

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Aurora City Council

Monday, September 25, 2023

1. **RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 25, 2023, AND CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Coffman reconvened the regular meeting of the City Council for September 25, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

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

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Angela Lawson

Public call-in instructions were provided in both English and Spanish.

3. **INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Mayor Coffman led the prayer for the September 25th Council Meeting. He asked for a moment of silence to commemorate the two lives lost in a house fire the previous week, despite the brave efforts of Aurora Fire Rescue.

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

5. **EXECUTIVE SESSION UPDATE**

Mayor Coffman provided an update on the Executive Session where they interviewed the interim city manager for the position of city manager.

Mayor Coffman read the land acknowledgment.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

6.a. **September 11, 2023, Meeting Minutes**

Motion by Bergan, second by Sundberg, to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2023, City Council meeting, as presented.

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

7. **PROCLAMATIONS OR CEREMONIES**

7.a. **Swearing-in Ceremony of Assistant City Attorneys**

Shawn Day, Presiding Judge

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.

Mayor Coffman and CM Marcano requested the contact information of Charles Cox who expressed his concern about a policy related to food trucks.

9. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

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

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

10. **CONSENT CALENDAR - MOTIONS**

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 **Restaurant Program Subrecipient Agreement Approval with Rare Trait LLC, for Cerebral Brewing Taproom (Ward 1)**

Sponsor: Curtis Gardner, Mayor Pro Tem / Crystal Murillo, Council Member

Robert Oliva, Senior Project Manager, Planning and Development Services / Rachel Allen, Client Group Manager, City Attorney

10.a.2 **Rampart 54-Inch Prestressed Concrete Cylinder Pipe Sliplining Program - Work Package Number 5**

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Consideration to AWARD WORK PACKAGE NUMBER 5 to an OPENLY SOLICITED CONTRACT with BT Construction, Henderson, Colorado in the Amount of \$3,370,690.00 for Construction Services of the Rampart 54" Prestressed Concrete Cylinder Pipeline Project, Phase 2, Project NO. R-5829A

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

- 10.a.3 **Consideration to AWARD A COMPETITIVELY BID CONTRACT to NORM Services, LLC, Aurora, Colorado in the Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$259,480.00 for the Removal of Solids from Binney Water Purification Facility Drying Beds 1 and 4, Project No. 4697**

Bobby Oligo, Manager of Water Treatment, Aurora Water / Hanosky Hernandez, Senior Assistant City Attorney

- 10.a.4 **Disposal and Replacement of Exhausted Granular Activated Carbon (GAC) from Binney Absorbers 1 and 6**

Consideration to AWARD A COMPETITIVELY BID CONTRACT to Norit Americas, Inc., Marshall, Texas in the Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$1,039,824.00 for the Removal, Disposal, and Replacement of Exhausted Granular Activated Carbon (GAC) from Binney Absorbers 1 and 6, Project No. 4698

Bobby Oligo, Manager of Water Treatment, Aurora Water / Hanosky Hernandez, Senior Assistant City Attorney

- 10.a.5 **Aurora Fire Rescue Station 9 and Fencing Project**

Consideration to AWARD CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 to an Openly Solicited Contract to HB&A LLC, Colorado Springs, Colorado in the Amount of \$99,260.10 for Architectural and Engineering Design Services for the Aurora Fire Rescue Station 9 and Fencing Project; R-2287

Waiver of reconsideration requested to maintain the design and construction schedule without interruption in order to meet spending deadlines of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding.

Elly Watson, Manager of Business Service, Public Works / Hanosky Hernandez, Senior Assistant City Attorney

- 10.a.6 **Consideration to AWARD AN OPENLY SOLICITED CONTRACT to Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., Greenwood Village, CO in the Amount of \$4,787,949.20 for Professional Design and Construction Management Services for the Smith Road Multimodal Project; R-2351**

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Waiver of reconsideration requested as there is a DRCOG deadline to award this contract to the selected consultant by September 30, 2023.

Gary Vidlock, Engineering Supervisor, Public Works / Hanosky Hernandez, Senior Assistant City Attorney

10.a.7 **Consideration to AWARD A SINGLE SOURCE CONTRACT to Stone Security, LLC, Salt Lake City, UT in the Amount of \$52,983.00 for Milestone Care+ Annual Software Support Renewal through September 14, 2024**

Waiver of reconsideration requested to maintain continuity of service within currently established support dates.

