

## MINUTES

### Regular Meeting of the Aurora City Council

Monday, December 18, 2023

1. **RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 18, 2023, AND CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Coffman reconvened the regular meeting of the City Council for December 18, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Coffman, Bergan, Coombs, Gardner, Hancock, Jurinsky, Lawson, Medina, Sundberg, Zvonek

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Murillo

*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 December 18, 2023 Council Meeting.

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

4.a. **Boy Scout Troop Leading the Pledge of Allegiance**

5. **EXECUTIVE SESSION UPDATE**

Mayor Coffman provided an update on the Executive Session, where they discussed the status of litigation and property negotiations.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

6.a. **December 4, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

Motion by Bergan, second by Sundberg to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2023 council meeting.

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

7. **PROCLAMATIONS OR CEREMONIES**

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**7.a. Swearing-in Ceremony of City Manager Jason Batchelor**

Presiding Judge, Shawn Day, swore in City Manager Jason Batchelor.

**8. PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD**

(non-agenda-related issues only)

Council heard public testimony on non-agenda-related items.

**9. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Motion by Jurinsky, second by Zvonek to adopt the agenda removing Items 10.a.8. through 10.a.19 and moving to the winter budget workshop.

CM Coombs said the Council had consistently moved the discussion forward. She stated she asked for it to be moved to the budget workshop in September and it was not added and also brought it before a study session and there was no conversation about the details or facts. She said if they moved it to February they would not have the programs because the providers would cut them as they enter the coldest parts of the year. CM Coombs reminded Council that these are city services that they are funding. CM Coombs said the GAO put out a report saying a \$100 increase in rent leads to a 9% increase in homelessness, but they have seen a \$1300 increase in rent over a 10-year period. She stated they were making a choice to ignore their obligation to take care of people and they have had months to avoid this.

Mayor Coffman said he thought they had sufficient discussion on the issue and there were two proposals before them tonight, including flat funding for a year, 2/3 of full funding this year and 1/3 next year. He said if they waited to convene in February there would be no funding in January and asked them to consider supporting either proposal tonight.

CM Bergan said it was an exaggeration to say they would have people dying in the streets and basically not funding them when they did fund them, just not to the level they had in the past, and had a decrease in the marijuana sales tax revenues. She stated they wanted to reexamine the different proposals at the February workshop. She said there would be money for January and explained that in past years they were able to get federal dollars from the CARES Act and American Resue Act but those did not exist anymore. CM Bergan expressed they were trying to be responsible and to spend taxpayer money wisely.

Mayor Coffman asked relevant staff to come down.

CM Coombs clarified the organizations made it clear they will cut down their programs in proportion to their budget cuts as of January 1.

CM Gardner asked how they have staff coming down when they have not approved the agenda. He said the question was whether or not they were approving the agenda.

Mayor Coffman said he had questions for staff.

Motion by Gardner, second by Bergan, to call for the question.

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

Voting Nay: Mayor Coffman

Motion by Jurinsky, second by Zvonek, to adopt the agenda removing Items 10.a.8. through 10.a.19 and moving to the winter workshop.

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

Voting Nay: Mayor Coffman, Coombs, Medina

## 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 Consideration to AWARD A CHANGE ORDER TO AN OPENLY SOLICITED CONTRACT to Carollo Engineering, Inc., Broomfield, CO in the Amount of \$214, 841.00 for the Wemlinger Water Purification Facility (WPF) Electrical and Communications Improvement Project**

Swirvine Nyirenda, Project Delivery Services Manager, Aurora Water / Hanosky Hernandez, Senior Assistant City Attorney

**10.a.2 Consideration to AWARD A CHANGE ORDER TO AN OPENLY SOLICITED CONTRACT with Dewberry Engineers, Inc, Denver, Colorado in the Amount of \$185,272.00 to Provide Services During Construction for the Piney Creek Lift Station Power Improvements Project**

