

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Aurora City Council

Monday, June 27, 2022

1. **RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 27, 2022, AND CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Coffman reconvened the regular meeting of City Council for June 27, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Coffman, Bergan, Coombs, Gardner, Jurinsky, Lawson, Marcano, Medina, Murillo, Sundberg, Zvonek

Public call-in instructions were provided in both English and Spanish.

3. **INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE**– Mike Coffman, Mayor

Mayor Coffman asked for a moment of silence for the loss of Assistant Chief firefighter John Jaros whose life was tragically taken at I-70 during Fathers' Day Weekend.

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

5. **EXECUTIVE SESSION UPDATE**

Mayor Coffman stated that during the executive session, the council discussed Comcast franchise renewal and real property interest.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

6.a. **June 6, 2022, Meeting Minutes**

Motion by Bergan, second by Murillo, to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2022, City Council meeting, as presented.

Voting Aye: Mayor Coffman, Bergan, Coombs, Gardner, Jurinsky, Lawson, Marcano, Medina, Murillo, Sundberg, Zvonek

7. **PROCLAMATIONS OR CEREMONIES**

7.a. **Animal Services - Animal Showcase**

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Animal Services introduced a dog named Rio that will be up for adoption on Wednesday.

7.b. **Amazing Auroran Award**

Council Member Gardner presented the Amazing Auroran Award to Vikram Raju.

8. **PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD**

(non-agenda-related issues only)

Public call-in instructions were provided in both English and Spanish.

Mayor Coffman reminded members of the Council that they can respond to comments or get the speaker's contact information after public invited to be heard or after the speaker is done. Council members must inform the clerk and wait to be recognized.

Council heard public in-person testimony on non-agenda-related items.

9. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

9.a. **Station 60 Infrastructure Site Plan (Item 13.a.)**

Applicant presentation (permitted under Council Rules) - 15 minutes

Appellant presentation (if approved by Council) - 15 minutes

Motion by Gardner, second by Bergan to amend the agenda to continue item 13a to July 11th.

Voting Aye: Mayor Coffman, Bergan, Coombs, Gardner, Jurinsky, Lawson, Marcano, Medina, Murillo, Sundberg, Zvonek

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. **Consideration to award an OPENLY SOLICITED contract To Reynolds Construction, LLC, Denver, Colorado in the amount of \$127,309.00 for the Eastern Utility Pipeline Construction Manager / General Contractor Project, Project No. 5876A**

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

10.b. **Consideration to AWARD CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 to a competitively bid contract to Peak Environmental, Denver, Colorado in the amount of**

\$163,228.26 for the Fitzsimons Barrack Abatement and Demolition Project, Project No. 5850A

John Perkins, Public Works Senior Project Manager / David Lathers, Senior Assistant City Attorney

10.c. **Consideration to AWARD A SINGLE SOURCE CONTRACT to Demco, Inc, Madison, WI in the amount of \$99,590.83 for mobile shelving for the Central Library's lower level**

Linda Smith, Manager of Library & Cultural Services / Dave Lathers, Assistant City Attorney

10.d. **Consideration to AWARD A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT to Polydyne, Inc., Riceboro, Georgia in the not-to-exceed amount of \$360,000.00 for the purchase of the water treatment chemical Poly Electrolyte Cationic Clarifloc C-308P as required through June 30, 2023.**

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

10.e. **Crestone Peak Resources Watkins Holdings LLC**

Consideration to approve an oil and gas lease agreement with Crestone Peak Resources Watkins Holdings LLC, for City-owned mineral rights within Section 24, Township 4 South, Range 66 West of the Sixth Principal Meridian, County of Arapahoe, State of Colorado, containing 103.573 net mineral acres.

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

Jeffrey S. Moore, Manager Oil & Gas Division, provided a summary of the item.

CM Coombs asked for confirmation that the no drilling option is not available for the site due to force pooling. J. Moore confirmed this and said that the wells have been permitted through the state and the city. He added that they are part of the operator agreement signed with ConocoPhillips which was assigned to Crescent Peak Resources. CM Coombs asked what the setback from residential is. J. Moore said that it would be 2,000 feet from residences. Mayor Pro Tem Bergan asked if the money goes into the general fund or to a dedicated fund. J. Moore answered that it goes to the general fund. CM Coombs highlighted that the drilling has to occur due to force pooling and is a concerning aspect of the oil and gas policy in the state and the country.

Motion by Gardner, second by Sundberg to approve item 10e.

Voting Aye: Bergan, Coombs, Gardner, Jurinsky, Lawson, Marcano, Medina, Murillo, Sundberg, Zvonek

10.f. **Waste Management Landfill Services**

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Consideration to AWARD A SINGLE SOURCE CONTRACT to Waste Management Corporate Services, Incorporated, Greenwood Village, Colorado in the amount not-to-exceed \$455,000.00 for landfill services at the Denver Arapahoe Disposal Site (DADS) through June 30, 2023.

Mike Mills, Manager of Water Main and Ops / Lynne Center, Deputy Director Public Works Operations / David Lathers, Senior Assistant City Attorney

CM Gardner stated that he is abstaining due to a financial conflict of interest.

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

Voting Aye: Bergan, Coombs, Jurinsky, Lawson, Marcano, Medina, Murillo, Sundberg, Zvonek

Abstain: Gardner

- 10.g. **Consideration to AWARD A COMPETITIVELY BID CONTRACT to Colorado Electric & Power Systems, Denver CO in the amount of \$1,091,480.00 for the PD HQ Detention Center Generator, UPS, & ATS Replacement; Project No: 5874A.**

A waiver of Reconsideration requested due to material pricing increases and the need for the contractor to lock in the price as quickly as possible.

Haven Cassidy, Public Works Principal Engineer / Dave Lathers, Senior Assistant City Attorney

- 10.h. **Consideration to AWARD A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT to Environmental Systems Research, Inc. (ESRI), Redlands, California in the amount of \$115,000.00 for annual maintenance of the city's geographical mapping software through July 12, 2023.**

Scott Newman, Chief Information Officer, IT / Dave Lathers, Senior Assistant City Attorney

- 10.i. **Consideration to AWARD A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT to Selectron Technologies, Inc., Portland, Oregon in the amount of \$184,985.00 for the city's Water Customer Billing IVR system**

Jo Ann Giddings, Deputy Director Business Services, Aurora Water / Dave Lathers, Senior Assistant City Attorney

Motion by Coombs, second by Marcano to approve the consent calendar items 10a through 10d, and 10g through 10i.

Voting Aye: Mayor Coffman, Bergan, Coombs, Gardner, Jurinsky, Lawson, Marcano, Medina, Murillo, Sundberg, Zvonek

11. **RESOLUTIONS**

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11.a. **Photo Speed Enforcement Pilot Program**

R2022-111 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, EXPRESSING THE AURORA CITY COUNCIL'S SUPPORT OF IMPLEMENTING A PHOTO SPEED ENFORCEMENT ONE YEAR PILOT PROGRAM

Carrigan Bennett, Police Lieutenant / Megan Platt, Assistant City Attorney

Outside Presenter: Scott Stewart, Senior Sales Executive of Conduent

Carrigan Bennett, Police Lieutenant, provided a summary of the item.

MPT asked for clarification if they would not issue tickets for 30 days. C. Bennet answered that there would be a 30-day period that would be purely warnings to test the system and inform the public of the new process. MPT said that there should be a longer warning period. She asked the staff when they would be able to recoup costs if they did not issue tickets for 90 days. C. Bennet said that he doesn't have the data ready but based on research, the programs tend to pay for themselves. J. Batchelor mentioned that they could get the question regarding the fiscal impact back to the vendor and relay it to Council.

MPT asked if it would be possible to table the item to get more information on the possibility of a 90-day warning period. Mayor Coffman asked if MPT would have the opportunity to amend it on the second reading. D. Brotzman said that there is only one reading. J. Batchelor said that there would still be a call-up period to get the information to Council. CM Coombs asked if they could continue it to the next meeting instead of tabling the item. D. Brotzman clarified that they could pass the resolution tonight and do a reconsideration later. He added that the other alternative is to move for a continuance.

CM Gardner said that he would prefer not to pass a resolution without having all the information available rather than calling it back up. Mayor Coffman said that staff could report back what the fiscal impact would be for 60 or 90 days. He mentioned that 90 days is excessive. CM Murillo requested staff to provide more information on the fiscal impact and if they are open to a sliding scale for any fines imposed by the system.

Megan Platt asked for clarification if there would also be a motion for continuance for the accompanying ordinance that will allow civilians to review the violations. Staff clarified that there would be a second reading of the ordinance on July 11th. MPT said that they can pass it tonight and pull it during the second reading. CM Marciano asked if the ordinance would also allow the nonsworn traffic enforcement division to issue speeding violations in the future. C. Bennet clarified that the ordinance is for photo enforcement. He added that it would allow them to witness the violations for photo enforcement to include speed enforcement but not regular tickets.

