

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Aurora City Council

Monday, January 30, 2023

1. **RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 30, 2023, AND CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Coffman reconvened the regular meeting of the City Council for January 30, 2023, 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 led the prayer and followed by reading the Land Acknowledgement.

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

5. **EXECUTIVE SESSION UPDATE**

Mayor Coffman stated that during the executive session, the council discussed potential development as well as security issue concerns.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

6.a **January 09, 2023, Meeting Minutes**

Motion by Bergan, second by Sundberg, to approve the minutes of January 9, 2023 as presented.

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

7. **PROCLAMATIONS OR CEREMONIES**

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

Anthony Youngblood, Manager of Animal Services

7.b **Black History Month**

Mayor Coffman proclaimed February 2023 as Black History Month.

The theme for February will be Stronger Together through Joy and Laughter: Laughter is good for the soul. There will be an in-person celebration on Friday, February 24th at noon at the Aurora Central Library.

8. **PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD**

(non-agenda-related issues only)

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

9. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Motion by Sundberg, second by Coombs to adopt the agenda with the appellant presentation.

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

10. **CONSENT CALENDAR - MOTIONS**

Any member of Council may request an item be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered separately. Removed items are considered immediately following the adoption of the Consent Calendar.

10.a **Motions**

10.a.1 **Consideration to Award a SINGLE SOURCE Contract to Carollo Engineering Inc., Broomfield, Colorado in the Amount of \$67,110.00 for Bench-Scale Testing to Evaluate the Efficacy of Ion Exchange-Based Advanced Treatment (XBAT)**

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

10.a.2 **Consideration to Award a CHANGE ORDER TO A COMPETITIVELY BID CONTRACT to American West Construction, LLC, Denver, CO in the Amount of**

\$1,894,100.00 for the First Creek Interceptor Connection to Prologis Lift Station Project, Project No. 5906A

Andrea Long, Principal Engineer, Aurora Water / Dave Lathers, Senior Assistant City Attorney

10.a.3

Consideration to AWARD A CHANGE ORDER TO A COMPETITIVELY BID CONTRACT to Velocity Constructors, Inc., Englewood, Colorado in the Amount of \$239,039.00 for the Quincy Intertie Improvements Project, Project No. 5787A

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

10.a.4

3M Self Contained Breathing Apparatus

Consideration to AWARD A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT to 3M Company (Formally known as Scott Safety), Monroe North Carolina, in the Not-to-exceed Amount of \$65,000.00 for Fit Testing as Required for Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) through December 31, 2023.

Renee Pettinato-Mosley, Risk Manager, Human Resources / Dave Lathers, Senior Assistant City Attorney

10.a.5

Furnishings for Multiple Buildings on the SEAM Facility Campus

Consideration to AWARD A COMPETITIVELY BID CONTRACT to Contract Furnishings INC., Denver, Colorado for the Purchase, Delivery and Installation of Furnishings Required for Multiple Buildings on the SEAM Facility Campus in the Amount of \$3,398,334.51

Staff requests a waiver of reconsideration due to pending price escalations and ongoing supply chain disruptions. It is imperative to place this order as soon as possible to avoid cost escalation and to ensure timely delivery in concert with the construction schedule.

Elly Watson, Manager of Business Services, Public Works / Dave Lathers, Senior Assistant City Attorney

10.a.6

Consideration to AMEND AN OPENLY SOLICITED CONTRACT to Stanley Consultants, Inc. Centennial, CO in the Amount of \$32,611.00 to Provide Additional Services for the High Line Canal Trail; Project R-2072

Matt Kozakowski, Transportation Project Delivery Manager, Public Works / Dave Lathers, Senior Assistant City Attorney

