

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Aurora City Council Monday, June 14, 2021

1. **RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 14, 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

Call-in instructions were provided for the public in both Spanish and English.

3. **INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Mayor Coffman called for a moment of silence for all those lost to COVID.

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

5. **EXECUTIVE SESSION UPDATE**

Mayor Coffman stated a litigation update was provided at Executive Session.

6. **PROCLAMATIONS OR CEREMONIES**

6.a. Immigrant Heritage Month

Mayor Coffman read the proclamation declaring June 2021 as Immigrant Heritage Month.

6.b. LGBTQ+ Pride Month

Council Member Coombs read the proclamation declaring June 2021 as LGBTQ+ Pride Month.

7. **PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD**

(non-agenda related issues only)

8. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Motion by Marcano, second by Bergan, to adopt the agenda as presented.

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 AWARD OPENLY SOLICITED CONTRACTS for On-Call Construction Services for Priority Repairs of Water, Wastewater & Stormwater Infrastructure

Consideration to AWARD OPENLY SOLICITED CONTRACTS for On-Call Construction Services for Priority Repairs of Water, Wastewater & Stormwater Infrastructure to Nine (9) Firms in the Not to Exceed Amount of \$2,000,000.00 Per Award for Providing Task Order Construction Services

Sarah Young, Deputy Director of Planning and Engineering, Aurora Water / Brian Rulla, Assistant City Attorney

9.b. Consideration to AWARD A COMPETITIVELY BID CONTRACT to K.R. Swerdfeger Construction, Inc., Pueblo West, Colorado in the amount of \$2,973,530.00 for the 2021 Water System Improvement – Central Package Project, Project No. 5805A

Dean Bedford, Principal Engineer, Aurora Water / Brian Rulla, Assistant City Attorney

9.c. Consideration to AWARD AN OPENLY SOLICITED CONTRACT to Concrete Express, Inc. (CEI), Denver, Colorado in the amount of \$737,721.14 for Work Package four (4) of the Tollgate Creek Stream Restoration project, Project No. R-5669A

Swirvine Nyirenda, Water Planning Services Manager, Aurora Water / Ian Best, Assistant City Attorney

9.d. Consideration to AMEND AN OPENLY SOLICITED CONTRACT with Dewberry Engineers, Inc., Denver, Colorado

Consideration to AMEND AN OPENLY SOLICITED CONTRACT with Dewberry Engineers, Inc., Denver, Colorado in the amount of \$231,783 for providing

construction phase services for the 60-inch Gun Club Pipeline from E. 6th Ave. to I70 Phase 2 Project, Project No. R-1838

- 9.e. Dean Bedford, Principal Engineer, Aurora Water / Ian Best, Assistant City Attorney
Consideration to AUTHORIZE STAFF TO LOCK FUEL PRICES THROUGH A COMPETITIVE PROCESS that will lead to the award of a competitively bid contract to selected vendor in the not-to-exceed amount of \$3,000,000.00 to cover the cost of motor vehicle fuel

Staff requests a waiver of reconsideration due to current volatility in the fuel market.

Ron Forrest – Fleet Manager / Ian Best Assistant City Attorney

- 9.f. Consideration to AWARD A COMPETITIVELY BID CONTRACT to J.R. Filanc Construction Company, Inc., Northglenn, Colorado in the amount of \$2,229,000.00 for the Large Valve Rehabilitation Project, Project No. 5790A

Dean Bedford, Principal Engineer, Aurora Water / Brian Rulla, Assistant City Attorney

- 9.g. Consideration to AMEND THE SINGLE SOURCE CONTRACT with HDR, Inc., Denver, Colorado in the amount of \$180,637.00 for I-70/Picadilly Interchange Design-Build Procurement and Program Management Consulting Services

Staff requests a waiver of reconsideration

Kozakowski, Matthew - Transportation Project Delivery Manager / Best, Ian Assistant City Attorney

- 9.h. Consideration to EXTEND A COMPETITIVELY BID CONTRACT to Carus Corporation, Peru, Illinois

Consideration to EXTEND A COMPETITIVELY BID CONTRACT to Carus Corporation, Peru, Illinois in the not-to-exceed amount of \$61,000.00 for the purchase of Potassium Permanganate Water Treatment Chemical for the Binney Water Purification Facility (WPF) through December 31, 2021