Motion by Bergan, second by Marciano to move item 11a for a continuance to the July 11th Regular Meeting.

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Voting Aye: Bergan, Coombs, Gardner, Jurinsky, Lawson, Marcano, Medina, Murillo, Sundberg, Zvonek

11.b. City-Owned Impound Lot Exploration

R2022-112 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, EXPRESSING THE AURORA CITY COUNCIL'S SUPPORT FOR DIRECTING STAFF TO INVESTIGATE AND EXPLORE THE CREATION OF AN IMPOUND LOT OWNED AND OPERATED BY THE CITY OF AURORA

Sponsor: Juan Marcano, Council Member

Megan Platt, Assistant City Attorney

Council Member Marcano provided a summary of the item.

MPT stressed the importance of the analysis and said that it will be costly from a capital perspective. CM Sundberg mentioned that with the threat of new competition, current impound lots might lower their costs. He asked if those discussions have been had and if they are willing to bend. CM Marcano said that they worked with APD and negotiated lower rates. He stressed that there were upwards of \$1 million worth of fees to victims of motor vehicle theft in Aurora last year. He mentioned that they can do better than that.

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

Voting Aye: Bergan, Coombs, Gardner, Jurinsky, Lawson, Marcano, Medina, Murillo, Sundberg, Zvonek

11.c. Opioid Abatement Intergovernmental Agreement

R2022-113 A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF AURORA, COLORADO, TO APPROVE THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT – OPIOID ABATEMENT TO ESTABLISH THE ARAPAHOE COUNTY REGIONAL OPIOID ABATEMENT COUNCIL

Kerstin Claspell, Budget Program Manager / Kendall Koca, Manager of Special Projects / Isabelle Evans, Litigation Manager

Kendall Koca, Manager of Special Projects, provided a summary of the item.

CM Lawson asked if they would be able to tap into other funding from the state or other counties if they collaborate on other regional projects. K. Koca confirmed this and said that the regional council would decide which local governmental agencies they will work with. CM Lawson asked for clarification on how the representatives will convey collaboration with the Council. K. Koca said that each regional council would have a voting seat and one of the council members will be a participating voting member. She added that MPT volunteered to be the participating member of the Arapahoe County Regional Council.

CM Coombs said that she attended the presentation at CML and there were exciting opportunities including the potential to partner regionally to access additional funds. She highlighted that the issues that they face are regional in nature and she hopes they can take a regional approach. CM Coombs thanked MPT for volunteering. MPT thanked CM Coombs and hoped that CM Coombs will be Aurora's representative for Adams County.

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

Voting Aye: Bergan, Coombs, Gardner, Jurinsky, Lawson, Marcano, Medina, Murillo, Sundberg, Zvonek

11.d. Red Tape Reduction Committee Development Review Process

R2022-114 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, EXPRESSING THE AURORA CITY COUNCIL'S SUPPORT OF FINDINGS OF THE RED TAPE REDUCTION AD HOC COMMITTEE RELATING TO IMPROVING THE CITY'S DEVELOPMENT REVIEW PROCESS

Sponsor: Dustin Zvonek, Council Member

Jason Batchelor, Deputy City Manager / Dan Money, Senior Assistant City Attorney

CM Zvonek and Jason Batchelor provided a summary of the item.

CM Coombs highlighted the importance of addressing staff turnover and retaining staff to accomplish goals of improving the development process. MPT congratulated CM Zvonek for the Red Tape Ad Hoc Committee. She also thanked the staff for collaborating. She mentioned that the public hearings were effective in getting feedback from businesses and developers to improve the city process and eventually have more housing and economic development within the city.

Motion by Zvonek, second by Sundberg to approve item 11d.

Voting Aye: Bergan, Coombs, Gardner, Jurinsky, Lawson, Marcano, Medina, Murillo, Sundberg, Zvonek

11.e. Support of Widening Gun Club Road, Hwy 30

R2022-115 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, IN SUPPORT OF WIDENING GUN CLUB ROAD, ALSO KNOWN AS STATE HIGHWAY 30

Sponsor: Françoise Bergan, Mayor Pro Tem / Steve Sundberg, Council Member

Michelle Gardner, Senior Assistant City Attorney

Mayor Pro Tem Bergan provided a summary of the item.

CM Sundberg asked if the staff is familiar with the section at Alameda and Gun Club Road. V. Rachael said that there are improvements from the Murphy Creek Development and would be pending adjacent development on the west side. He mentioned that it would also be in coordination with CDOT up to Hogan Parkway.

CM Sundberg said that the section at Alameda and Gun Club is starting to bottleneck. He mentioned that it is unincorporated in Arapahoe County with some developments like Thunderbird Estates. V. Rachael said that the city is partnering with Arapahoe County for a study to conceptually design and analyze what Gun Club Road would be in its ultimate condition and give residential access. CM Sundberg asked for the time frame of the study. V. Rachael said that they had a public meeting about it two weeks ago and they are continuing to meet with the public. He said that he will get the information to CM Sundberg.

CM Marcano expressed support for widening the area. He asked the staff if there are conversations with metro districts, RTD, or the state regarding providing mass transit options for all the new development. He mentioned that he doesn't want the city to constantly go back and widen roads that do not address the issue. V. Rachael said that there are conversations regarding extending RTD service along the Colfax alignment and continuing it further to the east as development provides connections and additional densities.

CM Coombs said that she supports the resolution. She added that she hopes that they can look at how they are planning and developing the city so capacity projects are not the focus with the infrastructure so that they can have improvements that allow for multimodal transportation and have a positive climate and quality of life impact. She mentioned that even if they widen Gun Club Road, people will still spend time in traffic coming from sprawling areas.

Motion by Bergan, second by Sundberg to approve item 11e.

Voting Aye: Bergan, Coombs, Gardner, Jurinsky, Lawson, Marcano, Medina, Murillo, Sundberg, Zvonek

11.f. **Mutual Aid Agreement between Aurora Fire Rescue and Buckley Space Air Force Base**

R2022-116 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, APPROVING THE FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO AND BUCKLEY SPACE AIR FORCE BASE, COLORADO

Rodney Weber, Aurora Fire Rescue Deputy Chief / Angela Garcia, Senior Assistant City Attorney

Rodney Weber, Aurora Fire Rescue Deputy Chief, provided a summary of the item.

Motion by Gardner, second by Marcano to approve item 11f.

Voting Aye: Bergan, Coombs, Gardner, Jurinsky, Lawson, Marcano, Medina, Murillo, Sundberg, Zvonek

11.g. Funding of the Aurora Missing Sidewalks Project

R2022-117 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, APPROVING THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF AURORA AND THE COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (CDOT) FOR FUNDING OF THE AURORA MISSING SIDEWALKS PROJECT

Matt Kozakowski, Transportation Project Delivery Manager / Michelle Gardner, Senior Assistant City Attorney

Matt Kozakowski, Transportation Project Delivery Manager, provided a summary of the item.

CM Marcano expressed support for the resolution and said that he is excited to see Yale being funded. He mentioned that he has received requests for the sidewalk gaps in Yale to be filled. CM Coombs thanked staff for bringing the resolution forward. She highlighted that Aurora has a few missing sidewalks and it is an accessibility issue. CM Murillo mentioned that there are non-ADA-compliant sidewalks in the northwest area. She expressed support for the resolution.

Motion by Gardner, second by Jurinsky to approve item 11g.

Voting Aye: Bergan, Coombs, Gardner, Jurinsky, Lawson, Marcano, Medina, Murillo, Sundberg, Zvonek

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

11.h. Rules of Order and Procedure Amendment: International Travel

R2022-118 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, TO AMEND THE RULES OF ORDER AND PROCEDURE FOR THE AURORA, COLORADO, CITY COUNCIL REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

Sponsor: Mike Coffman, Mayor

Dan Brotzman, City Attorney

Council heard public call-in line testimony on item 11h.

Mayor Mike Coffman provided a summary of the item.

CM Coombs said that the trip to Paris cost CM Marcano and CM Murillo less than \$3,500 each for six Council Members to go to Washington D.C. for Accelerate Colorado. CM Marcano's expenses were roughly the same. She added that a useful conference could be hosted anywhere. She asked what they are doing to ensure that expenses incurred are reasonable. She mentioned that she is bringing forth an

ordinance that expenses on trips must fall within the GSA guidelines. She added that accounting for expenses for Council Members Marcano and Murillo's trip is available. CM Coombs also mentioned that the resolution will not allow all-inclusive trips that do not account for the costs of the trips. She stressed that the actual expenses must be clear and transparent and that does not happen for all-inclusive lump sums such as Accelerate. This ensures that costs are reasonable and learning-oriented.