- 10.a.7 **Consideration to AWARD a SINGLE SOURCE CONTRACT to HDR Engineering, Inc., Denver, Colorado in the Amount of \$992,062.00 to Provide Phase 2 Construction Management and Design Review Support for the I-70 Picadilly Design-Build Project**
- Matt Kozakowski, Transportation Project Delivery Manager, Public Works / Dave Lathers, Senior Assistant City Attorney
- 10.a.8 **Consideration to AWARD A SINGLE SOURCE CONTRACT to H&E Equipment Services, Henderson, Colorado, in the Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$1,568,720.00 for the Purchase of Two (2) Emergency One (E-One) Typhoon Custom Top Mount Fire Trucks / Pumpers**
- Ron Forrest, Fleet Manager, Public Works / Dave Lathers, Senior Assistant City Attorney
- 10.a.9 **Consideration to AWARD A COMPETITIVELY BID CONTRACT to SpeedPro, Englewood, Colorado in the Amount of \$64,145.00 for Fire and Police Vehicle Decals and Installation Services**
- Ron Forrest, Fleet Manager, Public Works / Dave Lathers, Senior Assistant City Attorney
- 10.a.10 **Consideration to AWARD CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 to Brannan Sand and Gravel Company, Denver, CO in the Amount of \$145,831.00 to Increase the Scope and Add 9 Locations to the 2022 Speed Cushion Installation Services; Project 5901A**
- Carl Harline, Engineering Supervisor, Public Works / Dave Lathers, Senior Assistant City Attorney
- 10.a.11 **Consideration to EXTEND A COMPETITIVELY BID CONTRACT to Accurate Legal Support Services, LLC, Littleton, Colorado in the Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$88,200.00 for Subpoena Process Services as Required Through December 31, 2023. (B-4630)**
- Julie Heckman, Deputy City Attorney / Dave Lathers, Senior Assistant City Attorney
- 10.a.12 **Consideration to AWARD A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT to Granicus, Palatine, IL in the Amount of \$620,923.00 for the Amanda Business Workflow Platform**
- Due to the ongoing issues with the existing system and the high volume of intake for development community needs, staff requests a waiver of reconsideration to allow for quicker deployment.

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

10.a.13 **ARPA Nonprofit Grant Agreement - Metro Community Provider Network**

Christina McClelland, Grant Development Manager / Hanosky Hernandez, Senior Assistant City Attorney

CM Coombs asked if the applicant is available to provide answers as to how long the applicants intend to keep the facility open. C. McClelland stated that the Non-Profit representatives weren't available for the meeting. CM Coombs stated that there were concerns on the closing of some of the clinics in North Aurora. CM Coombs stated she did not support the item without the information from the representatives.

CM Marcano motioned to continue any items with no representatives from the applicants present to answer questions from Council.

Motion by Marcano, second by Coombs to continue item 10.a.13.

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

Voting Nay: Gardner

10.a.14 **ARPA Nonprofit Grant Agreement – Aurora Public Schools Foundation**

Christina McClelland, Grant Development Manager / Hanosky Hernandez, Senior Assistant City Attorney

10.a.15 **ARPA Nonprofit Grant Agreement - Rocky Mountain Welcome Center**

Christina McClelland, Grant Development Manager / Hanosky Hernandez, Senior Assistant City Attorney

CM Medina disclosed that he sits on the Board of the Rocky Mountain Welcome Center. He recused himself from the voting for transparency and fairness. He discussed that during the last AEDC meeting, six council members were part of that Board.

However, none of the six council members stated that they are on the Board yet. He asked the council members that were part of the Board to be transparent and be consistent with what they say and do.

CM Coombs asked if there was a representative from the organization present to answer questions. No representative from the organization was present at the meeting.

CM Marcano motioned to continue the item to the next general meeting and ensure that the applicants would be present to answer the questions proposed by the Council.

CM Bergan stated that they have gone over the items many times and did not understand why they would continue the item just to hear from the applicant. She explained that the items that she pulled had serious issues with their budgets and the programs they offered. Item 10.a.15 only served nine people with a \$1,100 grant. She stated they would need to scrutinize how they are spending taxpayer dollars. CM Bergan stated she would vote no on CM Marcano's motion.

Mayor Pro Tem Gardner urged his colleagues to not support delaying the items further. He stated that the representatives of the applicants should have been in the meeting as their item was on the agenda. They did not need a handwritten invitation to know that they needed to come when they had something on the agenda. He echoed CM Bergan's concern that there were many issues on the items pulled. He acknowledged the staff for being responsive in terms of providing additional information Council asked for. However, he was not sure if there was any value going back to the taxpayers as some organizations had 70% to 80% of their expenses going to salaries. He stated that even though it was federal money, it was still taxpayer money, and it would be the Council's job to advocate on behalf of the taxpayers. He wanted to make sure that the money would be going where it needs to go, and it would bring value back to the residents.

