

## MINUTES

### Regular Meeting of the Aurora City Council Wednesday, June 28, 2023

1. **RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 28, 2023, AND CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Coffman reconvened the regular meeting of the City Council for June 28, 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 for the June 28<sup>th</sup>, Council Meeting.

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

5. **EXECUTIVE SESSION UPDATE**

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

6.a. **June 12, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

Motion by Marcano, second by Zvonek, to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2023 as presented.

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

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7. **PROCLAMATIONS OR CEREMONIES**

7.a. **State Senator Rhonda Fields**

Mayor Coffman read a proclamation recognizing State Senator Rhonda Fields for her efforts in introducing and passing Senate Bill 23-75. This legislation was in response to an incident where student witnesses' names were made public following a shooting at Hinkley High School, leading to bullying, threats, and in one case, a student being placed in protective custody due to their home being targeted.

State Senator Rhonda Fields thanked Mayor Mike Coffman for the proclamation recognizing her role in passing Senate Bill 23-75, which protects the identities of child victims and witnesses in criminal justice records. She praised the collaborative efforts of various parties, including the Assistant Principal of Hinkley High School, the Police Department, the City Attorney, and the Mayor of Aurora, who all played significant roles in the realization of this bill.

7.b. **National Gun Violence Awareness Month**

Mayor Coffman proclaimed June 2023 as National Gun Violence Awareness Month in the city of Aurora, Colorado.

7.c. **Disability Pride Month**

Mayor Coffman proclaimed July 2023 as Disability Pride Month in the city of Aurora, Colorado.

Mayor Coffman provided a land acknowledgment. He recognized that the City of Aurora is situated on the territories and ancestral homelands of the Cheyenne, Ute, Arapaho, and Lakota peoples, both in the past and present. He also acknowledged the 48 contemporary tribal nations historically connected to the lands now comprising Colorado.

8. **PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD**

(non-agenda-related issues only)

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

9. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

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

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

10. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

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10.a. **Motions**

**10.a.1 Spinney Solar and Batteries**

Consideration to AWARD AN OPENLY SOLICITED CONTRACT in the Amount of \$395,032.42 to Energy Link LLC, Columbia, MO, for Providing Design Services, Construction Services, and Installation of the Solar Battery and Heating System for Aurora Water's Spinney Mountain Reservoir, Project No. R- 5932A

John Clark, Principal Engineer, Aurora Water / Hanosky Hernandez, Senior Assistant City Attorney

**10.a.2 Consideration to AWARD A COMPETITIVELY BID CONTRACT to T. Lowell Construction, Inc., Castle Rock, CO in the Amount of \$41,000,000.00 for the Second Creek Interceptor Phase 2 Project, Project No. 5927A**

Waiver of reconsideration requested to allow for faster on-boarding and mobilization of the contractor. It is critical the contractor begin work on site as soon as possible as this new sanitary sewer will service the new Southeast Area Maintenance (SEAM) site and the development happening in that region.

Andrea Long, Principal Engineer, Aurora Water / Hanosky Hernandez, Senior Assistant City Attorney

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**10.a.3 Consideration to AWARD AN OPENLY SOLICITED CONTRACT in the Amount of \$2,499,950.00 to Olsson, Denver, Colorado, for the Wild Horse Third-Party NEPA Contractor, Project No. R-2328**

Alexis Davis, Deputy Directory of Water Resources, Aurora Water / Hanosky Hernandez, Senior Assistant City Attorney

**10.a.4 Consideration to AWARD A SINGLE SOURCE CONTRACT to McCandless Truck Center, Aurora, Colorado in the Amount of \$62,702.01 for Engine and Emission System Repair to International Truck Model 7400 SFA 6X4**

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

**10.a.5 Psychological Services – J Brower**

Consideration to EXTEND AN OPENLY SOLICITED CONTRACT to J. Brower Psychological Services, Denver, CO in the Total Amount of \$309,155.20 to Provide Psychological Counseling Services (Primary Vendor) for the Aurora Police Department through June 30, 2024. R-2081

John Schneebeck, Manager of Business Services, Police / Hanosky Hernandez, Senior Assistant City Attorney