Mayor Coffman said that this proposal only looks at international travel and he welcomes proposals that would also look at domestic travel. CM Marcano asked why there is a focus on international travel only. Mayor Coffman said that they are locally elected officials and that selecting to go to an international conference is inappropriate. CM Marcano asked why it is inappropriate. Mayor Coffman said he didn't see the value of transferring life in Paris to Aurora. He mentioned that if Sister Cities International or the Office of International and Immigrant Affairs would be willing to support such a program, then it would be brought before Council and voted on.

CM Marcano restated that Mayor Coffman personally did not believe that the conference was valuable, and this then leads him to believe that he should be the arbiter. MPT reminded CM Marcano of the decorum resolution that they are not to address people personally. CM Marcano said that he is only asking for clarification of the Mayor's own words. He again asked if Mayor Coffman believes that he should be the arbiter of what is and isn't valuable information. Mayor Coffman explained that six members have to support international travel.

CM Gardner said that he is less concerned about where the trip goes than the value back to the city. He said that outsourcing the decision to Sister Cities International or the Office of International and Immigrant Affairs is outsourcing policy making to the city. He added that it makes it a partisan political process. He stated that he prefers to see council members make a presentation to Council to show what the value is, what they learned, and what they can bring back to the city from a conference. He mentioned that he just returned from an international conference in Mexico City with Downtown Denver Partnership, and he learned more at that conference than at domestic conferences about the bus rapid transit on Colfax. He mentioned that some conferences may be alcohol-fueled social events. He highlighted the importance of bringing value back to the city.

Mayor Coffman explained that under the resolution, a Council Member cannot simply decide to go to an international conference and the reasons are prescribed by the two organizations. If the program fell under the missions of either organization, it would come before Council. It will preclude you from CM Coombs said that it would not preclude a Council Member from saying that they want to go to New York City for a conference and have the city pay for expensive hotels and flights. Mayor Coffman said that they are locally elected officials and not part of the international stage. He fails to see the nexus of international travel with locally elected officials.

CM Marcano stated that one of the meetings they had was with the Il de France Chamber of Commerce which had no idea that Aurora had a biomedical campus or an inland port. He said that they have local businesses looking to expand to other

markets and they were interested to learn that 20% of the city's population is foreign-born. He expressed disappointment in the Mayor's narrow view of building international relationships. He added that they have a tremendous amount to learn from people outside of the US when it comes to urban planning and economic development. He mentioned that the Office of International and Immigrant Affairs and Visit Aurora's purpose is to draw international and national tourism. CM Marcano said that Mayor Coffman decided to go onto social media and accused Council Members. MPT reprimanded CM Marcano's language as personal attacks.

CM Marcano stated that Mayor Coffman made false assumptions about the trip and is now backpedaling due to pushback from people. He said that this is an opportunity to attack political opponents and persecute people because of disagreements. MPT requested Council Members to be respectful and debate on the resolution.

Mayor Coffman said that the city has Fitzsimmons Innovation Community. He asked if that economic development works internationally in the bioscience community. He expressed that he fails to see how going to Mexico City is essential in learning about BRTs since BRTs are ongoing in American cities. He said that he fails to see the value of locally elected officials traveling internationally. He said that there are some warranted circumstances, and they must go to City Council before a vote.

CM Murillo said that the resolution is retaliatory based on travel that is legitimate. The city issued a statement that she and CM Marcano followed all policies and procedures around travel. She added that Mayor Coffman did not decide that it was an issue until the two Latino Council Members decided to travel internationally. She highlighted that Mayor Coffman traveled to El Salvador a year ago and did not move forward with this resolution. She highlighted that CM Gardner went to Mexico City, yet she did not see a social media post from Mayor Coffman saying that it was a taxpayer-funded vacation. She said that she is having a hard time thinking whether it is due to them being Latino or being affiliated with one party. CM Murillo said that she fails to see this as a legitimate conversation. She said that they would be abdicating policy decision-making to staff to decide which conferences to attend. She added that they are making this a partisan situation wherein the conservative majority can decide what they can and cannot do. She added that some Council Members used their travel budget trips and spent \$3,500 on a lobbying trip to Washington D.C. She said that there are Council Members that are ready to address her statement and will only focus on some comments but not the content or premise of the issue. CM Jurinsky said that she was not offended. She reiterated that CM Murillo said that two Latino Council Members went to the conference. She stated that there are three Latino Council Members. She said that she must react to comments alluding that the Mayor is racist against Hispanics when he speaks more Spanish than any Council Member. CM Marcano responded in Spanish.

CM Gardner said that other cities in the US have BRT systems, but they have poor reputations for ridership and usage. He added that Mexico City is a city with 7 million cars and was able to drastically reduce traffic. He stressed that learning from a successful city rather than Albuquerque or Houston where the system did not work is in the best interest of Aurora. He highlighted that it outsources policy-making decisions to staff making two groups the arbiters for attending international

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conferences. He said that if one of the two offices does not approve, then it cannot move forward. How the resolution is written does not give Council or the Mayor to override the groups' decisions.

CM Murillo stated that what people decide to get outraged over is very telling. She clarified that she did not reference the third Latino Council Member because he wasn't on the trip. She added that it is not factual that the Mayor speaks the most Spanish. She mentioned that according to budget records, the Mayor decided to use taxpayer dollars to learn a different language. She said that her colleagues are outraged because she excluded a Council Member in her statement but not because what she said was wrong. CM Murillo mentioned that she and CM Marcano attended the same conference in Carmel, Indiana with no issues. She said that there were no statements made about CM Gardner or Mayor Coffman's international trips. She said that the resolution is retaliatory and that they shouldn't be making them based on personal disagreements or trying to win political points.

Mayor Coffman said that he hopes that El Salvador will be the Paris of Central America where local officials will go there for international conferences. He explained that he was asked to go down there because he lobbied with Mayor Hogan to get the Consulate located in the city. He added that the resolution was about transparency. He mentioned that there were no public statements from CM Murillo or CM Marcano before they left for Paris and he only learned now that CM Gardner went to Mexico City.

Motion by Coffman, second by Gardner to call for the question.

Voting Aye: Mayor Coffman, Bergan, Gardner, Lawson, Zvonek

Voting Nay: Coombs, Jurinsky, Marcano, Medina, Murillo, Sundberg

MPT expressed her disappointment about making the resolution partisan. She said that there were constituents that expressed that they were not happy about the international travel. She said that she would not support it if it were putting a total ban on international travel. She clarified that it would require six votes and Council Members could get support from colleagues if they made a good case. She added that it will clarify the purpose of the trip.

Mayor Coffman offered an amendment wherein the travel proposal need not go through the Office of International and Immigrant Affairs or the Sister Cities Program International, but it must come before Study Session for a vote.

CM Marcano said that the Mayor found out about the conference because he was live-tweeting it just like they did last year. He stated that he was going to give an update on it at his Ward IV meeting before Mayor Coffman spoke a mistruth. He clarified that there was no intent to hide that they went to the conference because they are exceptionally valuable. He agreed that they should be required to give

follow-ups after all conferences to demonstrate their value. CM Marcano said that the value to be derived from a conference must not be up to the Council or the Mayor because it will turn into a partisan food fight. He said that it was partisan from the start when the Mayor spoke a mistruth on social media. He clarified that they went to a suburb of Paris, but the Mayor's tweet included a picture of the Eiffel Tower. He said that he is happy to answer any questions about their travel and that all information about their conference is publicly available.

CM Coombs expressed concern about the resolution being partisan. She said that it also involved social media bickering and attacking a Council Member's spouse. She said that through this resolution, the majority can decide whatever they want. She added that people make partisan votes that are not about merits.

Motion by Coffman, second by Gardner to call for the question.

Voting Aye: Mayor Coffman, Bergan, Coombs, Gardner, Jurinsky, Lawson, Zvonek

Voting Nay: Marcano, Medina, Murillo, Sundberg

Motion by Coffman, second by Jurinsky to support the Coffman Amendment to R2022-118.

Voting Aye: Bergan, Gardner, Jurinsky, Lawson, Marcano, Sundberg, Zvonek

Voting Nay: Coombs, Medina, Murillo

CM Murillo expressed concern about colleagues being able to decide what is and isn't useful. She said that Council Members did not elect other Council Members so why should they decide how to use each other's role and budget. She said that they are adding another layer of bureaucracy and making it partisan and a popularity contest. She stated that she trusts her colleagues to spend their travel budget with discretion. CM Murillo mentioned that they are creating an uncomfortable situation wherein they can easily trade votes. She added that it is inappropriate for Council Members to have subjective opinions and decide what is and isn't valuable for different wards. She expressed opposition to the resolution even as amended. MPT said that vote trading is illegal. She added that she gives her word that she will be looking at international travel proposals objectively.

CM Lawson said she doesn't have a problem with making sure that all conferences are voted on and that relevant reasons are presented for each conference. She mentioned that Accelerate has lots of benefits and a breakdown of expenses for transparency can be provided to ensure accountability. She said that it is disingenuous to say that Council Members will be trading votes. CM Murillo said that she believes her colleagues would make decisions with the best faith, but that is not

a guarantee. She said that trading votes are not allowed, but it does happen. She said that she thinks that the resolution will potentially make it worse.

