

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Aurora City Council

Monday, May 22, 2023

1. **RECONVENE THE REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 22, 2023, AND CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Pro-Tem Gardner reconvened the regular meeting of the City Council for May 22, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Coffman, 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 for the May 22nd, Council Meeting.

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

5. **EXECUTIVE SESSION UPDATE**

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

6.a. **May 8, 2023, Meeting Minutes**

Motion by Sundberg, second by Murillo, to approve the minutes of May 8, 2022, as presented.

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

7. **PROCLAMATIONS OR CEREMONIES**

7.a. **Asian American and Pacific Island Heritage**

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CM Coombs read a proclamation declaring May 2023 as the Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, promoting diversity, equal opportunities, and a brighter future for all.

7.b. **Mental Health Awareness Month**

Mayor Coffman proclaimed May 2023 as Mental Health Awareness Month, encouraging the community to prioritize mental health, protect the well-being, and work towards creating a more mentally healthy society.

7.c. **Jewish American Heritage Month**

CM Jurinsky read a proclamation declaring May 2023 as Jewish American Heritage Month, acknowledging the integral role of Jewish Americans in Aurora's history and emphasizing the need to create conditions that ensure the safety, health, and vitality of the Jewish community and all residents while enhancing life in Aurora.

7.d. **Memorial Day – Minute of Silence**

Mayor Coffman proclaimed May 29, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. local time as Memorial Day Minute of Silence encouraging the residents of Aurora to pause for a minute of silence, to honor, reflect, and remember the precious lives lost while in service to the nation.

8. **PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD**

(non-agenda-related issues only)

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

CM Medina requested contact information from residents of PATH residency who spoke on issues regarding a gas-like substance released from his home and illegal eviction. CM Jurinsky made a statement about the complaint on illegal eviction raised by a resident and asked for the other council members to support the fight against illegal eviction.

CM Lawson expressed gratitude to the students and commended them for doing a great job presenting their proposals for the city's betterment.

9. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Motion by Coombs, second Sundberg to adopt the agenda.

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

10. **CONSENT CALENDAR - MOTIONS**

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Any member of the Council may request an item to be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered separately. Any item removed will be considered immediately following the adoption of the remainder of the Consent Calendar.

10.a. **Motions**

10.a.1 **Consideration to AWARD AN OPENLY SOLICITED CONTRACT to Turn Key Health Clinic, LLC, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma in the Amount of \$949,504.13 for Inmate Medical Services R-2304**

Candance Atkinson, Director of Courts and Detention / Hanosky Hernandez, Senior Assistant City Attorney

10.a.2 **Consideration to EXTEND AN OPENLY SOLICITED CONTRACT to Keesen Landscape Management Inc., Englewood, Colorado in the Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$250,000.00 for Abatement Services for Homeless Encampments through May 31, 2024 (B-4643)**

Emma Knight, Manager of Homelessness Behavioral Health, Housing and Community Services / Hanosky Hernandez, Senior Assistant City Attorney

10.a.3 **Dewberry Zone 3C Pipeline Amendment**

Consideration to AMEND AN OPENLY SOLICITED CONTRACT with Dewberry Engineers, Inc., Denver, Colorado in the Amount of \$85,007.00 for Providing Construction Phase Services for the 36-inch Zone 3C Pipeline from E. 56th Ave. to E. 64th Ave. Phase 2 Project, Project No. R-1838

Dean Bedford, Principal Engineer, Aurora Water / Hanosky Hernandez, Senior Assistant City Attorney

10.a.4 **HVAC Maintenance**

Consideration to AWARD AN OPENLY SOLICITED CONTRACT to CS Group Inc., Lone Tree, Colorado in the Amount of \$288,825.00 for Annual Routine Maintenance and Emergency Repair Services of Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Equipment in Water Pumping, Treatment, and Technical Operations Facilities through May 31, 2023 (R-2314)

Mike Mills, Manager of Water Main and Operations, Aurora Water / Hanosky Hernandez, Senior Assistant City Attorney

10.a.5 **Consideration to AWARD AN AMENDMENT to Carollo Engineers, Inc., Broomfield, Colorado in the Amount of \$185,770.00 for the Griswold Water Purification Facility (WPF) Solids Handling Improvements Project – Project No. 5840A**