CM Coombs stated that having a general comment that lumped all organizations together was not reasonable for the opposition. The opposition would not give each individual organization a fair hearing. She further stated that if Council would not want the organizations to come and answer the Council's questions, they should be specific about each item, instead of making generalities across the board.

CM Marcano disagreed with CM Bergan that they already had discussions on the items before. He remembered that before the holiday break, he asked Council to identify the issues they had with each of the items. He was only given two very general statements and a promise that more would be discussed in the future, which they had set up a Study Session meeting for. The staff ran through their processes during the Study Session meeting; however, they did not discuss the merits of the organizations. CM Marcano further stated this warrants more discussions, which is why he wanted the applicants to be present to provide either important context or answers to determine if they were not suitable to be approved.

CM Lawson agreed with some of the council members regarding the issues discussed. She stated that the items discussed a lot about how the organizations were established, but not about the programming. She stated that programming was essential for the organization and that it should benefit the community and the people that it's supposed to serve. CM Lawson asked how much on the scorecard was evaluated for programming. C. McClelland stated that they did use the benefits as one of the criteria for the organizations, and that they would need the labor, staff, and salaries to provide the program to the community. She further stated that there were not a lot of deliverables except the people's time provided to the program. They did a lot of reviewing of the application as far as what they planned to deliver to the community.

CM Lawson stated that she understood that it would take people to do an establishment of a program; however, it should be in the anticipation of the program that they were going to establish. A

lot of the nonprofits had already established programs, but on the applications, she saw nothing but salary and building things that they would want to do. She expressed her evaluation that the applications submitted had nothing about the programs and how they would help the community.

CM Bergan stated that she would be happy to sit with the nonprofits that she decided not to fund personally after the vote and explain to them why she did not support them. It would be embarrassing to those organizations to announce at the meeting, so she would rather have a private discussion with them.

CM Coombs stated that being public with their justifications should be before the fact, and not after the fact. She expressed her confusion on the programming versus staffing conversation. If the organization would provide service, the staff would be the program cost. She stated that staffing is programming and that she would not tell someone that she would not support him or her for paying their people to do the work in the community. CM Bergan stated that she took that into consideration on each item. She further stated that the considerations on staffing varied depending on the organization.

CM Murillo stated that while working for a nonprofit organization, it would be a common thing to write into grants. They don't have a business where they have a specific revenue stream, and they are trying to figure out how to afford their programming based on the availability and stipulations that were put out in each different grant agreement. She added that if the Council decided that they did not want that threshold, they should be more upfront with that as opposed to deciding that there's an arbitrary threshold after the process has been ensued. She encouraged the Council to address a big concern on the front end, as it would feel like it's at the 11th hour at this point. She would not recommend putting out processes and then changing it in a large swath. She expressed her concern that she does not feel comfortable making that blanket threshold for these organizations that weren't given the instructions from the start. There was a reason why they

have a standardized criteria and process, and for that to change made her uncomfortable.

Motion by Marcano, second by Coombs to continue item 10.a.15 to the next regular meeting.

Voting Aye: Marcano, Coombs, Murillo

Voting Nay: Mayor Coffman, Bergan, Gardner, Lawson, Zvonek, Sundberg

Abstain: Medina

Motion by Coombs, second by Murillo to approve the ARPA Nonprofit Grant Agreement to Rocky Mountain Welcome Center.

Voting Aye: Marcano, Coombs, Murillo

Voting Nay: Mayor Coffman, Bergan, Gardner, Lawson, Zvonek, Sundberg

10.a.16 **ARPA Nonprofit Grant Agreement - Caring Voices.**

Christina McClelland, Grant Development Manager / Hanosky Hernandez, Senior Assistant City Attorney

CM Marcano moved to approve item 10.a.16. Item 10.a.16 fails for lack of a second.

10.a.17 **ARPA Nonprofit Grant Agreement – Colorado Alliance for Health Equity and Practice**

Christina McClelland, Grant Development Manager / Hanosky Hernandez, Senior Assistant City Attorney

10.a.18 **ARPA Nonprofit Grant Agreement – Mi Casa Resource Center**

Christina McClelland, Grant Development Manager / Hanosky Hernandez, Senior Assistant City Attorney

10.a.19 **ARPA Nonprofit Grant Agreement - RISE Colorado**

Christina McClelland, Grant Development Manager / Hanosky Hernandez, Senior Assistant City Attorney

Motion by Murillo, second by Coombs to approve the item 10.a.19.