**10.a.6 Psychological Services – Nicoletti-Flater**

Consideration to EXTEND AN OPENLY SOLICITED CONTRACT to Nicoletti- Flater Associates, Lakewood, Colorado in the Amount of \$54,556.80 to Provide Psychological Counseling Services (Secondary Contractor) for the Aurora Police Department through July 31, 2024. R-2081

John Schneebeck, Manager of Business Services, Police / Hanosky Hernandez, Senior Assistant City Attorney

**10.a.7 Youth Violence Prevention Program Funding Recommendation for Boys and Girls Club of Metro Denver**

Joseph DeHerrera, Youth Violence Prevention Program Manager, Housing and Community Services / Angela Garcia, Senior Assistant City Attorney

**10.a.8 Youth Violence Prevention Program Funding Recommendation for Sims-Fayola Foundation**

Joseph DeHerrera, Youth Violence Prevention Program Manager, Housing and Community Services / Angela Garcia, Senior Assistant City Attorney

**10.a.9 Youth Violence Prevention Program Community Prevention Big Brothers Big Sisters Funding Recommendation**

Joseph DeHerrera, Youth Violence Prevention Program Manager, Housing and Community Services / Angela Garcia, Senior Assistant City Attorney

**10.a.10 Youth Violence Prevention Program Funding Recommendation for the Aurora Housing Authority**

Joseph DeHerrera, Youth Violence Prevention Program Manager, Housing and Community Services / Angela Garcia, Senior Assistant City Attorney

**10.a.11 Youth Violence Prevention Program Funding Recommendation for Junior Achievement, Rocky Mountain Inc.**

Joseph DeHerrera, Youth Violence Prevention Program Manager, Housing and Community Services / Angela Garcia, Senior Assistant City Attorney

**10.a.12 Youth Violence Prevention Program Funding Recommendation for Seeing Our Adolescents Rise (SOAR)**

Joseph DeHerrera, Youth Violence Prevention Program Manager, Housing and Community Services / Angela Garcia, Senior Assistant City Attorney

**10.a.13 Youth Violence Prevention Program Funding Recommendation for Compound of Compassion**

Joseph DeHerrera, Youth Violence Prevention Program Manager, Housing and Community Services / Angela Garcia, Senior Assistant City Attorney

**10.a.14 Youth Violence Prevention Program Funding Recommendation for Empowering BIPOC Girls through Entrepreneurship**

Joseph DeHerrera, Youth Violence Prevention Program Manager, Housing and

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Community Services / Angela Garcia, Senior Assistant City Attorney

Joseph DeHerrera, Youth Violence Prevention Program Manager, provided a summary of the item.

CM Lawson asked for information on how referrals are done. Maya Wheeler, the Executive director for the Wezasha Dada Center for Empowering BIPOC Girls through Entrepreneurship, provided a response. CM Lawson clarified that she is asking on behalf of young girls who are currently participating in crime, and wanted to know if there is a way through the mentorship program to show them another way by allowing the judicial system to provide referrals. M. Wheeler indicated that she is in the process of building a relationship with a probation department located nearby. M. Wheeler provided information on how the program is going so far.

CM Jurinsky asked for the number of girls currently enrolled in the program. M. Wheeler responded. CM Jurinsky highlighted that the first time this item was presented to Council it sounded like they were not their own non-profit but were operating under someone else's non-profit program. M. Wheeler clarified her association with the non-profit organization, Trailhead Institute. CM Jurinsky asked why Trailhead didn't apply and wanted to know if they have been vetted by the City. M. Wheeler provided additional information.

CM Medina clarified the role of the fiscal sponsor, noting his experience working with those agencies. He noted that it's for non-profits that are just starting out, but might not have the bandwidth, money or resources to have accounting, HR, etc. He clarified that Trailhead serves basically as a conduit as many other companies do. He added that he has worked with Trailhead in the past with good results in other areas where non-profits went on to be their own 501c3's. They do fiscal sponsorships, and he clarified that these organizations are not operating nefariously or trying to take money from the City. CM Medina expressed that, to him, it is an extra guarantee that those things will be fulfilled and illustrates a benchmark for holding the organization accountable.

Motion by Coombs, second by Marcano to approve 10.a.14.