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

- 10.a.6 **Consideration to AWARD A SINGLE SOURCE CONTRACT with Badger Meter, Inc., Centennial, Colorado in the Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$65,000.00 for Meter Parts to Support Meter Infrastructure Maintenance**

Marena Lertch, Deputy Director of Field Services, Aurora Water / Hanosky Hernandez, Senior Assistant City Attorney

- 10.a.7 **Consideration to AWARD A SINGLE SOURCE CONTRACT to Eaton Corp., Cleveland, OH in the Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$150,000.00 for Emergency Electrical Repair and Eaton Switchgear Maintenance as Required through May 31, 2024**

Marena Lertch, Deputy Director of Field Services, Aurora Water / Hanosky Hernandez, Senior Assistant City Attorney

- 10.a.8 **Consideration to AWARD A SINGLE SOURCE CONTRACT to Integrated Power Services, Denver, CO in the Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$150,000.00 for General Electric Switchgear and Motor Control Centers Maintenance and Repair as Required through May 31, 2024**

Marena Lertch, Deputy Director of Field Services, Aurora Water / Hanosky Hernandez, Senior Assistant City Attorney

- 10.a.9 **Consideration to AWARD A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT to GE Digital LLC, San Ramon, CA in the Amount of \$71,192.88 for the Annual Software Maintenance Renewal for the Water Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) through June 30, 2024**

Marena Lertch, Deputy Director of Field Services, Aurora Water / Hanosky Hernandez, Senior Assistant City Attorney

- 10.a.10 **Consideration to AWARD A SINGLE SOURCE CONTRACT to Combined Systems Inc., Jamestown, PA in the Amount of \$67,002.41 for Less Lethal Munitions, Chemical Gas, Impact, Breaching, NFDD (Noise Flash Diversionary Devices) and Training**

Matt Brukbacher, Police Lieutenant, Police / Hanosky Hernandez, Senior Assistant City Attorney

- 10.a.11 **Consideration to EXTEND A COMPETITIVELY BID CONTRACT to Colorado Petroleum, Denver, Colorado in the Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$120,000.00 for Vehicle Lubricants, Greases, and Liquids as Required by Fleet Services through July 31, 2024**

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Ron Forrest, Fleet Manager, Public Works / Hanosky Hernandez, Senior Assistant City Attorney

- 10.a.12 **Consideration to AWARD A SINGLE SOURCE CONTRACT to Intermountain Sales Inc., Englewood, Colorado in the Amount of \$135,134.70 for an E.H. Wachs Custom Service Body with Valve Turner and Vacuum Excavation System**

Ron Forrest, Fleet Manager, Public Works / Hanosky Hernandez, Senior Assistant City Attorney

- 10.a.13 **Consideration to AWARD A SINGLE SOURCE CONTRACT to L.L. Johnson Distributing Company, Denver, Colorado, in the Amount of \$203,000.00 for Toro Brand Repair Parts and Service as Required by PROS/Golf and Fleet Services through June 30, 2024**

Ron Forrest, Fleet Manager, Public Works / Hanosky Hernandez, Senior Assistant City Attorney

10.b. **Planning Matters**

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

10. c.1 **Consideration to Appoint One (1) Member to the Library Board**

Kadee Rodriguez, City Clerk / Tim Joyce, Assistant City Attorney

10. c.2 **Consideration to Appoint One (1) Member to the Aurora Commission for Older Adults**

Kadee Rodriguez, City Clerk / Tim Joyce, Assistant City Attorney

10. c.3 **Consideration to Appoint One (1) Member and Reappoint Three (3) Members to the Metro Water Recovery District Board**

Marshall Brown, General Manager of Aurora Water / Ian Best, Assistant City Attorney

Motion by Coombs, second by Marcano to approve the consent calendar for motions, items 10.a.1 through 10.c.3.

