

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Aurora City Council

Monday, April 24, 2023

1. **RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 24, 2023, AND CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Coffman reconvened the regular meeting of the City Council for April 24, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

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

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

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

Mayor Coffman led the prayer for the April 24th Council Meeting.

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

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

5.a. **April 10, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

Motion by Murillo, second by Bergan to approve the April 10, 2023 meeting minutes.

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

6. **PROCLAMATIONS OR CEREMONIES**

6.a. **Recognition Ceremony for Firefighter Warner Kern**

Mayor Coffman led the recognition ceremony honoring Firefighter Warner Kern's 45 years of service.

6.b. **Municipal Clerks Week**

Mayor Coffman proclaimed April 30th to May 6th, 2023 as Municipal Clerks Week.

6.c. **National Youth Violence Prevention Week**

CM Lawson read a proclamation declaring April 24th through the 28th, 2023 as National Youth Violence Prevention Week.

6.d. **Second Chance Month**

CM Gardner read a proclamation declaring April 2023 as Second Chance Month.

6.e. **Sexual Assault Awareness Month**

CM Gardner read a proclamation declaring April 2023 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

6.f. **National Crime Victims' Rights Week**

CM Bergan read a proclamation declaring April 23rd through the 29th, 2023 as National Crime Victims' Rights Week.

7. **PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD**

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

8. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

8.a. **Echelon at Eagle Bend Multifamily Site Plan Appeal (Item 11.a.)**

CM Bergan asked CM Gardner to explain why he wanted to move up an item on the agenda. CM Gardner explained that he proposed moving item 11.a after item 12.a because item 12.a, the Spring Supplemental, required most department heads to be present and would likely only take a few minutes.

Motion by Gardner, second by Coombs to adopt the agenda with appellant presentations and the amendment to move item 11.a. after 12.a.

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

Voting Nay: Mayor Coffman

9. **CONSENT CALENDAR - MOTIONS**

9.a. **Motions**

9.a.1 **Consideration to AWARD CHANGE ORDER NO. 3 to a Competitively Bid Contract to Saunders Construction, Englewood , Colorado in the Amount of \$1,260,700.00 for Work Package 3 of the Southeast Aurora Maintenance (SEAM) Facility, Project R-5661A**

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

- 9.a.2 **Consideration to AWARD A COMEPITIVELY BID CONTRACT to Braconier Plumbing and Heating, Denver CO, in the Amount of \$2,763,503.00 for the Courts Heating Pipe Replacement; Project 5915A**

Kelli Arnold, Project Manager Supervisor, Public Works / Dave Lathers, Senior Assistant City Attorney

- 9.a.3 **Consideration to AWARD A COMPETITIVELY BID CONTRACT to JHL Constructors Inc., Englewood, Colorado in the Amount of \$2,308,805.00 for the Murphy Creek RDS & SCRS Interconnection and Delivery Vault Project, Project No. 5891A**

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

- 9.a.4 **Consideration to AWARD WORK PACKAGE NUMBER FOUR to Reynolds Construction, LLC., Denver, Colorado, in the Amount of \$17,683,313.89, for the Eastern Utility Pipeline, Project R-5876A**

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

- 9.a.5 **Consideration to Award a COMPETITIVELY BID Contract to Velocity Constructors Inc., Englewood, Colorado in the Amount of \$21,256,431.00 for Construction of the North Campus Radial Collector Well, Project No. 5919A**

John Clark, Principal Engineer, Aurora Water / Dave Lathers, Senior Assistant City Attorney

- 9.a.6 **Consideration to EXTEND AN OPENLY SOLICITED CONTRACT to Energy Management Corporation, Denver, CO in the Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$181,000.00 for Annual Motor Inspection and Repair Services in Aurora Water Facilities Through January 31, 2024. (R2135)**

Mike Mills, Manager of Water Maintenance and Operations, Aurora Water / Dave Lathers, Senior Assistant City Attorney

- 9.a.7 **Consideration to Award a SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT to Evoqua Water Technologies, Sarasota, FL., in the Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$57,0380.00 for the Delivery of Three Trucks of Bioxide for Odor Control at the City's Lift Stations**