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

Voting Nay: Gardner

**10.a.15 Youth Violence Prevention Program Funding Recommendation for the African Chamber of Commerce**

Joseph DeHerrera, Youth Violence Prevention Program Manager, Housing and Community Services / Angela Garcia, Senior Assistant City Attorney

**10.a.16 Youth Violence Prevention Program Funding Recommendation for Aurora Sister Cities International**

Joseph DeHerrera, Youth Violence Prevention Program Manager, Housing and Community Services / Angela Garcia, Senior Assistant City Attorney

**10.a.17 Youth Violence Prevention Program Funding Recommendation for A1 Boxing**

Joseph DeHerrera, Youth Violence Prevention Program Manager, Housing and Community Services / Angela Garcia, Senior Assistant City Attorney

**10.a.18 Youth Violence Prevention Program Funding Recommendation for Urban Nature Impact**

Joseph DeHerrera, Youth Violence Prevention Program Manager, Housing and Community Services / Angela Garcia, Senior Assistant City Attorney

**10.a.19 Youth Violence Prevention Program Funding Recommendation for Struggle of Love Foundation**

Joseph DeHerrera, Youth Violence Prevention Program Manager, Housing and Community Services / Angela Garcia, Senior Assistant City Attorney

Joseph DeHerrera, Youth Violence Prevention Program Manager, provided a summary of the item.

CM Coombs spoke on the issue she was informed of at a luncheon with judges

where they expressed that they found it difficult to find organizations to refer young people to who are under the age of 14 for a variety of supports including vocational programming and vocational supports. She noted that this is a type of support that the Struggle of Love foundation is already providing in the Aurora community. She indicated that they receive large amounts of funding through Denver and other entities and that this grant would not be their main financial support, but in that process, they are still serving Aurora families that go to the Park Hill City Golf Course or Montbello to seek these services. CM Coombs said that issues don't stop at City borders, which are artificial boundaries, that the kids are not going to follow with respect to the types of behaviors and issues that they are trying to address. She noted that food assistance is being provided to Aurora families as well as vocational support for kids of all ages, including the really young kids that they'd want to keep from getting into trouble, is being provided by the organization without a single cent of funding from the City of Aurora right now. CM Coombs expressed that a fraction of their funding that would come from the grant would expand their capacity to have more of an impact on Aurora families, and so she urged her colleagues to recognize that demonstrated work with support that is going to help make things better for Aurora kids and families.

CM Medina agreed with CM Coombs and noted his work with the Hodges in Montbello since he does work in that sector and Aurora. He commented on the Heal the Hood event in Montbello which was well received, and the agencies that are helping with youth violence. He would like to see some of that bleed over to Aurora because he thinks it's a powerful thing when all those agencies get together collectively to share their resources and get to know one another better. He expressed his belief that it takes everyone as community members, and he feels they do a great job and have a good story with proven track records. CM Medina indicated that he would like his colleagues to vote yes.

Motion by Coombs, second by Marciano to approve 10.a.19.

Voting Aye: Mayor Coffman, Coombs, Marciano, Medina, Murillo

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

**10.a.20 Youth Violence Prevention Program Funding Recommendation for the Collaborative Healing Initiative within Communities (CHIC)**

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Joseph DeHerrera, Youth Violence Prevention Program Manager, Housing and Community Services / Angela Garcia, Senior Assistant City Attorney

**10.a.21 Youth Violence Prevention Program Funding Recommendation for the Road Called STRATE**

Joseph DeHerrera, Youth Violence Prevention Program Manager, Housing and Community Services / Angela Garcia, Senior Assistant City Attorney

**10.a.22 Youth Violence Prevention Program Funding Recommendation for Fully Liberated Youth**

Joseph DeHerrera, Youth Violence Prevention Program Manager, Housing and Community Services / Angela Garcia, Senior Assistant City Attorney

**10.a.23 Youth Violence Prevention Program Funding Recommendation for Denver Area Youth for Christ**

Joseph DeHerrera, Youth Violence Prevention Program Manager, Housing and Community Services / Angela Garcia, Senior Assistant City Attorney

**10.a.24 Youth Violence Prevention Program Funding Recommendation for the 18th Judicial Assessment Center**

Joseph DeHerrera, Youth Violence Prevention Program Manager, Housing and Community Services / Angela Garcia, Senior Assistant City Attorney

**10.a.25 Youth Violence Prevention Program Funding Recommendation for Colorado UpLift**

Joseph DeHerrera, Youth Violence Prevention Program Manager, Housing and Community Services / Angela Garcia, Senior Assistant City Attorney

**10.b. Planning Matters**

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

Council heard public in-person testimony on Consent Calendar items.