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

**10.a.3 Consideration to AMEND AN OPENLY SOLICITED CONTRACT with Cumming Management Group, Inc., Englewood, CO in the Amount of \$172,500.00 for Staff Augmentation for Aurora Water Project Management Services, Project NO R-2295**

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

**10.a.4 Consideration to AWARD AN OPENLY SOLICITED CONTRACT to Oalminagorta Consulting, LLC., Nibley, UT in the Amount of**

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**\$162,240.00 for Water Resources Modeling Services Staff Augmentation, Project NO. R-2383**

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

**10.a.5 Consideration to APPROVE A CHANGE ORDER TO AN EMERGENCY CONTRACT to TRS Corp, Englewood, CO in the Amount of \$126,000.00 for Professional Review Services for the Development Review Backlog On Call Contract, through June 30, 2024**

Darren Akrie, Land Development Review Supervisor, Public Works / Hanosky Hernandez, Senior Assistant City Attorney

**10.a.6 Residential Roof Inspection Services – Safebuilt Colorado**

Consideration to AWARD A COMPETITIVELY BID CONTRACT to Safebuilt Colorado, LLC, Loveland, Colorado in the Amount Not-to-Exceed \$750,000.00 for Residential Roof Inspection Services as Required for Building Permit Requests through December 31, 2024; B-4712

A waiver of reconsideration is requested to ensure the associated contract can be executed by December 31, 2023 and have all funding encumbered.

David Schoonmaker, Manager of Building Services, Public Works / Hanosky Hernandez, Senior Assistant City Attorney

The Council heard public testimony on the agenda item.

J. Batchelor commented on the item.

**10.a.7 Consideration to AWARD A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT in the Amount of \$374,400 to Falck Rocky Mountain Inc, Aurora, Colorado to Provide Medical Health Staffing Services for the Aurora Mobile Response Team**

Courtney Tassin, Crisis Intervention Program Manager, Housing and Community Services / Hanosky Hernandez, Senior Assistant City Attorney

**10.a.8 American Rescue Plan Act Funding Agreement Aurora Housing Authority**

Sponsor: Alison Coombs, Council Member

Emma Knight, Manager of Homelessness Behavioral Health, Housing and Community Services / Tim Joyce, Assistant City Attorney

**10.a.9 American Rescue Plan Act Funding Agreement Aurora Mental Health and Recovery**

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Sponsor: Alison Coombs, Council Member

Emma Knight, Manager of Homelessness Behavioral Health, Housing and Community Services / Tim Joyce, Assistant City Attorney

**10.a.10 American Rescue Plan Act Funding Agreement Bridge House Ready to Work**

Sponsor: Alison Coombs, Council Member

Emma Knight, Manager of Homelessness Behavioral Health, Housing and Community Services / Tim Joyce, Assistant City Attorney

**10.a.11 American Rescue Plan Act Funding Agreement Colorado Coalition for the Homeless**

Sponsor: Alison Coombs, Council Member

Emma Knight, Manager of Homelessness Behavioral Health, Housing and Community Services / Tim Joyce, Assistant City Attorney

**10.a.12 American Rescue Plan Act Funding Agreement Family Tree GOALS**

Sponsor: Alison Coombs, Council Member

Emma Knight, Manager of Homelessness Behavioral Health, Housing and Community Services / Tim Joyce, Assistant City Attorney

**10.a.13 American Rescue Plan Act Funding Agreement Gateway Domestic Violence Services**

Sponsor: Alison Coombs, Council Member

Emma Knight, Manager of Homelessness Behavioral Health, Housing and Community Services / Tim Joyce, Assistant City Attorney

**10.a.14 American Rescue Plan Act Funding Agreement Mile High Behavioral Healthcare, Aurora Day Resource Center**

Sponsor: Alison Coombs, Council Member

Emma Knight, Manager of Homelessness Behavioral Health, Housing and Community Services / Tim Joyce, Assistant City Attorney