CM Murillo proposed an amendment adding objective criteria of what is a useful or valuable conference to ensure that votes are not simply based on opinion. It would clarify that the conference must meet the city stated goals.

Mayor Coffman said that Council Members will have the opportunity to put forward whatever criteria they think is valid for the trip. Therefore, the criteria are inherently there. He said that people will still make decisions based on whether they feel that the trip is valid. He added that the language is unnecessary. CM Murillo asked if they are making decisions based on how Council Members feel. MPT said no. CM Murillo clarified that she is adding objective criteria that are not explicitly stated. She stated that it is Council's responsibility to ensure that they are passing a well-thought-out policy.

CM Coombs suggested that they use the city's strategic plan to be the document used for the objective criteria. CM Murillo accepted this as a friendly amendment.

Mayor Coffman said that he doesn't think that the trip to Paris was valid and that there will always be a subjective element. He said that there will always be different attitudes in terms of international travel. The presentation as to why the Council Member will participate in the international conference will bring the objective reality and criteria. D. Brotzman said that a Council Member will articulate how their travel will meet the criteria based on the goals in the city's strategic plan. CM Marcano said that the amendment makes sense since conferences must tie back to what they are trying to accomplish as a city. He said that he still doesn't think that his colleagues should be able to decide what conferences to go to. He stressed that they are accountable to constituents and not the mayor.

MPT said that the language to put should be so that it directly applies to the city's strategic plan. CM Murillo said the direction would state that "... shall be prohibited unless such travel is approved by six council members/the mayor based on criteria that it applies directly to the city's strategic plan." MPT stated that it further codifies what is implied in the resolution. She said that she is fine with it. CM Marcano asked if meeting the criteria is in lieu of having a council vote. CM Murillo said that she prefers not having a vote. However, if there is to be a vote, then it should be based on meeting the criteria.

CM Jurinsky said that she doesn't understand the pushback on the resolution since it ensures accountability and transparency. She stated that she is in full agreement with getting city staff out of the decision on making international travel. She added that part of the strategic plan should be attendance regarding missing committee or council meetings due to international conferences. CM Coombs said that accountability to the public is not the same as accountability to a highly partisan body. Accountability to the public is giving presentations and tying the conference to the strategic plan. Mayor Coffman said that the intent is clear even without the amendment. He stated that it was about the efficacy of going to Paris to learn things that one can learn at home.

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Motion by Coffman, second by Zvonek to end debate and vote on the Murillo Amendment.

Voting Aye: Coffman, Bergan, Coombs, Gardner, Jurinsky, Lawson, Marcano, Medina, Murillo, Sundberg, Zvonek

Motion by Murillo, second by Coombs to support the Murillo Amendment.

Voting Aye: Bergan, Coombs, Marcano, Medina, Murillo

Voting Nay: Coffman, Gardner, Jurinsky, Lawson, Sudberg, Zvonek

Motion by Gardner, second by Zvonek to end debate and vote on the resolution as amended.

Voting Aye: Coffman, Bergan, Gardner, Jurinsky, Lawson, Marcano, Medina, Sundberg, Zvonek

Voting Nay: Coombs, Murillo

Motion by Coffman, second by Zvonek to approve item 11h as amended.

Voting Aye: Bergan, Jurinsky, Lawson, Zvonek

Voting Nay: Coombs, Gardner, Marcano, Medina, Murillo, Sundberg

11.i. Rules of Order and Procedure Amendment: Council Dialog

R2022-119 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, TO AMEND THE RULES OF ORDER AND PROCEDURE FOR THE AURORA, COLORADO, CITY COUNCIL REGARDING LIMITED COUNCIL DIALOG

Sponsor: Danielle Jurinsky, Council Member

Dan Brotzman, City Attorney

Council Member Jurinsky provided a summary of the item.

CM Coombs expressed her opposition and said that it gives Council Members the last word toward the public despite already having the power of being up on the dais. MPT said that this item went to the Rules Committee, and they discovered that it was already a rule in which you could ask the Mayor to have a discussion following the public invited. She clarified that the resolution will only change the timing to the end of all public invited. CM Jurinsky restated that it is already a rule. She clarified that Council Members could only correct something after all speakers have been heard

rather than at any point during public invited to be heard, which is currently allowed. Mayor Coffman expressed support and said that it will make it more organized.

CM Marcano expressed his opposition and restated that they already have the last word at the end of meetings. He mentioned that former council members would use this to claim untruths and snip back at the public. He mentioned that he does not like could the implication of accusing people who testify of speaking untruths. He said that Council Members may respond at the Council Report portion of the meeting. CM Jurinsky said that it is already written in the rules that they can speak back to the public at any time after they have spoken. The resolution is to amend the rule and to hear all the testimonies first before being allowed to speak. CM Marcano clarified that he wants to remove the rule because of instances of abuse in the past.

CM Murillo asked how rules are changed within the Rules Committee. She asked if the only way to change council rules is through a resolution. MPT clarified that the Rules Committee discusses any rules that they would like to change. If the majority wants to move it forward, it moves forward as a resolution to change council rules. She added that there is a prerogative of a Council Member to bypass the Rules Committee and just bring an item straight to the floor.

Motion by Jurinsky, second by Zvonek to approve item 11i.

Voting Aye: Bergan, Gardner, Jurinsky, Lawson, Sundberg, Zvonek

Voting Nay: Coombs, Marcano, Medina, Murillo

11.j. Purchase and Sale Agreement from the Union Ditch Company between SB Farms and the City of Aurora

R2022-120 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, APPROVING THE CONTRACT FOR PURCHASE OF UNION DITCH COMPANY STOCK FROM SB FARMS, INC

Alexandra Davis, Deputy Director of Water Resources, Aurora Water / Ian Best, Assistant City Attorney

Dawn Jewel, Aurora Water, provided a summary of the item.

CM Coombs asked how comparable \$13,000 per acre-foot is to what they are typically spending on water rights. D. Jewel said that they are currently spending \$18,000 per acre-foot. She added that this new price is negotiated through the seller.

Motion by Gardner, second by Jurinsky to approve item 11j.

Voting Aye: Bergan, Coombs, Gardner, Jurinsky, Lawson, Marcano, Medina, Murillo, Sundberg, Zvonek

11.k. Motor Vehicle Theft and Related Offenses

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R2022-121 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF AURORA TO IMPLEMENT A COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH TO COMBAT THE INCREASE IN MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT AND RELATED OFFENSES

Sponsor: Dustin Zvonek, Council Member

Pete Schulte, Public Safety Client Group Manager

Council heard public call-in person testimony on item 11k.

Council Member Zvonek and Pete Schulte provided a summary of the item.

CM Marcano said that he supports elevating victims' voices and creating a victim crime fund. He asked if steeper sentences for failure to appear or mandatory minimum sentences reduce crime. He mentioned that the Cato Institute, the American Legislative Exchange Council, American Civil Liberties Union, and the Marshall Project all agree that mandatory minimum policies do not deter anything but are only good politics. He mentioned that they cost the public more resources to expand jail capacity, spend money on municipal courts, etc. He asked what the fiscal impact would be on the city. P. Schulte stated that the courts are only getting back into the regular business from COVID, and they have not been issuing the second offense of failure to appear (FTA). The courts have been adding fees and other costs to the underlying criminal case and if the defendant can't pay them, they usually get waived. He mentioned that there is no incentive to force the defendants to come to court. He added that their Criminal Division Office will choose whom to apply and file an FTA on. Once it is announced that the defendant is ready for trial, all witnesses and police officers will come to court the next Monday. If the defendant does not show up, they will be issued an FTA. In the case wherein the victim stops coming to court, the case will be dismissed since they have the burden of proof. P. Schulte said that filing FTAs will encourage defendants to show up, so they do not have to constantly reset the trial cases. P. Schulte added that the resolution does not focus on the increased penalties, and they are just creating a group of departments to come up with a comprehensive plan. He stated that there is a sunset provision on the ordinance to see what the effect is.

CM Marcano said that he is looking for more information than what is provided in the backup. He added that he wants to ensure that people show up, but they are taking a punitive approach and threatening people with FTAs, yet they still don't show up. P. Schulte said there is no period of effect because there is no secondary offense. He mentioned that if they get charged with the FTA, the public defender will defend them. He clarified that the bailiff calls out the defendant's name three times on the day of the trial. If they do not show up, they will be charged with the FTA. If the underlying criminal offense gets dismissed, the charges and fees will be dismissed, but they will still have the FTA. He clarified that it will be in the most extreme jury trial settings because that is what impacts residents the most.

CM Zvonek stated that he is more concerned about the cost of doing nothing than the cost of the ordinance and the plan. He is concerned for the victims. He stressed

that they have an obligation to ensure that taxpayer dollars make the community safe.

