

**MINUTES**

**Regular Meeting – Aurora City Council  
Monday, January 6, 2020**

1. **CONVENE REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 6, 2020 AND CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Coffman convened the regular meeting of City Council at 7:30 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL** Stephen Ruger, City Clerk

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None

3. **INVOCATION** Reverend Olive Hinnant, Parkview Congregational Church

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

5. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DECEMBER 16, 2019**

Motion by Bergan, second by Johnston, to approve the minutes of the meeting of December 16, 2019 as amended.

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

Abstaining: Berzins

6. **CEREMONY**

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

Judge Shawn Day administered the oath of office to the newly appointed board and commission members. Mayor Coffman and City Council expressed appreciation to the members for their service to Aurora.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Board or Commission</u>
Regina Edmondson	Business Advisory Board
Jason Legg	Citizens Advisory Budget Committee

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

Michael Terry, Amorphous Bully Camp, LLC, spoke in opposition to the City of Aurora’s restricted breed ordinance. He discussed his history with the ordinance and the Bully dog breed itself. He requested the item be put on the formal agenda for further in-depth review and discussion.

Richard Palestro, Summit Park Enclave, discussed the parking issue that was going on between the Enclave and Summit Park Townhomes neighborhoods. He requested HOA parking be added to the formal agenda for further review and discussion.

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Arnie Schultz, Colorado People's Alliance, discussed his attendance at the GEO Detention Facility rally and the stories he heard of those detained there. He requested City Council take action to close the facility.

Ellen Woo stated the City Council was accountable to their constituents and not special interest groups for personal or political gains. She stated there were those on City Council who have chosen greed and profit over people and who have demonstrated their ability to deprive people of their First Amendment rights. She stated everyone deserved a community free of harassment, abuse and toxicity which included those who covered up misconduct. She stated GEO, some on Council and the Chamber of Commerce were enablers. She referenced December 2, 2019 where several council members did not denounce racism and she read the definition of denounce and racism. She noted the need for accountability and a change of culture, noting the voices of the people needed to be heard and positive actions taken by the City Council as a result. She quoted Martin Luther King, Jr. and Confucius.

Sonia Skakich-Scrima, What the Frack Arapahoe, discussed and spoke against the Extraction Oil & Gas Operator Agreement.

8. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

The agenda was adopted as presented.

9. **CONSENT CALENDAR - 9a-j**

**General Business**

- a. Award a COMPETITIVELY BID CONTRACT to Technology Constructors, Inc. for the Havana and Colfax Avenue Westbound Left Turn Lane Extension in the amount of \$295,585.00, Project Number 18059  
**Staff Source:** Matthew Kozakowski, Transp Proj Delivery Mgr
- b. Consideration to AWARD AN OPENLY SOLICITED CONTRACT to AirVac Services, Inc., Denver, Colorado in the amount not-to-exceed \$61,689.80, B-4490  
**Staff Source:** Lynne Center, Deputy Director PW Operations
- c. Consideration to EXTEND AN OPENLY SOLICITED CONTRACT to Albert Frei and Sons, Inc., Henderson, Colorado in the not-to-exceed amount of \$233,000.00 for the purchase of aggregate materials as required through December 31, 2020. (B-4382)  
**Staff Source:** Mike Mills, Manager of Water Ops and Maint
- d. Consideration to AWARD AN OPENLY SOLICITED CONTRACT to S-Comm Fiber Inc., Watson, CO in the amount of \$779,850.00 for purchase and installation of an Underground Fiber Optic Cable System expansion for the IT Department. (R-1892)  
**Staff Source:** Aleta Jeffress, Chief Info and Strategy Officer
- e. Consideration to award a sole source contract to CarePoint, P.C., Englewood, Colorado in the amount of \$100,000.00 for Medical Director services for the Fire Department through December 31, 2020. **STAFF REQUESTS A WAIVER OF RECONSIDERATION**  
**Presenter:** Matthew Wasserburger, Asst Dir of Fire Mgmt Svcs
- f. Consideration to AWARD CHANGE ORDER #4 TO THE COMPETITIVELY BID CONTRACT with W.L. Contractors, Inc., Arvada, Colorado in the amount of \$35,280.00 for the 2019 Traffic Signal Construction Services Project, Project No. 19015  
**Presenter:** Carlie Campuzano, Traffic Manager

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- g. Consideration to AWARD A COMPETITIVELY BID CONTRACT to Therm-Tec, Inc., Sherwood, Oregon in the amount of \$135,645.00 for a Therm-Tec Model CG-12-20 batch incineration unit for use by Aurora Police Department. (B-4497)  
**Presenter:** James Lesnasky, Police Lieutenant

Motion by Gruber, second by Murillo, to approve item 9a - 9g with a waiver of reconsideration on item 9e.