**10.a.15 American Rescue Plan Act Funding Agreement Mile High Behavioral Healthcare, Colfax Community Network**

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Sponsor: Alison Coombs, Council Member

Emma Knight, Manager of Homelessness Behavioral Health, Housing and Community Services / Tim Joyce, Assistant City Attorney

**10.a.16 American Rescue Plan Act Funding Agreement Mile High Behavioral Healthcare, Comitis Crisis Center**

Sponsor: Alison Coombs, Council Member

Emma Knight, Manager of Homelessness Behavioral Health, Housing and Community Services / Tim Joyce, Assistant City Attorney

**10.a.17 American Rescue Plan Act Funding Agreement Restoration Christian Ministries**

Sponsor: Alison Coombs, Council Member

Emma Knight, Manager of Homelessness Behavioral Health, Housing and Community Services / Tim Joyce, Assistant City Attorney

**10.a.18 American Rescue Plan Act Funding Agreement The Salvation Army Chambers Safe Outdoor Space**

Sponsor: Alison Coombs, Council Member

Emma Knight, Manager of Homelessness Behavioral Health, Housing and Community Services / Tim Joyce, Assistant City Attorney

**10.a.19 American Rescue Plan Act Funding Agreement The Salvation Army Peoria Safe Outdoor Space**

Sponsor: Alison Coombs, Council Member

Emma Knight, Manager of Homelessness Behavioral Health, Housing and Community Services / Tim Joyce, Assistant City Attorney

**10.b. Planning Matters**

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

Motion by Gardner, second by Jurinsky, to move approve 10.a.1 through 10.a.8.

Voting Aye: Mayor Coffman, Bergan, Coombs, Gardner, Hancock, Jurinsky,

Lawson, Medina, Sundberg, Zvonek

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

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11.a. **Resolutions**

11.a.1 **Fulenwider Sanitary Reimbursement Agreement**

**R2023-155** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, EXPRESSING THE AURORA CITY COUNCIL'S APPROVAL OF THE SECOND CREEK SANITARY SEWER REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF AURORA ACTING BY AND THROUGH ITS UTILITY ENTERPRISE AND HM METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 1

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

11.a.2 **Amendment to an Intergovernmental Agreement with Metro Water Recovery for Delivery of Reusable Raw Water**

**R2023-156** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, EXPRESSING THE AURORA CITY COUNCIL'S APPROVAL OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, ACTING BY AND THROUGH ITS UTILITY ENTERPRISE AND THE METRO WASTEWATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT FOR DELIVERY OF REUSABLE RAW WATER

Alexandra Davis, Assistant General Manager of Water Supply and Demand, Aurora Water/Ian Best, Assistant City Attorney

11.a.3 **Appointing New Directors to the Murphy Creek Metropolitan District No. 3 Board of Directors**

**R2023-157** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO APPOINTING DIRECTORS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF MURPHY CREEK METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO.

Staff is requesting a waiver of reconsideration due to the need of the District to appoint board members prior to the end of the year.

Sponsor: Steve Sundberg, Council Member

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

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Council heard public testimony on the agenda item.

J. Cox gave a brief statement on the item.

CM Sundberg stated it was better left up to voters to decide board members and elected officials but it was unique and in their hands. He said it was a hard position for him to be in. He stated Doug emailed him to say they would all step aside if someone was committed and willing to do the work. CM Sundberg stated he interviewed five caring, qualified and committed candidates and there should be a changing of the guard in Murphy Creek.

Motion by Sundberg, second by Zvonek, to appoint five new members to the Murphy Creek District 3 Board.

CM Bergan said since CM Sundberg represented Ward 2 and lives in that district, she would follow his recommendation of those directors, but said it was highly unusual and they have never had to do this.

CM Coombs recommending amending the resolution to appoint the three people who had actually been elected and add two others.

Motion by Coombs, second by Medina, to amend the motion and appoint the three in the original resolution, along with Margaret Booker and Alex Ortiz.

