

## MINUTES

### Regular Meeting of the Aurora City Council

Monday, July 25, 2022

1. **RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 25, 2022, AND CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Coffman reconvened the regular meeting of City Council for July 25, 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**

Mayor Coffman led a prayer for the July 25<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting.

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

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

5.a. **June 27, 2022, Meeting Minutes**

Mayor Pro Tem Bergan offered an amendment for the third sentence of her council report to state: "She asked questions to Senators Hickenlooper and Bennet regarding accountability and partnerships with different distributions for mental health."

Motion by Bergan, second by Coombs, to approve the minutes of the June 27, 2022 City Council meeting with MPT Bergan's amendment to the third sentence of her Council Report.

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

5.b. **July 11, 2022, Meeting Minutes**

Motion by Bergan, second by Lawson, to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2022 City Council meeting as presented.

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

6. **PROCLAMATIONS OR CEREMONIES**

6.a. **Swearing-in Ceremony of Interim Fire Chief**

Judge Shawn Day swore in Deputy Chief Allen Robnett as the Interim Fire Chief.

7. **PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD**

(non-agenda-related issues only)

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

Mayor Coffman and CM Coombs requested the contact information of speakers regarding the Central Recreation Center.

8. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

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

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

9. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

*This portion of the agenda is a meeting management tool to allow the City Council to handle several routine items with one action. Any member of the Council may request an item to be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered separately. Any item removed will be considered immediately following the adoption of the remainder of the Consent Calendar.*

9.a. **Consideration to AWARD A COMPETITIVELY BID CONTRACT to Brannan Construction Co., Denver, CO in the amount of \$5,572,788.00 for the 2022 Water System Improvement Project, Project No. 5873A.**

Dean Bedford, Principal Engineer, Aurora Water / Dave Lathers, Senior Assistant City Attorney

9.b. **Consideration to AWARD A COMPETITIVELY BID CONTRACT to AGS Construction, Inc., Englewood CO in the amount of \$109,975.00 for the Peoples Building Damage Repair; Project 5883A.**

John Perkins, Senior Project Manager, Public Work / Dave Lathers, Senior Assistant City Attorney

9.c. **Consideration to AWARD CHANGE ORDER #4 TO THE COMPETITIVELY BID CONTRACT to Pinnacle Data Systems LLC, Birmingham, AL, in the amount of \$50,000.00 for Water Billing Services through May 31, 2023.**

Jo Ann Giddings, Deputy Director Business Services, Water / Ian Best, Assistant City Attorney

9.d. **Consideration to AWARD A SINGLE SOURCE CONTRACT to Galls Inc., Denver, Colorado in the amount of \$500,000.00 for Police Uniforms and Tailoring Services as required through June 30, 2023.**

Brian Kelly, Lieutenant, Police Department / Dave Lathers, Senior Assistant City Attorney

Council heard public in-person testimony.

Mayor Pro Tem Bergan requested to ask a question for staff. Mayor Coffman stated that a brief presentation would be in order and then followed by her question. MPT Bergan started to ask her question. Mayor Coffman reminded MPT Bergan that there will be a brief presentation first. MPT Bergan restated that she requested to ask a question. Mayor Coffman stressed that he did not recognize her to ask the question.

Dave Lathers provided a summary of the item.

Mayor Pro Tem Bergan stated that Mayor Coffman asked to vote on the item before she asked her question. Mayor Coffman requested MPT Bergan to proceed with her question.

CM Jurinsky stated she wishes that there were more contracts awarded to businesses in Aurora given that inflation and costs are going up. She hopes to see sales tax dollars go back to the city. She expressed support to Galls Inc., Denver, Colorado as it is the best option for the officers.

Motion by Bergan, second by Jurinsky to approve the consent calendar item 9d.

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

9.e. **Additional Fuel Funding**

Consideration for additional funds in the amount of \$2,100,000.00 to AUTHORIZE STAFF TO LOCK FUEL PRICES THROUGH A COMPETITIVE PROCESS that will lead to the award of a competitively bid contract to selected vendor(s) in the not-to-exceed amount of \$5,100,000.00 to cover the cost of motor vehicle fuel as required citywide for the calendar year 2023.

Ron Forrest, Fleet Manager / Dave Lathers, Senior Assistant City Attorney

Ron Forrest, Fleet Manager, provided a summary of the item.

