

**MINUTES**

**Regular Meeting of the Aurora City Council**

**Monday, May 6, 2024**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:	Mayor Coffman	Angela Lawson
	Françoise Bergan	Ruben Medina
	Alison Coombs	Crystal Murillo
	Curtis Gardner	Steve Sundberg
	Stephanie Hancock	Dustin Zvonek
	Danielle Jurinsky	

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Coffman reconvened the regular meeting of the City Council at 6:30 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

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

**3. INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Mayor Coffman led the prayer for the May 6, 2024 meeting.

**4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

*(all standing)*

**5. EXECUTIVE SESSION UPDATE**

Mayor Coffman provided an update on the Executive Session, stating union negotiations, property transactions, oil and gas lease agreements, litigation and personnel matters were discussed.

Mayor Coffman read a land acknowledgment.

**6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**6.a April 22, 2024 Meeting Minutes**

Moved by: Steve Sundberg

Second by: Stephanie Hancock

Does Council wish to approve the minutes of the April 22, 2024 meeting?

***The City Charter prescribes the Mayor may vote on resolutions and ordinances only to create or break a tie vote of Council Members present. The Mayor Pro-Tem is always permitted to vote on all items.***

Voting Aye: (11): Mayor Coffman, Françoise Bergan, Alison Coombs, Curtis Gardner, Stephanie Hancock, Danielle Jurinsky, Angela Lawson, Ruben Medina, Crystal Murillo, Steve Sundberg, and Dustin Zvonek

**7. PROCLAMATIONS OR CEREMONIES**

**7.a 55th Annual Professional Municipal Clerks Week**

Mayor Coffman proclaimed May 5-11, 2024 as the 55th Annual Professional Municipal Clerks Week.

**7.b National Correctional Officers Week**

Mayor Coffman proclaimed May 6-10, 2024 as National Correctional Officers Week.

**7.c Juror Appreciation Week**

Mayor Coffman proclaimed May 6-10, 2024 as Juror Appreciation Week.

**7.d World Neurofibromatosis (NF) Day**

Mayor Coffman proclaimed May 17, 2024 as World Neurofibromatosis (NF) Day.

**7.e Armed Forces Day**

Mayor Coffman proclaimed May 18, 2024 as Armed Forces Day.

**8. PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD**

(non-agenda related issues only)

Council heard public testimony on non-agenda related items.

**9. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Moved by: Dustin Zvonek

Second by: Françoise Bergan

Does Council wish to adopt the agenda as presented?

Voting Aye: (11): Mayor Coffman, Françoise Bergan, Alison Coombs, Curtis Gardner, Stephanie Hancock, Danielle Jurinsky, Angela Lawson, Ruben Medina, Crystal Murillo, Steve Sundberg, and Dustin Zvonek

**10. CONSENT CALENDAR - MOTIONS**

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Moved by: Françoise Bergan

Second by: Stephanie Hancock

Does Council wish to approve the Motions consent calendar?

Voting Aye: (11): Mayor Coffman, Françoise Bergan, Alison Coombs, Curtis Gardner, Stephanie Hancock, Danielle Jurinsky, Angela Lawson, Ruben Medina, Crystal Murillo, Steve Sundberg, and Dustin Zvonek

**10.a Motions**

**10.b Planning Matters**

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

**10.c.1 Consideration to Reappoint One (1) Member to the Aurora Immigrant and Refugee Commission**

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

**10.c.2 Consideration to Appoint Three (3) Members to the Aurora Youth Commission**

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

**10.c.3 Consideration to Appoint One (1) Member and Reappoint One (1) Member to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board**

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

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

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Moved by: Curtis Gardner

Second by: Dustin Zvonek

Does Council wish to approve the Resolutions and Ordinances consent calendar?

Voting Aye: (10): Françoise Bergan, Alison Coombs, Curtis Gardner, Stephanie Hancock, Danielle Jurinsky, Angela Lawson, Ruben Medina, Crystal Murillo, Steve Sundberg, and Dustin Zvonek

**11.a Resolutions**

**11.a.1 An Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) Regarding Maintenance**

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**Responsibilities for the I-70 and Aerotropolis Parkway Interchange Project**

**R2024-52** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, APPROVING THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF AURORA AND THE COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (CDOT) REGARDING CERTAIN MAINTENANCE OF IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE I-70 AEROTROPOLIS PARKWAY INTERCHANGE PROJECT

A waiver of reconsideration is being requested for to expedite the award of the construction contract as the bid pricing is set to expire before May 20th. CDOT will not allow award of the contract until the IGA is approved.