Bobby Oligo, Manager Of Water Treatment, Aurora Water / Ian Best, Assistant City Attorney

- 9.i. Consideration to AWARD A SINGLE SOURCE CONTRACT to L.L. Johnson Distributing Company, Denver, Colorado, in the not-to-exceed amount of \$130,500.00 for Toro brand repair parts and service as required by PROS/Golf and Fleet Services through June 30, 2022

Ronnie Forrest, Fleet Manager, Public Works / Ian Best, Assistant City Attorney

9.j. Consideration to AWARD A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT to Environmental Systems Research Inc. (ESRI), Redlands, California in the amount not to exceed \$114,149.86 for annual maintenance of the City's geographical mapping software system through July 12, 2022
Scott Newman, Chief Information Officer/Ian Best, Assistant City Attorney

9.k. Consideration to AWARD A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT to Emergency One, Inc., Ocala, Florida in the not-to-exceed amount of \$260,000.00 for OEM repair parts as required for the City's Emergency One fire apparatus through March 31, 2022
Ronnie Forrest, Fleet Manager, Public Works / Ian Best, Assistant City Attorney

9.l. Consideration to AWARD A SINGLE SOURCE CONTRACT to Wagner Equipment Company, Aurora, Colorado
Consideration to AWARD A SINGLE SOURCE CONTRACT to Wagner Equipment Company, Aurora, Colorado in the not-to-exceed amount of \$100,000.00 for the purchase of parts and repair services for Caterpillar and other miscellaneous heavy equipment as required by Fleet Services through March 31, 2022
Ronnie Forrest, Fleet Manager, Public Works / Ian Best, Assistant City Attorney

9.m. Consideration to AWARD CHANGE ORDER #1 TO A COMPETITIVELY BID CONTRACT with Ferguson Waterworks, Aurora, CO in the amount not to exceed \$178,000.00 for purchase of water pipeline parts as required for the Water Department Warehouse (B4483)
Marena Lertch, Manager of Water Service Operations / Ian Best, Assistant City Attorney

9.n. Consideration to AWARD AN OPENLY SOLICITED CONTRACT to Collaborative Solutions
Consideration to AWARD AN OPENLY SOLICITED CONTRACT to Collaborative Solutions in the total amount of \$4,605,938.00 to provide software implementation services for the Workday Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) software system implementation for the City's Finance and Human Resource Departments (R-2070)
Staff requests a waiver of reconsideration to comply with the vendor price effectivity period.
Scott Newman, IT, Terri Velasquez, Finance, Ryan Lantz-HR / Ian Best, Assistant City Attorney

- 9.o. Consideration to AWARD AN OPENLY SOLICITED CONTRACT to Workday, Pleasanton, CA

Consideration to AWARD AN OPENLY SOLICITED CONTRACT to Workday, Pleasanton, CA in the total amount of \$10,097,910 to provide software subscription and support services for an Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) software system for the City's Finance and Human Resource Departments

Staff requests a waiver of reconsideration to comply with the vendor price effectivity period. Scott Newman – IT, Terri Velasquez, Finance/Kimberly Skaggs, Assistant City Attorney

- 9.p. Consideration to AWARD A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT to Emergency One, Inc., Ocala, Florida in the not-to-exceed amount of \$260,000.00 for OEM repair parts as required for the City's Emergency One fire apparatus through March 31, 2022

Ronnie Forrest, Fleet Manager, Public Works / Ian Best, Assistant City Attorney

- 9.q. Consideration to AWARD A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT to Scott Safety, Monroe, North Carolina in the amount of \$69,962.00 for annual repair/maintenance as required for Scott Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) and Associated Equipment Through June 30, 2022

Rod Weber, Fire Commander Training / Ian Best, Assistant City Attorney

Motion by Gruber, second by Berzins, to approve items 9a – 9q with waivers of reconsideration on items 9e, 9g, 9n and 9o.

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

Mayor Coffman called for a brief recess to allow staff to provide public call-in instructions.

10. **RESOLUTIONS**

- 10.a. RAVEN MOU Resolution 2021

R2021-39 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO APPROVING THE 2021 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING REGARDING THE REGIONAL ANTI-VIOLENCE NETWORK.