Voting Aye: Coombs, Medina

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

CM Coombs stated there was a filing irregularity but there were three people that the residents voted for and they are voting to overturn that election.

CM Gardner said he understood there needed to be people on the board to carry out their business, but had not heard one valid argument of why the Council should step in. He said a metro district is an independent governmental entity that Council should not have a say in who is and is not on the board.

J. Cox agreed it was slightly unprecedented and the vacancies were resulting in an interruption of services.

Mayor said he believed it was a requirement under state law. J. Batchelor stated that was correct. Staff added there was a statutory provision that allowed the city to appoint a board when it was entirely vacant.

CM Hancock asked if the Council did nothing if that meant they would not be able to go forward with the bond initiatives and the problem they are having right now. Staff answered that in regards to the bond issuance, they would defer to legal counsel, but there are requirements of the district to make certain filings by January 10th and they could not make those deadlines without a board.

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Staff said should Council appoint a board tonight, the requirement would be a special election within the district within six months of tonight's appointment for the residents of the district to elect a board.

CM Hancock stated she was concerned it would set a precedent for the Council to get involved in this kind of thing. She said she understood, but questioned if they were acting properly by getting involved.

Mayor Coffman stated it was statutory authority to do it.

CM Bergan said it was highly irregular but the attorney said they had the authority to do it by law in certain circumstances and there would be a special election in May, so it was a temporary solution. She said her understanding was in order to refinance they had to have a resolution this month to be able to go out to bond.

CM Jurinsky called for the question. Motion failed with no second.

Mayor Coffman deferred to the elected official who lived in that metro district to make that decision given state law.

Motion by Sundberg, second by Zvonek, to appoint five new members to the Murphy Creek District 3 Board.

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

**11.a.4 An Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) Between Aurora and Aerotropolis Regional Transportation Authority (ARTA) for the Transfer of Tower Metropolitan District (MD) Mill Levy Funds**

**R2023-158** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, APPROVING THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF AURORA AND AEROTROPOLIS REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (ARTA) REGARDING TRANSFER OF ARI MILL LEVIES (Tower Metropolitan District)

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

**11.a.5 National Integrated Ballistic Information Network Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)**

**R2023-159** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, APPROVING THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE AURORA POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO,

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FIREARMS, AND EXPLOSIVES REGARDING THE NATIONAL INTEGRATED BALLISTIC INFORMATION NETWORK

Sean Mitchell, Police Lieutenant / Megan Platt, Assistant City Attorney

**11.a.6 Residential Snow Plow Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Blackstone Metropolitan District for Snow Removal and Plowing Operations on Local Streets**

**R2023-160** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, APPROVING THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO AND BLACKSTONE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT FOR SNOW REMOVAL AND PLOWING OPERATIONS ON LOCAL STREETS

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

**11.a.7 Residential Snow Plow Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Southshore Metropolitan District 2 for Snow Removal and Plowing Operations on Local Streets**

**R2023-161** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, APPROVING THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO AND SOUTHSHORE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 2 FOR SNOW REMOVAL AND PLOWING OPERATIONS ON LOCAL STREETS

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

**11.a.8 An Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) for Laredo St. Over High Line Canal Bridge Replacement Project**

**R2023-162** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, APPROVING THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF AURORA AND COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (CDOT) FOR THE LAREDO STREET OVER HIGH LINE CANAL BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Bret Banwart, Engineering Supervisor, Public Works / Michelle Gardner, Senior Assistant City Attorney

**11.a.9 An Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) Between Aurora and the Aerotropolis Regional Transportation Authority (ARTA) for the I-70 and Picadilly Interchange Funding Contributions**

**R2023-163** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, APPROVING THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN

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CITY OF AURORA AND AEROTROPOLIS REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION  
AUTHORITY (ARTA) REGARDING COOPERATIVE PROJECT FUNDING (Picadilly  
Road at Interstate 70)