Voting Aye: Medina, Marcano, Coombs, Murillo

Voting Nay: Mayor Coffman, Bergan, Gardner, Lawson, Zvonek, Sundberg

10.a.20 **ARPA Nonprofit Grant Agreement - East Colfax Community Collective**

Christina McClelland, Grant Development Manager / Hanosky Hernandez, Senior Assistant City Attorney

Council heard public in-person and call-in testimonies.

CM Coombs asked if there was a presentation from staff or if the applicant was available to answer questions.

CM Marcano stated that in the past, the Council has allowed folks from the audience who have an interest in an item to come up and speak, even though they were not on the agenda and they had not signed up. City Attorney Brotzman stated that this was not a public hearing and they should sign up to speak.

CM Coombs asked if the question could be asked of a person in the audience that would have the answer to their questions. City Attorney Brotzman stated that she should ask her question of staff.

CM Coombs further asked for the breakdown of the salaries of the staff, the number of employees involved in direct programming, and the salary of the executive director. C. McClelland stated that they did not have that available. As part of the grant materials, they asked for the organizational operating budgets, and so the organizations broke down the salaries as they saw fit. Nadine Abraham, Organizing Director at East Colfax Community Collective, stated that they currently have nine paid staff. The operating budget that they provided to the Council was for 2022. Within the nine

staff presented, the Executive Director had a salary of \$87,000.

CM Bergan stated that she had the annual budget that had payroll. Payroll taxes were \$558,208.61. Employee benefits were \$34,435.

CM Coombs asked about the deliverables of the program, the expected number of people to serve, and the past performances of the programs that they have implemented. N. Abraham responded.

Discussion on the Bergan Amendment

CM Bergan offered a substitute motion to offer \$150,000 instead of \$337,000. CM Marcano asked for an explanation from CM Bergan for the substitute motion. CM Bergan stated that she would not support the \$337,000 at all based on the budget that she had, as it did not show the number of staff members. She explained that the organization was based in Denver and that some of their initiatives were political in nature. She further explained that they had just funded 10 or 12 of the organizations. Some of the organizations were duplicate services and many duplicate services overlapped.

CM Marcano suggested continuing the items that CM Bergan had issues with. He stated that they were operating under many assumptions based on an incomplete examination of finance. They would be hurting folks who depended on the services. He would be 100% with CM Bergan if there would be no good justifications for the items pointed out. CM Marcano stated that they should be collaborative and be communicative, as the public, colleagues, and the folks applying for the funds deserve that. CM Bergan clarified that she was not in support of continuing the item.

Mayor Pro Tem Gardner expressed his frustration on CM Marcano's statement. He stated that they have different ways in the decision-making process. He supported CM Bergan's amendment. He had concerns on the activities that this organization does since they were based in Denver and

Denver is a county with different functions from Aurora City. He pointed out that the proposed \$314,000 was the highest award of any organization on the list. He further stated that CM Bergan's amendment was an appropriate compromise and he would vote no on the original amendment.

CM Murillo stated that she fully supported the original amount. She wanted to see the organization continue their work and apply for more funding in the future. She disagreed with the reduction number, but she would support something over nothing.

Substitute motion by Bergan, second by Gardner to amend the item amount to \$150,000.

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

Voting Nay: Mayor Coffman, Lawson

Motion by Murillo, second by Marcano to adopt the item 10.a.20, as amended.

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

10.a.21 **ARPA Nonprofit Grant Agreement – Rocky Mountain Youth Medical and Nursing Consultants**

Christina McClelland, Grant Development Manager / Hanosky Hernandez, Senior Assistant City Attorney

10.a.22 **ARPA Nonprofit Grant Agreement – A Little Help**

Christina McClelland, Grant Development Manager / Hanosky Hernandez, Senior Assistant City Attorney

10.a.23 **ARPA Nonprofit Grant Agreement - New American College.**

Christina McClelland, Grant Development Manager /
Hanosky Hernandez, Senior Assistant City Attorney

Motion by Marcano, second by Coombs to approve item 10.a.23.

