

## MINUTES

### Regular Meeting of the Aurora City Council

Monday, September 11, 2023

1. **RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2023, AND CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Coffman reconvened the regular meeting of the City Council for September 11, 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 September 11<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting.

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

5. **EXECUTIVE SESSION UPDATE**

Mayor Coffman provided an update on the Executive Session where negotiations were discussed.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

6.a. **August 28, 2023, Meeting Minutes**

Motion by Murillo, second by Bergan, to approve the minutes of the August 28, 2023, City Council meeting, as presented.

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

7. **PROCLAMATIONS OR CEREMONIES**

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7.a. **Constitution Week**

Mayor Coffman proclaimed September 17 through 23, 2023 as Constitution Week in the City of Aurora, Colorado.

7.b. **POW-MIA Recognition Day - Minute of Silence**

Mayor Coffman proclaimed September 15, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. as POW-MIA Recognition Day - Minute of Silence in the City of Aurora, Colorado.

Mayor Coffman read a land acknowledgment.

8. **PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD**

(non-agenda-related issues only)

Mayor Coffman made a public decorum announcement. Council heard public testimony on non-agenda-related items.

9. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Motion by Bergan, second by Coombs to adopt the agenda as presented.

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

10. **CONSENT CALENDAR - MOTIONS**

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10.a. **Motions**

10.a.1 **Financing Water Rights Access in Park County**

Marshall Brown, General Manager of Water, Aurora Water / Stephen Cann, Assistant City Attorney

10.a.2 **Consideration to AMEND AN OPENLY SOLICITED CONTRACT with HDR Engineering, Denver, Colorado in the Amount of \$1,322,500.00 for Engineering Services During Construction for the Utility Extension Project, Project NO. R-2037**

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

10.a.3 **Consideration to AWARD A CHANGE ORDER to Chato's Concrete, Denver, CO in the Amount of \$445,660.38 to Add Additional Work to the 2022 Fall Concrete Program; Project 5902A**

Nicholas Johnson, Engineering Supervisor, Public Works / Hanosky Hernandez, Senior Assistant City Attorney

10.a.4 **Consideration to AWARD A COMPETITIVELY BID CONTRACT to TK Elevator Corporation, Centennial, CO, in the Amount of \$408,354.00 for the Aurora Detention Center Elevator Modernization; Project 5896A**

Lynne Center, Deputy Director of Operations, Public Works / Hanosky Hernandez, Senior Assistant City Attorney

10.a.5 **Consideration to AWARD A SINGLE SOURCE CONTRACT to GEOShack, Denver, CO for the Purchase of Survey Equipment in the Amount of \$68,379.88**

Hector Reynoso, Manager of Real Property Services / Hanosky Hernandez, Senior Assistant City Attorney

10.a.6 **Broncos Funding Agreement with Chance Sports**

Rachel Whipple, Community Engagement Coordinator, Housing and Community Services / Angela Garcia, Senior Assistant City Attorney

10.a.7 **Broncos Funding Agreement with Pawsitive Pac Service Dogs**

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10.a.8 **Broncos Funding Agreement with Colorado Soccer Foundation**

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10.b **Planning Matters**

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

Motion by Gardner, second by Sundberg to approve the Consent Calendar - Motions.

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 **Elora Extra-Territorial Resolution**

**R2023-100** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, EXPRESSING THE AURORA CITY COUNCIL'S SUPPORT AND APPROVAL OF AN EXTRA-TERRITORIAL WATER SERVICE AGREEMENT

Sarah Young, Assistant General Manager of Planning and Engineering, Aurora Water / Ian Best, Assistant City Attorney

11.a.2 **Resolution Expressing Support of Development Within the Colorado Science and Technology Park Metropolitan District No. 1**

**R2023-101** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, EXPRESSING THE AURORA CITY COUNCIL'S SUPPORT OF DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE COLORADO SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PARK METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 1

Sponsor: Dustin Zvonek, Council Member

Laura Perry, Deputy City Manager / Brian Rulla, Assistant City Attorney

11.b **Finalizing of Ordinances**

11.b.1 **Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) Amendments to Clarify Parks and Open Space Provisions**

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**2023-40** CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL, OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 146 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO TO PROVIDE CORRECTIONS, CLARIFICATIONS AND UPDATES TO THE LAND USE REGULATIONS OF THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE (UDO)

Nicole Ankeney, Planning, Design and Construction Manager of Parks, Recreation and Open Space / Michelle Gardner, Senior Assistant City Attorney

