

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Aurora City Council

Monday, August 9, 2021

1. **RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 9, 2021 AND CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Coffman reconvened the regular meeting of City Council for August 9, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Coffman, Bergan, Berzins, Coombs, Gardner, Gruber, Hiltz, 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 who have been lost due to COVID-19 or who are struggling to recover.

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

5. **EXECUTIVE SESSION UPDATE**

Mayor Coffman stated two litigation and property negotiations were discussed.

Mayor Pro Tem Bergan added the final item discussed was legal advice.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

6.a. May 24, 2021, Minutes

Motion by Marcano, second by Gruber, to approve the minutes of the May 24, 2021, City Council meeting, as amended.

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

6.b. June 14, 2021, Minutes

Motion by Marcano, second by Bergan, to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2021, City Council meeting, as presented.

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

7. **PROCLAMATIONS OR CEREMONIES**

None

8. **PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD**

(non-agenda related issues only)

Council heard public call-in testimony.

9. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

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

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

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. Griswold WPF Solids Handling Improvements Construction Manager General Contractor (CMGC)

Consideration to AWARD AN OPENLY SOLICITED CONTRACT to Garney Companies,

Inc., Littleton, Colorado in the amount of \$45,000.00 for Griswold Water Purification Facility Solid Handling Improvements Construction Manager / General Contractor Project, Project No. 5840A.

Elizabeth Carter, Principal Engineer, Aurora Water / Ian Best, Assistant City Attorney

10.b. Black and Veatch Strontia Springs Reservoir PRV Station Improvement Project

Consideration to AWARD AN OPENLY SOLICITED CONTRACT to Black & Veatch Corporation, Denver, Colorado in the amount of \$421,054.00 for providing Engineering Services for the Strontia Springs Reservoir PRV Station Improvement Design Project, Project NO. R-2092

John Clark, Principal Engineer, Aurora Water / Ian Best, Assistant City Attorney

10.c. Consideration to AWARD A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT to Water Technology Group, Kansas City, KS, in the amount of \$191,074.00 for a Gould pump and additional casing for Prairie Waters Conveyance System.

Mike Mills, Manager Water Ops & Maintenance / Ian Best, Assistant City Attorney

10.d. Consideration to AWARD A COMPETITIVELY BID CONTRACT to Colorado Flooring Center, Commerce City, Colorado in the amount of \$104,900.00 for Carpet Replacement with LVT Tile for 6 Fire Stations.

Lynne Center, Deputy Director PW / Ian Best, Assistant City Attorney

10.e. Consideration to AWARD AN OPENLY SOLICITED CONTRACT to LAZ Parking, Denver, Colorado in the not-to-exceed amount of \$2,200,000.00 for the Aurora Municipal Parking Operations. R-2089

Scott Bauman – Parking Program Manager / Ian Best, Assistant City Attorney

10.f. Evoqua Water Technologies

Consideration to AWARD A SINGLE SOURCE CONTRACT to Evoqua Water Technologies, Sarasota, Florida in the not-to-exceed amount of \$330,000.00 for the purchase of the water treatment chemical AKTA KLOR 25 as required by Aurora Water through July 31, 2022

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

Motion by Gardner, second by Gruber, to approve items 10a – 10f.

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

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

11. **RESOLUTIONS**

11.a. A Resolution setting the date of a public hearing on the petition for organization of the Windler BID No. 1

R2021-73 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, SETTING THE DATE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PETITION FOR ORGANIZATION OF THE WINDLER BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 AND ORDERING THE PUBLICATION AND MAILING OF A NOTICE OF SUCH HEARING.

Cesarina Dancy, Project Manager, Office of Development Assistance / Brian Rulla, Assistant City Attorney

Cesarina Dancy, Project Manager, Office of Development Assistance, provided a summary of items 11a and 11b.

Christopher Fellows, representing the applicant, stated he was present to answer questions.

Mayor Pro Tem Bergan clarified a public hearing was not being held but rather Council was approving a resolution to set the date for the public hearings.

Ms. Dancy concurred.

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

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

11.b. A Resolution setting the date of a public hearing on the petition for organization of the Windler BID No. 2

R2021-74 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, SETTING THE DATE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PETITION FOR

ORGANIZATION OF THE WINDLER BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 2
AND ORDERING THE PUBLICATION AND MAILING OF A NOTICE OF SUCH HEARING

Cesarina Dancy, Development Project Manager, Office of Development Assistance /
Brian Rulla, Assistant City Attorney

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

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

11.c. Amendment to IGA Regarding the First Creek Detention Upstream of I-70 Project

R2021-75 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA,
COLORADO, EXPRESSING THE AURORA CITY COUNCIL'S SUPPORT OF THE
TWELFTH 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 FIRST
CREEK DETENTION UPSTREAM OF I-70 IN ARAPAHOE COUNTY

Sarah Young, Deputy Director of Planning and Engineering, Aurora Water / Ian Best,
Asst. City Attorney

Swirvine Nyirenda, Manager of Planning Services, provided a summary of the item.

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

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

Mayor Coffman stated Mayor Pro Tem Bergan would chair the meeting for the next item.