Ryan Germeroth, Deputy Director of Transportation and Mobility, Public Works / Michelle Gardner, Senior Assistant City Attorney

**11.a.2 Aurora Animal Shelter Project – Reimbursement Agreement (Resolution)**

**R2024-53** A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE OFFICIAL INTENT OF THE CITY OF AURORA TO REIMBURSE ITSELF WITH THE PROCEEDS OF A MUNICIPAL LEASE OR BOND FINANCING FOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURES RELATED TO THE ANIMAL SHELTER PROJECT, IDENTIFYING SUCH CAPITAL EXPENDITURES AND PROVIDING OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

A waiver of reconsideration is being requested to allow the city to be able to incur expenses related to this project, and seek reimbursement as soon as possible from the bond proceeds.

Teresa Sedmak, City Treasurer, Finance / Hanosky Hernandez, Senior Assistant City Attorney

**11.b Finalizing of Ordinances**

*Ordinances approved unanimously at first reading.*

**11.b.1 2024 Spring Supplemental**

**2024-18** FOR AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO APPROPRIATING SUMS OF MONEY IN ADDITION TO THOSE APPROPRIATED IN ORDINANCE NOS. 2022-59, 2023- 12, AND 2023-62 FOR THE 2023 FISCAL YEAR AND ORDINANCE NO. 2023-52 FOR THE 2024 FISCAL YEAR

Jackie Ehmman, Budget Program Manager, Finance / Hanosky Hernandez, Senior Assistant City Attorney

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**12. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

*Public hearings with or without related ordinances*

**13. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

**13.a Amending Subsection (c) (3) of Section 2-676 of the City Code Pertaining to Contracts and Purchasing**

**2024-20** FOR AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, AMENDING SECTION 2-676 OF ARTICLE VI OF CHAPTER 2 OF THE CITY CODE PERTAINING TO CONTRACTS AND PURCHASING

Bryn Fillinger, Purchasing Manager, Finance / Hanosky Hernandez, Senior Assistant City Attorney

Staff provided a brief presentation on the item.

Moved by: Steve Sundberg

Second by: Françoise Bergan

Does Council approve this proposed Ordinance 2024-20 to amend Subsection (c) (3) of Section 2-676 of the City Code?

Voting Aye: (10): Françoise Bergan, Alison Coombs, Curtis Gardner, Stephanie Hancock, Danielle Jurinsky, Angela Lawson, Ruben Medina, Crystal Murillo, Steve Sundberg, and Dustin Zvonek

**14. FINALIZING OF ORDINANCES**

*Ordinances not approved unanimously at first reading.*

**15. ANNEXATIONS**

**15.a Allen Parcel Annexation**

**2024-17** FOR AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING A PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED IN THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 2 AND THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 11, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 66 WEST OF THE SIXTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, COUNTY OF ARAPAHOE (Allen Annexation) 41.028 ACRES

Jacob Cox, Director of Development Services / Brian Rulla, Assistant City Attorney

Staff provided a brief presentation on the item.

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Moved by: Steve Sundberg

Second by: Stephanie Hancock

Does the Council wish to support the finalizing of Ordinance 2024-17?

Voting Aye: (10): Françoise Bergan, Alison Coombs, Curtis Gardner, Stephanie Hancock, Danielle Jurinsky, Angela Lawson, Ruben Medina, Crystal Murillo, Steve Sundberg, and Dustin Zvonek

**15.b Allen Annexation - Zoning Map Amendment**

**2024-19** CONSIDERATION FOR AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, ZONING A PARCEL OF LAND MEASURING FORTY ACRES, MORE OR LESS, LOCATED NORTH OF THE INTERSECTION OF STEPHEN D HOGAN PARKWAY AND EAST 6TH AVENUE TO BUSINESS/TECH DISTRICT AND AMENDING THE ZONING MAP ACCORDINGLY (THE ALLEN ZONING MAP AMENDMENT)

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

Staff gave a brief presentation on the item.

Moved by: Steve Sundberg

Second by: Alison Coombs

Does the City Council wish to approve the finalizing of ordinance 2024-19 to amend the City of Aurora Zoning Map?