CM Jurinsky asked what would happen if gas prices went down drastically. R. Forrest explained it would be savings for the city.

CM Coombs asked if the price would be lower than the not-to-exceed amount if there is a dramatic decrease, and if they are not locking the prices in a way that they would pay the highest price possible. R. Forrest confirmed that they would save.

CM Coombs mentioned she has the impression that there is a shortage of staff in terms of being able to get as many bids as possible. She asked if it is accurate that the city is prone to using single sources from previous vendors than putting out bids in the procurement process. R. Forrest clarified that staff still puts things out to bid and use a single source if the vendor is astute at what the city needs.

Motion by Zvonek, second by Coombs to approve the consent calendar item 9e.

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

9.f. **Consideration to EXTEND A COMPETITIVELY BID CONTRACT to EAP Glass, Littleton, Colorado in the not to exceed the amount of \$60,000.00 for Glass Replacement and Repair Service for windows throughout the city.**

Lynne Center, Deputy Director Public Works / Dave Lathers, Senior Assistant City Attorney

Motion by Bergan, second by Zvonek to approve the consent calendar items 9a, 9b, 9c, and 9f.

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

10. **RESOLUTIONS**

10.a. **Resolution for Fare Free August on RTD**

**R2022-140** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, EXPRESSING THE AURORA CITY COUNCIL'S SUPPORT OF ZERO-FARE TRANSIT ON RTD FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

Sponsor, Mayor Mike Coffman

Michelle Gardner, Senior Assistant City Attorney

Mayor Coffman and Michelle Gardner provided a summary of the item.

CM Marcano encouraged the public to take advantage of the fare-free month. CM Coombs encouraged people to spread the word about the fare-free month so they can see the ridership that they can generate and the impact they can have on the climate by reducing the number of cars on the road.

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

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

10.b. **Appointment of Aurora's Poet Laureate**

**R2022-141** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF A NEW POET LAUREATE

Midori Clark, Director of Library & Cultural Services / Tim Joyce, Assistant City Attorney

Midori Clark, Director of Library & Cultural Services, provided a summary of the item.

CM Coombs asked how long Assetou Xango served as emeritus past her original term or how long the city did not have a Poet Laureate. M. Clark explained Assetou was requested to extend her appointment partially through 2021. She stated that there was no Poet Laureate for 2022. CM Jurinsky stated that she talked with Assetou, and she said that her term was extended by almost a year.

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

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

10.c. **An Intergovernmental Agreement for Wild Horse Reservoir Permit Application Costs**

**R2022-142** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, EXPRESSING THE AURORA CITY COUNCIL'S APPROVAL OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF AURORA ACTING BY AND THROUGH ITS UTILITY ENTERPRISE AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT FOR WILD HORSE RESERVOIR PERMIT APPLICATION COSTS

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

Sarah Young, Deputy Director of Aurora Water, provided a summary of the item.

CM Coombs mentioned there was a shifting in the location of where they thought the reservoir will be. She asked if there is any risk or likelihood that the assessments will result in additional changes to the location and structure of the reservoir. S. Young explained that they are far enough along in the feasibility design, and they are confident in the current location and the dam analysis.

Motion by Jurinsky, second by Sundberg to approve item 10c.

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

10.d. **2022 Private Activity Bond Assignment**

**R2022-143** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, AUTHORIZING THE ASSIGNMENT OF THE CITY'S 2022 PRIVATE

ACTIVITY BOND ALLOCATION TO THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF AURORA, DBA AURORA HOUSING AUTHORITY

Alicia Montoya, Housing and Community Development Manager / Tim Joyce, Assistant City Attorney

Alicia Montoya, Housing and Community Development Manager, provided a summary of the item.

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

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

10.e. **Establishing the Restaurant Program Criteria**

**R2022-144** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, AUTHORIZING STAFF TO USE FUNDS ALLOCATED TO THE CITY UNDER THE AMERICAN RESCUE ACT TO ASSIST FOOD AND BEVERAGE OUTLETS WITHIN THE CITY AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS

Andrea Amonick, Development Services Manager / Rachel Allen, Client Manager

Andrea Amonick, Development Services Manager, provided a summary of the item.

Motion by Jurinsky, second by Bergan to approve item 10e.