Scott Newman, Chief Information Officer / Hanosky Hernandez, Senior Assistant City Attorney

10.a.8 **Consideration to AWARD A SINGLE SOURCE CONTRACT to Fast Hosting Services, LLC Centennial, CO in the Amount of \$622,000.00 for GenTax Management Software Annual Subscription for Finance through September 30, 2024**

Scott Newman, Chief Information Officer / Hanosky Hernandez, Senior Assistant City Attorney

10.a.9 **Consideration to AWARD A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT to Accela Inc., San Ramon, California in the Amount of \$368,676.25 for 2023-2024 Annual Licensing and Maintenance for the Accela Workflow Process Software System through September 29, 2024**

Scott Newman, Chief Information Officer / 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 Veterans Affairs Commission**

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

10.c.2 **Consideration to Appoint One (1) Member to the Library Board**

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10.c.3 **Consideration to Appoint Two (2) Members and Reappoint One (1) Member to the Cultural Affairs Commission**

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

10.c.4 **Consideration to Appoint Seven (6) Members and Reappoint One (1) Member to the Aurora Youth Commission**

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

10.c.5 **Consideration to Appoint Seven (7) Incumbent Members to the Citizens' Water Advisory Commission**

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

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

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

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

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11.a **Resolutions**

11.a.1 **Porteos Business Improvement District Director Appointment**

R2023-102 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, APPOINTING TWO MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PORTEOS BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

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

11.a.2 **Drainage and Flood Control Improvements for Unnamed Creek Upstream of S. Jericho Way**

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R2023-103 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 AND THE URBAN DRAINAGE AND FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT, d/b/a MILE HIGH FLOOD DISTRICT REGARDING CONSTRUCTION OF FLOOD AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS FOR UNNAMED CREEK UPSTREAM OF SOUTH JERICHO WAY

James DeHerrera, Planning Services Manager, Aurora Water / Ian Best, Assistant City Attorney

11.a.3 **An Intergovernmental Agreement Regarding Funding of Major Drainageway Planning for East Toll Gate Creek Tributaries**

R2023-104 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 URBAN DRAINAGE AND FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT, d/b/a MILE HIGH FLOOD DISTRICT, AND THE SOUTHEAST METRO STORMWATER AUTHORITY REGARDING FUNDING OF MAJOR DRAINAGEWAY PLANNING FOR EAST TOLL GATE CREEK TRIBUTARIES

James DeHerrera, Planning Services Manager, Aurora Water / Ian Best, Assistant City Attorney

11.a.4 **Aurora Arts Ahead: Cultural Arts Plan 2023-36 Approval**

R2023-105 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, EXPRESSING THE AURORA CITY COUNCIL'S APPROVAL OF THE CITY'S CULTURAL ARTS PLAN

Midori Clark, Director of Library and Cultural Services / Tim Joyce, Assistant City Attorney

Outside Speaker: Kerri Drumm, Purpose Aligned Consulting

11.a.5 **Snow Removal and Plowing Operations on Local Streets**

R2023-106 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, APPROVING THE FORM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF

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AURORA, COLORADO, AND SPECIAL DISTRICT/HOA FOR SNOW REMOVAL AND PLOWING OPERATIONS ON LOCAL STREETS

Waiver of reconsideration requested to facilitate agreement approvals beginning in November.

Sponsor: Françoise Bergan, Council Member

Lynne Center, Deputy Director of Operations, Public Works / Michelle Gardner, Senior Assistant Attorney

11.a.6 **Intergovernmental Agreement with Prairie Point Community Authority Board (CAB) for Ownership and Maintenance of Certain Public Improvements**

R2023-107 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, FOR THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO AND THE PRAIRIE POINT COMMUNITY AUTHORITY BOARD REGARDING OWNERSHIP AND MAINTENANCE OF CERTAIN ENCROACHMENT IMPROVEMENTS

Haley B. Johansen, City Engineer, Public Works / Michelle Gardner, Assistant City Attorney

11.a.7 **Arapahoe County Department of Human Services - Aurora Police Department Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)**

R2023-108 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, APPROVING THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE AURORA POLICE DEPARTMENT AND ARAPAHOE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES

Art Acevedo, Chief of Police / Megan Platt, Assistant City Attorney

11.a.8 **Policy for Honorary Street Naming**

R2023-109 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, ADOPTING A POLICY FOR HONORARY STREET NAMING

Sponsor: Curtis Gardner, Mayor Pro Tem

Michelle Gardner, Senior Assistant City Attorney

11.a.9 **Honorary Street Naming of a Portion of E. 16th Avenue to Ruben Sims**

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Jr. Avenue

R2023-110 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, APPROVING THE HONORARY STREET NAMING OF A PORTION OF EAST 16TH AVENUE BETWEEN FLORENCE STREET AND EMPORIA STREET TO RUBEN SIMS JR. AVENUE

Sponsor: Curtis Gardner, Mayor Pro Tem

Michelle Gardner, Senior Assistant City Attorney

11.b **Finalizing of Ordinances**

Ordinances approved unanimously at first reading

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

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

12. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

12.a. **Amended and Restated Consolidated Service Plan for Aspen Business Park Metropolitan District, Aurora Crossroads Metropolitan Districts Nos. 1-2 and Crossroads East Metropolitan District**

R2023-111 A PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, APPROVING THE AMENDED AND RESTATED CONSOLIDATED SERVICE PLAN FOR ASPEN BUSINESS PARK METROPOLITAN DISTRICT, AURORA CROSSROADS METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NOS. 1-2, AND CROSSROADS EAST METROPOLITAN DISTRICT 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.

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Cesarina Dancy, Development Assistant Supervisor, mentioned that the applicant requested the continuance of this item to the October 23, 2023, Council meeting.

Motion by Zvonek, second by Bergan to continue Item 12.a to the October 23, 2023, regular City Council meeting.

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

13. **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

13.a. **Enforcement Provisions for Trailers, Semi-Trailers, and RVs**

2023-46 FOR AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, AMENDING SECTIONS 134-2(C)(4), 134-2(C)(5), 134-37(A)(20), 134- 356, 134-358, AND 134-425(A)(7) OF THE CITY CODE, AND COLORADO MODEL TRAFFIC CODE SECTION 1204 AS ADOPTED BY THE CITY OF AURORA, PERTAINING TO THE REGULATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE PARKING OF VEHICLES IN THE CITY

Sponsor: Mike Coffman, Mayor

Tim Joyce, Assistant City Attorney

Mayor Coffman provided a summary of the item.

CM Murillo asked if authorized police reserves could participate in the function of moving vehicles to alleviate the high backlog. Chief Acevedo responded.

CM Jurinsky asked whether the possibility of using reserve officers for tasks such as towing vehicles might lead to a reconsideration of Mayor Coffman's previous vote against the Reserve Department.

CM Marcano informed colleagues that he asked CM Lawson to include this issue in state priorities discussions, as an alternative to requiring sworn officers for vehicle towing due to the current statutory requirement. He mentioned that this would need Council approval to be added to state priorities and expressed hope for the body's support in the future.

CM Bergan inquired whether there were any exceptions to the 24-hour rule. Tim Joyce, Assistant City Attorney, responded that, as written, there were no exceptions.

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CM Bergan asked whether there were cases where this rule might cause issues, and T. Joyce provided an explanation. CM Bergan clarified asking if the 24-hour rule applied after being cited, and staff responded.

CM Coombs asked about section 134-358(A)(1), which defined recreational vehicles and included truck campers and conversion vans. She wondered if a truck camper, which essentially turned a truck into a bed, could also be considered a mode of transportation. She was concerned about situations where it might not be clear whether a vehicle was a recreational vehicle and whether it would fall under the restriction of not being parked on the street for more than 24 hours. T. Joyce responded to CM Coombs' question.

CM Coombs expressed doubt about the enforceability of the regulation if it was challenging to determine whether a vehicle had been converted into a recreational vehicle, as many converted vehicles, such as sprinter vans or trucks, might appear like regular vehicles. She was concerned that such a regulation might inadvertently lead to harassment of individuals who were using potentially converted vehicles that were not causing any nuisance and looked similar to non-converted vehicles, given the difficulty of distinguishing from the outside. T. Joyce answered and provided clarification.

CM Coombs expressed concern about the ambiguity of enforcement when a vehicle was designed for recreational use but also used for transportation. She was worried that the phrasing of the regulation, which stated that a vehicle was designed for a specific purpose, could lead to situations where individuals who used their vehicles for both transportation and recreational purposes might be prohibited from parking on the street. T. Joyce provided an explanation.