Division Chief Terry Brown / Megan Platt, Assistant City Attorney

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

Division Chief Terry Brown, Aurora Police, provided a brief summary of the item.

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

10.b. Westerly Creek at Kenton Way

R2021-40 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, EXPRESSING THE AURORA CITY COUNCIL'S SUPPORT OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, ACTING BY AND THROUGH ITS UTILITY ENTERPRISE AND THE URBAN DRAINAGE AND FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT, d/b/a MILE HIGH FLOOD DISTRICT REGARDING DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF DRAINAGE AND FLOOD CONTROL IMPROVEMENTS FOR WESTERLY CREEK AT KENTON WAY.

Sarah Young, Deputy Director of Planning and Engineering, Aurora Water / Christine McKenney, Client Group Manager

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

Sarah Young, Deputy Director of Planning and Engineering, Aurora Water, provided a brief summary of the item.

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

10.c. Eagle River Project - Amendment to the Tracht Parcel Lease Agreement

R2021-41 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE TRACHT LEASE AGREEMENT.

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

Marshall Brown, Director, Aurora Water, provided a brief summary of the item.

Motion by Gruber, second by Berzins, to approve item 10c.

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

10.d. Funds to operate a temporary shelter, safe outdoor shelter

R2021-42 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA,

COLORADO, EXPRESSING THE AURORA CITY COUNCIL'S SUPPORT FOR FUNDING THE SALVATION ARMY, AURORA CORPS, INTERMOUNTAIN DIVISION WITH EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS CARES GRANT FUNDS TO OPERATE A TEMPORARY SHELTER, SAFE OUTDOOR SHELTER.

Lana Dalton, LCSW- Homelessness Programs Manager/ Tim Joyce- Assistant City Attorney

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

Lana Dalton, LCSW, Homelessness Programs Manager, provided a brief summary of the item.

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

10.e. 2021 Funding Agreement Between The City of Aurora and The Aurora Mental Health Center

R2021-43 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, EXPRESSING THE AURORA CITY COUNCIL'S SUPPORT FOR FUNDING AURORA COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER, INC. DBA AURORA MENTAL HEALTH CENTER INC.'S SOCIAL DETOX PROGRAM WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT NEXUS PROGRAM FUNDS FOR A SIX-MONTH CONTRACT PERIOD BETWEEN JULY 1, 2021 TO DECEMBER 31, 2021.

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

Motion by Berzins, second by Lawson, to approve item 10e.

Lana Dalton, Manager of Homelessness Program, provided a brief summary of the item.

Council heard public call-in testimony on the item.

Mayor Pro Tem Bergan asked staff to speak to money that has been given to Aurora Mental Health outside of the detox services. Ms. Dalton did so. Mayor Pro Tem Bergan stated she agreed with the funding agreement for Aurora Mental Health. She stated an in-depth presentation was provided during Council study session and she asked for information on how many Aurorans were served through the Detox program.

Ms. Dalton agreed to do provide that information

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

10.f. Murphy Creek and Tributaries IGA Resolution

R2021-44 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, EXPRESSING THE AURORA CITY COUNCIL'S SUPPORT OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT AMONG THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, ACTING BY AND THROUGH ITS UTILITY ENTERPRISE, THE URBAN DRAINAGE AND FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT, d/b/a MILE HIGH FLOOD DISTRICT AND THE SOUTHEAST METRO STORMWATER AUTHORITY REGARDING MAJOR DRAINAGEWAY PLANNING FOR MURPHY CREEK AND ITS TRIBUTARIES.

Sarah Young, Deputy Director of Planning and Engineering, Aurora Water / Christine McKenney

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

Sarah Young, Deputy Director of Planning and Engineering, Aurora Water, provided a brief summary of the item.

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

10.g. Creation of a Virtual Aurora Korea Town and Celebrating the Creation of a Korea Town Logo

R2021-45 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, EXPRESSING THE AURORA CITY COUNCIL'S SUPPORT OF THE CREATION OF A VIRTUAL AURORA KOREA TOWN AND CELEBRATING THE CREATION OF A KOREA TOWN LOGO

Sponsor(s) Council Member Gruber and Council Member Berzins / Kim Skaggs
Assistant City Attorney

Motion by Gruber, second by Marcano, to approve item 10g.