Mike Mills, Manager of Water Maintenance and Operations, Aurora Water /
Dave Lathers, Senior Assistant City Attorney

9.a.8 Grisworld Water Purification Facility Solids Handling Improvements - Phase 2 – 2023

Consideration to Award a PHASED FUNDING CHANGE ORDER TO WORK PACKAGE NUMBER TWO to Garney Companies, Inc., Littleton, Colorado in the Amount of \$19,000,000.00 for the Griswold Water Purification Facility (WPF) Solids Handling Improvements Project – Phase 2, Project No. 5840A

Sarah Young, Principal Engineer, Aurora Water / Dave Lathers, Senior Assistant City Attorney

9.a.9 Consideration to AWARD A SINGLE SOURCE CONTRACT to HR Green, Greenwood Village, Colorado, in the Amount of \$350,000.00 for Two (2) Full-Time Staff Members to Review Preliminary and Final Draining Reports and Plans for Aurora Water

Sarah Young, Deputy Director of Planning and Engineering, Aurora Water /
Dave Lathers, Senior Assistant City Attorney

9.a.10 Consideration to EXTEND A COMPETITIVELY BID CONTRACT to Linde, Inc., Burr Ridge, Illinois in the Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$73,600.00 for Liquid Oxygen, for the Aurora Reservoir Aeration System

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

9.a.11 Consideration to AWARD A SINGLE SOURCE PURCHASE ORDER to Castle Rock Microwave LLC, Castle Rock, Colorado in the Amount of \$62,367.76 for Microwave Radio Network Annual Maintenance and Support Through March 22, 2024

Marena Lertch, Deputy Director of Field Services, Aurora Water / Dave Lathers, Senior Assistant City Attorney

9.a.12 Consideration to AWARD A SINGLE SOURCE CONTRACT to Gear Wash Colorado, Medina, OH in the Amount of \$155,200.00 for Inspection, Cleaning, and Repair of Fire Bunker Gear PPE, as Required Through April 2024

Mathew Wasserburger, Assistant Director, Fire Management Services Division /
Dave Lathers, Senior Assistant City Attorney

9.a.13 Consideration to AWARD A COMPETITIVELY BID CONTRACT to Municipal Emergency Services Inc in the Amount of \$2,436,231.00 for Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA), Bottles and Accessories

AFR is requesting a waiver of reconsideration to expedite the ordering process of these units and avoid any supply chain issues. Aurora Fire Rescue's SCBAs are over 8 years old and are nearing their replacement cycle. The replacement packs offer newer technology to enhance user safety, wearability, and performance.

Mathew Wasserburger, Assistant Director, Fire Management Services Division / Dave Lathers, Senior Assistant City Attorney

9.a.14 Consideration to AWARD A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT to Radix Metasystems, DBW. Kern: Nighthawk.cloud, Aurora, CO in the Amount of \$126,000.00 for Nighthawk LEOVision Software Subscription Renewal for Aurora Police Department Through January 31, 2024

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

9.a.15 Consideration to AWARD A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT to Intrado Life & Safety Solutions Corp., Longmont, CO in the Amount of \$172,675.65 for the Annual Support Renewal for the City's Viper 911 Call Management System Through February 8, 2024

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

9.a.16 Consideration to AWARD A SINGLE SOURCE CONTRACT to Guidehouse, Inc., McLean, VA in the Amount of \$75,000.00 for a Time and Materials Engagement for Workday ERP Phase 1 System Improvement

Due to ongoing issues related to time reporting, payroll processing and employee lifecycle issues, staff requests a waiver of reconsideration to begin implementing system improvements as quickly as possible.

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

9.b. Planning Matters

9.c. Appointments to Boards and Commissions

9.c.1 Consideration to Appoint One (1) Member to the Historic Preservation Commission

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

Motion by Bergan, second by Sundberg to approve the Consent Calendar – Motions.