Voting Aye: (10): Françoise Bergan, Alison Coombs, Curtis Gardner, Stephanie Hancock, Danielle Jurinsky, Angela Lawson, Ruben Medina, Crystal Murillo, Steve Sundberg, and Dustin Zvonek

**15.c Allen Parcel Annexation Agreement**

CONSIDERATION OF AN ANNEXATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, AND HAROLD F. ALLEN AND EDNA F. ALLEN TRUST, DENNIS ALLEN, TRUSTEE. (ALLEN PARCEL) 41.028 ACRES

Jacob Cox, Director of Development Services / Brian Rulla, Assistant City Attorney

Staff provided a brief presentation on the item.

Moved by: Steve Sundberg

Second by: Dustin Zvonek

Does City Council wish to approve this Annexation Agreement?

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Voting Aye: (10): Françoise Bergan, Alison Coombs, Curtis Gardner, Stephanie Hancock, Danielle Jurinsky, Angela Lawson, Ruben Medina, Crystal Murillo, Steve Sundberg, and Dustin Zvonek

**16. RECONSIDERATIONS AND CALL UPS**

**17. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**18. REPORTS**

**18.a Mayor**

Mayor Coffman announced he would not be in the office or working on Sundays, with the exception of religious services and events.

**18.b Council**

CM Coombs stated she joined CM Murillo's Town Hall and attended the multimodal transportation plan planning charrette with staff and thanked the commission and community members who attended and the HDR Group for including Aurora residents on their team. She also thanked New American Leaders for having five Aurorans in their program.

CM Jurinsky said the incompetence of leadership in the Aurora Police Department has gotten her attention and asked for the resignation of Officers Brian O'Dell, Tim Meehan, Seth Robertson, Mark Hildebrand, and Heather Morris, and stated that she would not let the issue go until they were no longer on the Department. CM Jurinsky addressed City Manager Batchelor regarding the situation. She discussed complaints they had received from both criminals and victims on how they were being treated and these officers are a threat to the city. She noted she always will stand with the Police Department with the exception of those five officers.

CM Murillo thanked CM Coombs for cohosting her Town Hall. She stated they heard from one of the directors, Donnie Betts, an active community member and long time resident, and it was fascinating to hear his perspectives on what is possible in the District. She said they shared potential plans along the Colfax Corridor and it was great to hear the backend perspective. She added they also heard from the Aurora Fox Director. CM Murillo expressed there was a lot of excitement around the Aurora Economic Opportunity Coalitions Documentary, called "America's Hidden Gem: Northwest Aurora".

CM Sundberg discussed the DC trip, where they heard from Colorado representatives and talked about a number of Colorado issues and advancing interests in economy. He talked about an energy symposium he attended in Rifle, Colorado and said we needed a broad portfolio of energy for national security.

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CM Medina announced his Town Hall for next Tuesday, May 14th, at the Active Adult Center, 6:30-8:00 pm, where they will have Aurora Fire Department discussing their strategic plan.

CM Hancock recommended checking out the Visit Aurora magazine that is free. She stated she attended the Colorado Association of Black Professional Engineers and Scientists 42nd Annual Student Awards Banquet, and was impressed with the students.

CM Lawson talked about the violent incidents in Ward 5 in the past couple weeks and expressed to Ward 5 that she is listening and concerned, and she plans to get with the chief to talk to the residents where the occurrences are happening. She let everyone know she is trying to address the issues and crime happening in Ward 5 and a meeting with PD will be forthcoming.

CM Bergan said she attended the Accelerate trip and talked about transportation, aerospace, CHIPS Act, PFAS Funding, but only got to see three of their congressman. She announced her Town Hall will be Wednesday, May 15th, 6:00-8:00pm, at the Towns Reach Library with presentations on budget and sober living homes. She stated she had her E-470 Roadway Subcommittee last week, attended the Derby Contest at the Southland Shopping Center, and attended the Connecting Aurora Multimodal presentation. She thanked her colleagues for supporting the resolution on careers and construction.

CM Gardner and MPT Zvonek did not have a report.

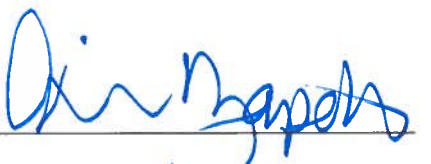
**19. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Coffman adjourned the regular meeting of City Council.



MIKE COFFMAN, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
KADEE RODRIGUEZ, CITY CLERK  
*Deputy*

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