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

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

11.a **Resolutions**

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11.a.1 **Purchase and Sale Agreement for New Brantner Extension Ditch Shares**

R2023-54 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, APPROVING THE CONTRACT TO BUY AND SELL REAL ESTATE INCLUDING BOTH WATER RIGHTS AND REAL PROPERTY BETWEEN THE CITY OF AURORA AND TAMMARA LOCKETT

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

11.a.2 **Aquatic Nuisance Species Prevention**

R2023-55 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, EXPRESSING THE AURORA CITY COUNCIL'S SUPPORT OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF AURORA COLORADO ACTING BY AND THROUGH ITS UTILITY ENTERPRISE, THE SOUTHEASTERN COLORADO WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT, THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS, BOARD OF WATER WORKS OF PUEBLO COLORADO, PUEBLO WEST METROPOLITAN DISTRICT AND THE STATE OF COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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

11.a.3 **Water Appropriation Delegation**

R2023-56 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, EXPRESSING THE AURORA CITY COUNCIL'S INTENT TO ACT BY AND THROUGH ITS UTILITY ENTERPRISE TO APPROPRIATE WATERS OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

Alexandra Davis, Assistant General Manager of Water Supply and Demand, Aurora Water / Stephen Cann, Senior Assistant City Attorney

11.a.4 **Oil and Gas Lease with Civitas Resources T3S R65W Section 31**

R2023-57 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, EXPRESSING THE AURORA CITY COUNCIL'S APPROVAL OF AN OIL AND GAS LEASE AGREEMENT WITH CRESTONE PEAK RESOURCES WATKINS HOLDINGS, LLC, FOR CITY-OWNED MINERAL INTERESTS WITHIN SECTION 31, TOWNSHIP 3 SOUTH, RANGE 65 WEST OF THE SIXTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, COUNTY OF ADAMS, STATE OF COLORADO CONTAINING 4.2305 ACRES.

Jeffrey S. Moore, Manager of Oil and Gas, Planning and Development Services / Dave Scott, Assistant City Attorney

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Outside speakers: Dan Harrington and Natalie Ehlers, Civitas Resources

11.a.5 **Dam East Special Improvement District – Refund of Excess Proceeds**

R2023-58 A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE REFUND TO HOMEOWNERS OF EXCESS FUNDS HELD FOR THE ACCOUNT OF DAM EAST SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 2010-1, AUTHORIZING THE GIVING OF NOTICE OF SUCH REFUND AND PROVIDING FOR HOMEOWNERS TO HAVE THE OPTION OF EITHER RECEIVING SUCH REFUND OR DIRECTING IT TO BE PAID TO THE DAM EAST HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN OTHER ACTIONS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

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

11.a.6 **Unified Forensic Laboratory (UFL) Crime Lab Name Change**

R2023-59 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, APPROVING THE NAME CHANGE OF THE "UNIFIED METROPOLITAN FORENSIC CRIME LABORATORY" TO THE "UNIFIED FORENSIC LABORATORY."

Sponsor: Mike Coffman, Mayor

Art Acevedo, Chief of Police / Pete Schulte, Public Safety Client Group Manager, City Attorney

11.a.7 **Resolution Regarding City Council and Manager Form of Governance**

R2023-60 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, EXPRESSING ITS CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR THE CITY COUNCIL/MANAGER FORM OF CITY GOVERNANCE, AS CURRENTLY PROVIDED FOR IN THE CITY CHARTER

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

11.b **Finalizing of Ordinances**

11.b.1 **56th Avenue Street Vacation**

2023-13 FOR AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, VACATING A PORTION OF THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR 56TH AVENUE, LOCATED BETWEEN NORTH PICADILLY ROAD AND NORTH TIBET STREET, CITY OF AURORA, COUNTY OF ADAMS, STATE OF COLORADO (56TH AVENUE STREET VACATION).

Stephen Gubrud, Planner, Planning and Development Services / Daniel L. Money, Senior Assistant City Attorney

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Motion by Marcano, second by Sundberg to approve the consent calendar for resolutions and ordinances items 11.a.1 through 11.b.1.

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

12. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

12.a. **Aurora Crossroads Metropolitan Districts Nos. 1 and 2 First Amendment to Amended and Restated Service Plan and Intergovernmental Agreement**

R2023-61 A PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, APPROVING THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDED AND RESTATED SERVICE PLAN FOR AURORA CROSSROADS METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NOS. 1-2 AND APPROVING AN AMENDED AND RESTATED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, AND THE DISTRICTS

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

Mayor Coffman opened the public hearing.

Staff provided a summary of the item.

Mayor Coffman closed the public hearing.

Motion by Coombs, second by Lawson to approve item 12.a.