Cindy Colip, Public Works Director / Michelle Gardner, Senior Assistant City  
Attorney

**11.a.10 An Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the Office of Alternate  
Defense Counsel for the Provision of Conflict Attorney Representations**

**R2023-164** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA,  
COLORADO, APPROVING THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO AND THE STATE OF COLORADO OFFICE OF  
ALTERNATE DEFENSE COUNSEL REGARDING THE PROVISION OF ATTORNEY  
REPRESENTATION IN CASES WHERE THE MUNICIPAL COURT APPOINTS AN  
ATTORNEY OTHER THAN THE MUNICIPAL PUBLIC DEFENDER TO REPRESENT AN  
INDIGENT PERSON AT ANY STAGE OF THE PROCEEDING

**Shawn Day, Presiding Judge, Aurora Municipal Court / Angela Garcia,  
Senior Assistant City Attorney**

**11.a.11 Rules of Order and Procedure: Amending City Council Rules Regarding  
Start Times of City Council Meetings and Study Sessions**

**R2023-165** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA,  
COLORADO, TO AMEND THE RULES OF ORDER AND PROCEDURE FOR THE  
AURORA, COLORADO, CITY COUNCIL REGARDING STUDY SESSION AND CITY  
COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING TIMES

Sponsor: Curtis Gardner, Council Member

Andrea Wood, Assistant City Attorney

**11.b. Finalizing of Ordinances**

**11.b.1 Update to Aurora Code 50-255 Pertaining to Conditions of Probation**

**2023-65** FOR AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
AURORA, COLORADO, AMENDING SECTION 50-255 OF THE CITY CODE  
PERTAINING TO THE CONDITIONS OF PROBATION

Shawn Day, Presiding Judge / Angela Garcia, Senior Assistant City Attorney

Motion by Gardner, second by Coombs, to approve 11.a.1 through 11.b.1, with 11.a.3  
removed.

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

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12. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**12.a Green Valley Ranch Comprehensive Plan Amendment**

**2023-66** A PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, AMENDING THE 2018 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO CHANGE THE PLACETYPE FROM CITY CORRIDOR TO EMERGING NEIGHBORHOOD FOR THE AREA LOCATED SOUTH OF 56TH AVENUE, BETWEEN PICADILLY ROAD AND E-470 (GREEN VALLEY RANCH COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT EMERGING NEIGHBORHOOD)

Deborah Bickmire, Senior Planner, Planning and Development Services / Lena McClelland, Assistant City Attorney

Mayor Coffman opened the public hearing.

Deborah Bickmire, Senior Planner, provided a presentation on the item.

Leila Rosales, Representative of Green Valley Ranch, provided a presentation on the item.

Mayor Coffman closed the public hearing.

Motion by Bergan, second by Sundberg, to approve Item 12.a.

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

**12.b Green Valley Ranch Zoning Map Amendment – MU-A to R-2**

**2023-67** A PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, FOR A ZONING MAP AMENDMENT TO REZONE 78.8 ACRES OF LAND TO MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, LOCATED WEST OF TIBET ROAD, BETWEEN E 54TH AVENUE AND E 52ND AVENUE

Deborah Bickmire, Senior Planner, Planning and Development Services / Lena McClelland, Assistant City Attorney

Mayor Coffman opened the public hearing.

Mayor Coffman closed the public hearing.

Motion by Sundberg, second by Hancock, to approve Item 12.b.

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

**12.c Green Valley Ranch Zoning Map Amendment – MU-R to MU-A**

**2023-68** A PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, FOR A ZONING MAP AMENDMENT TO REZONE 28.3 ACRES OF LAND TO MIXED USE AIRPORT, LOCATED EAST OF TIBET ROAD

Deborah Bickmire, Senior Planner, Planning and Development Services / Lena McClelland, Assistant City Attorney

Mayor Coffman opened the public hearing.

Mayor Coffman closed the public hearing.