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

Voting Nay: Mayor Coffman, Bergan, Lawson, Zvonek, Sundberg

10.a.24 **ARPA Nonprofit Grant Agreement – Brothers
Redevelopment Inc.**

Christina McClelland, Grant Development Manager / Hanosky
Hernandez, Senior Assistant City Attorney

10.a.25 **ARPA Nonprofit Grant Agreement - Mosaic Unlimited
Inc.**

Christina McClelland, Grant Development Manager / Hanosky
Hernandez, Senior Assistant City Attorney

Motion by Murillo, second by Medina to approve the item 10.a.25.

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

Voting Nay: Mayor Coffman, Bergan, Lawson, Zvonek, Sundberg

10.a.26 **ARPA Nonprofit Grant Agreement – Tigray Ethiopian
Community Association in Colorado**

Christina McClelland, Grant Development Manager / Hanosky
Hernandez, Senior Assistant City Attorney

10.a.27 **ARPA Nonprofit Grant Agreement – African Chamber
of Commerce Colorado USA**

Christina McClelland, Grant Development Manager / Hanosky
Hernandez, Senior Assistant City Attorney

10.a.28 **ARPA Nonprofit Grant Agreement – Aurora Community
Connection**

Christina McClelland, Grant Development Manager / Hanosky
Hernandez, Senior Assistant City Attorney

10.a.29 **ARPA Nonprofit Grant Agreement - You by You Early Learning**

Christina McClelland, Grant Development Manager / Hanosky Hernandez, Senior Assistant City Attorney

Motion by Medina, second by Marcano to approve the item 10.a.29.

Voting Aye: Medina, Marcano, Coombs, Murillo

Voting Nay: Mayor Coffman, Bergan, Gardner, Lawson, Sundberg, Zvonek

10.a.30 **ARPA Nonprofit Grant Agreement – Boys Hope Girls Hope of Colorado**

Christina McClelland, Grant Development Manager / Hanosky Hernandez, Senior Assistant City Attorney

10.a.31 **ARPA Nonprofit Grant Agreement - Aurora Interchurch Task Force Inc.**

Christina McClelland, Grant Development Manager / Hanosky Hernandez, Senior Assistant City Attorney

Item fails for lack of motion.

10.a.32 **ARPA Nonprofit Grant Agreement – DAWN**

Christina McClelland, Grant Development Manager / Hanosky Hernandez, Senior Assistant City Attorney

10.a.33 **ARPA Nonprofit Grant Agreement – Community Enterprise Development Services**

Christina McClelland, Grant Development Manager / Hanosky Hernandez, Senior Assistant City Attorney

10.a.34 **ARPA Nonprofit Grant Agreement – Downtown Aurora Visual Arts**

Christina McClelland, Grant Development Manager / Hanosky Hernandez, Senior Assistant City Attorney

10.a.35 **ARPA Nonprofit Grant Agreement - Issues of Life Church Ministries Aurora.**

Item fails for lack of motion.

10.b **Planning Matters**

10.c **Appointments to Boards and Commissions**

10.c.1 **Consideration to Appoint One (1) Member to the Human Relations Commission**

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

10.c.2 **Consideration to Reappoint One (1) Member to the Civil Service Commission**

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

CM Bergan thanked the nonprofit applicants for the operating budgets. She expressed her concerns for the operating budgets of the organizations. Most of the budgets had at least 50% of their requests going towards personnel salaries and benefits, and not towards the programs. She stated that she wanted to make sure that they would fund the right organizations that are doing good work. Most of the money would go towards the rent, water, utilities, car, truck maintenance, gasoline, salaries, which was about 60% or 70% of the entire budget. She stated an example of a request by someone who said they were paying rent, and yet his or her mother owned the house. The example explained that the Council would be giving money for an upgrade of the house and would increase the equity of it. They could turn around tomorrow and sell it and they would have made money off taxpayers. CM Bergan urged her colleagues to vote no on the items pulled for now and have the items reconsidered later with more due diligence.

Motion by Bergan, second by Gardner to approve the Consent Calendar – Motions with items 10.a.13, 10.a.15, 10.a.16, 10.a.19, 10.a.20, 10.a.23, 10.a.25, 10.a.29, 10.a.31, 10.a.35 removed.