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

13. **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

13.a. **2023 Fleet Lease – Purchase Financing**

2023-14 FOR AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE USE OF LEASE-PURCHASE FINANCING TO ACQUIRE CERTAIN EQUIPMENT DURING THE 2023 FISCAL YEAR PURSUANT TO THE TERMS OF AN EQUIPMENT LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE AURORA CAPITAL LEASING CORPORATION, AS LESSOR, AND THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, AS LESSEE; AUTHORIZING OFFICIALS OF THE CITY TO TAKE ALL ACTION NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY; AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS

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

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Teresa Sedmak, City Treasurer, provided a summary of the item.

Motion by Coombs, second by Medina to approve item 13.a.

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

13.b. **Amending Sections of the Code Pertaining to Human Habitation of Dwelling Premises**

2023-15 FOR AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, AMENDING SECTION 22-567 AND ADDING SECTION 22-610 TO THE CITY CODE PERTAINING TO HUMAN HABITATION OF DWELLING PREMISES

Sandra Youngman, Manager, Code Enforcement Division / Angela Garcia, Senior Assistant City Attorney

Sandra Youngman, Manager of the Code Enforcement Division, provided a summary of the item.

CM Marcano thanked staff for their work on this item. He emphasized that tying up the habitability requirements is a really important task for the City to accomplish so that these issues can be dealt with sooner than later.

Motion by Marcano, second by Jurinsky to approve item 13.b.

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

13.c. **Amending Sections of the City Code Pertaining to Urinating or Defecating in a Public Place**

2023-16 FOR AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, AMENDING SECTIONS OF THE CITY CODE PERTAINING TO URINATING OR DEFECATING IN A PUBLIC PLACE

Sponsor: Danielle Jurinsky, Council Member

Pete Schulte, Public Safety Client Group Manager

Pete Schulte, Public Safety Client Group Manager, provided a summary of the item.

CM Jurinsky thanked the Aurora Police Department that worked effortlessly to resolve the property issue as well as the staff noted in the previous item. She explained the relation between ordinances discussed in item 14.a and 14.b. She mentioned that in Aurora, an elderly lady passed away in her home, and her family member left her body in a sleeping bag for days while allowing transient individuals to move in. With the water shut off due to unpaid bills, the occupants resorted to using neighboring

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yards and the front yard as bathrooms, even with children present. The police were limited in their ability to address the situation.

CM Marcano added and acknowledged that the problem they faced was the lack of swift action from the Aurora Police Department due to the absence of appropriate laws in the City Code. This issue negatively impacted the community as situations escalated. However, they express optimism that the new measures being discussed will address these concerns and prevent similar issues in the future.

Motion by Jurinsky, second by Marcano to approve item 13.c.

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

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.

15. **ANNEXATIONS**

15.a. **Overlook at King's Point South Annexation**

R2023-62 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, FINDING A PETITION FOR ANNEXATION OF A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED IN THE SOUTH ONE-HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 2, TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 66 WEST OF THE SIXTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, COUNTY OF DOUGLAS, STATE OF COLORADO, TO BE IN SUBSTANTIAL COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 31-12-107(1), C.R.S., AND GIVING NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION (Overlook at Kings Point South) 19.937 ACRES.

Jacob Cox, Manager of Development Assistance / Brian Rulla, Assistant City Attorney

Staff provided a summary of the item.

Motion by Sundberg, second by Lawson to approve item 15a.

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

16. **RECONSIDERATIONS AND CALL UPS**

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17. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

18. **REPORTS**

18.a. **Report by the Mayor**

Mayor Coffman shared his experience of doing a ride along with Animal Control Officer Julie Martinez. They encountered various situations, including a fox stuck in a window well, a dead raccoon, and a house with multiple puppies, one of whom was very ill. The most notable case mentioned was a townhome where hoarding led to the discovery of 130 cats, some of whom were dead or ill. The situation required a two-day effort to remove the cats and address the health concerns.

Mayor Coffman reminded everyone about the upcoming Memorial Day Weekend and announced the Annual Colorado Remembers Ceremony at the Colorado Freedom Memorial on Saturday, May 27th. The event includes a free pancake breakfast from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m., the Colorado Remembers program from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m., and static displays of military equipment and memorial tours from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Attendees are advised to bring their lawn chairs as seating may be limited.