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Motion by Lawson, second by Bergan to adopt the Consent Calendar with 10.a.14 and 10.a.19 removed.

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

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

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11.a. **Resolutions**

**11.a.1 Resuming Stage Normal Water Availability**

**R2023-69** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, EXPRESSING THE AURORA CITY COUNCIL'S DECLARATION OF NORMAL WATER AVAILABILITY CONDITIONS EFFECTIVE JUNE 29th, 2023

Waiver of reconsideration is requested to ensure the effective day to return to the Normal Water Availability conditions effective June 29, 2023.

Greg Baker, Manager of Public Relations, Aurora Water / Ian Best, Assistant City Attorney

Marshall Brown provided a summary of the item.

CM Coombs asked for information about reduction in water use throughout May and June in the City resulting from unprecedented storms in those months. M. Brown provided a response. CM Coombs asked to know what the impact would be if the City continued to have cooler weather and if folks continued to not irrigate as much and continue to conserve. M. Brown responded with information on how to conserve, and programs available.

CM Zvonek asked if there were any residents or businesses that were impacted by the fee based on the stage 1 drought restrictions. M. Brown responded.

CM Bergan shared her bill cost and water usage that was down from 22 gallons to 4 gallons.

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CM Jurinsky noted that the rain season is an act of God and not due to Marshall Brown. She presented the Aurora newsletter that is sent out with the water bill includes an article about how to prepare for flooding, while also including information about upcoming drought surcharges. She expressed that the messaging is a fumble. CM Jurinsky criticized the use of water sprinklers past 11 am on the Great Lawn, noting that this is where a "rules for thee, but not for me" type of government does not work for her. She requested that the \$600,000 assessed to the residents of Aurora in surcharge fees be refunded. CM Jurinsky expressed disappointment that when the monsoon season and flooding started, her and her colleagues could have gotten together to end the stage 1 drought restrictions.

CM Coombs responded to CM Jurinsky and expressed the need for Council to make data driven decisions. She noted that the reservoirs did not recover in one big rainstorm or flood, which gave them no reason to believe that that was going to happen. CM Coombs shared that she feels it was the responsible and right decision to make at that time. For people who chose to turn on their irrigation systems while people are flooding, knowing that surcharges were coming forward, was a choice that they made, and not something that was imposed on them. She responded to CM Jurinsky by expressing that even though it would give her kudos to say refund the money to the customers who chose to turn on their systems during a period of unprecedented rain, she disagrees. CM Coombs emphasized the need for incentives and mechanisms in place that encourage people to conserve. CM Coombs noted that one big rain season doesn't change the fact that they've lived in drought their entire lifetime. She stated that everyone should be responsible about water even if we have one big rainstorm.

CM Jurinsky doesn't feel the \$600,000 on residents is grandstanding and that Council has the responsibility of being good stewards for Aurora residents. She noted that her biggest issue with this is that Council voted for so many government restrictions and control without a moment of pause to go into the rain season, just more government control.

Mayor Coffman, recognizing himself as the individual who introduced the water conservation ordinance to Council, discussed that the fundamental issue in water conservation on new developments is to reduce outdoor irrigation. He noted that outdoor irrigation is about 50% of Aurora's water use, and it is

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water that is not able to be reclaimed, as opposed to water that goes down the drain and can be reclaimed, cleaned up, and put it back into the river to use until extinction. Mayor Coffman expressed that the fundamental issue of this long-term problem is that climate change is a reality and although Aurora experienced two great months of rain, it didn't help in the mountains and the snowpack. Mayor Coffman illustrated that it made a difference in people not utilizing their systems and the reservoirs coming up to 91-100%. He indicated that it is a long-term reality and Aurora is taking a leadership position in Colorado with the river basins, and that it's not an easy decision but in the discussion of having courage, the response is having the courage to move forward.