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

10.f. **Amended Intergovernmental Agreement for Voter Service and Polling Centers and Ballot Drop Box Locations**

**R2022-145** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN ARAPAHOE COUNTY AND THE CITY OF AURORA, AMENDING THE STANDING IGA BETWEEN THE PARTIES PERTAINING TO APPROVED VSPCS FOR THE NOVEMBER 9, 2022 GENERAL ELECTION

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 Jurinsky asked if there are going to be ballot drop boxes at the locations. K. Rodriguez explained that the ballot drop box locations are not changing in the IGA and there are no additional drop boxes needed. Arapahoe County only needs more Voter Service and Polling Centers (VSPC). CM Coombs asked for clarification if people can drop off their completed ballots at the VSPC. K. Rodriguez said yes, and people

could also drop their ballots at the drop box locations. CM Coombs thanked K. Rodriguez for her work. She highlighted the importance of people having convenient access to the ballot.

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

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

10.g. **Southeast Recreation Center and Fieldhouse Dedication Plaque**

**R2022-146** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, EXPRESSING THE AURORA CITY COUNCIL'S APPROVAL OF THE SOUTHEAST RECREATION CENTER AND FIELDHOUSE DEDICATION PLAQUE

Joe Sack, Recreation Services Manager / Tim Joyce, Assistant City Attorney

Joe Sack, Recreation Services Manager, provided a summary of the item.

Mayor Pro Tem Bergan said she wanted to thank her colleagues that were on Council when she went before them on this item at a budget workshop. She stated the item did not have the votes in the first budget workshop to make it happen. However, it received support in the following year. She thanked council members for supporting recreation centers. She mentioned that some people were not in support of it.

Motion by Bergan, second by Sundberg to approve item 10g.

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. **PUBLIC HEARING WITH RELATED ORDINANCE**

11.a. **Kum and Go Convenience Store and Fueling Station Zoning Map Amendment**

**2022-42** PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, REZONING A PARCEL OF LAND MEASURING 2.99 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF EAST MISSISSIPPI AVENUE AND SOUTH KENTON WAY FROM MEDIUM-DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT (R-2) TO MIXED-USE CORRIDOR DISTRICT (MU-C) AND AMENDING THE ZONING MAP ACCORDINGLY (KUM AND GO ZONING MAP AMENDMENT)

Rachid Rabbaa, Planner I / Daniel L. Money, Senior Assistant City Attorney

Mayor Coffman opened the public hearing.

Rachid Rabbaa, Planner I, provided a summary of the item.

Krysta Houtchens, Entitlement and Engineering Solutions Inc., representing the applicant, gave a presentation on Kum and Go Convenience Store.

Council heard public in-person testimony.

Mayor Pro Tem Bergan asked if there has been any interest in the parcel by other development for multifamily purpose. R. Rabbaa said no. MPT Bergan mentioned there is a note from the Planning and Zoning Commission that there were problems with dumping and RV parking in the space before. R. Rabbaa mentioned it has been cleaned because of the proposed project. MPT Bergan mentioned there was a question about other gas stations being in the same vicinity. She asked if the city has restrictions on the number of gas stations within certain feet. Brandon Cammarata said there is no regulation that impacts the proposed location.

CM Coombs mentioned Westerly Creek runs near the site. She added it is an asset that the city has invested in for its stormwater system. She asked if there have been concerns about having the proposed project and potential runoff close to significant stormwater assets. B. Cammarata said no regulatory concerns were identified by Aurora Water. CM Coombs asked if there have been conversations with other stormwater partners like Mile High Flood District (MHFD) or water quality entities that the city engages with. R. Rabbaa said no. CM Coombs asked if that is typically part of the process. She mentioned other sites in her ward that are around basins have conversations about water quality. B. Cammarata said MHFD identifies which corridors they want to be sent reviews on. He said that there was no ask on the proposed location, which is an infill kind of location.

CM Marcano asked if there have been concerns about the health implications of a gas station near residential areas. R. Rabbaa said one person raised concerns and all his questions satisfactorily answered during the Planning Commission Meeting. CM Marcano asked if renters in the area were contacted during the outreach process. He said he knows they contact property owners. He mentioned that the site is immediately adjacent to two apartment towers. R. Rabbaa explained that they send notice to the HOAs, owners, and property management who then distribute to their renters. CM Marcano asked if it is a requirement for the property managers to distribute. R. Rabbaa said no.