CM Coombs expressed support for the continual review of sentences and hopes that they extend it beyond motor vehicle theft and FTA, the impact of the sentencing, and the unintended consequences of the sentencing laws. She asked what the city is currently doing to address failures to appear. She mentioned that they don't have systems in place to remind people of their court dates, but she agrees with addressing FTAs. P. Schulte said that a week before the pre-trial, the defendant's counsel can approach the court regarding any potential conflict to a court appearance. He clarified that he is talking about defendants stating that they are ready for the trial on Monday, yet do not show up. He added that they are trying to lessen penalties for FTAs, but they are seeing a vast increase in having to reset trial dates because defendants don't show up.

CM Coombs asked how many cases are dismissed because witnesses and victims don't show up versus defendants not showing up. P. Schulte said that he does not have those numbers. D. Wilson said that they have tracked data for a year and a half. He clarified that the jury status happens on Wednesdays and jury trials on Tuesdays and Thursdays. He stated that the prosecution dismisses charges due to lack of evidence or lack of witnesses 52% of the time. He expressed concern that the FTA statute does not have a mens rea or a culpable mental state. He said it will turn an FTA into a liability crime, which is not constitutional. He added that the FTA reads that if someone is subpoenaed and they do not show up, they will receive an FTA offense, and this would include police officers, victims, and witnesses.

P. Schulte asked how the data is tracked and if it has happened on multiple trial settings. D. Wilson said that he can't say whether it's the first, second, third, or fourth trial setting but he knows that 52% of cases are dismissed. P. Schulte stressed that if a trial is reset multiple times, the victims are less likely to appear. He said that if the public defender wants victims and police officers to be charged for FTA, then they will be dismissing fewer cases. He stated that if citizens do not want to participate, then they are not going to be forced and charged. He added that their office will make a decision on whom they charge, and it will be individuals that did not give the court any indication of conflict to their court appearance. P. Schulte said that it would be interesting data to find out how many trials get reset.

MPT stressed that motor vehicle theft in Aurora is the highest in the nation. She said that they do not babysit offenders and they need to be tougher on crime. She highlighted that without vehicles, victims can't go to work and lose out on money. She expressed her full support for the resolution. CM Coombs how they address instances wherein defendants do not have counsel and are not there for the trial setting meetings. P. Schulte said that if a person can't afford counsel, they will be represented by a public defender. He mentioned that anyone subject to incarceration is entitled to counsel. He added that they can bring forward any defense as to why they couldn't appear in court. P. Schulte said that their FTA statute has been tried and tested in the appellate courts and is enforceable. He added that the Criminal Division is reasonable and will do what's right. He asked if D. Wilson's office has any resources such as Uber vouchers for defendants. D. Wilson said no unless Council

gives them resources. He added that they do not have bus or Uber vouchers or cellphones to check-in.

CM Jurinsky said that the whole point of the ordinance is to start giving victims a voice, yet they are spending a lot of time talking about the victims. She expressed her opposition to giving them Uber vouchers. She added that they committed a crime, and they can walk to court. She stressed that the ordinance would make Aurora the toughest city in the state on crime. Mayor Coffman reiterated that the number one issue for the city is motor vehicle theft and that there are habitual motor vehicle thieves. He stated that it is unfortunate that the state legislature weakened laws in terms of consequences.

D. Wilson said that they are blending the review of sentences and motor vehicle theft. He stated that the public defender should be on the task force since four of the seven items directly impact the confrontation clause, due process, or the ability to have counsel. He added that the resolution is devoid of any defense representation and it's a mistake if it is not added. He expressed concerns about the ordinance. However, he stated that there needs to be a broader look at sentencing in Aurora. He asked if the FTA offense also applies to other crimes, not just motor vehicle thefts. Sheriff T. Brown clarified that the state passed a resolution for an opt-out program for texting to receive information and notification of the trials. He stated that if individuals are not brought to court, then they are not held accountable for their actions. He added that there are individuals that go without a catalytic converter since it is a minimum of \$2,000 and they don't have comprehensive coverage.

CM Coombs said she does not oppose the ordinance nor oppose addressing motor vehicle theft. She mentioned that they don't have a texting program due to the paper nature of the court. She stressed that that basic thing to ensure appearances in court is not done in Aurora. She said that she hopes they can do those things in addition to reviewing sentences. P. Schulte said that the clerk's office emails and calls the defendants to alert them of their court dates. He explained that they don't have the ability to text defendants, but they are working on it as they move to the electronic system.

CM Marcano asked for clarification on Section 1(f). P. Schulte explained that CM Zvonek wanted language that states that Council is supporting overhauling and looking at procedures done by APD to combat crime.

CM Sundberg said that there was an individual who stole 41 vehicles that parked them in his driveway. He asked what the likelihood is of using stolen vehicles in other crimes. Chief D. Oats said that when there is a violent felony involved, it is becoming a trend that a stolen car is associated with their activity. He mentioned an incident wherein a homicide was tied to a stolen car. He added that he doesn't have the data, but it is not uncommon in Aurora.

CM Coombs proposed an amendment to add the public defender to the list of individuals that will create a comprehensive plan. D. Brotzman clarified that the Public Defender's Commission appoints the public defender, and they are an independent body. He explained that Council does not direct the public defender. CM

Zvonek explained that Section 1(a) talks about reviewing sentencing to see if it is working or not. He stated that he welcomes D. Wilson's input at the public safety meetings moving forward. Mayor Coffman reiterated that City Council cannot direct the public defender.

CM Murillo said that she is struggling with Section 3 since it may be encroaching on the FSIR process on taking positions on bills and it is appointing that job to the City Manager. CM Zvonek explained that they can direct the City Manager to come up with a process and a proposal to bring forward to the General Assembly. He added that they need a statewide solution to motor vehicle theft. He mentioned that he has had a conversation with CM Lawson to talk about what that could look like and bring it forward through the Public Safety Committee and to the full Council. CM Murillo said that Section 3 is broad. She mentioned that there are parts of the resolution that could be beneficial, but she doesn't agree with Section 3. CM Zvonek said that it was intentional that they did not lay out specifics of the plan yet. He said that if both the resolution and ordinance pass, they will inform the type of penalties that they would encourage the state legislature to consider. The section being vague allows for an opportunity to have a conversation about specifics about their recommendations at a later date. He said that he assumes it would be increased penalties which would lower motor vehicle theft.

P. Schulte explained that they don't know what bills will get filed in the next legislative session. Section 3 will let city management know that if the Council votes for an ordinance, the Council wants the city managers to talk to lobbyists and elected officials about the importance of those bills to Aurora citizens. He explained that it does not tell the legislature that Council automatically supports bills on increasing penalties for motor vehicle thefts. CM Marcano stated that there are provisions to the resolution that he likes, but some that he has issues with. He mentioned that Chief D. Oates said that the goal is to improve public safety and the perception of public safety. He said that those provisions do the latter but not the former. He stated that the United States has more people in jail than any other country and is not safer for it. He expressed that it is a failed national experiment and an expensive endeavor. He stated that addressing the inequality in society will reduce crime based on evidence-based approaches. Giving the state direction to increase penalties will not accomplish this. He added that people who have little to lose do not care about a penalty and there will always be someone else in a precarious situation that will lead them to harm the community. He, however, expressed support for the Victims Assistance Fund.

Mayor Coffman said that every day a habitual car thief is behind bars is a day of them not stealing a vehicle. MPT said that she has spoken to APD about motor vehicle theft and expressed concern about repeat offenders. She expressed support for harsher penalties. CM Marcano said that they agree that stealing cars is bad and illegal and they share a common goal of reducing crime and motor vehicle theft. He said that what they disagree on is where the evidence directs them. He said that this will cost citizens more public resources and not generate the wanted results. He explained that there will always be someone else that will commit a crime because the underlying conditions in the community are not addressed. CM Zvonek said that history and evidence suggest that CM Marcano is incorrect. He stated that around

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2004 or 2005, Aurora's penalties became stricter and car theft went down. He believes that come October or November, there will be a decline in car theft because of the ordinance, the comprehensive plan, and the actions of the APD.

Motion by Jurinsky, second by Bergan to call for the question.

Voting Aye: Mayor Coffman, Bergan, Coombs, Gardner, Jurinsky, Lawson, Marcano, Medina, Murillo, Sundberg, Zvonek

Motion by Zvonek, second by Jurinsky to approve item 11k.

Voting Aye: Bergan, Coombs, Gardner, Jurinsky, Lawson, Marcano, Medina, Murillo, Sundberg, Zvonek

11.l. YVPP Community Prevention Funding Resolution - A1 Boxing

R2022-122 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, ADOPTING THE YOUTH VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM FUNDING RECOMMENDATION - A1 Boxing Fitness Academy Outreach Program

Christina Amparan, Youth Violence Prevention Program Manager / Angela Garcia, Senior Assistant City Attorney

Christina Amparan, Youth Violence Prevention Program Manager, provided a summary of the item.