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

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

10.a. **Resolutions**

10.a.1 Tax Rebate Agreement - QTS Aurora, LLC

R2023-41 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE TAX REBATE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO ("CITY") AND QTS AURORA, LLC ("QTS" AND THE "COMPANY")

Chad Argentar, Senior Project Manager, Planning and Development Services / Rachel Allen, Client Group Manager, City Attorney

10.a.2 13th Avenue Multimodal Corridor Study Final Report

R2023-42 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, ADOPTING THE 13TH AVENUE MULTIMODAL CORRIDOR STUDY AND APPENDING THE STUDY TO THE CITY'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, AURORA PLACES

Tom Worker-Braddock, Senior Transportation Planner, Planning and Development Services / Michelle Gardner, Senior Assistant City Attorney

10.a.3 Intergovernmental Agreement with the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) for Aurora Multimodal Transportation Plan

R2023-43 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 THE AURORA MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN PROJECT

Huilian Liu, Principal Transportation Planner, Planning and Development Services / Michelle Gardner, Senior Assistant City Attorney

10.a.4 Intergovernmental Agreement Between Aurora and the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) for Sidewalk Multimodal Access Improvements

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R2023-44 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 THE SIDEWALK MULTIMODAL ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

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

10.a.5 Amendment 4 to the Intergovernmental Agreement for Services Between Arapahoe County and the City of Aurora

R2023-45 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, APPROVING AMENDMENT #4 TO THE AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES (BETWEEN ARAPAHOE COUNTY AND THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO)

John Wesolowski, Parks and Forestry Manager, Parks, Recreation and Open Space / Tim Joyce, Assistant City Attorney

10.a.6 Name Nature Play Area at Star K Ranch for Richard Gary Black Jr.

R2023-46 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, EXPRESSING THE AURORA CITY COUNCIL'S APPROVAL OF NAMING THE NATURE PLAY AREA AT STAR K RANCH THE RICHARD GARY BLACK JR. NATURE PLAY AREA AT STAR K RANCH

Brooke Bell, Director of Parks, Recreation and Open Space / Tim Joyce, Assistant City Attorney

10.a.7 Joint Terrorism Task Force Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

R2023-47 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO APPROVING THE 2023 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION AND THE AURORA POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THE JOINT TERRORISM TASK FORCE

Sam McGhee, Police Commander / Megan Platt, Assistant City Attorney

10.a.8 Regional Transportation District (RTD) R Line 2023

R2023-48 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE R LINE AND URGING THE

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT (RTD) TO UTILIZE AN OVERNIGHT SCHEDULE FOR MAINTENANCE IN ORDER TO PRESERVE DAYTIME SERVICE HOURS FOR THE R LINE BETWEEN LINCOLN AND FLORIDA STATIONS

Sponsor: Juan Marcano, Council Member Michelle Gardner, Senior Assistant City Attorney

10.b. **Finalizing of Ordinances**

10.b.1 Majestic Commercenter II as a Blighted Area Designation (2023-10)

2023-10 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, DESIGNATING THE PROPOSED MAJESTIC COMMERCENTER II URBAN RENEWAL AREA AS A BLIGHTED AREA APPROPRIATE FOR URBAN RENEWAL

Jennifer Orozco, Senior Development Project Manager, Planning and Development Services / Rachel Allen, Client Group Manager, City Attorney

Motion by Gardner, second by Coombs to approve the Consent Calendar – Resolutions and Ordinances.

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

11. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

11.a Echelon at Eagle Bend Multifamily Site Plan Appeal

A PUBLIC HEARING WITHOUT RELATED ORDINANCE TO CONSIDER AN APPEAL OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION APPROVAL OF THE ECHELON AT EAGLE BEND MULTIFAMILY SITE PLAN WITH ADJUSTMENTS

Aja Tibbs, Senior Planner, Planning and Development Services / Daniel L. Money, Senior Assistant City Attorney

Mayor Coffman opened the public hearing.

Aja Tibbs, the Senior Planner, provided a summary of the item.

Ashley Bedell, Vice President of Development for the Garrett Companies, presented the Echelon at Eagle Bend Project, which received unanimous approval at the Planning Commission last month.

David Foster, Land Use Counsel, briefly addressed the City Council.

Will Schippers, representing the Eagle Bend Metropolitan District, requested that the City of Aurora not approve the project as designed and recommended that Garrett eliminate all four-story buildings in favor of their caliber building type.