CM Marcano asked for clarification on the 300-foot conditional use waiver the applicant received. R. Rabbaa explained that motor vehicle fueling stations and 24-hour retail establishments within 300-feet of residential zone districts are subject to conditional use approval. The conditional use approval must meet all criteria and be approved by the Planning Commission. He mentioned the Planning Commission approved it on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. MPT Bergan mentioned she sits on the MHFD, and this project was not brought up as a concern.

CM Lawson asked if there have been other business interests for the corner other than the proposed project. R. Rabbaa said he is not aware of other business interests.

CM Jurinsky mentioned that the individual who spoke said the gas station is not needed. She mentioned a big company usually does market research to see if an

area is overly saturated. She asked the applicant about the need for a gas station in the area and the market research conducted. Dan Garneau, Site Development Manager of Kum & Go, highlighted they did market research on the location.

CM Marcano mentioned he received word that Second Village East was not notified of the development despite being within a one-mile radius of the proposed project. R. Rabbaa explained they send notifications 10 days before the Planning Commission meeting, and they wait to receive comments from the HOAs. CM Marcano restated that an HOA was not notified. B. Cammarata said the notified HOAs are those with an up-to-date registration with Aurora's Community Services departments and that he will follow up if the Second Village East is registered.

CM Coombs stated that based on recent development in her ward, information that the department uses to contact HOAs are not updated and maintained due to issues with changes in management companies working with HOAs. She said it is likely that someone received notification, but it did not go out to the community. She stated it is an ongoing problem and she would not be surprised if the notice was sent to the wrong person. She mentioned that she wants to have discussions to investigate this issue.

Mayor Coffman closed the public hearing.

CM Coombs mentioned she works a block away from the proposed site. She said there are stores such as Sprouts, Target, and convenience stores that offer grab-and-go options and fresh foods a few blocks away from the site. She added there are also several options for fuel. She said it is surprising that there is no indication that the market would be somewhat saturated. She added that she can walk along Westerly Creek, which is an amenity to the area and is not surrounded by a gas station. She mentioned the gas station will change the amenities available to people living and working in the area.

CM Marcano mentioned he is having a hard time believing that the gas station is the best use for the parcel when there is a need for residential, mixed-use, and walkable options. He added that Ward IV is already saturated with gas stations at the proposed site. He expressed his disappointment that there was no outreach done for renters. He mentioned it is a common oversight in the outreach process. He asked City Attorney D. Brotzman if a resolution or ordinance is needed to change the process and ensure that renters are included in the outreach process required in the code. D. Brotzman clarified that an ordinance would be needed. CM Marcano asked if the City Attorney's Office can work with him in drafting the ordinance. D. Brotzman agreed.

CM Coombs suggested expanding the businesses that get notified. She mentioned her work building is close, although not an adjacent property. She said they have ten businesses in the building that did not receive a notification. She stressed the importance of people being given notice both where they live and where they work.

CM Jurinsky said she trusts that a business would not open its doors where they could not do business. She added that convenience stores have liquor licenses and they need to apply for this. For this process, the business must post a massive

community announcement in front of its building to let surrounding businesses and residents know they are applying for a liquor license. She added that a brand-new business has to canvass the area, including adjacent businesses, residents, and renters within a one-mile radius, to gather signatures to move forward with their liquor license application. She stressed that the big sign must be posted for at least 10 days. Most businesses leave them up until their liquor license hearing. She highlighted that this notifies the public, businesses, renters, and homeowners in the community that there will be an upcoming liquor license hearing. Then, the renters and other businesses can come forward and share their concerns and ask questions during the hearing. CM Jurinsky stressed there is a process for liquor licensing wherein the entire community, including other businesses and renters, can come and have their voices heard.

CM Coombs said that if a liquor license is being applied, the Council Member representing the ward gets informed and is asked for their questions or concerns. She asked CM Marcano if he received notification. CM Marcano said no.

Motion by Jurinsky, second by Sundberg to approve item 11a.