Council Member Gruber provided a brief description of the item.

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

10.h. ARTA Board Member Appointment

R2021- 46 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, APPOINTING COUNCIL MEMBER CURTIS GARDNER AS AN ALTERNATE DIRECTOR OF THE AEROTROPOLIS REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Jason Batchelor, Deputy City Manager / Brian Rulla, Assistant City Attorney

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

Council Member Berzins clarified this related to a voluntary position rather than a Ward II position as was previously discussed. She asked staff if Council Member Gardner would fill in for Council Member Johnston's vacancy.

Jason Batchelor, Deputy City Manager, answered affirmatively. Council Member Johnston stated her support of the item, noting Council Member Gardner would do a good job.

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

Mayor Coffman called for a brief recess to allow staff to provide public call-in instructions.

11. **PUBLIC HEARING WITH RELATED ORDINANCE**

11.a. Buckley Yard Rezone

2021-16 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, REZONING TWO SEPARATE PARCELS OF LAND MEASURING 44.343 ACRES MORE OR LESS AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SOUTH AIRPORT BOULEVARD AND EAST ALAMEDA PARKWAY FROM BUSINESS TECH DISTRICT (I-1) TO MIXED-USE CORRIDOR DISTRICT (MU-C) AND MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT (R-2) AND AMENDING THE ZONING MAP ACCORDINGLY (BUCKLEY YARD REZONE)

Todd Hager, Planner II / Dan Money, Assistant City Attorney

Mayor Coffman opened the public hearing on the item.

Todd Hager, Planner II, provided a brief presentation on the item.

Diana Rael, Norris Design, representing the applicant, provided a presentation on the item.

Council Member Marcano asked Ms. Rael to speak to what type of mixed-use, density and amenities were envisioned. Ms. Rael did so.

Council Member Coombs asked Ms. Rael to speak to the price points, potential for workforce housing and timeline being considered. Ms. Rael did so.

Mayor Pro Tem Bergan pointed out the item related to a rezone and not a site plan and asked staff if Council's questions should relate to rezoning only.

Dan Money, Assistant City Attorney, stated Council could ask any questions they wanted but approval for the criteria and code was what was needed.

Mayor Coffman closed the public hearing on the item.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Bergan agreed the item would be compatible with the surrounding area because of how the City has changed from when the area was originally zoned. Council Member Johnston stated she was excited for the opportunity to have something new at this location. She felt the plans were thorough and agreed with the Planning Commission and staff recommendations.

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

11.b. An Ordinance to Approve the Windler Homestead Metropolitan District Amended and Restated Service Plan

2021-20 FOR AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO APPROVING THE AMENDED AND RESTATED SERVICE PLAN FOR THE WINDLER HOMESTEAD METROPOLITAN DISTRICT AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO AND THE DISTRICT.

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

Jacob Cox, Manager, Office of Development Assistance, provided a brief summary on items 11b and 11c.

Christopher Fellows, representing the applicant, introduced himself and expressed the applicant's excitement at bringing the project to Aurora.

Mayor Pro Tem Bergan referenced the ARI and asked if it started at one mill or five. Mr. Fellows stated five.

Council Member Gruber pointed out the Windlers were original settlers to the area and he looked forward to their vision as this was a very important piece of ground that would make a large statement. He congratulated the Windlers in that regard.

Mayor Coffman closed the public hearing on the item.

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

Council Member Johnston concurred with Council Member Gruber and gave a shout out to Mr. Fellows for his efforts in that regard.

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

11.c. An Ordinance to Approve the WH No. 1 Metropolitan District Amended and Restated Service Plan

2021-21 FOR AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO APPROVING THE AMENDED AND RESTATED SERVICE PLAN FOR THE WH METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 1 AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO AND THE DISTRICT.

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

Christopher Fellows, representing the applicant, expressed appreciation to Council Member Johnston and discussed the Request for Proposal (RFP) they put in for a park near the Windler property.

Motion by Gruber, second by Berzins, to approve item 11c.