11.d. Resolution to express their desire to the Tri-County Health Department that they stay
intact

R2021-76 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA,
COLORADO, EXPRESSING THE AURORA CITY COUNCIL'S SUPPORT OF THE
TRI-COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT STAYING INTACT

Sponsor Mayor Michael Coffman / Rachel Allen, Client Group Manager

Mayor Coffman expressed his hope the Tri-County Health Department (TCHD) would remain intact as there has been discussion that it would broke apart from the three counties it represented in terms of providing public health services. He felt doing so was a bad decision because of the increased costs to taxpayers, noting Aurora was in all three counties and creating three separate bureaucracies would add costs to taxpayers and businesses alike. He stated there was a greater depth of expertise in a larger organization and lastly, he thought it was a very difficult process to help people navigate through a pandemic and noted Tri-County grew as everyone did during this time. He stated they allowed more flexibility that reflected different political cultures between the three County Boards of Commissioners that made up the Tri-County Health Department. He expressed appreciation to Tri-County for their efforts in that regard and asked his colleagues to vote in support of the item.

Mayor Pro Tem Bergan stated the resolution expressed support for Tri-County to remain intact even though Douglas County stated they were not in favor of a resolution that included them.

Mayor Coffman reiterated his reasoning behind why Tri-County should remain intact and noted his hope that Douglas County would reconsider because they too would pay more for the decision.

Mayor Pro Tem Bergan pointed out she heard from businesses in Douglas County that were very frustrated with the fact that Lone Tree and Parker businesses, which were adjacent, could operate under a different standard than those in Douglas County. She stated she understood their frustration and noted her support of the resolution did not take away from that understanding. She agreed those businesses should not have had the same parameters as the entirety of Arapahoe, Adams, and Douglas counties as there were significant differences in number of hospitalizations and exceptions should have been made.

Motion by Marcano, second by Coombs, to approve item 11d.

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

Voting Nay: Berzins

Mayor Coffman returned to chair the meeting.

11.e. Cooperative Agreement Between Aurora, Denver, Commerce City and Non-Profits

R2021-77 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA,
COLORADO, EXPRESSING THE AURORA CITY COUNCIL'S APPROVAL OF THE

COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR GENERATION WILD NORTHEAST METRO
COALITION, GOCO GRANT PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION

Pat Schuler, Manager Open Space and Natural Resources / Tim Joyce, Assistant City
Attorney

Brian Green, Open Space and Natural Resources Superintendent, provided a summary of
the item.

Motion by Coombs, second by Hiltz, to approve item 11e.

Mayor Pro Tem Bergan asked if the item had an annual appropriation. Mr. Green answered
affirmatively.

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

11.f. Drainage and Flood Control Improvements for Westerly Creek at Alameda and
Dakota Ave

R2021-78 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA,
COLORADO, EXPRESSING THE AURORA CITY COUNCIL'S SUPPORT OF 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 ALAMEDA AND DAKOTA
AVENUE

Sarah Young, Deputy Director of Planning and Engineering / Ian Best, Asst. City
Attorney

Swirvine Nyirenda, Manager of Planning Services, provided a summary of the item.

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

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

11.g. CDBG-CV GRANT AGREEMENT WITH WEECYCLE

R2021-79 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA,
COLORADO, EXPRESSING THE AURORA CITY COUNCIL'S SUPPORT OF THE

CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO FUNDING WEECYCLE WITH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT COVID-19 FUNDING FOR THEIR PROPOSED ACTIVITIES DURING THE YEAR 2021

Rodney M. Milton, Manager of Community Development / Tim Joyce, Assistant City Attorney

Rodney M. Milton, Manager of Community Development, provided a summary of the item.

Motion by Marcano, second by Murillo, to approve item 11g.

Mayor Pro Tem Bergan stated the program sounded good especially since it was through an Aurora nonprofit organization. She asked if Council received a list of who received the supplies. Mr. Milton answered affirmatively.

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

11.h. Community Development Block Grant Gateway Domestic Violence Shelter

R2021-80 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, EXPRESSING THE AURORA CITY COUNCIL'S APPROVAL OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, AND AURORA/ARAPAHOE BATTERED WOMAN'S SHELTER, INC. DBA GATEWAY VIOLENCE SERVICES

Rodney M. Milton, Manager of Community Development / Tim Joyce, Assistant City Attorney

Rodney M. Milton, Manager of Community Development, provided a summary of the item.

Motion by Coombs, second by Gruber, to approve item 11h.

Mayor Pro Tem Bergan stated this was an excellent program and asked if this was an addition to the facilities or a total renovation of an existing facility. Mr. Milton stated it was an interior renovation of an existing facility.

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

11.i. Habitat for Humanity Mountain View Project

R2021-81 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA,

COLORADO, EXPRESSING THE AURORA CITY COUNCIL'S SUPPORT OF THE
2021 WINTER ROUND AFFORDABLE HOUSING GAP FINANCING PROGRAM
FUNDING RECOMMENDATION FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF METRO DENVER

Rodney M. Milton, Manager of Community Development / Tim Joyce, Assistant City Attorney

Rodney M. Milton, Manager of Community Development, provided a summary of the item.

Motion by Marcano, second by Murillo, to approve item 11i.

Council Member Marcano asked if there were more than 10 units. Mr. Milton stated 10 units were applied to this round of funding.

Mayor Pro Tem Bergan asked if the 10 units were in Aurora. Mr. Milton answered affirmatively.

Council Member Berzins asked if neighborhood meetings have been held on the item. Mr. Milton answered affirmatively, but noted this item related to the funding. Council Member Berzins stated strong opposition would result in further discussion.

Mr. Milton stated the funding could apply throughout the City.