CM Coombs reiterated her concerns about the potential misuse of the complaint-based code enforcement system to harass neighbors. She mentioned scenarios where individuals might falsely claim code violations against their neighbors. Specifically, she raised the issue of someone reporting a neighbor for having a pickup truck with a shell that could be converted into a bed for camping, even if it primarily served as their transportation vehicle.

CM Marcano expressed concerns about the application of the regulation regarding camper shells. He shared a personal experience from his past working in construction, where a contractor used a camper shell on his pickup truck to store tools and materials, without ever using it for camping. He was worried that the current definition could inadvertently categorize work trucks with camper shells as violations. He supported the regulation's intent but suggested refining the language to prevent potential misuse and harassment of neighbors, as CM Coombs mentioned.

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Mayor Coffman proposed a motion for a continuance to the next regular meeting to refine the definition.

CM Bergan expressed appreciation for the mayor's willingness to make adjustments to the definitions, acknowledging that she encountered some difficulties with them.

CM Sundberg expressed gratitude for the decision to continue the discussion to address the concerns raised by CM Coombs and CM Marcano. He mentioned that a resident reached out to him, sharing an experience of feeling harassed by neighbors through code enforcement over four to five years, highlighting the legitimacy of these concerns.

Motion by Mayor Coffman, second by Zvonek to continue Item 13.a to the October 23, 2023, regular City Council meeting for the purpose of working on the definition.

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

14. **FINALIZING OF ORDINANCES**

Ordinances not approved unanimously at first reading

15. **ANNEXATIONS**

15.a. **Front Range Airpark Annexation Findings of Fact**

R2023-112 A PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS OF FACT REGARDING THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION OF A PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED IN SECTION 7, TOWNSHIP 3 SOUTH, RANGE 64 WEST OF THE SIXTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, COUNTY OF ADAMS, STATE OF COLORADO (FRONT RANGE AIRPARK) 653.12 ACRES

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

Jacob Cox, Manager of Development Assistance, Rachid Rabbaa, Planning Development Services staff, and Jack Reutzel, owner of Chelsea Investment, provided a summary of items 15.a through 15.c.

Mayor Coffman opened the public hearing.

Council heard public in-person testimony related to the item.

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Jason Batchelor responded to questions raised during the public hearing.

Mayor Coffman sought clarification from J. Reutzel, stating that the legal description was the binding factor, not the map. J. Reutzel confirmed this.

CM Marcano asked about the wavy or irregular line on the map, noting that it appeared to correspond to an existing dirt trail. However, when reviewing GIS data, he observed that the lines appeared to be straight. J. Reutzel responded by explaining that the legal description defined the straight sections of the path.

CM Bergan inquired about the applicant's request to change the zoning to an agricultural district due to its proximity to the transportation corridor by the airport, to which J. Cox clarified that they were seeking zoning for an airport district.

CM Bergan asked if the planning commission had unanimously approved the matter, and R. Rabbaa confirmed they did.

CM Sundberg asked Danni Danko-Holloway, who provided public in-person testimony if she received the report prepared by Jeffery Moore. D. Holloway responded, and CM Sundberg also acknowledged the question of land ownership. CM Sundberg proposed a three-way call involving Mr. Moore to address specific questions, with a commitment to follow up afterward.

Mayor Coffman acknowledged this but emphasized that it wouldn't alter the legal property ownership description.

Mayor Coffman closed the public hearing.

Motion by Gardner second by Zvonek to approve item 15.a.

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

15.b. **Front Range Airpark Annexation**

2023-47 FOR AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING A PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED IN SECTION 7, TOWNSHIP 3 SOUTH, RANGE 64 WEST OF THE SIXTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, COUNTY OF ADAMS, STATE OF COLORADO (FRONT RANGE AIRPARK) 653.12 ACRES

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

Motion by Gardner second by Bergan to approve item 15.b.

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

15.c. **Front Range Airpark Annexation Initial Zoning - Zoning Map Agreement**

2023-48 A PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, ZONING APPROXIMATELY 656.76 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, GENERALLY LOCATED AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF IMBODEN ROAD AND EAST 56TH AVENUE, COUNTY OF ADAMS, STATE OF COLORADO, TO AIRPORT DISTRICT AND AMENDING THE ZONING MAP ACCORDINGLY

Rachid Rabbaa, Planner, Planning and Development Services / Rachel Allen, Manager of Client Services, City Attorney

Mayor Coffman opened the public hearing.