18.b. **Reports by the Council**

CM Lawson provided a legislative update for the Federal State Intergovernmental Relations Committee, noting that the Colorado legislative session concluded with a total of 620 bills introduced. The Governor has until June 7th to take action on these bills. The FSIR Committee will have an end-of-session report on state legislative activities at their June 16th meeting and a presentation from Adams County. Additionally, Aurora Water representatives recently traveled to Washington D.C. to discuss city water priorities with the federal delegation. She also expressed gratitude for attending the Annual Police Memorial, emphasizing the importance of recognizing and appreciating the sacrifices made by police officers in Aurora and throughout the state.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gardner expressed concerns about a proposal that was made public the previous week, which aims to significantly change the government structure. They criticize a group called "Term Limits for a Better Aurora" for misleading the public by using only four lines in a 13-page document to discuss term limits, despite the existing term limits already in place. He hoped his colleagues would not support this effort and that residents would not sign the petition or vote in favor of it if it reached the ballot. He also expressed gratitude to his colleagues for unanimously supporting and reaffirming the Council-Manager form of government.

CM Jurinsky shared her attendance at an Armed Forces luncheon that honored current members of the Armed Forces. She provided a reminder about the upcoming At-Large Town Hall scheduled for June 15th at 6:00 p.m. at the People's Building on East Colfax Avenue. The topics to be discussed during the town hall include the budget, the consent decree, and general updates.

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CM Murillo expressed gratitude for two local initiatives. The first is the Rebel Marketplace, a farmers market held at Del Mar Park near the Aurora Center for Active Adults. The marketplace takes place on the first and third Saturdays of each month and supports a local food ecosystem. The founder, James, is a micro farmer of color in Aurora, and many vendors at the marketplace are from the BIPOC community, offering a variety of goods and naturally sourced ingredients. The second initiative is a master urban gardening class organized by a constituent in the 810 and 811 zip codes. This class aims to strengthen the local food ecosystem and encourages individuals to garden in their backyards or support community gardens with Denver Urban Gardens. She encouraged everyone to attend these events and participate in fostering a thriving local food system.

CM Sundberg shared various updates. He mentioned exciting but confidential entertainment ideas in Ward II, their attendance at the Armed Force's recognition luncheon, and the experience of their basement flooding due to heavy rain. He highlighted the importance of a sump pump and note the rise in reservoir levels and damage caused by flooding at Cherry Creek. He addressed the ongoing drought despite CM Jurinsky's lack of optimism. He also mentioned attending a Salvation Army event, wherein they had an open house and discussed great plans they do for the city, attending an Open Space Advisory Board meeting with CM Marcano and the Jewel Wetlands, and attending the Police and Law Enforcement Memorial.

CM Medina announced their upcoming Council meeting on Wednesday, June 7th at 6:30 p.m. at the Active Adult Center. He mentioned that the Planning Department will be present to discuss the development occurring at Center Point, as well as other developments happening in their Ward.

CM Marcano shared his recent attendance at the 2023 Asian American Hero of Colorado Award Ceremony held in Ward IV. He congratulated this year's honorees and expressed gratitude to both the current and previous awardees for enriching the city and state. He also thanked Mayor Pro-Tem Gardner for organizing a press conference and appreciate the support from colleagues, both present and past, in standing together to oppose a dark money organization's deceitful attempt to influence the ballot. He also announced the next Ward IV meeting, scheduled for Thursday, June 8th, at Colorado Early Colleges. The meeting will feature a recap of the 2023 legislative session, followed by an open Q&A session on legislative and city matters, and he encouraged everyone to attend.

Council Member Coombs addressed the Strong Mayor ballot proposal and shared an example of dishonesty in the signature collection process. She urged everyone to pay close attention and question why there is a need for dishonesty. She reiterated Council Member Sundberg's concerns about the high-water levels at Cherry Creek Reservoir and mentions receiving inquiries about the reservoir's water release. She discussed their recent town hall meetings on the budget, public safety, and the Youth Violence Prevention Program, expressing gratitude for the attendees' thoughtful engagement. She also mentioned attending the Asian American Hero Award ceremony, the Police Memorial, the Aurora Youth Water Festival, and a lobbying workshop. She then

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announced the upcoming public hearing for the Charter Review Ad Hoc Committee, focusing on public safety provisions.

19. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Coffman adjourned the regular meeting of the City Council.



MIKE COFFMAN, MAYOR

ATTEST:



KADEE RODRIGUEZ, CITY CLERK



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