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

11.j. Private Activity Bond Allocation for 2021 to Housing Authority of the City of Aurora

R2021-82 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA,
COLORADO, AUTHORIZING THE ASSIGNMENT OF THE CITY'S 2021 PRIVATE
ACTIVITY BOND ALLOCATION TO THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF
AURORA, DBA AURORA HOUSING AUTHORITY

Rodney M. Milton, Manager of Community Development / Hanosky Hernandez Perez,
Assistant City Attorney

Rodney M. Milton, Manager of Community Development, provided a summary of the item.

Motion by Coombs, second by Marcano, to approve item 11j.

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

11.k. IGA with Arapahoe County for a Coordinated Election

R2021-83 Consideration to APPROVE A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Aurora, Colorado, approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Aurora, Colorado and Arapahoe County, Colorado for a coordinated election to be held November 2, 2021

Kadee Rodriguez, City Clerk / Dave Lathers, Assistant City Attorney

Staff requests a waiver of reconsideration

Kadee Rodriguez, City Clerk, provided a summary of the item.

Council Member Gruber discussed the 2019 election and the reason behind the change which related to the County Clerk changing the ballot distribution date but not sending the change information out to everyone. He stated he was glad to see changes being made.

Motion by Coombs, second by Bergan, to approve item 11k.

Council Member Coombs asked that documentation of the change in ballot distribution dates for the 2019 election be provided as she did not recall that occurrence.

Council Member Gruber stated several of the candidates posted on social media that the information was sent out earlier and the County Clerk, Joan Lopez, made the change and only informed certain people.

Council Member Coombs stated her recollection that the ballot dates stated were the published dates. She expressed concerns related to a claim that the dates were changed and noted she did not think those claims should be a part of the public record without substantiation.

Council Member Gruber stated the minutes should reflect both positions.

Mayor Pro Tem Bergan recalled the dates were changed and the ballots came out earlier than was anticipated.

Council Member Berzins asked where the change was called out in the resolution. Ms. Rodriguez stated it was added to Section 2.02 under County Responsibilities found on p. 8.

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

11.l. IGA with Adams County for a Coordinated Election

R2021-84 Consideration to APPROVE A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Aurora, Colorado, approving an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the City of Aurora, Colorado and Adams County, Colorado for a coordinated election to be held November 2, 2021

Kadee Rodriguez, City Clerk / Dave Lathers, Assistant City Attorney

Staff requests a waiver of reconsideration

Kadee Rodriguez, City Clerk, provided a summary of the item.

Motion by Marcano, second by Lawson, to approve item 11l.

Mayor Pro Tem Bergan referenced the last Adams County election where she recalled a mixup of precincts between Wards. She asked if that was addressed in the IGA. Ms. Rodriguez confirmed staff was working on confirmation that all addresses were correct. She clarified this was the Adams County IGA and no changes were made to it.

Council Member Marcano clarified the Adams County issues related to the At-Large ballots and as a result, a significant number of ballots were reissued.

Council Member Coombs clarified the issue was there was one precinct split between Wards IV and V. She expressed her hope it would be fixed with the redistricting. She stated a small number of ballots were reissued in Ward V that had Ward IV information in them.

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

11.m. IGA with Douglas County for a Coordinated Election

R2021-85 Consideration to APPROVE A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Aurora, Colorado, approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Aurora, Colorado and Douglas County, Colorado for a coordinated election to be held November 2, 2021.

Kadee Rodriguez, City Clerk / Dave Lathers, Assistant City Attorney

Staff requests a waiver of reconsideration

Kadee Rodriguez, City Clerk, provided a summary of the item.

Motion by Marcano, second by Bergan, to approve item 11m.

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

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

12. **PUBLIC HEARING WITH RELATED ORDINANCE**

12.a. An Ordinance to Approve the Second Amended and Restated Service Plan for WH Metropolitan District No. 1 and Consolidated Service Plan for WH Metropolitan District Nos. 2-10

2021-27 FOR AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO APPROVING THE SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED SERVICE PLAN FOR WH METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 1 AND CONSOLIDATED SERVICE

PLAN FOR WH METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NOS. 2-10 AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, AND THE DISTRICTS

Cesarina Dancy, Development Project Manager, Office of Development Assistance / Brian Rulla, Assistant City Attorney

Mayor Coffman opened the public hearing on the item.

Cesarina Dancy, Development Project Manager, Office of Development Assistance, provided a summary of the item.

Christopher Fellows, representing the applicant, gave a brief overview of the item.

Mayor Coffman closed the public hearing on the item.

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

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

13. **PUBLIC HEARING WITHOUT RELATED ORDINANCE**

13.a. Buckley Yard Nos 1-2 Metropolitan District Service Plan

R2021-86 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, APPROVING THE SERVICE PLAN FOR THE BUCKLEY YARD

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NOS. 1-2 AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF AURORA COLORADO AND THE DISTRICTS

Cesarina Dancy, Development Project Manager, Office of Development Assistance / Brian Rulla, Assistant City Attorney

Mayor Coffman opened the public hearing on the item.

Cesarina Dancy, Development Project Manager, Office of Development Assistance, provided a summary of the item.

Kristen Bear, White, Bear and Ankele, gave a brief overview of the item.

Mayor Coffman closed the public hearing on the item.

Motion by Berzins, second by Gruber, to approve item 13a.

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

13.b. East Bend Metropolitan District Service Plan

R2021-87 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, APPROVING THE SERVICE PLAN FOR THE EAST BEND METROPOLITAN DISTRICT AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF AURORA COLORADO AND THE DISTRICT

Cesarina Dancy, Development Project Manager / Brian Rulla, Assistant City Attorney

Cesarina Dancy, Development Project Manager, Office of Development Assistance, provided a summary of the item.

