Division Chief, Aurora Police, discussed procurement of the new vendor and the implement process moving forward.

Council Member Berzins asked how many months were included in the extension. Chief Juul stated it should be finalized by the end of July.

Mayor Pro Tem Bergan asked if the contract provided new equipment. Chief Juul answered affirmatively.

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

Mayor Coffman called for a five-minute recess to allow staff to set up for public comment.

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11. **RESOLUTIONS**

11.a. Purchase of the Sorin Term Sheet

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R2021-29 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, APPROVING THE PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN SORIN NATURAL RESOURCE PARTNERS, LLC, A COLORADO LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, ("SELLER"), AND THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, A COLORADO HOME RULE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE COUNTIES OF ADAMS, ARAPAHOE, AND DOUGLAS ACTING BY AND THROUGH ITS UTILITY ENTERPRISE ("CITY") FOR THE PURCHASE OF GODFREY DITCH COMPANY STOCK, BIG BEND DITCH WATER RIGHTS, AND CERTAIN REAL ESTATE, WITH APPURTENANT EASEMENTS, IMPROVEMENTS AND PERSONAL PROPERTY

Alex Davis, Deputy Director of Water Resources, Aurora Water / Stephanie Neitzel, Assistant City Attorney

Motion by Coombs, second by Johnston, to approve item 11a.

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

11.b. 2021 RTD IGA Resolution

R2021-28 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, APPROVING THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT AND THE CITY OF AURORA REGARDING SAFETY AND SECURITY SERVICES

Jim Lesnansky, Police Lieutenant / Megan Platt, Assistant City Attorney

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

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

Mayor Coffman called for a five-minute recess to allow staff to set up for public comment.

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

12. **PUBLIC HEARING WITH RELATED ORDINANCE**

12.a. Ordinance Amending and Repealing Sections of the UDO Pertaining to Oil and Gas

2021-15 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, CREATING CHAPTER 135 OF THE CITY CODE PERTAINING TO OIL AND GAS AND REPEALING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE

Jeffrey Moore, Oil & Gas Division Manager / Ian Best, Assistant City Attorney

13. **PUBLIC HEARING WITHOUT RELATED ORDINANCE**

None

14. **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

None

15. **FINALIZING OF ORDINANCES**

15.a. Amendment to Section 126-170 of the City Code Pertaining to Insurance

2021-13 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA,  
COLORADO, AMENDING SECTION 126-170 OF THE CITY CODE PERTAINING TO  
INSURANCE

Renee Pettinato Mosley, Risk Manager / Michelle Gardner, Senior Assistant City  
Attorney

Motion by Gruber, second by Berzins, to approve item 15a.

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

15.b. Smoky Hill Coffee Shop Zoning Map Amendment

2021-14 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA,  
COLORADO, REZONING 14.39 ACRES MORE OR LESS AT THE SOUTHEAST  
CORNER OF SMOKY HILL ROAD AND EAST OTTOWA PLACE FROM LOW-  
DENSITY SINGLE-FAMILY DISTRICT (RI) TO MIXED-USE CORRIDOR DISTRICT  
(MU-C) AND AMENDING THE ZONING MAP ACCORDINGLY (SMOKY HILL COFFEE  
SHOP REZONE)

Claire Dalby, Planner II / Daniel L. Money, Senior Assistant City Attorney

Motion by Bergan, second by Murillo, to approve item 15b.

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

16. **PLANNING MATTERS**

None

17. **ANNEXATIONS**

None

18. **RECONSIDERATIONS AND CALL UPS**

18.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 Berzins, second by Coombs, to approve item 18a.

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

19. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

19.a. Safe Outdoor Space Community Engagement Announcement

Lana Dalton, Homelessness Program Manager / Tim Joyce, Assistant City Attorney

Lana Dalton, Homelessness Program Manager, provided a brief presentation on the item.

Mayor Pro Tem Bergan stated her confusion as to why the item was being discussed under General Business of a regular meeting rather than at Study Session. She noted the City did have a place for RVs and those experiencing homelessness.

Ms. Dalton stated the warehouse closed because the contract ended and noted staff would provide a more detailed presentation at a later date.

Mayor Coffman stated the item should be heard at Study Session and not at a regular meeting of the City Council.

Mayor Pro Tem Johnston stated she felt it was appropriate for staff to bring this forward under General Business because the regular meetings tended to have more of an audience which increased the community participation and information.

Council Member Coombs suggested that, with community engagement in mind, perhaps a community engagement announcement section could be considered under General Business moving forward since there was generally a larger audience during the regular meetings.

Mayor Coffman agreed that was a great Study Session topic.

20. **REPORTS**

20.a. Report by the Mayor

Mayor Coffman discussed his attendance at the recent opening night of the Aurora Fox Arts Center Theater's current show. He encouraged everyone to support the Arts and the Aurora Fox Theater.

20.b. Reports by the Council

Council Member Lawson acknowledged Christina Amparan, the City's new Youth Violence Prevention Program Manager and provided FSIR and Citizen Engagement Academy updates. She stated her appreciation for those council members who could participate in the remaining four sessions of the academy.

Council Member Gruber discussed the inland port project that was being led by World Trade Center Denver and its very positive long-term impacts for the City of Aurora.

Council Member Murillo announced the Ward I Town Hall meeting was scheduled virtually for Thursday, May 27, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. She noted the idea of holding in-person meetings was reviewed regularly and it did look promising. She stated the City recently hosted a vaccine clinic and an equity clinic was planned for the future. She encouraged everyone to get vaccinated so they could participate fully in their community again. She provided an RTD Accountability Committee update.

Council Member Johnston announced the Ward II Town Hall meeting was scheduled for Thursday, May 6, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. She then read her City Council resignation letter aloud.

Council Member Berzins addressed Council Member Johnston and stated her resignation took a lot of courage and she agreed family always came first. She congratulated her daughter on her upcoming graduation from the Leeds School of Business – CU Boulder with an MBA. She announced the Ward III Town Hall meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, May 12, 2021 virtually as well as the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Ward III picnic that was scheduled for Saturday, July 24, 2021 at Bicentennial Park from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for Ward III residents only.

Council Member Marcano wished Council Member Johnston well and expressed appreciation for all she has done in the City. He announced the Ward IV Town Hall meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, May 12, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. on WebEx and Facebook Live where 2021 Budget and homelessness in Aurora updates would be provided.

Council Member Coombs expressed appreciation to Council Member Johnston for her hard work and service to Aurora. She discussed the recent shot clinic for Heather Gardens and her attendance at the St. Lawrence Korean Catholic Church shot clinic. She announced the Ward V Town Hall meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, May 5, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. on WebEx where presentations on the 2021 Budget and Oil & Gas draft regulations would be provided. She discussed her attendance at the recent Natural Leader's graduation program and provided an update on Visit Aurora, DRCOG and the Cherry Creek Basin Water Quality Authority.

Mayor Pro Tem Bergan addressed Council Member Johnston and stated she respected her decision to make her family a priority. She noted that while she and Council Member Johnston might not have always agreed on policy, their relationship was always cordial and respectful and she appreciated that. She provided updates on the Mile High Flood District and announced the Ward VI Town Hall meeting was scheduled virtually for Wednesday, May 26, 2021 where a 2021 Budget update and trails presentation would be provided.

Mayor Coffman expressed appreciation to Council Member Johnston for her public service.

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21. **PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD**

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None

22. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Coffman adjourned the regular meeting of City Council at 7:41 p.m.



MIKE COFFMAN, MAYOR

ATTEST:



Kadie Rodriguez, City Clerk