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

12. **PUBLIC HEARING WITHOUT RELATED ORDINANCE**

None

13. **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

None

14. **FINALIZING OF ORDINANCES**

14.a. Healthy Kids Meal Ordinance

2020-09 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, AMENDING CHAPTER 26 BY CREATING A "NON-SUGARY DEFAULT BEVERAGE OPTION ON CHILDREN'S MENUS" UNDER ARTICLE IX OF THE CITY CODE

The sponsor is tabling the ordinance to work with stakeholders to look at other options that could be implemented like an incentive/education program that would not have any enforcement provisions.

Sponsor: Council Member Lawson

Trever Vaughn, Manager of Tax and Licensing / Hanosky Hernandez, Assistant City Attorney

Council Member Lawson provided a summary on the item and stated her plan to postpone the item indefinitely due to restaurants coming out of recovery from COVID. She expressed appreciation to the stakeholders for their efforts in this regard.

Motion by Lawson, second by Bergan, to table item 14a indefinitely.

Council Member Coombs asked if bringing a similar item back would require a majority vote to do so.

Daniel Brotzman, City Attorney, answered affirmatively.

Council Member Lawson stated a majority would be required to bring the same item back.

Mr. Brotzman concurred.

Mayor Pro Tem Bergan expressed appreciation to Council Member Lawson for her efforts in this regard and suggested an educational campaign might be a better way to go moving forward.

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

14.b. 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

Motion by Gruber, second by Marcano, 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**

None

18. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

18.a. Consideration to appoint one (1) member to the Historic Preservation Commission
Kadee Rodriguez, City Clerk, General Management/Dave Lathers, Senior Assistant
City Attorney

Motion by Coombs, second by Marcano, to appoint Todd McMahon to the Historic
Preservation Commission.

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

18.b. Consideration to appoint one (1) member to the Aurora Fox Arts Center Board

Kadee Rodriguez, City Clerk, General Management/ Dave Lathers, Sr. Asst. City Atty

Motion by Marcano, second by Coombs, to appoint Rob Utesch to the Aurora Fox Arts Center
Board.

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

19. **REPORTS**

19.a. Report by the Mayor

Mayor Coffman addressed Council Member Johnston as it was her final meeting on the
Council, noting he admired her dedication and service to the City. He stated she was
incredibly hard-working and noted she would be missed. He stated his hope that she could
be appropriately recognized for her extraordinary dedication and service to the City of
Aurora once Council meetings were no longer virtual and wished she and her family the
best.

19.b. Reports by the Council

Council Member Hiltz stated Council Member Johnston would be greatly missed. She spoke about Council Member Johnston's determination and grit to run for office as a single mother of three small children. She stated her admiration and discussed the many items Council Member Johnston worked on during her time on City Council. She stated she would personally miss Council Member Johnston and thanked her as a colleague and friend.

Council Member Lawson addressed Council Member Johnston and stated she would really miss her. She stated her appreciation to her for always being supportive of her as a friend and colleague even when they did not agree. She wished her the best in her new life and job.

19.a.1. Select City Representative for Colorado Municipal League (CML)
Annual Business Meeting

Mayor Coffman asked Council Member Lawson if she would be willing to represent the City in this regard.

Council Member Lawson answered affirmatively.

Mayor Coffman designated Council Member Lawson as the CML representative after hearing no objections.

Council Member Lawson provided FSIR, RTD Reimagined and CML updates.

Council Member Gruber announced the City would open the Great Lawn for fireworks for the 4th of July, noting further information could be found at auroragov.org. He stated he and Council Member Johnston have not agreed on several important issues but have agreed on many. He noted she has worked closely with developers and neighbors and expressed appreciation to her for her efforts in the City particularly for helping to define the vision for Ward II moving forward. He wished her all the best in her new position.

Council Member Gardner stated he has always looked up to Council Member Johnston during his time on Council. He expressed appreciation to her for her willingness to always talk through issues in a respectful manner which was something that was becoming less and less common on the Council and in society. He addressed Council Member Johnston and told her she was always willing to take on courageous issues even when they were not easy, noting she moved many things forward that would leave a mark on the City. He noted he also looked up to her as a parent, noting the amount of courage it took to make a decision such as she has that put her family first. He stated he was happy to call Council Member Johnston his friend, noting he would miss her.