11.b.2 **Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) Amendments to Update Various Sections in the Landscape, Dimensional, and Parking Standards**

**2023-41** CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 146 OF THE CITY CODE, TO ADDRESS LANDSCAPE, DIMENSIONAL AND PARKING STANDARDS WITHIN THE CITY

Brandon Cammarata, Planning Manager, Planning and Development Services / Rachel Allen, Client Services Manager, City Attorney

11.b.3 **Amending Chapter 70-20 of the City Code Regarding Designation of Floodplain Administrator**

**2023-42** FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 70-20 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, REGARDING DESIGNATION OF FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATOR

Sarah Young, Assistant General Manager of Planning and Engineering, Aurora Water / Ian Best, Assistant City Attorney

11.b.4 **Amending Chapter 138 of the City Code Pertaining to Certain Stormwater Drainage and Floodplain Administrator Delegations of Authority**

**2023-43** FOR AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, AMENDING SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 138 OF THE CITY CODE PERTAINING TO CERTAIN STORMWATER DRAINAGE AND FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATOR DELEGATIONS OF AUTHORITY

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11.b.5 **Amending Chapter 138 of City Code to Reflect Changes Made to Aurora Water's Organizational Structure**

**2023-44** FOR AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, AMENDING SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 138 OF THE CITY CODE

Sarah Young, Assistant General Manager of Planning and Engineering,  
Aurora Water / Ian Best, Assistant City Attorney

11.b.6 **Amendment to Chapter 98 of City Code Regarding Authority of the Parks Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Director**

**2023-45** FOR AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, AMENDING CHAPTER 98 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO TO ADD NEW SECTIONS TO BE NUMBERED 98-1 AND 98-2 AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE TO ESTABLISH DEDICATION AND DEVELOPMENT CRITERIA THROUGH ADOPTED RULES AND REGULATIONS

Nicole Ankeney, Planning, Design and Construction Manager of Parks,  
Recreation and Open Space / Michelle Gardner, Senior Assistant City Attorney

Motion by Gardner, second by Sundberg to approve the Consent Calendar - Resolutions and Ordinances.

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

12. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

13. **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

14. **FINALIZING OF ORDINANCES**

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15. **ANNEXATIONS**
16. **RECONSIDERATIONS AND CALL UPS**
17. **GENERAL BUSINESS**
18. **REPORTS**

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

Mayor Coffman mentioned that on August 24, he toured two-pallet home communities for individuals experiencing homelessness and interviewed residents and case managers. These communities are managed by the Salvation Army. On August 29, there was a presentation on Human Trafficking by APD's Internet Crimes Against Children section at the Tower Community Fellowship Church. He commended the APD's efforts in educating about identifying human trafficking and its consequences. On September 4, he did a ride-along with Officer Micaela Wiley in District III of the Aurora Police Department. He attended a meeting at the Arvada Court, a specialized court for low-level offenses among the homeless, along with CM Sundberg and other staff members. They discussed the Ready to Work program, aimed at helping homeless individuals achieve self-sufficiency. On September 7, he met with the Home Depot's senior personnel involved in loss prevention to discuss their actions. They also discussed potential assistance from the Aurora Police Department in preventing theft. He attended a Buckley Task Force Meeting, hosted by Congressman Jason Crow and the base commander, Colonel Heidi Dexter. Senator Hickenlooper and Senator Bennet were present as well. They discussed challenges related to the F-16 aircraft for the Colorado Air National Guard and energy issues on the base. Lastly, he mentioned that he recently went on a ride-along with a parking enforcement officer to better understand their duties. He emphasized that they do more than just enforce parking rules. They also look for stolen vehicles and can identify them by checking VINs on their onboard computers. They successfully identified a stolen vehicle during their ride-along, highlighting the underappreciated work of these officers.

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

CM Lawson began by expressing gratitude to her colleagues and the mayor for approving programs such as Chance Sports, the Pawsitive Pac Service Dogs, and the Colorado Soccer Foundation. She then provided a report on FSIR, stating that Congress had returned this month with a lengthy to-do list. Lawmakers had until September 30 to prevent a government shutdown by passing a continuing resolution. Other items on Congress's agenda included the FAA Reauthorization, the National Defense Authorization Act, the Farm Bill, Disaster Relief, and Funding for Ukraine. She mentioned that Governor Polis had signed an executive order to expand work-based learning opportunities across the state, including internships, pre-apprenticeships, and

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fellowships. Additionally, she mentioned that Pfizer scheduled a meeting on Friday at 1:00 p.m. to discuss federal legislation and state ballot initiatives.