Paula Williams, McGeady Becher, PC, gave a brief overview of the item.

Mayor Coffman closed the public hearing on the item.

Motion by Bergan, second by Berzins, to approve item 13b.

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

13.c. A Resolution to Approve the Blue Eagle Nos. 1-5 Metropolitan District Service Plan

R2021-88 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, APPROVING THE SERVICE PLAN FOR THE BLUE EAGLE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NOS. 1-5 AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF AURORA COLORADO AND THE DISTRICTS

Cesarina Dancy, Development Project Manager / Brian Rulla, Assistant City Attorney

Cesarina Dancy, Development Project Manager, Office of Development Assistance, provided a summary of the item.

Blair Dickhoner, White, Bear and Ankele, was present to answer questions.

Mayor Coffman closed the public hearing on the item.

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

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

13.d. A Resolution to Approve the Marquest Airport Park Metropolitan District Service Plan

R2021-89 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, APPROVING THE SERVICE PLAN FOR THE MARQUEST AIRPORT PARK METROPOLITAN DISTRICT AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF AURORA COLORADO AND THE DISTRICT

Cesarina Dancy, Development Project Manager / Brian Rulla, Assistant City Attorney

Cesarina Dancy, Development Project Manager, Office of Development Assistance, provided a summary of the item.

Matt Ruhland, Collins, Cochren and Cole, gave a brief overview of the item.

Council Member Gruber noted the property was located directly under the Denver International Airport (DIA) runway flight path and asked if the property would comply with any FAA regulations in that regard. Mr. Ruhland answered affirmatively.

Mayor Coffman closed the public hearing on the item.

Motion by Gruber, second by Marcano, to approve item 13d.

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

13.e. A Resolution to Approve the Overlook at Kings Point Metropolitan District Service Plan

R2021-90 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, APPROVING THE SERVICE PLAN FOR THE OVERLOOK AT KINGS POINT SOUTH METROPOLITAN DISTRICT AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF AURORA COLORADO AND THE DISTRICT

Cesarina Dancy, Development Project Manager / Brian Rulla, Assistant City Attorney

Cesarina Dancy, Development Project Manager, Office of Development Assistance, provided a summary of the item.

Matt Ruhland, Collins, Cochren and Cole, gave a brief overview of the item.

Mayor Coffman closed the public hearing on the item.

Motion by Bergan, second by Gruber, to approve item 13e.

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

Mayor Coffman called for a brief recess to allow staff to provide public call-in line instructions. He stated Mayor Pro Tem Bergan would chair the meeting for the next item once Council reconvened.

14. **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

14.a. Ordinance Pertaining Unauthorized Camping

2021-28 FOR AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, ADDING A NEW SECTION TO BE NUMBERED 94-122 TO THE CITY CODE PERTAINING TO PROHIBITING UNAUTHORIZED CAMPING ON PUBLIC OR PRIVATE PROPERTY AND ADDING ARTICLE IV, SECTIONS 114-106 THROUGH 114-112 TO CHAPTER 114 PERTAINING TO ABATING UNAUTHORIZED CAMPS ON PUBLIC PROPERTY

Sponsor Mayor Michael Coffman / Tim Joyce, Assistant City Attorney

Council heard public call-in testimony on the item.

Mayor Coffman provided a presentation on the item, noting it was both fair to homeowners in the City and compassionate to those living in the encampments. He stated it did not criminalize homelessness because the penalties have been removed. He asked his colleagues for their support.

Council Member Coombs agreed Council should care about the alternative spaces regardless of what happened with the ban. She stated Aurora did not need a ban to care for and provide alternative locations and forms of support. She stated the issue could be solved with street outreach by providing somewhere for people to go. She noted the exception was for those who refused to move because in doing so, they would go to jail which cost more per person than it cost to house them. She stated therefore the item asked the county to pay more to jail people than to house them and that was the problem she had with it.

Council Member Gruber referenced Council's backup material where it stated the City was currently using the Interim Business Policy Memorandum (IBPM) as the authority to abate unauthorized campsites on public property. He stated the IBPM authority was temporary due to its current disaster status and asked staff to speak to what process determined which camps would be abated.

Tim Joyce, Assistant City Attorney, did so, noting he did not see that the interim IBPM would end when the COVID disaster declaration ended or when the CDC declared an end to the pandemic. He stated the IBPM remained in place if it was needed, noting it was couched in terms that people needed to remain in camps to deter the spread of COVID, but it allowed the abatement of camps under certain conditions such as if there was a criminal or public health issue.

Council Member Gruber pointed out the title of the document was 'interim,' which meant it would end. He asked if the City would have authority to abate the camps without a legal ordinance by Council to define the law once the interim memorandum ended. Mr. Joyce agreed that was a difficult question to answer. Council Member Gruber stated the ordinance would create the law that provided the City the authority to close the camps provided people had a humane place to go. He referenced the more than 900 encampment-related complaints received in the past year and asked where those complaints came from geographically.

Jessica Prosser, Director of Housing and Community Services, stated they came from all over the City and not from any specific Ward.

Council Member Gruber pointed out the City lacked the authority to act without a City ordinance. He noted the City has received calls asking them to deal with this concern and those humane places would have to be in place prior to the ordinance being applied to anyone. He stated doing so would resolve the issues identified by residents and the business community.