Sheryl Hutchings introduced herself as the official appellant on the appeal and resident of Heritage Eagle Bend. She then turned the presentation over to her approved representative, James Folk, who also resides at Heritage Eagle Bend.

J. Folk argued that Echelon, the proposed development, does not fit the existing Eagle Bend community and does not comply with the General Development Plan (GDP) and Unified Development Ordinance (UDO). J. Folk urged the City Council to send the project back to Planning to ensure it complies with all required standards and preserves the character of the 1,018-acre community.

Council heard public in-person testimony.

CM Bergan asked staff about the GDP versus the UDO, and A. Tibbs confirmed that the UDO is used when the GDP is ambiguous, unclear, or specifically referenced. CM Bergan inquired about compatibility and whether it is subjective, and Brandon Cammarata, with the planning department, acknowledged that there can be different opinions about compatibility. CM Bergan proceeded to ask questions about parking, open space, park requirements, and traffic. A. Tibbs confirmed the parking requirements were met, the detention pond was counted towards open space, and that there was no park requirement, as the PROS Department requested cash in lieu.

CM Bergan asked about the traffic study and whether it considered future traffic flow from the King's Point development. A. Bedell confirmed that the study looked at current conditions and future improvements to Aurora Parkway. CM Bergan then asked about height considerations for the project, and A. Bedell acknowledged that they listened to the neighbors but chose to stick with the plan as presented, which was allowed by the GDP.

CM Bergan inquired about the 2006 Sixth Amendment to the GDP that changed the zoning of the parcel. A. Tibbs said it was unclear if multifamily use was allowed before the amendment, but Amendment Six added design standards for multifamily projects and allowed the use on the property. CM Bergan asked if the amendment was approved due to an assisted living facility proposal, but A. Tibbs could not confirm that information, only stating that it was a zoning change.

CM Bergan asked if the residents addressed the issue of reducing the building height from four to three stories during the neighborhood meetings. W. Schippers said he couldn't recall any specific questions about that exact topic, but the height of the buildings was the main issue for the district and residents. CM Bergan asked if their objection was against apartment buildings in general, and W. Schippers confirmed that it was not, citing past developments where there were no objections from the district or homeowners' associations.

CM Bergan asked for clarification on the statement that the company would sell the project after it reaches a certain occupancy. A. Bedell explained that in the development world, they always build projects like they intend to hold them forever, but market conditions might encourage a developer to sell at some point.

CM Marcano asked for clarification on how a gable roof is measured according to the code and to define a plane on a roof. A. Tibbs provided an explanation. CM Marcano then asked how they selected materials, finishes, and the palette for the project. A. Bedell provided a response.

CM Coombs asked about the public transit situation in the area and whether there would be enough demand for it to be sustainable. W. Schippers explained that public transit could be beneficial for the community, especially for the age-restricted population in Heritage Eagle Bend, and that they would be happy to work with the council to establish public transit in the area. CM Coombs then asked if the total number of units could be achieved with a lower building height, and W. Schippers responded that it would be challenging but they were not opposed to it as long as the number of units was maintained.

CM Coombs asked if it would be possible to build the 360 units permitted by right on the site with parking, open space, and only using the caliber buildings. A. Bedell explained that it might be possible with adjustments, but it would not work for their current plans. CM Coombs also asked about water conservation efforts in the open space and landscaping. A. Bedell mentioned that their company practice is to use native plants and species to reduce irrigation but wasn't sure if they were meeting the newer landscape standards.

CM Coombs asked about the open space and whether the slopes and stairs presented by the appellant fit the standards for walking through and enjoying the open space. A. Tibbs explained that the paths did not need to be fully accessible, and the slopes around the path would not make it less enjoyable. CM Coombs inquired if the slope of the path met accessibility requirements, including for people with mobility needs. A. Tibbs confirmed that the stairs would not be accessible, but the city or site owner would not be at risk concerning ADA as they are required to provide an accessible route between parking areas and building entries.

CM Lawson asked about the possibility of lowering the roof heights to address residents' concerns, and whether it's the company's philosophy to only adhere to the GDP and UDO requirements. A. Bedell responded. CM Lawson asked whether the applicant has to meet the roof slope requirement or if they can choose from a menu of options. A. Tibbs confirmed that there is a menu of options they can choose from. CM Lawson asked about the development proceeding without knowing the specifics of the retention wall. A. Tibbs explained that grading changes often occur until construction drawings are finalized, and the applicant will need to comply with the standards before their civil drawings and documents are approved.