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

11. **CONSENT CALENDAR - RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES**

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11.a **Resolutions**

11.a.1 **Support of State Bill to Protect Juvenile Names**

R2023-06 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, URGING THE STATE OF COLORADO GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO PASS LEGISLATION IN 2023 TO LIMIT THE DISCLOSURE OF ALL NAMES OF JUVENILES IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE RECORDS RELEASED TO THE PUBLIC

Sponsor: Mike Coffman, Mayor

Peter Schulte, Public Safety Client Group Manager, City Attorney / Megan Platt, Assistant City Attorney

Outside speaker: Rhonda Fields, State Senator

Council heard public in-person testimony.

Mayor Coffman asked if the resolution applied to juvenile defendants. P. Schulte responded.

11.a.2 **Initiative 108 – Make Colorado More Affordable**

R2023-07 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, EXPRESSING THE CITY'S INTENTION TO COMMIT TO THE LOCAL JURISDICTIONAL REQUIREMENTS UNDER COLORADO STATE INITIATIVE 2021-2022 NUMBER 108

Sponsor: Mike Coffman, Mayor

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

11.a.3 **Fund Colorado Legal Services' Landlord / Tenant Legal Services Program**

R2023-08 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, EXPRESSING THE AURORA CITY COUNCIL'S SUPPORT FOR THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN ADAMS COUNTY, COLORADO LEGAL SERVICES, THE CITIES OF AURORA, THORNTON, FEDERAL HEIGHTS, BRIGHTON, COMMERCE CITY, WESTMINSTER, AND NORTHGLENN, AND THE CITY AND COUNTY OF BROOMFIELD REGARDING CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARD A LANDLORD / TENANT LEGAL SERVICES PROGRAM

Emma Knight, Manager of Homelessness Program / Tim Joyce, Assistant City Attorney

11.a.4 Preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement for the Wild Horse Reservoir Project

R2023-09 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 THE PURPOSE OF PREPARING AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR THE WILD HORSE RESERVOIR PROJECT

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

11.a.5 Colorado Freedom Memorial Visitor & Education Center

R2023-10 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, EXPRESSING THE AURORA CITY COUNCIL'S SUPPORT FOR THE COLORADO FREEDOM MEMORIAL FOUNDATION GOALS AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE COLORADO FREEDOM MEMORIAL VISITOR AND EDUCATION CENTER IN SPRINGHILL COMMUNITY PARK

Sponsor: Dustin Zvonek, Council Member / Danielle Jurinsky, Council Member

Curt Bish, Planning Supervisor of Parks, Recreation and Open Space / Tim Joyce, Assistant City Attorney

Outside speaker: Rick Crandall, Executive Director Colorado Freedom Memorial Foundation

11.a.6 Rules of Order and Procedure: Public Input at City Council Meetings

R2023-11 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, TO MODIFY THE RULES OF ORDER AND PROCEDURE FOR THE AURORA, COLORADO, CITY COUNCIL REGARDING PUBLIC INPUT AT CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Sponsor: Juan Marcano, Council Member

Dan Brotzman, City Attorney / Jack Bajorek, Deputy City Attorney

Council heard public in-person and in-call testimony.

CM Marcano agreed to the public testimony that the current process is convoluted. He disagreed with the time limit that was changed by the current Council early on. He stated that the public invited to be heard at the end of the meeting was useful before he was on Council because there would be things that would happen during the meeting that they might want to give feedback on, but they wouldn't be able to give feedback until two weeks later.

Motion by Gardner, second by Marcano to approve items 11.a.1 through 11.a.6 with item 11.a.7 removed.

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

11.a.7 Rules of Order and Procedure: Motions To End Debate

R2023-12 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 MOTIONS TO END DEBATE

Sponsor: Curtis Gardner, Council Member

Dan Brotzman, City Attorney / Jack Bajorek, Deputy City Attorney

CM Marcano stated that he wished they had a Council where this resolution was not even necessary to contemplate. However, he further stated that this rule has been abused in the past. CM Marcano supported moving the resolution forward.

Motion by Marcano, second by Medina to support Resolution 2023-12 amending the motion to end debates.

Voting Aye: Medina, Marcano, Murillo

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

12. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Public hearings with or without related ordinances

None.

13. **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

None.