Motion by Sundberg, second by Hancock, to approve Item 12.c.

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

**12.d Sable Boulevard Townhomes Zoning Map Amendment**

**2023-69** A PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, FOR A ZONING MAP AMENDMENT TO REZONE 5.0244 ACRES OF LAND TO MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT (R-2), LOCATED AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SABLE BOULEVARD AND EAST MONTVIEW BOULEVARD

Aja Tibbs, Planning Supervisor, Planning and Development Services / Lena McClelland, Assistant City Attorney

Aja Tibbs gave a brief summary of the item.

The Council heard public testimony on the agenda item.

CM Bergan asked if traffic could comment on the signal and if the developer would be able to put it in earlier. Staff said this was regarding specifically the zoning application. The applicant commented they were not informed of a traffic signal. J. Batchelor added they were looking at a question of timing.

CM Jurinsky said with the funds being held, she had reserves about approving it before they knew if the signal would be required and asked if the signal could go in before the development happened. She encouraged colleagues to not support the item at this time.

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Motion by Jurinsky, second by Zvonek, to continue the item until January 8th at the next regular meeting.

CM Coombs agreed there was a traffic issue there, but the issues existed regardless of any future development. She said it was their responsibility to address the speeding and do traffic calming in that location. She expressed it was not a decision about a traffic signal but a decision about a zoning map and added the Council seemed to only do this to higher density projects and that was concerning. She urged them to vote on the zoning and deal with their traffic department on their traffic calming needs.

CM Jurinsky stated higher density did bring higher traffic, which brought on these conversations. She said they heard from a constituent that lived in the area that wanted to know if a signal would go in. She suggested they wait to find out what the traffic department had to say about it before proceeding.

CM Hancock concurred with CM Jurinsky. She said she worked in that area and understood the concern and that if they did not do this in the beginning, it would not be done in the end. She said they had to put safety concerns in play.

CM Coombs said she has spent a lot of time in the area and the street and sidewalks were not narrow there. She said they had not conversations about the area until the zoning.

CM Lawson said one of the issues at Eastbank was the traffic signal and high traffic going in that area and CM Coombs voted against that but was fine with this one. She said she found the contradiction interesting.

Motion by Jurinsky, second by Zvonek, to continue the item until January 8th at the next regular meeting.

Voting Aye: Mayor Coffman, Bergan, Hancock, Jurinsky, Lawson, Sundberg, Zvonek

Voting Nay: Coombs, Medina

### 13. **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

#### 13.a **Lead Service Line Ordinance**

**2023-70** FOR AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, ADDING SECTION 138-229 OF THE AURORA CITY CODE PERTAINING TO LEAD AND GALVANIZED SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT

Earl Wilkinson, Assistant General Manager of Operations, Aurora Water / Ian Best, Assistant City Attorney

Council heard public testimony on the agenda item.

Earl Wilkinson provided a brief summary of the item.

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Mayor Coffman asked about the dangers of galvanized metal. E. Wilkinson responded.

Mayor Coffman asked for confirmation if it was no cost to the homeowner. E. Wilkison stated that was correct.

Motion by Coombs, second by Sundberg to approve Item 13.a.

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

14. **FINALIZING OF ORDINANCES**

15. **ANNEXATIONS**

16. **RECONSIDERATION AND CALL UPS**

17. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

**17.a. Reappointment of Relief Judges to the Aurora Municipal Court Bench**

Shawn Day, Presiding Judge, Aurora Municipal Court

Motion by Coombs, second by Hancock, to reappoint relief Judges Katie Allison and Charles Peters.

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

**17.b. 2024 City Council Meeting Calendar**

Kadee Rodriguez, City Clerk / Andrea Wood, Assistant City Attorney

Cecilia Zapata, Deputy City Clerk, provided a brief summary of the item.

Motion by Bergan, second by Lawson, to approve Item 17.b.