Council heard public in-person testimony related to the item.

Mayor Coffman closed the public hearing.

Motion by Gardner second by Marcano to approve item 15.c.

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

16. **RECONSIDERATIONS AND CALL UPS**

17. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

18. **REPORTS**

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

Mayor Coffman mentioned going on a six-hour ride-along with Field Training Officer Jonas Spitzer in District 1 and expressed admiration for Officer Spitzer's professionalism. Additionally, he attended an event where Sherry Klein, a 22-year veteran of Aurora Dispatch, received the Telecommunicator of the Year Award. He stated he gave welcoming remarks at the 16th Annual Veteran Small Business Conference, which was sponsored by the City of Aurora and the Aurora South Metro Small Business Development Center. He found it uplifting to see veterans interested

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in starting or expanding their small businesses, given his background as a retired military member and former small business owner.

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

CM Jurinsky acknowledged the moment of silence that was observed for the family that lost two children in a fire. She expressed her appreciation for the firefighters from Fire Stations 4, 6, and 11 who responded to the incident, highlighting their role in handling the tragic situation and emphasizing the importance of recognizing and thanking first responders for their work and the challenges they face daily. She also extended her wishes for a Happy New Year to the Jewish residents.

CM Sundberg mentioned that he and the mayor attended a fundraiser for Hope Hall, which is involved in housing, childcare expansion, and educational support for students. He mentioned attending the APD Promotion Ceremony with CM Jurinsky, the Arapahoe County Open Space Shareback, and the Grant Program Recognition event. He highlighted that the city received more than \$152 million from the Shareback Program in the last 20 years. He also attended the Home Builders Association meeting focused on construction defect reform. He noted that they hope for progress on the issue of building condominiums at the state level.

CM Medina announced a town hall scheduled for October 4th at the Active Adults Center, from 6:30 to 8:00, featuring updates from the Youth Violence Program. He mentioned a function at Compare restaurant on October 7th, from 11:00 to 3:00, where they would have a booth to recruit community members for the police department.

CM Marcano attended the Aurora Mini-Con and extended thanks to Crit Castle and local vendors for their participation. He acknowledged attending the Arapahoe County Shareback event and commended CM Sundberg for speaking there. He expressed gratitude to the residents for making the Shareback Program permanent. He announced his upcoming Ward IV Meeting, scheduled for October 12th, which would feature a candidate forum with both current candidates confirmed. He encouraged residents to bring their questions and engage with the candidates running to represent them.

CM Coombs began by echoing the comments made by CM Jurinsky and expressing their inability to imagine the experience of parents having to carry children out of a burning home. She expressed gratitude to Chief Oughton for supporting firefighters after the incident. She emphasized her support for the affected parents and family and appreciated the mayor for observing a moment of silence in their honor. She mentioned her upcoming Ward town hall meeting scheduled for October 17, 6:00 p.m. at Heather Gardens, where updates from police and fire departments, along with Build Up Aurora and the Crisis Response Team, would be provided. She also shared that she stood with the United Auto Workers on strike in Aurora and Denver over the weekend and would continue to do so in support of their cause.

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CM Bergan expressed gratitude to first responders while offering prayers for the family affected by the fire tragedy. She reported attending various events, including the Veterans Small Business Conference reception with the mayor, where she emphasized the importance of supporting veterans in finding employment. She also attended the "Cones with a Cop!" event at Dairy Queen, highlighting the positive engagement between police officers and the community. She mentioned hosting a recent town hall and thanked the presenters. Additionally, she congratulated Officer Judy Lutkin on her retirement after more than 30 years of service with the Aurora Police Department, expressing appreciation for her dedication. She also attended the Shareback Event and expressed gratitude for the funds received through the grant program, mentioning CM Sundberg's role in featuring Red-tailed Hawk Park in Ward VI during the event.

19. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Coffman adjourned the regular meeting of the City Council.

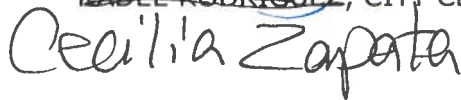


MIKE COFFMAN, MAYOR

ATTEST:



KADEE RODRIGUEZ, CITY CLERK



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