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

### **Final Ordinances**

- ◆ h. **2019-90**  
Consideration of AN ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION of the City Council of the City of Aurora, Colorado, amending the 2018 Comprehensive Plan to change the Placetype Map from Urban District to Industry Hub for all areas East of E-470 in the High Point at DIA Master Plan. (HIGH POINT AT DIA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT - INDUSTRY HUB)  
**Presenter:** Sarah Wieder, Senior Planner, Planning & Development Services

Motion by Berzins, second by Bergan, to introduce item 9h.

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

- ◆ i. **2019-91**  
Consideration of AN ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION of the City Council of the City of Aurora, Colorado, amending the 2018 Comprehensive Plan to change the Placetype Map from Urban District to Emerging Neighborhood for the area bounded by E-470 to the North, Rome Street to the East, 65th Avenue to the South and Lisbon Street to West. (HIGH POINT AT DIA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT - EMERGING NEIGHBORHOOD)  
**Presenter:** Sarah Wieder, Senior Planner, Planning & Development Services

Motion by Gardner, second by Berzins, to introduce item 9i.

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

- ◆ j. **2019-92**  
Consideration of AN ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION of the City Council of the City of Aurora, Colorado, rezoning 120 acres more or less at the Northwest Corner of future Gun Club Road and future 64th Ave from Mixed-Use Regional District (MU-R) to Airport District (AD). (HIGH POINT AT DIA ZONING MAP AMENDMENT)  
**Presenter:** Sarah Wieder, Senior Planner, Planning & Development Services

Motion by Gruber, second by Johnston, to introduce item 9j.

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

### 10. **RESOLUTIONS**

- ◆ a. **2020-01**

- ◆ *The City Charter prescribes the Mayor may vote on resolutions and ordinances only to create or break a tie vote of Council Members present. The Mayor Pro-Tem is always permitted to vote on all items.*

Consideration to APPROVE A RESOLUTION by the City Council of the City of Aurora, Colorado, for the IGA Between the E-470 Public Highway Authority, the County of Arapahoe and the City of Aurora Regarding High Plains Trail Maintenance

**Presenter:** Patricia Schuler, Manager. OS & Natural Res Operations

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

Patricia Schuler, Manager or OS & Natural Res Operations, provided a brief summary of the item.

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

♦ b. **2020-02**

Consideration to APPROVE A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Aurora, Colorado, Supporting the Joining of The Welcoming America Network and Cities for Citizenship

**Presenter:** Ricardo Gambetta-Alvarado, Manager of International and Immigrant Affairs

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

Council Member Berzins stated she would not support the item because she was encouraged by other city mayors not to because of the involvement of the Cities for Citizenship board.

Council Member Gardner pointed out the approval were separate.

Council Member Bergan concurred, noting the ordinance only addressed The Welcoming America Network.

Council Member Hiltz concurred, noting the intent was to vote on them separately.

Council Member Gruber asked if the second one would come up as a separate Council item.

Staff stated the direction from Council to staff at the last study session was to join Cities for Citizenship and the only remaining question was about The Welcoming America Network which was why it was presented on its own.

Council Member Gruber stated he supported the resolution but did not support the Cities for Citizenship.

Council Member Gardner asked how it came about that Cities for Citizenship were waiving the joining fee.

Ricardo Gambetta-Alvarado, Manager of International and Immigrant Affairs, stated their staff approached City staff to alert them that Cities for Citizenship had waived all membership fees in the last year.

Council Member Coombs stated her understanding that the City was joining both organizations but only passing a resolution for one.

Mr. Gambetta-Alvarado concurred.

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Roberto Venegas, Deputy City Manager, clarified the vote to join Cities for Citizenship was six to four in study session and it did not require a resolution but Welcoming America did.

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

11. **ORDINANCES FOR FINAL**

- ◆ a. **2019-93**  
Consideration of AN ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION of the City Council of the City of Aurora, Colorado, Amending Section 94-121 of the City Code Related to Targeted Picketing and other Residential Protections. **Ordinance 2019-93, Introduced 5-5 (Coffman, Hiltz, Johnston, Lawson, Murillo voting no) at the December 16, 2019 Council Meeting**  
**Sponsor:** Council Member Bergan  
**Presenter:** Lieutenant David Cernich, Police

Note: *The sponsor of this item wishes to remove it from the agenda. As the item is already in the possession of the entire Council, removal of this item requires action by majority vote of the Council.*

Motion by Bergan, second by Gardner, to table item 11a.