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

**17.c. Appointment of Members to the Citizens Advisory Budget Committee**

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

Cecilia Zapata, Deputy City Clerk, provided a brief summary of the information only item.

18. **REPORTS**

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

Mayor Coffman thanked first responders for their job on a terrible fire Friday morning that may have been the largest fire in the city's history.

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

CM Coombs gave appointments to Katrina Zerilli and Binita Shrestha for the CABC. She echoed thanks to the first responders and welcomed City Manager Jason Batchelor. She also thanked the mayor, Aurora Sister City Committee, and other community members who joined them for the delegation to Chihuahua City, Mexico. She said it was a well put together trip where they were able to learn a lot about the business and economics of the city and their local government operations, programs, culture, and history. She stated there was already a strong tie between the two cities, which was meaningful, thoughtful, and would prove to be fruitful.

CM Jurinsky said she attend the Shop with a Cop Event. She said it was the biggest turnout she had seen of Aurora Police Officers and children in the community. She attended the Tree Lighting Ceremony and said it was much better this year because it wasn't nearly as cold. She attended the City's Menorah Lighting Ceremony and said the Hanukkah Gelt drop off the fire truck ladders was cool for the kids. She attended the Youth Violence Prevention Program Holiday Party with partners in the community that work with them on youth violence prevention. CM Jurinsky announced that she would be the first in her family to graduate college and was impressed by the Community College of Aurora.

CM Zvonek said he also attended Shop with a Cop and it was great to see so many members of the police department and youth. He was acting mayor while the mayor was out of town and had the opportunity to welcome Santa to Aurora. He stated he hoped they all have a happy holiday season and happy New Year.

CM Sundberg attended the State of the City and said Channel 8 produced a brand new excellent video promoting Aurora. He said he and CM Hancock attended the Walden35 Affordable Housing Project Ceremony Grand Opening with 100 new units that was done on time and on budget. He said Civitas donated 675 coats they helped give away to Village East Elementary School. He announced his Town Hall on January 18th that would be hosted in collaboration with CM Jurinsky, with Jason Batchelor and Michael Giles, Superintendent for Aurora Public Schools.

CM Medina said he attended the Celebration of Lights with a lot of youth and adults from a variety of different immigrant and refugee populations. He added his CABC candidates were Deborah Johnson and Erica Alfonso.

CM Hancock said she joined CM Sundberg at Village East Elementary School and gave out over 600 coats to kids. She said to have these children get warm coats was a great thing. She nominated Shane Doyle and Sandy Garcia for CABC. She said her first town hall would be January 11th, at the Colorado Early Colleges and

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asked everyone in her ward and others to come and talk and get to know each other better. She wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

CM Lawson said she attended the State of the City and said the mayor did a fabulous job giving a vision of the city. She reappointed George Peck for CABC with another nomination coming in January. She said she was having two town halls, one on January 13th, from 9 to 11, at Heather Garden Sanberg Auditorium, and on January 25th, at the Central Rec Center with topics on the 225 Corridor and encampments and crime update for Ward 5. She wished everyone a safe, prosperous New Year and a Merry Christmas.

CM Bergan attended the State of the City and said the mayor did a great job. She said they named Neil Thompson as their interim executive director on the E-470 Authority until they do a national executive search. She said they also were freezing toll rates again for the coming year. She participated in the Region 9 Opioid Governance Board and approved the monies for the three years going forward for different programs and had new money for opioid addiction services. She attended the Red-tailed Hawk Park Master Plan update and were able to listen to constituents on what they want to see in the park. She also thanked the firefighters and reappointed Jim Madsen and Max Gimelstein for CABC. She said her town hall is January 17th, at the Southeast Recreation Center, where they would talk about snow removal and city government 101 presentation. She wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

19. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Coffman adjourned the regular meeting of the City Council.

  
MIKE COFFMAN, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
KADEE RODRIGUEZ, CITY CLERK  
Cecilia Zapata Deputy 17



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