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

Voting Nay: Coombs, Marcano, Medina, Murillo

12. **PUBLIC HEARING WITHOUT RELATED ORDINANCE**

13. **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

14. **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.*

14.a. **E 38th Ave and Helena St - Zoning Map Amendment**

**2022-40 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, REZONING A PARCEL OF LAND MEASURING 5 ACRES MORE OR LESS AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF EAST 38TH AVENUE AND HELENA STREET FROM RESIDENTIAL – RURAL DISTRICT (R-R) TO BUSINESS/TECH DISTRICT (I-I) AND AMENDING THE ZONING MAP ACCORDINGLY (EAST 38TH AVENUE & HELENA STREET ZONING MAP AMENDMENT)**

Erik Gates, Planner 1 / Daniel L. Money, Senior Assistant City Attorney

14.b. **Windler Zoning Map Amendment 2**

**2022-41** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, FOR A ZONING MAP AMENDMENT TO REZONE THREE PARCELS OF LAND TO AIRPORT DISTRICT (AD) AND MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT (R-2) FOR APPROXIMATELY 242 ACRES OF LAND, LOCATED WEST OF E-470 AND ALONG THE 48TH AVENUE ALIGNMENT (WINDLER ZONING MAP AMENDMENT)

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

Motion by Gardner, second by Marcano to approve items 14a and 14b.

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

15. **PLANNING MATTERS**

16. **ANNEXATIONS**

17. **RECONSIDERATIONS AND CALL UPS**

18. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

18.a. **Consideration to Appoint One (1) Member to the Historic Preservation Commission**

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

Motion by Coombs, second by Marcano to appoint Emma Bertrand to the Historic Preservation Commission.

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

18.b. **Consideration to Appoint One (1) Member to the Building Code, Contractor Appeals & Standards Board**

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

Motion by Bergan, second by Marcano to appoint John Lichtner to the Building Code, Contractor Appeals & Standards Board.

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

18.c. **Consideration to Appoint Two (2) Members to the Human Relations Commission**

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

Motion by Marcano, second by Coombs to appoint Anthony Truong and Saman Mehdi to the Human Relations Commission.

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

18.d. **Consideration to Appoint Two (2) Members to the Arts in Public Places Commission**

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

Motion by Coombs, second by Marcano to appoint Nicolas Engen and Shana Thompson to the Arts in Public Places Commission.

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

19. **REPORTS**

19.a. **Report by the Mayor**

None.

19.b. **Reports by the Council**

CM Lawson reported that the House passed their appropriations bill which included earmark requests for the Aurora Water waterline replacement and MLK Library improvements. The Senate is expected to release bills this week and will pass the appropriations package in December. She added that requests for recommendations for state and federal priorities for 2023 have gone out to all departments. Council will contribute and review priorities in the fall to finalize the 2023 legislative and federal agendas. She announced that Adams County is seeking members to serve on their Board of Health in January. This announcement is requested to be shared on social media and with all interested individuals. CM Lawson thanked the Public Safety Committee for the First Responders Event. She reported that it was well attended. CM Lawson thanked Sister Cities International for helping their global leaders. She mentioned she attended the event with the youth and that the youth asked questions about the city's issues. She highlighted the importance of the youth listening and paying attention to what is happening in the city. CM Lawson also attended the 7/20 Memorial where people shared their thoughts and stories. She thanked Becky Hogan and the 7/20 Committee Foundation for organizing the event.

CM Gardner thanked Sister Cities for the opportunity to attend the Youth Global Leaders Group. He recognized the 7/20 Memorial committee and Becky Hogan for their work on the event that allowed people to continue their healing process. He mentioned that his mother owned a flower shop close to University Hospital and she arranged flowers for the funerals of victims of the shooting. He added that his heart continues to go out to the victim's families.

CM Jurinsky stated she attended the 7/20 Memorial Event and gave kudos to the 7/20 Memorial Committee. She mentioned that the First Responder Event was well attended and expects it will be an annual thing. She mentioned it was also important

to send praise to first responders that responded to the 7/20 shooting. She added that it is fitting that the First Responders' Celebration was a week before the 7/20 Memorial event.

CM Zvonek did not have a report.

CM Murillo thanked the Sister Cities committee and the youth that attended the event. She mentioned that youth were able to have one on one time with council members to ask questions about policy that impacts them. She added that they asked questions about the camping ban. She mentioned she is grateful to all organizers of the 7/20 memorial event for creating a space to reflect, honor the victims of the tragedy, and continue to try to build a community. CM Murillo shared that her loved ones were also seeing the movie the night that the tragedy happened. CM Murillo hopes that the next year's event will be bigger to celebrate and honor the victims and their families. She expressed her gratitude, sorrow, and hurt for Aurora and Colorado as they continue to heal from tragedies.