Council Member Murillo provided an RTD Accountability Committee update and announced the next Ward I Town Hall was scheduled for the fourth Thursday of the month on Thursday, June 21, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. She echoed council member sentiments related to Council Member Johnston. She expressed appreciation to Council Member Johnston for her service and commended anyone who wanted to run for this crazy position. She expressed

her hope Council Member Johnston would stay in touch and wished she and her family good luck.

Council Member Johnston expressed appreciation to her colleagues for the kind comments and announced the community would have an opportunity to meet the Ward II candidates on Wednesday, June 16, 2021, noting the details could be found on the City website. She noted she ran her campaign as a progressive and felt she moved some progressive policies forward. She pointed out the voters overwhelmingly voted for her and her values and she expressed her hope the Council would keep that in mind. She stated it was an honor to represent her constituents, noting they have been the highlight of her life. She expressed appreciation to City staff and council members, noting she would stay in touch as she has made lifelong connections here.

Council Member Berzins pointed out the question time for the Ward II candidates only allowed for 15 minutes per candidate and asked if that could be extended because it did not feel like enough time.

Mayor Coffman asked staff if Council voted on the timeframe or if staff determined the schedule.

Kadee Rodriguez, City Clerk, stated it was decided between the City Clerk's Office and the Communications Department.

Mayor Coffman asked staff to revisit that in light of Council Member Berzins' concerns.

Council Member Berzins announced the next Ward III meeting would be the annual and last picnic scheduled for Saturday, July 24, 2021 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at Bicentennial Park for Ward III residents only. She wished Council Member Johnston the best in her new endeavors. She stated family had to come first and now Council Member Johnston could take care of herself and her family. She addressed Council Member Johnston and expressed appreciation to her for the time and energy she put into her council seat. She stated her hope that Council Member Johnston would enjoy her new job, life and Colorado Springs, noting she would do a fantastic job.

Council Member Marcano addressed Council Member Johnston and reminisced about visiting with her and knocking on doors for her and Council Member Hiltz's campaign back in 2017. He stated he was proud to have worked on Campaign Finance Reform and Oil & Gas Regs with her and expressed appreciation to her for service. He wished her good luck in the Springs and on all of the important work she would be doing there. He discussed his attendance at the recent International Making Cities Livable Conference and announced the next Ward V meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, July 14, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. on WebEx and Facebook Live. He expressed his hope that future meetings would take place in person starting in August and noted his plan to continue to provide virtual meetings as well.

Council Member Coombs announced the next Ward IV Town Hall meeting would take place in person at Heather Gardens in August. She provided a Mile High Behavioral Healthcare

Board update. She addressed Council Member Johnston and stated she worked alongside her prior to their election and on hers, and Council Members Hiltz and Murillos' campaigns. She expressed appreciation for the work she has done since then particularly as it related to getting people physically engaged in City level matters. She also appreciated what Council Member Johnston has done to educate her on that subject matter, and for bringing so many people into the process. She wished her the best of luck moving forward.

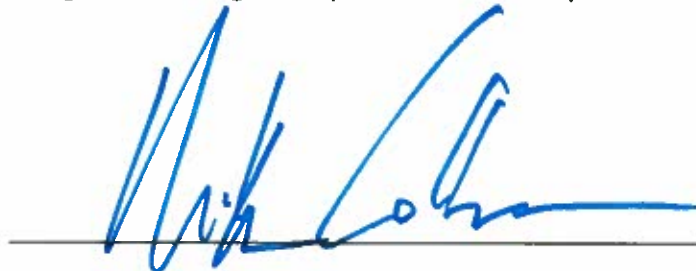
Council Member Bergan addressed Council Member Johnston and expressed appreciation to her for her service to the City, noting she put a lot of work into everything she did. She felt she and Council Member Johnston always had a respectful relationship and she really appreciated that. She wished Council Member Johnston the very best and stated she looked forward to seeing her in Colorado Springs. She provided an E-470 update and announced the next Ward VI Town Hall meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, July 21, 2021 at Heritage Eagle Bend, where the 911 Dispatch Director, Aurora Police and District Attorney would provide presentations.

20. **PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD**

(non-agenda related issues only)


21. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Coffman adjourned the regular meeting of City Council at 8:17 p.m.



MIKE COFFMAN, MAYOR

ATTEST:


Kadee Rodriguez, City Clerk