Mayor Pro Tem Gardner expressed agreement with CM Jurinsky in that they were the two who supported to reconsider the drought declaration several months ago. He shared his disappointment that Aurora residents are burdened with paying \$600,000 extra when they didn't have to. He feels that it's easy to say follow the data, but that it's clear that it should have been removed. MPT Gardner expressed that his biggest frustration is that Council was told to pass the water conservation ordinance or water rates would be increased, then when it was passed, they were told they had to increase water rates or a drought declaration would be needed, and although he opposed, Council approved to increase rates, and finally after rates were increased there was a drought declaration. He finds that it's frustrating to himself and residents that staff says Aurora has to do things or else the next thing will come, but the next thing comes anyways, which he says causes residents not to trust them. He expressed support for a resolution to refund Aurora residents \$600,000.

Mayor Coffman clarified that MPT Gardner did not provide an honest depiction of the debate that occurred, and that there was no statement saying if the water conservation measures passed that Aurora will not be raising rates at all. He clarified that the issue is that if it hadn't passed, they would've had to raise the rates more going forward with new development.

CM Marcano expressed disbelief in the discussion that has unfolded and expressed interest in getting back on track. He asked staff if they had a running total for how much water Aurora has been able to catch in their system. M. Brown expressed ability to get that information. CM Marcano requested to have that information released in total inches and asked for the

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average annual rainfall for Aurora in inches. M. Brown responded that the average is around 14 inches which Aurora has achieved this year.

CM Bergan asked M. Brown if the recent rain helps the aquifers. M. Brown clarified the impact of rainstorms on the aquifers.

Motion by Sundberg, second by Zvonek to approve item 11.a.1.

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

**11.a.2 Declaration of Surplus Property Known as the Thompson Parcel at Tetsel Campus**

**R2023-70 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, APPROVING THE DECLARATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE THOMPSON PARCEL AT TETSEL CAMPUS**

Alexandra Davis, Deputy Director of Water Resources, Aurora Water / Michelle Gardner, Senior Assistant City Attorney

**11.b. Finalizing Ordinances**

*Ordinances approved unanimously at first reading.*

**11.b.1 Tollgate Apartments Comprehensive Plan Amendment**

**2023-17 CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, AMENDING THE 2018 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO CHANGE THE PLACETYPE MAP FROM INDUSTRY HUB TO URBAN DISTRICT FOR THE AREA LOCATED NORTH OF 6TH AVENUE AND WEST OF DILLON WAY, BOUNDED BY I-225 ON THE WEST AND TOLLGATE CREEK/13TH AVENUE TO THE NORTH (TOLLGATE APARTMENTS COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT URBAN DISTRICT)**

Stephen Rodriguez, Planning Supervisor, Planning and Development Services /

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Daniel L. Money, Senior Assistant City Attorney

**11.b.2 Tollgate Apartments Zoning Map Amendment**

**2023-18 CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, REZONING A PARCEL OF LAND MEASURING 13.8 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, LOCATED NORTH OF 6TH AVENUE ON THE WEST SIDE OF DILLON WAY, BOUNDED BY I-225 ON THE WEST AND TOLLGATE CREEK / 13TH AVENUE STATION TO THE NORTH, CITY OF AURORA, COUNTY OF ARAPAHOE, STATE OF COLORADO FROM BUSINESS / TECH DISTRICT (I-1) TO MIXED-USE TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT ZONE DISTRICT EDGE SUBDISTRICT (MU-TOD-EDGE)AND AMENDING THE ZONING MAP ACCORDINGLY (TOLLGATE APARTMENT ZONING MAP AMENDMENT)**

Stephen Rodriguez, Planning Supervisor, Planning and Development Services / Daniel L. Money, Senior Assistant City Attorney

**11.b.3 Acquisition of Real Property Necessary for the Eastern Aurora Utility Extension Project**

**2023-19 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, TO EXERCISE THE POWER OF EMINENT DOMAIN FOR ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY INTERESTS NECESSARY FOR THE EASTERN AURORA UTILITY EXTENSION PROJECT**