CM Sundberg reported the success of the First Responder First Annual Event. He thanked CM Jurinsky for spearheading and organizing the event. He mentioned how meaningful the 7/20 Memorial was. He added there were several stories of determination, healing, trauma, and inspiration shared. He added he believes that good has come out of it and hopes that good will always overcome negativity and evil within the city. He reported there are several open spaces and animal issues in Ward II. He added that he is dealing with the Aurora Campus for Renewable Energy with nearly 1,800 acres of open space and renewable energy exploration. He mentioned that there are also eagles' nests there. They have been dealing with baby pronghorn calving areas. A citizen expressed concern about vehicles driving through the area and the city addressed the issue rapidly. He reported a prairie dog issue. CM Sundberg added that they found several small animals dying in certain areas of Ward II and that he was notified by an alarmed landowner. It was found through the Health Department that a plague was wiping out the small animals.

CM Medina reported that he attended the Sister Cities event with the youth. He mentioned that the youth had lots of questions and the event was very engaging. He thanked CM Jurinsky for organizing the First Responder event. He added that he appreciates it as a former first responder. CM Medina said he attended the 7/20 Vigil and the 7/20 Memorial event last Saturday which was moving. He reported he asked the City Attorney to review a contract, stating the 7/20 Memorial Foundation was charged \$25,000 for the art. He announced that his next town hall will be on August 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6:30 to 8 PM at the Center for Active Adults.

CM Marcano reported he attended the Global Youth Leaders event where the youth asked questions to the Council. He also attended the Council Meeting for the City of Dogwood, which is a mock council meeting that the program sets up for the youth involved in the program. He mentioned it was great to see youth being involved in the city and being interested in learning about their local government. CM Marcano attended Metamorphosis, the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 7/20 shooting. He mentioned it was great to see how the community took all the hurt and lost and turned it into an

opportunity to bring the city together and celebrate the lives of the victims of the tragic event. He expressed his gratitude to the event organizers.

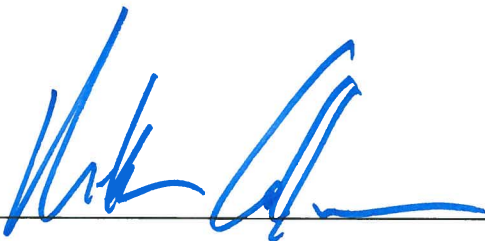
CM Coombs said she participated in the 7/20 Memorial Foundation. She added that she was at the 5K Fun Run and Walk that the 7/20 Foundation arranged with survivor Zack Golditch and created the Zack Golditch Opportunity Scholarship. The event raised \$13,000 for Aurora High School seniors who are student-athletes. CM Coombs mentioned there was also chalk art that the Art in Public Places Commission helped put together. She mentioned that it was a beautiful representation that transformed pain into expression and beauty. She added there was a beer garden at the event. Six Capital Brewing created a special beer and will donate all its proceeds to the 7/20 Memorial Foundation. She mentioned there was also an orchestra metamorphosis portion and spoken word poetry by Emeritus Poet Laureate Assetou Xango. She added that she is impressed with the community and what everyone has done to honor the event and share how the event impacted them.

Mayor Pro Tem Bergan announced she attended the First Responders Event, and it was a great way to thank the first responders. She announced she attended the 7/20 Foundation Memorial and was touched to be able to honor the victims, survivors, and first responders during the tragic event. She highlighted it was a time to reflect on loss and that love has the power to heal. She thanked all the organizers of the event. MPT Bergan reported that she held her town hall last week with presentations from Greg Hays of the Budget Office and Heather Dirck of AmeriCorp. She mentioned that H. Dirck will be presenting to the full council at a Study Session in October. She also thanked Jeffrey Moore, Oil and Gas Manager, and Civitas for attending the town hall and answering residents' questions on getting calls about mineral rights.

Mayor Coffman thanked CM Jurinsky for her leadership and for putting together the First Responders Event. He thanked Becky Hogan and the 7/20 Foundation for arranging the 7/20 Memorial Event. He added that the testimonies of survivors and those that lost loved ones were moving and important.

20. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Coffman adjourned the regular meeting of the City Council.



MIKE COFFMAN, MAYOR

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ATTEST

The seal of the City of Aurora, featuring a sun with rays rising over a horizon with three stars, all enclosed within a circular border with the word "AURORA" written below it.

AURORA

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kadee Rodriguez", written over a horizontal line.

Kadee Rodriguez

KADEE RODRIGUEZ, CITY CLERK

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