Council Member Marcano clarified the City did not need an ordinance to abate camps that were hazardous to health and safety, noting in his experience, the City has been doing so prior to COVID at Council's request. He stated the issue with camp abatement was it resulted in camp relocation. He stated the ordinance preserved the status quo while speeding up the camp relocation process which was not a solution. He apologized to Aurora residents interested in this item because the ordinance would not change anything. He noted the camps were the result of a market-driven society and years of horrible public policy around wages, housing, mental health, and healthcare. He stated Council was acting by working with staff to follow best practices and advocating for temporary solutions but noted they needed to invest in long-term solutions such as permanent supportive housing. He asked Mayor Coffman if he was in favor of permanent supportive housing.

Mayor Coffman stated he would answer that in his closing remarks.

Council Member Marcano pointed out camping bans were failed policies that accomplished nothing, noting what worked was housing people. He pointed out doing so was not difficult, however, building the political will to do so was. He noted everyone had access to the same information and everyone knew what has worked and what has not and camping bans did not. He clarified Mayor Coffman brought the camping ban forward as a political ploy because he wanted a conservative majority in a liberal city. He asked his colleagues to vote against the item and instead to support permanent supportive housing because it worked.

Council Member Murillo stated Council has had many meetings on the issue that have confirmed this was a clear political ploy. She stated she did not support a camping ban and reiterated her previous statements in that regard. She stated camping bans were ineffective and noted she trusted subject matter experts who knew this was not how people should be treated or how to get them into services that helped them be successful in life. She believed in being a good steward of taxpayer dollars and it was more effective to build housing and find creative housing options and pathways for people than to have a camping ban. She expressed concerns over the increase of reports in the past year, noting COVID has made the problem worse, and the City did not have the staff resources to address the issue. She stated beyond her own philosophical and moral inclination, she wondered if the City was trying to solve the problem or were they just saying things that sounded nice. She stated a camping ban was a false promise that people could be swept away and would not come back. She stated a solution going forward would be to address the staff capacity deficit, noting the City was receiving millions of federal dollars to address its COVID

situations and she believed homelessness was a direct result of the pandemic and the funds should be used for those solutions. She stated the camping ban was not a caring plan and the only reason it offered alternatives was because including them covered the City legally. She stated a caring plan was the progress made by the Housing Committee over the last three years, which resulted in their Housing Strategy recommendation. She stated the City had a plan moving forward that was being ignored in this circumstance.

Council Member Coombs pointed out an additional lack in capacity besides staffing was in service providers. She noted none of the City's service providers have stated their support for the camping ban but many of stated their opposition because they understood that a camping ban pushed people farther underground which made them harder to support and the City could not enforce the ban without an alternative. She pointed out staff has identified one alternative site, but more was needed and there was a process to make these spaces work to provide adequate wraparound services. She stated doing so took more time than the City had between now and the election which was the timeframe in which those who supported the ban wanted to get the item passed so they could show they did something or to state they could not do something because of those who know it was not feasible to do so.

Council Member Gardner stated he has been consistent on the issue that a camping ban was not the ultimate solution but was simply a tool to address the issue. He pointed out there were many reasons behind homelessness and there were horrific things going on that should not be allowed to continue. He stated the City needed more services and resources to ensure everyone in the City had a chance to thrive.

Mayor Pro Tem Bergan agreed the City should take care of those experiencing homelessness but noted they also needed to take care of the businesses and residents who were complaining about this issue and that was what the ordinance did. She saw the ordinance as a way to acknowledge the issue and to move forward toward finding solutions. She pointed out the ordinance required an alternative solution and it helped guide Council towards better policy to solve the problem. She stated City staff who dealt with homelessness did a great job. She stated the key issue was how to improve peoples' lives and housing them did not solve the problem when they struggled with drug addiction or mental illness. She stated the City needed to make sure they were taking care of the complaints while moving forward in looking for solutions to improve lives.

Council Member Lawson raised the topic of alternative spaces being required in the ordinance. She noted staff has identified one pilot space which was not enough. She asked Mayor Coffman where people would go now when they were moved because all they did was move somewhere else.

Mayor Coffman stated he would provide answers in his closing remarks.

Mayor Pro Tem Bergan asked Mayor Coffman if he would also answer if the City was actively looking for a site. Mayor Coffman agreed to do so. He confirmed the ordinance was not a reflection of Denver's policies. He stated the ordinance was very clear; unauthorized camping was unauthorized camping, and 72 hours' notice was given for an abatement. He noted Denver's policy was different. He referenced incarceration and stated no one has refused to move when ordered to do so therefore he did not see that being the case. He noted there were no penalties for being in the encampment but rather only if people failed to move into a designated area when asked. He stated the current policy was there were not designated areas to move into and they just had to move. He stated an encampment could not be abated without an alternate location for people to go to. He discussed Denver's approach to homelessness where they only provided one option which was a congregate shelter and people did not want to go into shelters so other options had to be provided. He stated he supported Work First policy such as the Ready-to-Work program that the City supported. He stated tax dollars were more effective in that instance and he believed the best approach of any anti-poverty program was a job. He noted an issue that was not raised by those opposed to the item was the economic damage the encampments caused to the businesses in the City. He stated the importance of having a policy in place rather than an interim one. He noted the outreach team reported most people they served did not want to go to the Day Resource Center for services and would rather be left alone but doing so enabled their behavior. He confirmed the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), and the City had a partnership where CDOT would not abate an encampment unless Aurora Police Department (APD) personnel were present. He stated the camping ban was the right thing to do. He agreed the addition of providing alternative spaces must be included to support a court challenge. He requested his colleagues vote in favor of the item.