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

Outside speaker: Don Ostrander, Esq., Hamre, Rodriguez, Ostrander & Prescott

**11.b.4 Amending Section 94-42 (4) of the City Code Pertaining to Harassment**

**2023-20 FOR AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, AMENDING SECTION 94-42 (4) OF THE CITY CODE PERTAINING TO HARASSMENT**

Julie Heckman, Deputy City Attorney / Megan Platt, Assistant City Attorney

**11.b.5 Aurora Police Department Division and Deputy Chiefs - Ordinance for**

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**2023 Ballot**

**2023-23 FOR AN ORDINANCE SUBMITTING TO A VOTE OF THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, AT THE REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION OF NOVEMBER 7, 2023, PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE 3-14, SUBSECTIONS (1), (5), & (7), OF THE CITY CHARTER CONCERNING AUTHORIZED POLICE DIVISION AND DEPUTY CHIEF POSITIONS AND CLARIFYING EXCEPTIONS FROM CIVIL SERVICE MEMBERSHIP**

Chris Juul, Division Chief, Police / Jack Bajorek, Deputy City Attorney

Motion by Coombs, second by Lawson to approve the Resolution and Ordinances Consent Calendar items with 11.a.1 removed.

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

12. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

*Public hearings with or without related ordinances*

12.a. **Prairie Point Site Plan No. 1 (Kings Point North) – Zoning Map Amendment**

**2023-24 A PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, REZONING A PARCEL OF LAND MEASURING 910 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, LOCATED BETWEEN PARKER ROAD AND E-470, CITY OF AURORA, COUNTY OF ARAPAHOE, STATE OF COLORADO TO ADJUST THE BOUDNARIES OF LOW-DENSITY RESIDENTIAL ZONE DISTRICT (R-1) AND MEDIUM-DENSITY RESIDENTIAL ZONE DISTRICT (R-2) AND AMENDING THE ZONING MAP ACCORDINGLY (PRAIRIE POINT NO. 1 ZONING MAP AMENDMENT)**

Erik Gates, Planner, Planning and Development Services / Daniel L. Money, Senior Assistant City Attorney

Mayor Coffman opened the public hearing.

Erik Gates, a Planner with Planning and Development Services, provided a summary of

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the item.

CM Coombs asked why the area was being downzoned given the significant housing needs and if it would not be possible to build the proposed product with the existing zoning. Jeff Mark from Terracina Design, the land planners on the project, clarified that changing the zoning does not affect the total number of units allowed (1,786 units) according to their approved master plan. The zoning adjustment was made because they moved the main collector road and wanted to prevent future issues of having lots split across two different zone districts.

CM Bergan noted that despite the change in zoning, the total number of units remained the same. She highlighted the presence of open space and a golf course near the north side of E-470, pointing out that the R-2 zoning is closer to E-470. She noted that despite the change in zoning, the total number of units remained the same. She suggested that this arrangement makes sense in terms of accommodating the area's topography and its slopes.

Mayor Coffman closed the public hearing.

Motion by Jurinsky, second by Bergan to approve 12.a.

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

#### 12.b. **Westlake Vista Zoning Map Amendment**

**2023-25 A PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, REZONING A PARCEL OF LAND MEASURING 2.72 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, LOCATED AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SABLE BOULEVARD AND E. 21ST AVENUE, CITY OF AURORA, COUNTY OF ADAMS, STATE OF COLORADO FROM RURAL RESIDENTIAL ZONE DISTRICT (R-R) TO MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL ZONE DISTRICT (R-2) AND AMENDING THE ZONING MAP ACCORDINGLY (WESTLAKE VISTA ZONING MAP AMENDMENT)**

Ariana Muca, Planner, Planning and Development Services / Daniel L. Money, Senior Assistant City Attorney

Outside Speaker: Collin Kemberlin, Kemberlin Architecture

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Mayor Coffman opened the public hearing.

Ariana Muca, a Planner with Planning and Development Services, provided a summary of the item.

Collin Kemberlin, representing Kemberlin Architecture, provided an in-depth overview of their development plan.

CM Lawson questioned the safety implications of the townhomes' proximity to the busy Sable Road. C. Kemberlin responded that the units do not directly front Sable, and there is a considerable setback with a change in elevation for safety and traffic calming. He also detailed plans for street widening and the creation of a detached sidewalk with street trees.