CM Marcano asked about the possibility of accommodating ramps and landings around the retention pond for better accessibility. A. Bedell said that this had been reviewed, and she would take the concern back to the team for further consideration.

Mayor Coffman then asked about the accuracy of the second appellant's site plan. A. Bedell responded that it is representative of their four-story buildings but could not confirm the accuracy of the grading plans. D. Foster added that the elevation in the rendering is not accurate, as the topography changes across the site.

J. Folk, from the appellant side, stated that their rendering was as accurate as possible based on the published site plans and that the applicant had not provided their own rendering of the development.

CM Bergan asked about the fire access in the development, and A. Tibbs confirmed that the fire lane access meets requirements, with an additional point of fire access through Eagle Bend. CM Bergan then inquired about school bus access for children in the apartment complex. A. Bedell mentioned that they reached out to Aurora Schools but have not yet received a response about a bus stop location, but they would work with the school district to find a suitable location for a bus stop within the community.

CM Jurinsky pointed out that 825 Heritage Eagle Bend residents signed a petition against the development and asked for the total population of the community. S. Hungerford provided the numbers: 1,442 homes and approximately 2,500 residents. CM Jurinsky mentioned that she received several emails from Heritage Eagle Bend residents supporting the development and acknowledged that their HOA board also supports it.

CM Marcano addressed the rendering displayed and highlighted its inaccuracies, noting that it was not surveyed professionally and that the building on the right side is shown floating above the ground. He stated that he believes the actual height of the buildings will be lower due to site work.

CM Bergan asked about the possibility of a traffic signal at the access point from Aurora Parkway into the development. A. Tibbs deferred the question to C. Campuzano, a principal engineer of the Traffic Engineering Division of Public Works. C. Campuzano explained that the current Traffic Impact Study (TIS) does not indicate a signal will be warranted by 2045.

D. Foster asked to provide a short rebuttal, mentioning that much of the discussion focused on the document from 2006 approved by the City Council, which allowed 25 units per acre and multifamily on the site. CM Bergan raised a point of order, stating that rebuttals were not allowed during public hearings. Mayor Coffman asked D. Foster to conclude his remarks.

CM Marcano thanked the community for their organization and testimony and expressed appreciation for the presentation provided. He explained that his background in architectural engineering and construction services allowed him to see that the architectural style of the proposed development is in harmony with existing developments in the area. He referred to Exhibit D and pointed out the similarities and differences between the building in Exhibit D and the proposed Echelon development. He concluded by reiterating his appreciation for the effort put into the presentation and the information provided.

CM Bergan expressed her concerns regarding the development. She acknowledged that it meets code requirements, but she had issues with the inconsistencies between the GDP and the UDO. Her primary concern was the height of the development, as well as the challenging topography of the site. She criticized the practice of taking money in lieu of requiring a park and expressed concerns about the impact on traffic and the lack of transit options. She also mentioned that the parking situation might not be sufficient, and that there will be children living in the complex without adequate amenities. Due to these reasons, CM Bergan was not in favor of upholding the Planning Commission decision and did not believe the development was compatible with the area.

Mayor Coffman closed the public hearing.

Motion by Marcano, second by Zvonek to approve item 11.a.

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

Voting Nay: Mayor Coffman, Lawson, Bergan

12. **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

12.a **2023 Spring Supplemental**

2023-12 FOR AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO APPROPRIATING SUMS OF MONEY IN ADDITION TO THOSE APPROPRIATED IN ORDINANCE NOS. 2021-56, 2022-24, AND 2022-73 FOR THE 2022 FISCAL YEAR AND ORDINANCE NO. 2022-59 FOR THE 2023 FISCAL YEAR

Jackie Ehmann, Budget Program Manager, Finance / Hanosky Hernandez Perez, Senior Assistant City Attorney

Jackie Ehmann, Budget Program Manager, provided a summary of the item.

Council heard public in-person testimony.