Council Member Lawson reiterated her question of Mayor Coffman was where the people who were moved would go if the item was implemented. Mayor Coffman noted the City just gave Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) funds to Restoration Christian Fellowship to provide safe parking. He stated it was the responsibility of Council to come up with these areas. He felt the City should have areas today, but they did not, noting it was easier to provide services to people if they were in one area rather than having them all throughout the City. He stated this should be done irrespective of the ordinance. He stated the notion that providing designated areas was too difficult for Council to do when currently they did not so people just moved around from location to location when they were moved because of a code violation. He stated designated areas were important to remove the blight these encampments created on the City. Council Member Lawson asked staff where people would go when the item went into effect. Mayor Coffman clarified the ordinance was very clear that it would not go into effect until there was a place for people to go. He addressed Council Member Lawson and stated his understanding she was looking for a reason to not support the item and noted that was not one of them. Council Member Lawson addressed Mayor Coffman and stated she was looking at the facts for herself. She

stated the onus was on Council to acquire the land and asked staff to speak to why it was taking so long to do so.

Lana Dalton, Homelessness Program Manager, stated staff was looking at various land opportunities but they were limited based upon the amount of land required and funding associated with wraparound services.

Mayor Pro Tem Bergan asked staff if land was attached to the warehouse the City used previously.

Roberto Venegas, Deputy City Manager, answered affirmatively. He stated it was associated with the same lease.

Mayor Pro Tem Bergan asked if that space was an option. Mr. Venegas was uncertain, noting that could be explored.

Jim Twombly, City Manager, confirmed that property was being used differently at this time.

Mayor Pro Tem Bergan stated this was a starting point for the City to move forward in looking for alternative sites because the ordinance clearly stated an encampment could not be abated unless there was an alternative.

Council Member Coombs clarified people did not want to go to the Day Resource Center during the day because they did not want to leave their stuff, but many people did show interest in receiving services. She stated additional alternative camping sites were needed and while staff was looking for those, there were not any yet so Council was not fixing the problem because rather than commit the money needed, Council would pass an ordinance that penalized people. She pointed out ordinances in the City went into effect 30 days after the publication period and how they were enforced was another matter. She was certain she would receive calls about existing camps after the 30 days. She discussed street outreach in the City, noting this was not something a camping ban could fix because they have demonstrated to cause harm and to not help people because it caused them to lose access to the few resources they had. She stated camping bans have been shown to not help people get into shelter. She stated Council needed to support staff in their endeavors to establish alternative camp sites and this tool was not the best way to go about that.

Council Member Marcano added the ordinance stripped staff and specialists of the autonomy they needed to serve the community. He addressed Mayor Coffman and stated he was glad to hear he supported Work First policy but pointed out it was not for everybody as the barriers they posed were very high for some people. He stated he was hearing Council had the shared goal of getting people off the street and noted the importance of implementing

Housing First policies in the City. He addressed Mayor Coffman and stated he needed to hear the Mayor understood other housing models had merit and served a purpose.

Mayor Pro Tem Bergan asked Ms. Prosser if Aurora homelessness statistics were available. Ms. Prosser stated the City put people in the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) when they came in for services. She pointed out readiness to be housed was a different question but noted some of that information could be provided in aggregate. Mayor Pro Tem Bergan stated having that information would help Council make decisions. She noted Bob Dorshimer, CEO, Comitis, has told her some people choose not to go to the Resource Day Center and she felt having the information on how many refused would be helpful.

Council Member Marcano read aloud the top five reasons people were led to homelessness.

Mayor Pro Tem Bergan noted the City has done a good job helping people in those circumstances.

Council Member Coombs agreed some people refused services but noted there were also those who refused initially but changed their minds after repeated contact from street outreach workers because it was a process of building trust. She noted this meant that just because someone refused today did not mean they would always do so.

Mayor Coffman discussed prosecutorial enforcement as it related to enforcement of the ordinance. He stated all of Council should support housing programming for families. He discussed his experience living for a week among those experiencing homelessness.

Council Member Murillo addressed Mayor Coffman and pointed out pretending to be homeless for a week did not make one homeless. She stated that was the most insulting and ignorant demonstration he could do and noted his pretending that gave him credibility spoke to his lack of credibility. She stated he did not identify himself as a politician who was putting forth a camping ban when that was what that publicity stunt was for. She stated this was deeply disappointing and unethical. She stated a camping ban did not work and was inhumane. She wondered why Council was looking for a solution but did not ask staff how to solve the issue. She noted she did, and further discussed the three areas of improvement provided by staff which included increased staffing, an abatement budget and reasonable housing prices. She recommended Council use COVID dollars to hire a staff member to increase capacity, create an abatement budget and work the Housing Strategy Plan.

Motion by Berzins, second by Gruber, to end discussion and call for the vote.

Mayor Coffman stated it was a non-debatable motion.

Voting Aye: Mayor Coffman, Berzins, Gruber

Voting Nay: Bergan, Coombs, Gardner, Hiltz, Lawson, Marcano, Murillo

Dan Brotzman, City Attorney, clarified the Mayor could vote on procedural motions or on an ordinance to break a tie.

Council Member Coombs pointed out the Aurora Police Department was currently operating their par unit at a significantly reduced level. She stated police officers would be called on to staff each abatement. She asked staff to speak to whether the City had the staffing to do so.