Mayor Coffman asked about the projected price range for the townhomes, which Paula Workman estimated to be in the range of \$400,000 to \$600,000, aligning with the median price range in Aurora.

CM Coombs asked about potential parking credit for transit-oriented development. C. Kemberlin responded that they meet the zoning minimums, provide sufficient parking, and accommodate other modes of transportation, hence negating the need for parking reductions.

CM Marcano inquired about the potential added cost of parking minimums per unit. C. Kemberlin responded that the cost was negligible, considering the inherent economical design of the townhomes, which includes a 400 square foot unheated garage that fits within the existing structure and thus adds very little to the overall cost.

Mayor Coffman closed the public hearing.

Motion by Sundberg, second by Marcano to approve item 12.b.

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

12.c. **8641 Murphy At 32nd And Airport Zoning Map Amendment**

**2023-26 A PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, REZONING A PARCEL OF LAND MEASURING 2.537 ACRES MORE OR LESS AT 3001 N AIRPORT BLVD FROM MIXED USE CORRIDOR DISTRICT (MU-C) TO BUSINESS/TECH DISTRICT (I-1) AND AMENDING THE ZONING MAP ACCORDINGLY (8641 MURPHY AT 32ND AND AIRPORT ZONING MAP AMENDMENT)**

Ariana Muca, Planner, Planning and Development Services / Daniel L. Money, Senior Assistant City Attorney

Mayor Coffman opened the public hearing.

Ariana Muca, a Planner with Planning and Development Services, provided a summary of the item.

Mayor Coffman and CM Coombs questioned the function and necessity of the proposed fuel station and convenience store, given the proximity to other such establishments. Jeff, representing Murphy Fuel, explained that an extensive market analysis had been conducted which justified the project, indicating that the local area, including Gateway Park, would support and benefit from this development. It was confirmed that the establishment will not accommodate overnight parking for trailers or trucks.

CM Coombs voiced concerns about the potential oversaturation of fueling stations in the local area, pointing out the presence of multiple Flying J's and a Phillips 66 nearby. Although the proposed project does not violate any zoning rules, Coombs worried about the potential impact on existing businesses and the possible challenges of redevelopment should any gas station go out of business.

Mayor Coffman closed the public hearing.

Motion by Jurinsky, second by Sundberg to approve item 12.c.

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

13. **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

14. **FINALIZING OF ORDINANCES**

*Ordinances not approved unanimously at first reading*

14.a. **Aurora Fire Rescue (AFR) and Aurora Police Department (APD) Probation and Promotion – Ordinance for 2023 Ballot**

**2023-21 FOR AN ORDINANCE SUBMITTING TO A VOTE OF THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, AT THE REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION OF NOVEMBER 7, 2023, PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE 3-16, SUBSECTIONS (2) & (6), AND ARTICLE 3-17 SUBSECTION (3) OF THE CITY CHARTER CONCERNING POLICE AND FIRE PROBATIONARY PERIODS AND PROMOTIONS**

Chris Juul, Division Chief, Police / Jack Bajorek, Deputy City Attorney

Jack Bajorek, Deputy City Attorney, provided a summary of the item.

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

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

Voting Nay: Gardner

14.b. **Aurora Fire Rescue (AFR) and Aurora Police Department (APD) Lateral Recruiting – Ordinance for 2023 Ballot**

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**2023-22 FOR AN ORDINANCE SUBMITTING TO A VOTE OF THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, AT THE REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION OF NOVEMBER 7, 2023, PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE 3-16 SUBSECTION (10) OF THE CITY CHARTER CONCERNING HIRING AND TRAINING OF LATERAL POLICE OFFICERS AND FIREFIGHTERS**

Chris Juul, Division Chief, Police / Jack Bajorek, Deputy City Attorney

Jack Bajorek, Deputy City Attorney, provided a summary of the item.

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

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

Voting Nay: Gardner

15. **ANNEXATIONS**

16. **RECONSIDERATIONS AND CALL UPS**

17. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

18. **REPORTS**

18.a. **Mayor**

Mayor Coffman announced his next Town Hall meeting to be on July 15th at the Aurora Central Library. The meeting would include a presentation on the consent decree, a presentation by the Aurora Police Department (APD), and his own presentation on future policies for assisting those experiencing homelessness.