CM Murillo announced that her September town hall had been canceled. She mentioned that efforts were underway to schedule a candidate forum. Additionally, she informed residents in Ward I about an organization that was providing and assisting in planting three trees per household in the area. These trees could include fruit-bearing varieties, and there was flexibility in the type of trees chosen. This initiative was aimed at replacing older trees and was being offered at no cost. Furthermore, she offered to provide contact information for anyone interested in availing themselves of the free resource.

CM Sundberg mentioned that earlier in the evening, he had a meeting with Deputy City Manager Laura Perry, Jason Batchelor, and Jacob Cox regarding an upcoming terawatt company that would bring electric vehicle charging for semis to North Aurora, Northeast Aurora, along I-70. This initiative was a few years away but was a fascinating topic. He stated that it might also offer temporary truck parking on its 54-acre property during the interim. The goal was to enable semi-trucks to travel 500 miles or more on a single electric charge, and they would be charged using a 30-megawatt electricity provision, which was significantly more than what the Empire State Building used, which was nine megawatts. He also mentioned that he enjoyed observing the problem-solving homelessness court with the mayor, viewing it as a small step towards addressing homelessness through phases of progress and recovery. Lastly, he announced that a town hall meeting for Ward II, scheduled for October 19, would be hosted by CM Jurinsky.

CM Medina mentioned that his town hall had taken place the previous Wednesday, during which the APD discussed various topics, including speeding issues in the city and ways to address them. There were also discussions about the presence of ATVs and smaller motorcycles on regular streets and measures to mitigate traffic related to them. He attended an event organized by the restoration outreach program, specifically their second annual 5K in North Aurora, which will occur on Saturday. Aurora Central's cross-country team participated in the event alongside community members. The APD's video gaming truck was present, along with the city's water department. Aurora Economic Development arranged for five food trucks that provided food to both the community and the runners. He also mentioned that he had the opportunity to tour the Emerald Fields dispensary in Havana, which he found interesting.

CM Marcano mentioned that he attended the Taste of the Middle East on Saturday and Ethiopia Day at Hinkley on Sunday. Both events were fantastic, featuring great food and a diverse turnout of residents. He also informed residents that the next Ward IV Meeting was scheduled for Thursday, September 14, at Colorado Early Colleges, located at 1400 South Abilene. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. During the meeting, there will be updates on the Build Up Aurora Program, discussions about

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Vision Zero, and a focus on human-scale development. Attendees were treated to snacks and dessert options from Cuba Bakery & Café, and he encouraged everyone not to miss out, hoping to see them there.

CM Coombs mentioned that she also attended the Taste of the Middle East and Ethiopian Day and brought home Ethiopian food for her family, which they enjoyed. She also attended the funeral of Lumumba Sayers, a community member tragically lost to gun violence. She participated in a ceremony at Cherokee Trail High School, where Cynthia Francis was honored for her military service. She also attended the Aurora Fox Arts Center gala, which was a fun event catered by Saj. At the gala, she learned that it would cost \$14,000 to ensure that all actors within the theater were paid above Denver's minimum wage, making Aurora competitive in terms of actor compensation. She informed residents about the upcoming Ward V Town Hall Meeting at Central Rec Center at 6:00 p.m., which included a candidate forum for the Mayor and Ward V. She mentioned that she hasn't heard from other At-Large candidates and felt it wouldn't be appropriate for her to be the only At-Large candidate speaking. Additionally, she mentioned a quarterly Saturday Town Hall Meeting scheduled for September 16<sup>th</sup>, focusing on safe streets and multimodal transportation at 10:30 a.m. at Mission Viejo Library.

CM Bergan shared that on the 31st, she attended a Public Safety Forum at Highpoint Church, where she addressed the audience and expressed gratitude to first responders for their dedicated service. She also mentioned that her town hall will take place on September 20<sup>th</sup>, from 06:00 to 08:00, at Heritage Eagle Bend Clubhouse. During the town hall, there will be presentations on open space and Build Up Aurora, along with updates on traffic and roads. She closed by acknowledging the significance of 9/11 and emphasized the importance of remembering how Americans came together in unity on that day when so many lives were changed forever.

Mayor Coffman thanked everyone and clarified, based on discussions with the City Attorney, that it was a statewide requirement for the APD to be present when a vehicle was towed, and this was not at the city's discretion.

## 19. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Coffman adjourned the regular meeting of the City Council.

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MIKE COEFMAN, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
KADEE RODRIGUEZ, CITY CLERK - Deputy  




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