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

Voting Aye: Bergan, Coombs, Gardner, Jurinsky, Lawson, Marcano, Medina, Murillo, Sundberg, Zvonek

11.m. YVPP Community Prevention Funding Resolution - Aurora Housing Authority

R2022-123 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, ADOPTING THE YOUTH VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM FUNDING RECOMMENDATION - Aurora Housing Authority

Christina Amparan, Youth Violence Prevention Program Manager / Angela Garcia, Senior Assistant City Attorney

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

Voting Aye: Bergan, Coombs, Gardner, Jurinsky, Lawson, Marcano, Medina, Murillo, Sundberg, Zvonek

11.n. YVPP Community Prevention Funding Resolution - Aurora Public Schools

R2022-124 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, ADOPTING THE YOUTH VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM FUNDING RECOMMENDATION - Aurora Public Schools

Christina Amparan, Youth Violence Prevention Program Manager / Angela Garcia,
Senior Assistant City Attorney

Motion by Murillo, second by Medina to approve item 11n.

Voting Aye: Coombs, Marcano, Medina, Murillo

Voting Nay: Bergan, Gardner, Jurinsky, Lawson, Sundberg, Zvonek

11.o. YVPP Community Prevention Funding Resolution - Aurora Sister Cities

R2022-125 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA,
COLORADO, ADOPTING THE YOUTH VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM FUNDING
RECOMMENDATION - Aurora Sister Cities International

Christina Amparan, Youth Violence Prevention Program Manager / Angela Garcia,
Senior Assistant City Attorney

Mayor Pro Tem Bergan said that she voted no since the city already funds Aurora
Sister Cities.

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

Voting Aye: Mayor Coffman, Coombs, Gardner, Marcano, Medina, Murillo

Voting Nay: Bergan, Lawson, Jurinsky, Sundberg, Zvonek

**11.p. YVPP Community Prevention Funding Resolution – Driven By Our Ambitions
(DBOA)**

R2022-126 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA,
COLORADO, ADOPTING THE YOUTH VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM FUNDING
RECOMMENDATION - Driven By Our Ambitions (DBOA)

Christina Amparan, Youth Violence Prevention Program Manager / Angela Garcia,
Senior Assistant City Attorney

Motion by Bergan, second by Lawson to approve item 11p.

Voting Aye: Bergan, Coombs, Gardner, Jurinsky, Lawson, Marcano, Medina, Murillo,
Sundberg, Zvonek

**11.q. YVPP Community Prevention Funding Resolution - Denver Area Youth for
Christ**

R2022-127 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA,
COLORADO, ADOPTING THE YOUTH VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM FUNDING
RECOMMENDATION - Denver Area Youth for Christ

Christina Amparan, Youth Violence Prevention Program Manager / Angela Garcia,
Senior Assistant City Attorney

CM Coombs pointed out that this resolution will use taxpayer dollars to support a religious organization that is already tax-exempt. Mayor Pro Tem Bergan clarified that it is a nonprofit. C. Amparan confirmed this. Mayor Pro Tem Bergan mentioned that it said Denver. She asked if it is broad-based around the cities of the greater metro area. C. Amparan said yes and added that they are currently working with several Aurora Public Schools and charter schools. CM Jurinsky agreed with CM Coombs that they have to be consistent in not funding churches. Mayor Pro Tem Bergan highlighted that this was referred by the judicial detention.

Motion by Lawson, second by Medina to approve item 11q.

Voting Aye: Bergan, Coombs, Gardner, Lawson, Marcano, Murillo, Sundberg, Zvonek

Voting Nay: Jurinsky, Medina

11.r. YVPP Community Prevention Funding Resolution - Rise 5280

R2022-128 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA,
COLORADO, ADOPTING THE YOUTH VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM FUNDING
RECOMMENDATION - RISE 5280

Christina Amparan, Youth Violence Prevention Program Manager / Angela Garcia,
Senior Assistant City Attorney

Motion by Coombs, second by Murillo to approve item 11r.

Voting Aye: Bergan, Gardner, Jurinsky, Lawson, Sundberg, Zvonek

Voting Nay: Coombs, Marcano, Medina, Murillo

11.s. YVPP Community Prevention Funding Resolution - Rocky Mountain Welcome Center

R2022-129 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA,
COLORADO, ADOPTING THE YOUTH VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM FUNDING
RECOMMENDATION - Rocky Mountain Welcome Center

Christina Amparan, Youth Violence Prevention Program Manager / Angela Garcia,
Senior Assistant City Attorney

CM Medina mentioned that he is abstaining because he sits on the Rocky Mountain Board.

Mayor Pro Tem Bergan asked if they have a welcome center as part of the Office of International Affairs. C. Amparan said she is not sure, but the programming is specific to females. R. Venegas clarified that they do not have a welcome center. He

stated that they partner with organizations but do not have a formal welcome center as part of their office.

Mayor Pro Tem Bergan said that she thought that it was in the strategic plan received from the Office of International Affairs. R. Venegas clarified that this is to support welcoming centers, but there is none yet stood up as part of the Office of International Immigrant Affairs. What will be created is a spinoff from the original welcome center iteration by the Aurora Public Schools. He highlighted that the Office of International Immigrant Affairs does work with Welcome Centers and nonprofits that provide services for immigrants and refugees. He mentioned that the Rocky Mountain Welcome Center is one that they have worked with in the past.

Motion by Coombs, second by Lawson to approve item 11s.

Voting Aye: Bergan, Coombs, Gardner, Lawson, Marcano, Medina, Murillo Sundberg, Zvonek

Voting Nay: Jurinsky

11.t. YVPP Community Prevention Funding Resolution - Salvation Army

R2022-130 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, ADOPTING THE YOUTH VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM FUNDING RECOMMENDATION - The Salvation Army Aurora Corps

Christina Amparan, Youth Violence Prevention Program Manager / Angela Garcia, Senior Assistant City Attorney

Motion by Bergan, second by Jurinsky to approve item 11t.

Voting Aye: Bergan, Coombs, Gardner, Jurinsky, Lawson, Marcano, Medina, Murillo Sundberg, Zvonek

11.u. YVPP Community Prevention Funding Resolution - Struggle of Love

R2022-131 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, ADOPTING THE YOUTH VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM FUNDING RECOMMENDATION - Struggle of Love Foundation

Christina Amparan, Youth Violence Prevention Program Manager / Angela Garcia, Senior Assistant City Attorney

Motion by Coombs, second by Lawson to approve item 11u.

Voting Aye: Coombs, Marcano, Medina, Murillo

Voting Nay: Bergan, Gardner, Jurinsky, Lawson, Sundberg, Zvonek

11.v. YVPP Community Prevention Funding Resolution - Urban Nature Impact

R2022-132 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA,
COLORADO, ADOPTING THE YOUTH VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM FUNDING
RECOMMENDATION - Urban Nature Impact

Christina Amparan, Youth Violence Prevention Program Manager / Angela Garcia,
Senior Assistant City Attorney

CM Jurinsky said that based on information from C. Amparan, the organization's nonprofit status is pending. However, when she reached out to the organization, they said that they've been fully approved. C. Amparan clarified that they've been fully approved and they're a registered business in Aurora. She clarified that the resolution would enable them to start programming and support them as a startup organization. CM Jurinsky said that C. Amparan mentioned to MPT that the organization does not have nonprofit status. C. Amparan said that the organization has not worked within Aurora in the past and the resolution would provide start-up funding to support their programming.

MPT said that the organization has a letter that gives them tax exemption status with the IRS, and she spoke to CM Gardner about it. She asked if you could have a tax exemption status without starting your nonprofit. C. Amparan said that those are the first steps to take to become a nonprofit organization and those are things that the organization has already done to become a registered business within Aurora. MPT said that she feels that they are not yet ready to be a startup since their concept, although good, is not yet fully fleshed out. She asked C. Amparan for the panel discussion. C. Amparan said that the organization originally requested a larger lump sum and the panel had concerns about it being a startup organization and not having historical collaboration with other criminal justice organizations, schools, and key partners. In addition, there were also concerns that they don't have the history or know-how of doing intervention work.

CM Lawson asked if the \$7,500 would give them an establishment of an established organization. She added that they are not yet fully established, and their ideas are not yet fleshed out. She asked if they were not going to be successful in providing measurements. C. Amparan explained that the organization requested intervention funding and YVPP is moving forward with the recommendation for them to receive prevention funding in partnership with another organization more focused on the startup of prevention efforts. MPT clarified that she only asked if they were a nonprofit and C. Amparan said that they were not yet established. C. Amparan clarified that they are a registered nonprofit with all the documentation, but they are not operational. She added that they are currently not providing service to youth directly. She stated that the funding would help them start providing service to youth in Aurora.