Mayor Coffman also recounted his recent public safety visits with the Direct Action Response Team (DART) and the ambulance service. With DART, he observed the tracking and arrest of a car thief through a dart tracking system called Star Chase. With the ambulance service, he attended two emergency calls; one was a drug-

related mental health crisis and the other involved injuries from a fight at an apartment building's pool. He expressed his admiration for the professionalism of the paramedics and emergency medical technicians.

18.b. **Council**

CM Lawson provided a legislative update, noting progress in the House and Senate regarding appropriations and expecting more information about congressional directed spending projects soon. She highlighted the implementation of the new \$38.5 billion Colorado state budget starting July 1st and the effectiveness of the city-supported Senate Bill 23-97 on the same date, which changes the penalties for motor vehicle theft. She discussed her participation in the Colorado Municipal League, where she was involved in elections and a panel discussion on Aurora's Approach to Youth Violence. Lawson also announced the next FSIR meeting scheduled for July 21st and thanked constituents who attended the recent At-Large Town Hall meeting.

CM Jurinsky reported attending the Annual Accelerate Colorado Trip, organized by Aurora Economic Development, mentioning that many beneficial points for Aurora were raised. She acknowledged CM Zvonek's efforts to secure funding for homeless shelters. Jurinsky also attended a night of remembrance where Holocaust survivor Oscar Sladek was the speaker, commending the DEI Office for organizing the event. Finally, she urged people considering adopting a pet to visit the Aurora Animal Shelter, which he noted was in a challenging situation.

CM Sundberg recounted that the Washington D.C. trip was fruitful, and the Colorado Municipal League (CML) event was enjoyable and facilitated many connections. He announced an upcoming Town Hall co-hosted with CM Jurinsky on July 20th, where they plan to discuss public safety with Chief Acevedo, open space, and the budget. He reminded that the event will take place at the Central Rec Center at 6:30 p.m.

CM Medina reported on his attendance at community events in his Ward, such as the Sierra Ridge Community Event and one at Terrance Park Apartments, where residents gathered to discuss safety matters. He indicated these events were well-attended and facilitated dialogues among community members. He mentioned another upcoming meeting with the Mayor at Lansing Elementary, focused on safety issues in his Ward. Lastly, he stated that his next Town Hall will be on August 2nd, with no meeting in July due to vacation.

CM Marcano announced that the next Ward IV meeting was scheduled for Thursday, July 13th at Colorado Early Colleges. He mentioned that the Open Space Board would join the meeting to present and discuss the importance of preserving open spaces and wild places. He also noted that the meeting would include a recap of the 31st Annual Congress of the New Urbanism. He expressed hope to see everyone at the meeting and wished them a great weekend.

CM Coombs announced that her next Town Hall was scheduled for Tuesday, June 18th at the Central Rec Center, with the meeting also being accessible virtually. She shared her experience of attending a Pride Month luncheon and viewing an immersive art exhibit at the People's Building. She mentioned that they held an Aurora Pride meeting, planning an event on August 5th at the Aurora Reservoir. The family-friendly beach party event was set to include more family activities, more food vendors, and a stage closer to the vendors. She expressed anticipation for the event and appreciated her colleagues' support for the city's sponsorship of Aurora Pride.

CM Bergan reported that she attended a press conference about firework safety in collaboration with the Aurora Fire Rescue and TNT Fireworks. She emphasized the need for safe firework disposal and consideration for neighbors and pets during the 4th of July celebrations. She mentioned her involvement with the Opioid Nine Governance Board, which was finalizing the evaluation of RFPs. She also participated in the Accelerate Colorado Business Mission Trip, advocating for the Buckley Space Force Base and funding for upgrading the base's facilities and equipment. She expressed optimism about retaining the space command in

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Colorado, as per feedback from congressmen. She ended by noting her participation in the CML event, which was cut short due to her falling ill.

19. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Coffman adjourned the regular meeting of the City Council.



  
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MIKE COFFMAN, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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KADEE RODRIGUEZ, CITY CLERK

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