Chief Vanessa Wilson, Aurora Police, stated this was an extremely complex issue. She stated it was a quality-of-life issue for those living unsheltered, for businesses impacted by camps and residents with camps in their area. She confirmed she did not want the police department to be a part of enforcing the ban. She noted she was calling for police reform and to not have APD officers involved in these processes which were better served by outreach teams. She stated she was dealing with increased crime, fielding calls from 911 and a staffing crisis and this ban would put a burden on the police department. She noted she philosophically did not believe APD should be involved with enforcing the ban. She apologized to Mayor Coffman, noting she was not asked her opinion prior to the item being brought forward.

Mayor Coffman addressed Chief Wilson and stated he heard her testimony on the issue in committee, and he did not think her reasoning was decisive. He pointed the police were doing this currently.

Chief Wilson stated it was her opinion the police should not be involved because doing so did not use the police in the way they should be used. She agreed they did it now because there were no other options, but she asserted the City could do better.

Mayor Coffman stated prosecutorial discretion gave the police flexibility to allocate resources where needed. He discussed calls he received related to increased crime in neighborhoods as a direct result of the encampments. He stated the threat was real and while the police were shorthanded, to state that police officers should not be doing this at all told him that Chief Wilson supported a right to camp in the City of Aurora and he could not disagree more.

Chief Wilson stated her belief that unhoused people had no other option when facing financial crisis and the police should not be enforcing the ban because it was not a police issue.

Mayor Coffman strongly disagreed and stated he was shocked at the Chief's vision for the direction of the City. He stated she was stating the police should not be engaged in something they were currently doing. He stated that was very different from where most of the residents were because they were concerned about the health and safety of their neighborhoods and felt this was a challenge to that.

Chief Wilson pointed out SB 217 allowed officers to be sued for taking action that was not police focused and this was a short-sighted vision that was putting her officers in jeopardy, and she felt they would agree with her.

Mayor Coffman noted there have been no incidents where those ordered to move did not move when officers were providing overwatch. He pointed out the ordinance provided a designed area for them to go to for an abatement to occur which was missing from the current policy. He stated this was fair to the homeowners and compassionate to those experiencing homelessness. He stated the burden should not just be put on the economic cause when drug and alcohol addiction were a large component as well.

Council Member Marcano clarified substance abuse was not a police issue but rather was a public health crisis that has been foisted on the police to deal with as has the unhoused. He read aloud a related quote from Dallas Police Chief David Brown. He stated Aurora was dealing with the consequences of decades of awful public policy surrounding wages, healthcare, housing, and education. He addressed Mayor Coffman and stated Aurora was cleaning up after the mess he left in Congress.

Mayor Pro Tem Bergan asked Council Member Marcano to please be respectful.

Council Member Marcano apologized to Mayor Pro Tem Bergan but noted he did not apologize to Mayor Coffman.

Council Member Murillo acknowledged the Chief of Police spoke about the challenges she faced in her department and her position was attacked and challenged instead of acknowledging that she knew her department. She pointed out Chief Wilson did so with the understanding that she could be called out by Council, but instead she put herself in a precarious position to advocate for what was best. She noted she and Chief Wilson did not always agree but there were those on Council who were pro-policing and yet they dismissed a subject matter expert who opined on that just because they did not fit the predetermined outcome.

Council Member Gruber stated the City was currently operating under an interim authority which would expire, and this item put a law in place that supported homeowners and businesses. He confirmed it was not inhumane and pointed out the question was, did Aurora need a law that allowed the City to abate homeless camps on private and public property.

Council Member Hiltz stated she did not support the item because the data was not there. She agreed this was a multi-pronged issue that had to be addressed. She stated she was intrigued and disappointed in the discussion, noting neither side was very genuine. She pointed out Council should be thinking about all its residents and not just homeowners. She stated she was elected by people in the City, and she has heard from people who did not support the item. She noted there was an accusation that this was about personal politics when politics were the way people expressed their values. She stated this was a difference in values that was manifesting in policy. She stated the way Council talked about those the ordinance impacted spoke more about how they felt about Aurora residents than anything else. She stated Council was elected on their values and she did not think it was wrong for Council to bring their values into the discussion.

Council Member Berzins addressed Chief Wilson and stated she knew who on Council supported police and who did not.

Motion by Mayor Coffman, second by Gruber, to introduce item 14a.

Voting Aye: Mayor Coffman, Bergan, Berzins, Gardner, Gruber

Voting Nay: Coombs, Hiltz, Lawson, Marcano, Murillo

14.b. ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 54-31 OF THE CITY CODE - ELECTORS
ELIGIBLE TO HOLD MUNICIPAL OFFICE

2021-30 FOR AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA,
COLORADO, AMENDING SECTION 54-31 OF THE CITY CODE PERTAINING TO
ELECTORS ELIGIBLE TO HOLD MUNICIPAL OFFICE

Rachel Allen, Client Group Manager / Dave Lathers, Senior Assistant City Attorney

Outside speaker: Gerald Dahl

Rachel Allen, Client Group Manager, provided a summary of the item.

Gerald Dahl, outside counsel, gave a presentation on the item.

Council heard public call-in testimony on the item.

Motion by Marcano, second by Coombs, to introduce item 14b.

Council Member Bergan raised the topic of Council's authority in this matter and stated her understanding the attorneys recommended Council pass the ordinance because it was not constitutional according to the state even though it was in the City Charter. She felt it should go back to the voters and asked staff to speak to how this could go around the voters. Mr. Dahl did so, noting there were Charter and Code sections that were inconsistent with the Colorado Constitution. He pointed out only the voters could change the Charter and that was not enforceable, but Council had authority with the Code and that was what they were changing. Mayor Pro Tem Bergan stated the letter that was sent to a candidate stating the City would not enforce the Charter in this regard appeared to be out of order because the charter should be changed prior to a letter being sent.

