

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Aurora City Council

Monday, January 8, 2024

1. **RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 8, 2024, AND CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Coffman reconvened the regular meeting of the City Council for January 8, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

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

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Coombs

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 January 8, 2024 Council Meeting.

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

5. **EXECUTIVE SESSION UPDATE**

Mayor Coffman provided an update on the Executive Session, where they discussed litigation and security considerations.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

6.a. **December 18, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

Motion by Sundberg, second by Hancock, to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2023 meeting.

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

Abstain: Murillo

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7. **PROCLAMATIONS OR CEREMONIES**

7.a. **Swearing-in Ceremony of Relief Judges to the Aurora Municipal Bench**

Presiding Judge, Shawn Day

7.b. **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**

Mayor Coffman proclaimed January 15, 2024 as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

7.c. **Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention Month**

Mayor Coffman proclaimed the month of January 2024 as Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention month.

8. **PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD**

(non-agenda-related issues only)

Council heard public testimony on non-agenda-related items

Mayor Coffman responded to the issue raised about motor vehicle theft and abandoned vehicles. He stated he had been out with the parking enforcement and they were fairly aggressive about moving abandoned vehicles and motor vehicle theft had declined by 23.5% year to date. He credited that in part to Mayor Pro Tem Zvonek with the passing of his proposal to have a mandatory minimum sentence of motor vehicle theft and the passing of the law to make all motor vehicle thefts a felony.

9. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Motion by Sundberg, second by Bergan, to adopt the agenda.

Voting Aye: Mayor Coffman, Bergan, Gardner, Hancock, Jurinsky, Lawson, 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.b. **Planning Matters**

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

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

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.

11.a. **Resolutions**

11.b. **Finalizing of Ordinances**

11.b.1 **Green Valley Ranch Comprehensive Plan Amendment**

2023-66 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

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

2023-67 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

11.b.3 **Green Valley Ranch Zoning Map Amendment - MU-R to MU-A**

2023-68 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

11.b.4 **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

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

Motion by Gardner, second by Sundberg, to approve Items 11.b.1 through 11.b.4.

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

12. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

12.a 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

Mayor Coffman opened the public hearing.

Aja Tibbs, Planning Supervisor, presented a summary of the item.

The Council heard public testimony on non-agenda related item.

CM Bergan asked if other traffic studies could be done in the future based on population growth, for example, if it exceeded the city percentage. Carlie Campuzano, traffic manager in the Public Works Department, answered yes, they could restudy the intersection in the future.

Mayor Coffman closed the public hearing.

Motion by Gardner, second by Murillo, to approve Item 12.a.

CM Murillo asked if they could make a preemptive request at a certain point to have the traffic study re-evaluated. C. Campuzano said they could re-evaluate the traffic study in the future, but no criteria was close to being met for a traffic signal yet.

CM Murillo stated she wanted to open a council request to recollect data and look at it. She discussed the vacant parcel next to it was recently rezoned for increased density.

Motion by Gardner, second by Murillo, to approve Item 12.a.

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Voting Aye: Bergan, Gardner, Hancock, Lawson, Medina, Murillo, Sundberg, Zvonek

Voting Nay: Jurinsky

12.b 15800 E 40th Avenue - Zoning Map Amendment

2024-02 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 10.244 ACRES OF LAND TO BUSINESS/TECH DISTRICT (I-1), LOCATED WEST OF THE INTERSECTION OF EAST 40TH AVENUE AND EAST 40TH CIRCLE

Sarah Wile, Senior Planner, Planning and Development Services / Lena McClelland, Assistant City Attorney

Mayor Coffman opened the public hearing.

Sarah Wile, Senior Planner, presented a summary of the item.

The Council heard public testimony on the item.

Mayor Coffman closed the public hearing.

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

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

12.c 3550 Chambers Road - Zoning Map Amendment

2024-03 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 APPROXIMATELY 4.2 ACRES OF LAND TO MIXED- USE CORRIDOR DISTRICT (MU-C), LOCATED AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF EAST 33RD PLACE AND NORTH CHAMBERS ROAD

Stephen Gubrud, Planner, Planning and Development Services / Lena McClelland, Assistant City Attorney

Stephen Gubrud, planner, presented a summary of the item.

Mayor Coffman closed the public hearing.

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

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

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- 13. **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**
- 14. **FINALIZING OF ORDINANCES**
- 15. **ANNEXATIONS**
- 16. **RECONSIDERATION AND CALL UPS**
- 17. **GENERAL BUSINESS**
- 18. **REPORTS**

18.a. Report by the Mayor

Mayor Coffman discussed the mayors of the three largest cities meeting they had last year where they talked about reducing crime in their cities and across the state. He said they came to an agreement on five issues, the governor supported it, and the majority passed into law. He stated they had the meeting again this year with the two new mayors and they agreed to bring forward a request for funding for more inpatient mental health beds in Colorado. Mayor Coffman said the Denver Post and Denver Gazette published the op-ed they did on the issue. Mayor Coffman announced his town hall on January 27th, at Aurora History Museum, at 1:00pm.

18.b. Reports by the Council

CM Gardner stated he would like to reappoint Danielle Lammon and JulieMarie Shepherd-Macklin to the Citizen’s Advisory Budget Committee.

CM Jurinsky said she and Mayor Coffman met Santa at Cherry Creek State Park to discuss new announcements and programs, including archery, boating, a bald eagle show, and opening roads. She stated there were three upcoming town halls for Ward 4, Ward 2, and Ward 5 she would be cohosting and welcomed Aurora residents to attend.

CM Murillo stated she was having her first town hall at the MLK Library Thursday, on January 25th, from 6 to 7 p.m. She wished everyone happy holidays and happy new year.

CM Sundberg expressed his town hall will be on January 18th, at Central Rec Center, at 6 p.m., cohosted by CM Jurinsky. He said the new city manager and APD superintendent would be there to answer questions.

CM Medina stated his town hall will be on Tuesday, January 9th, at 6:30pm at the Active Adult Center, where they would be discussing updates on Ward 3.

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CM Hancock said she would be having her first town hall on January 11th, at 6:30, at the Colorado Early Colleges, co-hosted by CM Jurinsky. She encouraged everyone to attend to talk about what was happening Ward 4 and what they could do to be stakeholders in their own lives.

CM Lawson appointed Bob Roth for her second appointee for the CABC. She discussed the eight new Colorado laws went into effect starting January 1st and said the 2024 Colorado Legislative Session would begin in January 10th. CM Lawson said the House and Senate reached a deal for the fiscal year 2024 Appropriations Bill with \$886.3 billion for defense and \$772.7 billion for non-defense programs. She said if the FY24 budget did not pass, they would see a partial government shutdown on January 19th. She announced the first FSIR Committee meeting will be on Friday, January 19th, and her town hall will be on January 13th, at the Heather Garden Auditorium from 10 to 11:30 a.m., where they would be talking about crime statistics in Ward 5 and the homeless encampment issue on Parker Road and I-22 corridor. CM Lawson noted she would be cohosting a town hall on January 25th with CM Jurinsky from 6:30 to 8 p.m., at the Central Rec Center.

CM Bergan said her town hall would be Wednesday, January 17th, at the Southeast Recreation Center to discuss snow removal and giving a presentation on city government and general updates, from 6 to 8pm.

MPT Zvonek did not have a report.

19. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Coffman adjourned the regular meeting of the City Council.



MIKE COFFMAN, MAYOR

ATTEST:



KADEE RODRIGUEZ, CITY CLERK



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