Motion by Medina, second by Murillo to approve item 11v.

Voting Aye: Bergan, Coombs, Jurinsky, Lawson, Marcano, Murillo, Sundberg, Zvonek

Voting Nay: Gardner, Medina

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

12. **PUBLIC HEARING WITH RELATED ORDINANCE**

13. **PUBLIC HEARING WITHOUT RELATED ORDINANCE**

13.a. **Station 60 Infrastructure Site Plan**

A PUBLIC HEARING WITHOUT RELATED ORDINANCE TO CONSIDER AN APPEAL BY AN ABUTTING PROPERTY OWNER OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION APPROVAL OF THE STATION 60 INFRASTRUCTURE SITE PLAN

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

Item 13a was moved to be continued on July 11th, 2022.

14. **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

14.a. **Amendment to the Unified Development Ordinance - Multifamily Building Length**

2022-32 FOR AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, AMENDING SECTIONS 146-3.3.2.H AND 146-4.8.5.D OF THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE (UDO) TO ADDRESS BUILDING LENGTH STANDARDS OF MULTIFAMILY BUILDINGS

Brandon Cammarata, Planning Manager / Daniel Money, Senior Assistant City Attorney

Mayor Coffman opened the public hearing.

Brandon Cammarata, Planning Manager, provided a summary of the item.

Mayor Coffman closed the public hearing.

CM Coombs mentioned that every time there is a request for a variance on this item in the UDO, it will get approved. She stated that the 250-foot maximum length may not be meeting the building lengths that are being developed in the city.

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

Voting Aye: Bergan, Coombs, Gardner, Jurinsky, Lawson, Marcano, Medina, Murillo, Sundberg, Zvonek

14.b. **Qualification of Elective Officers of the City**

2022-33 FOR AN ORDINANCE SUBMITTING TO A VOTE OF THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, AT THE STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION COORDINATED IWTH A SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 8,

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2022, A PROPOSAL TO AMEND ARTICLE 3-3 OF THE AURORA CHARTER TO CONFORM THE QUALIFICATIONS OF ELECTIVE OFFICERS OF THE CITY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION

Sponsor: Angela Lawson, Council Member

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

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

CM Gardner asked what the approximate cost is of doing a special election. He mentioned that he recalled it being \$250,000. K. Rodriguez said she does not have the cost and will get back to CM Gardner. CM Gardner said that it would be a special election because it's not a regular municipal election. He asked if there is a cost associated with placing the item on the ballot. K. Rodriguez said yes.

CM Gardner said that someone with a felony record can run for City Council, and they don't necessarily need to do this item as a special election. He asked if they could put it on the regular November 2023 ballot and not pay. D. Lathers said that they need to put it forward this year because of a district order that they had to present it as a vote to the people. He added that they need to make it consistent with the constitution. CM Gardner asked what would happen if the voters voted no. He asked if the court compelled them to put it on the ballot. D. Lathers said that the court compelled them to do so. He mentioned that the court does recognize the possibility of it not passing.

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

Voting Aye: Bergan, Coombs, Gardner, Jurinsky, Lawson, Marcano, Medina, Murillo, Sundberg, Zvonek

14.c. **Amusement Device License Repeal**

2022-34 FOR AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, REPEALING CHAPTER 10 OF THE AURORA CITY CODE AND, REPEALING THE REQUIREMENT FOR AMUSEMENT ENTERPRISE LICENSES, AMUSEMENT DEVICE DISTRIBUTOR'S LICENSES, AMUSEMENT DEVICE VENDOR'S LICENSES, AND AMENDING CHAPTER 26 RELATING TO SELF-SERVICE DEVICES

Sponsor: Curtis Gardner, Council Member

Trevor Vaughn, Manager of Licensing / Hanosky Hernandez, Senior Assistant City Attorney

CM Gardner provided a summary of the item.

Motion by Gardner, second by Jurinsky to approve item 14c.

Voting Aye: Bergan, Coombs, Gardner, Jurinsky, Lawson, Marcano, Medina, Murillo, Sundberg, Zvonek

14.d. **Reducing Distance Restriction between Liquor Stores and Drugstores**

2022-35 FOR AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, AMENDING SECTION 146-3.3.5.R OF THE CITY CODE PERTAINING TO DISTANCE RESTRICTIONS BETWEEN RETAIL LIQUOR STORES AND LIQUOR-LICENSED DRUGSTORES

Sponsor: Dustin Zvonek, Council Member

Trevor Vaughn, Manager of Licensing / Tim Joyce, Assistant City Attorney

CM Zvonek and Trevor Vaughn provided a summary of the item.

Motion by Zvonek, second by Jurinsky to approve item 14d.

Voting Aye: Bergan, Coombs, Gardner, Jurinsky, Lawson, Marcano, Medina, Murillo, Sundberg, Zvonek

14.e. **2022 Certificates of Participation (COPs) – Roadway Improvement Projects**

2022-36 FOR AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE USE OF LEASE-PURCHASE FINANCING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS PURSUANT TO THE TERMS OF A LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN AURORA CAPITAL LEASING CORPORATION, AS LESSOR, AND THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, AS LESSEE; AUTHORIZING OFFICIALS OF THE CITY TO TAKE ALL ACTION NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY; AND RELATED MATTERS

Sponsor: Dustin Zvonek, Council Member

Teresa Sedmak, City Treasurer / Hanosky Hernandez, Senior Assistant City Attorney

CM Zvonek provided a summary of the item.

CM Coombs highlighted the importance of having roads that are safe to drive on and well maintained. She mentioned that the situation is due to the unmitigated metro district-funded suburban sprawl. She added that she hopes they will look at different ways to develop that, improve quality of life, reduce sprawl, and become cognizant of the climate disaster. MPT said that they have a large road maintenance deficit because of the 2008 recession and the council at the time did not fund all the road maintenance. Due to this, they ended up with a larger deficit year after year. She highlighted the importance of looking into the future and the impacts of decisions to cut the budget within the city. CM Marcano hopes that they are repaving streets and adding traffic calming improvements and ensuring that the environment does not facilitate or encourage the use of unsafe speeds.

MPT asked how soon they would be able to address residential roads. She mentioned that she is getting major complaints from Saddle Rock North. Lynne Center said that they could start construction on the paving program in the spring of 2023. She added that they will start with concrete works in neighborhoods in the fall. MPT asked if

they could do a mill and overlay in the spring of 2023. L. Center said that they need time to get contracts out.

CM Marcano asked what the total cost factoring interest into the bonds would be. T. Sedmak said that interest rates have moved up. If issued today, they are looking at a 4.25% interest rate which would be \$2.65 million a year over 20 years.

Motion by Zvonek, second by Bergan to approve item 14e.

Voting Aye: Bergan, Coombs, Gardner, Jurinsky, Lawson, Marcano, Medina, Murillo, Sundberg, Zvonek

14.f. **Motor Vehicle Theft and Vehicle Parts Code Changes**

2022-37 FOR AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, AMENDING SECTIONS OF THE CITY CODE PERTAINING TO MANDATORY MINIMUM SENTENCES FOR CERTAIN OFFENSES IN THE AURORA MUNICIPAL CODE AND OTHER AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY CODE TO COMBAT THE INCREASE IN MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT AND RELATED OFFENSES

Sponsor: Dustin Zvonek, Council Member

Matthew Novak, Sergeant / Pete Schulte, Public Safety Client Group Manager

Council heard public call-in line testimony for item 14f.

CM Zvonek and Pete Schulte provided a summary of the item.

CM Coombs asked what percentage of motor vehicle thefts are currently heard in the municipal court. She asked if this would change and to what degree will the change be as a result of the proposed ordinance. P. Schulte clarified that the vast majority are filed in municipal court because there is faster justice for victims. He mentioned that they are seeing better sentences in municipal court which is the same at the county level.

CM Marcano asked if they could reference state statute instead of a number, so they don't have to keep updating it if there are changes. P. Schulte said that it was in the mid-2000s that it was last changed, and it doesn't happen often. He mentioned that referencing a state statute may be problematic if the section changes into something they did not intend for the ordinance. He mentioned that it makes sense to leave the number as what the jurisdictional limit is and change it as it comes.

CM Lawson asked if the ordinance is amenable to being changed if things are not working or if there are gaps throughout or before the sunset period. She mentioned that data must be collected and reported to the Public Safety Committee. CM Zvonek said that it would take six votes to amend it. He stated that he wants to watch the trends in motor vehicle theft to determine if they are lowering. If it is not, they must do something else. He mentioned that it will incur costs but the cost of doing nothing outweighs the cost of taking action. P. Schulte mentioned that regardless of what Council decides to do over the next two years, the ordinance must come back, or it

will expire. He added that if they can bring it forward on another ordinance to amend it.