Mr. Dahl discussed the importance of addressing the rights of persons to run and the nomination period was going on before the ordinance was complete.

Mayor Pro Tem Bergan pointed out the timing issue was not Council's fault.

Council Member Gardner asked Mr. Dahl to speak to why, as a Home Rule City, Council could not supersede a Charter item that violated the constitution. Mr. Dahl did so. Council Member Gardner asked if it was Mr. Dahl's opinion that keeping the provision caused Council to violate the State Constitution which they have sworn to uphold. Mr. Dahl answered affirmatively.

Council Member Berzins pointed out the City Charter was voted on in the mid-1960s and asked if Council has been in violation since that time or has the constitution changed to include felony murder and attempted murder. Mr. Dahl stated Council was less in violation as they were being inconsistent. Council Member Berzins pointed out Mr. Dahl did not answer her question.

Mr. Dahl stated it was his impression these two constitutional sections were of longstanding.

Council Member Coombs clarified the felony under question in this instance was second degree assault and not murder or attempted murder. She cautioned Council against calling people murderers simply because that was their view of them. She pointed out that would not preclude someone from running according to the State Constitution.

Council Member Gruber pointed out the only reason the crime was second degree assault was because the bullet fired at another person missed and he pointed out the discussion

would be different had it not. He stated certain felons could not hold office as some crimes are so egregious that jail time did not remove it entirely. He stated the state legislature created laws to allow cities to make things harder but not easier. He stated his understanding there were two organizations that could change City Charter, which were the voters and a judge. He pointed out Council passing the item caused them to vote against the Charter thereby creating a dilemma. He suggested the City go to court and have the judge declare that section of the Charter unconstitutional, which would thereby allow Council to pass the appropriate ordinance in this regard.

Mr. Dahl agreed a judge could declare a Charter provision unconstitutional but until that time, Council had a Charter provision that remained inconsistent with the constitution. He stated it was incumbent upon him to alert them to that and to give them the tools within their power to make such changes.

Council Member Gruber stated his understanding Council would vote on a code modification that specifically violated the Charter.

Mr. Dahl clarified Council would vote to bring a code modification that brought the Code into conformance with the State Constitution.

Council Member Gruber stated, while he appreciated Mr. Dahl's advice as an attorney, only a judge could state what was in conformance.

Mr. Dahl concurred.

Council Member Hiltz stated, while she appreciated the attention to how the code would lead to a Charter violation, she found it interesting that those who were concerned with violating the Charter via code recently voted to violate the Charter via code without having a State Constitutional violation that superseded what they were voting on. She reminded the public to remember that was the very definition of disingenuous.

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

Voting Nay: Bergan, Berzins, Gruber

15. **FINALIZING OF ORDINANCES**

None

16. **PLANNING MATTERS**

None

17. **ANNEXATIONS**

None

18. **RECONSIDERATIONS AND CALL UPS**

None

19. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

19.a. Consideration to appoint three (3) members to the Aurora Youth Commission.

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

Motion by Marcano, second by Coombs, to appoint Monica Acosta, Ashely Trails and Anvit Sidhu to the Aurora Youth Commission.

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

20. **REPORTS**

20.a. Report by the Mayor

Mayor Coffman stated a council member, or the Mayor had to wait six months before reintroducing an ordinance once it failed and he stated his plan to reintroduce the camping ban in six months' time.

20.b. Reports by the Council

Council Member Hiltz discussed her attendance at the recent Shop with a Cop event, and she thanked everyone involved for their efforts in its success.

Council Member Gardner discussed the Shop with a Cop event hosted by the Aurora Police Association. He discussed his participation in the recent Aurora Firefighter Local 1290 Golf Tournament.

Council Member Murillo announced the Ward I Town Hall meeting was scheduled for Thursday, August 26, 2021. She stated her hope to convene in person but notes she would follow public health guidelines as necessary. She invited everyone to attend whether it was virtual or in person.

Council Member Berzins thanked those who attended the Ward III picnic in July, particularly Aurora Police & Fire and Falck Rocky Mountain. She announced the next Ward III Town Hall meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, September 8, 2021, at the City library at 6:30 p.m., where a candidate forum would take place.

Council Member Marcano announced the next Ward IV Town Hall meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, August 11, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. in person at the Five Star Residences at Dayton Place where Greg Baker, Public Relations Manager, and Marshall Brown, Director, Aurora Water, would be present to discuss water in Aurora. He stated this was subject to change per any public health changes and noted there would be a Facebook Live option as well.

Council Member Coombs thanked everyone who attended the recent in-person Ward V Town Hall meeting and announced the upcoming meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, September 1, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. at Heather Gardens where an At-Large candidate forum would be held. She discussed her attendance at the recent National Night Out and Aurora Public School's Back To School Kick Off events and expressed appreciation to everyone involved in the success of Aurora Pride. She particularly thanked the Aurora Pride Board and Mayor Pro Tem Bergan for their efforts and support of Aurora Pride.

Mayor Pro Tem Bergan announced the upcoming Ward VI Town Hall meeting date was changed to Wednesday, September 29, 2021, due to a conflict with the Colorado Municipal League (CML) Conference.

21. **PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD**

(non-agenda related issues only)

None

22. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Coffman adjourned the regular meeting of City Council at 10:45 p.m.



MIKE COFFMAN, MAYOR



ATTEST:



KADEE RODRIGUEZ, CITY CLERK

◆ *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.*