Motion by Gardner, second by Zvonek to approve item 12.a.

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

13. **FINALIZING ORDINANCES**

13.a. **5280 RV Storage Zoning Map Amendment**

2023-11 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, REZONING A PARCEL OF LAND MEASURING 2.14 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, LOCATED AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SMITH ROAD AND SABLE BOULEVARD, CITY OF AURORA, COUNTY OF ADAMS, STATE OF COLORADO, FROM MIXED-USE CORRIDOR ZONE DISTRICT (MU-C) TO BUSINESS/TECH ZONE DISTRICT

(I-1) AND AMENDING THE ZONING MAP ACCORDINGLY (5280 RV STORAGE ZONING MAP AMENDMENT)

Liz C. Fuselier, Planner, Planning and Development Services / Daniel L. Money, Senior Assistant City Attorney

L. Fuselier, Planner, provided a brief presentation.

Motion by Gardner, second by Lawson to approve item 13.a.

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

Voting Nay: Coombs, Marcano, Medina, Murillo

14. **ANNEXATIONS**

15. **RECONSIDERATIONS AND CALL UPS**

16. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

17. **REPORTS**

17.a. **Mayor**

Mayor Coffman expressed concern about the public invited to be heard against CM Sunberg and mentioned that he had asked the City Attorney to draft a memo about what is permissible under the First Amendment to avoid potential litigation. He also shared his experience participating in a 24-hour shift with AFR at Station Eight. He praised the professionalism of the firefighters, noting that even during a slow night with only four emergency calls, they engaged in training to maintain their skills and expertise.

17.b. **Council**

CM Lawson provided updates on Senate Bill 23-213 and Senate Bill 23-291, mentioning that the latter would be discussed at a Study Session on May 1st. She also informed the council that HUD Assistant Secretary Dr. Kimberly McClain would be visiting Aurora to tour the city's affordable housing. She, along with Council Members Bergan and Jurinsky, had attended the Aurora Scholars event, which they found to be a great experience. Mayor Coffman thanked the Library and Cultural Services for their excellent work on the Scholarship Program and acknowledged CM Lawson's comment about his presence in the event photos.

CM Murillo mentioned her upcoming Town Hall at the MLK Library and the Second Annual Strategic Retreat for Food Justice Northwest Aurora at the Moorhead Recreation Center.

CM Sundberg shared his experience from a recent Town Hall that discussed various topics, including the Consent Decree, drought conditions, oil and gas production, and the need for innovation in energy sources. He also mentioned attending a police

graduation ceremony and a visit to a centenarian, Irene Chase, who has a deep history in Aurora. Lastly, he mentioned visiting Hinckley High School with CM Coombs to talk about city government with the students.

CM Medina announced that his Town Hall would take place on Wednesday, May 3rd, from 6:30 to 8:00 pm at the AMC and would include discussions with Planning and the Consent Decree Office.

CM Marcano mentioned that the next Ward IV meeting would be on Thursday, May 11th, at 6:30 p.m. at Colorado Early Colleges, located at 1400 South Abilene. He highlighted that the meeting would cover topics such as water, drought, and watering restrictions with Greg Baker from Aurora Water, as well as an update on the Community Advisory Council for the Consent Decree with Becky Hogan.

CM Coombs announced that the next Ward V meeting would be on May 16th, focusing on the budget. She mentioned the ongoing Charter Review Committee meetings and plans to schedule an additional public hearing for public safety-related items. She enjoyed speaking with students at Hinckley and attending the Aurora Scholars Celebration, praising the students. CM Coombs also attended the City of Aurora Libraries and Cultural Services Cozies Awards and the Aurora Fire Rescue Awards Gala, expressing appreciation for the dedication of staff members in those departments.

CM Bergan echoed CM Lawson's praise for the Aurora Scholars event and congratulated the young awardees. She announced her next Town Hall on May 17th, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Southeast Recreation Center, with the main topics being the budget and water-related issues, including drought conditions and increased water rates.

18. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Coffman adjourned the regular meeting of the City Council.



MIKE COFFMAN, MAYOR

ATTEST:



KADEE RODRIGUEZ, CITY CLERK Deputy
Decilia Zapata



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