CM Coombs asked if the cases wherein crimes are committed using the stolen vehicle are heard in municipal court. P. Schulte said that it will be split. He stated that felony offenses that are committing violent crimes must be filed with the District Attorney's Office in district court. CM Coombs what the ordinance's impact will be the time it will take to prosecute and the impact on other nonmotor vehicle cases given that more cases may go to trial due to the mandatory minimum sentence. P. Schulte said that if sentencing is consistent such that if you go to trial and are convicted, you go in front of the judge on an agreed plea bargain, you will get the first offense and get 90, 120, or 150 days from the court. He mentioned that there will be more cases set for trial at the beginning which is expected to happen due to mandatory minimums. He added that if there are issues with the case, there are ways to get the cases moving so they're not stagnant on the trial docket. He stated that they are bound by the speedy trial law. He stressed that the criminal justice system of the civil court must get to work. CM Coombs asked if there is a risk that they would not meet the speedy trial obligations because of a significant number of cases going to trial. P. Schulte said that there is a possibility that it would happen. However, it is unlikely due to the number of courts and judges available. He mentioned that it will be handled by court management and court administration. He added that there are avenues for the prosecutors to resolve the cases.

Motion by Zvonek, second by Bergan to approve item 14f.

Voting Aye: Bergan, Gardner, Jurinsky, Lawson, Medina, Sundberg, Zvonek

Voting Nay: Coombs, Marcano, Murillo

14.g. **Photo Speed Enforcement**

2022-38 FOR AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, AMENDING SECTION 134-451 OF THE CITY CODE PERTAINING TO AUTOMATIC VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION CITATIONS

Megan Platt, Assistant City Attorney

Megan Platt, Assistant City Attorney, provided a summary of the item.

Motion by Bergan, second by Marcano to approve item 14g.

Voting Aye: Bergan, Coombs, Gardner, Jurinsky, Lawson, Marcano, Medina, Murillo, Sundberg, Zvonek

14.h. **Ordinance Permitting Mobile Ice Cream Vehicles Within the City**

2022-39 FOR AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, AMENDING SECTIONS 26-346 AND 26-347 AND REPEALING SECTION 26-348 TO ALLOW MOBILE ICE CREAM VEHICLES WITHIN THE CITY

Sponsor: Dustin Zvonek, Council Member

Trevor Vaughn, Manager of Licensing / Hanosky Hernandez, Sr. Assistant City Attorney

CM Zvonek and Trevor Vaughn provided a summary of the item.

CM Lawson asked if HOAs would need to approve ice cream trucks coming through HOA-regulated neighborhoods and private roads. T. Vaughn clarified that they are authorized on city streets. However, HOAs may regulate ice cream trucks on private roads. Mayor Pro Tem Bergan asked if the hours of operation are after sunset and before 10 AM. T. Vaughn confirmed this.

Motion by Zvonek, second by Gardner to approve item 14h.

Voting Aye: Bergan, Coombs, Gardner, Jurinsky, Lawson, Marcano, Medina, Murillo, Sundberg, Zvonek

15. **FINALIZING OF ORDINANCES**

Ordinances on final reading which were introduced by unanimous vote of those present on the first reading may be taken under consideration and voted upon as a single item. Related ordinances may be acted upon as one item after the titles are read in series by the City Clerk. Any member of the Council may request an item to be considered separately. Any item removed will be considered immediately following the adoption of the remainder of the Finalizing of Ordinances.

15.a. **Aurora One Zoning Map Amendment**

2022-31 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, FOR A ZONING MAP AMENDMENT TO REZONE APPROXIMATELY 15.4 ACRES OF LAND FROM AIRPORT DISTRICT (AD) TO MIXED-USE REGIONAL (MU-R), LOCATED ALONG STEPHEN D. HOGAN PKWY. AND WEST OF VALDAI ST (AURORA ONE ZONING MAP AMENDMENT)

Aja Tibbs, Senior Planner / Daniel L. Money, Senior Assistant City Attorney

Motion by Gardner, second by Marcano to approve item 15a.

Voting Aye: Bergan, Coombs, Gardner, Jurinsky, Lawson, Marcano, Medina, Murillo, Sundberg, Zvonek

16. **PLANNING MATTERS**

17. **ANNEXATIONS**

18. **RECONSIDERATIONS AND CALL UPS**

19. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

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19.a. **Consideration to Reappoint Four (4) Members to the Oil and Gas Advisory Board**

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

Motion by Bergan, second by Marcano to reappoint Brad Pierce, Marc Cooper, Philip Holmes, and James Spehalski to the Oil and Gas Advisory Committee.

Voting Aye: Mayor Coffman, Bergan, Coombs, Gardner, Jurinsky, Marcano, Medina, Murillo, Sundberg, Zvonek

19.b. **Consideration to Reappoint One (1) Member to the Historic Preservation Commission**

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

Mayor Pro Tem Bergan asked where Ward VIII is. She said that it might be a mistake.

Motion by Bergan, second by Marcano to reappoint Barbara Henk to the Historic Preservation Commission.

Voting Aye: Mayor Coffman, Bergan, Coombs, Gardner, Jurinsky, Marcano, Medina, Murillo, Sundberg, Zvonek

20. **REPORTS**

20.a. **Report by the Mayor**

None.

20.b. **Reports by the Council**

CM Lawson reported that the earmark requests for both the MLK Library and Aurora Water made it into the House Appropriations Bill. Senators have submitted both projects to the Senate Appropriations Committee. However, the Senate is yet to share a confirmed timeline for the release of their bill. CM Lawson reported that she attended the Accelerate trip to D.C. She asked questions to congressmen and senators regarding transportation and how to utilize funding and move forward to grow infrastructure to ensure that the city can handle its population growth. She thanked all Senators Hickenlooper and Bennet and Congressman Crow for putting the city's earmarks in place. CM Lawson mentioned that she sits on the CML Executive Board and the Policy Committee and attended that in Breckenridge. She was part of the Let's Talk from Conflict to Conversation panel. She attended the session on lifelong Colorado preparedness for the aging population. She stressed the importance of considering the aging population when building out infrastructure. CM Lawson also attended the session on cybersecurity attacks and trends in building energy codes. She mentioned that the CML Policy Committee Executive Board had an

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election of smaller, larger, and medium-sized cities. CM Lawson reported that she also attended an Executive Board Meeting.

CM Jurinsky announced that Aurora's First Responder Celebration Day will be on July 16th from 12 noon to 4 PM at the AMC Lawn Memorial.

CM Murillo announced the cancellation of her July Town Hall.

CM Sundberg reported that he attended CML. He attended the water seminar and heard a presentation from the city's International and Immigrant Affairs Office. He met with James Eklund and Marshall Brown regarding water and water issues in Colorado. He commended APD and Major Crimes Unit for their work on John Jaros' murder on I-70.

CM Marcano announced that the next Ward IV meeting will be on July 14th at 6:30 PM at Colorado Early Colleges with Chief Oates as the guest speaker. They will talk about crime trends, strategies to improve response and department culture, strategies to rebuild public trust, strategies to improve the PAR program, and the strategies to search for a permanent chief.

CM Coombs reported that she attended the session on the aging population at CML. She reached out to DRCOG regarding a boomer bond initiative and to see the services and programs available for the aging population. She also attended sessions on the role of libraries in building resilient and connected communities, public safety in response to people experiencing Dementia, the opioid settlement process, and DOLA programs for cities and municipal corporations. She also participated in the Breckenridge Fun Run. CM Coombs is also participating in the Water Education Colorado Water Fluency Workshop which will have one in-person session in Gunnison during the second week of July. During the last DRCOG meeting, they discussed the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and how it will be impacted by the greenhouse gas reduction targets from the state legislature, and how the city will consider land use when planning and asking for TIP funds.

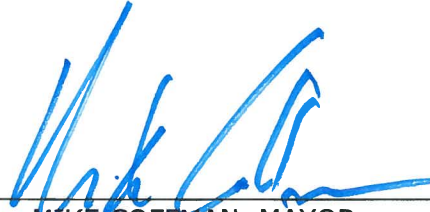
Mayor Pro Tem Bergan mentioned that she attended the Accelerate Colorado trip in D.C. to advocate for Colorado for federal policy issues. She lobbied for Buckley Air Force Base and had discussions on oil and gas, alternative energy, and behavioral health. She asked questions to Senators Hickenlooper and Bennet regarding accountability and partnerships with different distributions for mental health. There were discussions on access to capital for small businesses, water, environmental issues, transportation, and I-70. Mayor Pro Tem Bergan attended the Development Review Workshop and the procurement session. She recently attended the Community Spirit Award held at the Aurora Reservoir and nominated Jen Dubrow who was awarded. She extended condolences to John Jaros' family and commended the APD detectives.

Council Members Gardner, Medina, and Zvonek had no reports.

21. **ADJOURNMENT**

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Mayor Coffman adjourned the regular meeting of the City Council.



MIKE COFFMAN, MAYOR



ATTEST:



KADEE RODRIGUEZ, CITY CLERK

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