14. **FINALIZING OF ORDINANCES**

Ordinances not approved unanimously at first reading.

15. **ANNEXATIONS**

16. **RECONSIDERATIONS AND CALL UPS**

17. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

17.a. **Approval of the City Manager's Appointment of Alec Oughton**

as Fire Chief

Jim Twombly, City Manager / Ryan Lantz, Director of Human Resources / Jason Batchelor, Deputy City Manager

Jim Twombly, City Manager, provided a summary of the item.

Mayor Pro Tem Gardner thanked the city manager, members of the community, other executive staff, and all those that were involved in the process of selecting a Fire Chief. He thanked Interim Chief, Allen Robnett, for his decades of service to the city and as well as for stepping in on an interim basis to lead the department during the transition. He stated that he was excited to have Chief Oughton come to Aurora.

Motion by Gardner, second by Sundberg to support the City Manager's appointment of Alec Oughton as Fire Chief.

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

18. **REPORTS**

18.a. **Mayor**

None.

18.b. **Council**

CM Lawson informed that the Congress has completed Committee assignments, hence, Council will soon know the day when appropriation requests will be due for FY24. Senate Bill 03, the Colorado Adult High School Program Bill, has advanced through Committee with testimony from the city of Aurora. The city

took a supportive position on this legislation. Senator Field's Bill for the deletion of children's names from criminal records has been released as Senate Bill 2375. February is Black History Month and Aurora TV will be having a special called "Celebrating Black History through the Arts." The show will start on February 1st on Comcast 880 and auroratv.org.

CM Murillo informed that her next Town Hall will be on February 23rd at the MLK Library. She highlighted that she would use the topics discussed in the previous week's agenda setting. She expressed her excitement to be participating in the City of Aurora Point-in-Time Count. She added that she would be looking forward to volunteering with other Council Members and residents who have volunteered in this opportunity.

CM Sundberg informed that he attended the Force Review Board of the Police Department. He encouraged the Council to attend to see the continuous improvement in policies and techniques. He stated that the Town Hall was a success as he got to learn about the direction of Aurora public schools as well as the school resource officer program. He encouraged everyone to attend a Wellness Court Graduation, which occurs every three months.

CM Medina informed that his next Town Hall will be on February 1st, 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at the Active Adult Center. He stated that he will be joining CM Murillo tomorrow morning at 5 a.m. to do the Point-in-Time Count.

CM Marcano informed the next Ward IV meeting will be on Thursday, February 9th, 6:30 p.m., at Colorado Early Colleges, 1400 South Abilene. They will be continuing their conversations with Dr. Anne Keke. They will have a presentation from Greg Hayes, Budget Manager, about the City's financial outlay, deferred maintenance, and capital improvement backlog. He encouraged everyone to attend the meeting.

CM Coombs informed her next Town Hall meeting will be on February 21st at the Central Rec Center at 6 p.m. She will have her quarterly Saturday Town Hall meeting on February 25th at Mission Viejo Library at 10:30 a.m. She stated she will be putting out topics for the remaining town halls coming up. She also stated they had their first Mile High Behavioral Health Care board meeting last Tuesday at the Montview facility, which will be the location for Colfax Community Network and the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services within Aurora City. Mile High has been activated for cold weather, providing

emergency shelter services to residents and to people experiencing homelessness in the community.

CM Bergan informed that the Southeast Recreation Center grand opening was held last Tuesday. She stated that the center will serve primarily the residents in Southeast Aurora and Murphy Creek. She expressed her gratitude to those who supported the funding of the center back in the Fall of 2018. She thanked the PROS and Public Works departments for the tremendous amount of hours they put into making the project happen. She thanked Saunders Construction, the design team at Populus, Roberta Bloom, Art in Public Places Committee, artist Adam Buente, and the community for the success of the project. She announced her Town Hall will be on February 2nd, 6 to 8 p.m., at the Public Safety Training Center in Quincy. Mineral leasing and the cap at Lowry Ranch will be discussed at the meeting. She encouraged everyone to tune in on the February 6th Study Session.

Council Members Gardner and Zvonek did not have reports.


19. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Coffman adjourned the regular meeting of the City Council.




MIKE COFFMAN, MAYOR

ATTEST:


KADEE RODRIGUEZ, CITY CLERK