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

Council Member Bergan stated she originally brought the ordinance forward as a result of concerns raised by Ward VI residents, noting the intent behind the amendment was to add protections and provide clarifications for residents and protestors. She realized however that what went forward would not change anything for the residents and that was why she requested it be tabled.

12. **RECONSIDERATIONS AND CALL-UPS**

None

13. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

- a. Consideration to appoint one (1) member from the Citizens Advisory Committee on Housing and Community Development  
Staff Source: Stephen Ruger, City Clerk

Motion by Gardner, second by Coombs, to appoint Linda Savage to the Citizens Advisory Committee on Housing and Community Development.

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

- b. Consideration to appoint one (1) member to the Oil and Gas Advisory Committee  
Staff Source: Stephen Ruger, City Clerk

Motion by Gardner, second by Berzins, to appoint James Spehalski to the Oil and Gas Advisory Committee.

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Council Member Johnston clarified her vote of support was to provide a quorum for the committee but pointed out the board required major changes which she planned to bring forward.

Council Member Bergan stated the opening was for a surface owner position.

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

14. **REPORTS**

a. Report by the Mayor

Mayor Coffman announced his first constituent meeting was scheduled for Saturday, January 25, 2020 for individuals and groups between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. He stated those interested in requesting a meeting should sign up at [www.auroragov.org/meetwithmayor](http://www.auroragov.org/meetwithmayor). He announced the appointment of Josh Radell and Sunny Banka to the Citizens Advisory Budget Committee.

b. Reports by Council

Council Member Gardner announced the appointment of JulieMarie Shepherd Macklin to the Citizens Advisory Budget Committee.

Council Member Murillo announced the MLK holiday fell on Monday, January 20, 2020 and noted the City held an event that preceded the MLK Parade in Denver as well as the MLK African-American Rodeo at the National Western Stock Show.

Council Member Hiltz noted she would chair the Public Safety Committee this year and stated her understanding there was a lot of community interest and conversation around policing, police oversight and accountability. She stated her plan to ensure public engagement in that regard. She announced the At-Large joint meeting with Council Member Lawson was scheduled for Thursday, January 16, 2020 at the Center for Active Adults where City-provided mental health services and planned development would be discussed. She noted there was a Facebook event page where those interested in attending could RSVP.

Council Member Lawson stated she would chair the Federal, State & Intergovernmental Relations Committee (FSIR) this year which was an important committee related to the City working with state and federal legislators. She stated the importance of community engagement in that regard.

Council Member Berzins announced the next Ward III meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at the Aurora Municipal Center in the Aspen Room.

Council Member Bergan announced the Ward VI Town Hall meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at the Tallyn's Reach Library where the topic would be Aurora City government 101.

Council Member Gruber raised the topic of several recent Denver Post articles on metro districts which was an important topic for the community and City staff. He stated he and Council Member Gardner planned to host a Town Hall meeting on the subject. He discussed his efforts in figuring out ways to improve the notification process and provided a detailed description of a metro district.

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Mayor Pro Tem Johnson discussed her attendance at the recent Chamber of Commerce Legislative Breakfast. She announced the next community and police meeting was scheduled for Friday, January 17, 2020 at the Central Library at 6:30 p.m. She noted it was determined at the previous community meeting that issues beyond independent oversight were needed therefore she stated her plan to sponsor a resolution to form a task force of different stakeholders. She stated the draft resolution would be made public and it would be included in the Public Safety Policy Committee backup material. She noted public feedback was welcome in that regard.

Council Member Coombs announced the appointment of Mustafa Abdula and Nicodamous Goreos to the Citizens Advisory Budget Committee and the Ward V Town Hall meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at the Heather Gardens Clubhouse at 6:30 p.m. She stated she would chair the Public Relations, Communications, Tourism, Libraries, Boards and Commissions and Community Groups Committee and noted she looked forward to working on increasing opportunities for the community to stay informed and engaged in City matters.

Council Member Marcano wished everyone a happy new year and announced the Ward IV meeting was scheduled for Thursday, January 16, 2020 at the Stampede at 6:30 p.m. where the Westerly Creek and Tollgate Creek connections, general grants and the Havana Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project would be discussed. He stated he looked forward to chairing the Transportation, Airports & Public Works Committee this year.

15. **PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD**

None

16. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Coffman adjourned the regular meeting of City Council at 8:23 p.m.

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MIKE COFFMAN, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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