

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Aurora City Council

Monday, May 20, 2024

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

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 in prayer.

Mayor Coffman read a land acknowledgement.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

(All Standing)

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION UPDATE

Mayor Coffman provided an update on the Executive Session, stating union negotiations, personnel matters and litigation were discussed.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

6.a May 6, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Moved by: Steve Sundberg

Second by: Dustin Zvonek

Does Council wish to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2024 meeting?

Voting Aye: (8): Mayor Coffman, Alison Coombs, Stephanie Hancock, Danielle Jurinsky, Angela Lawson, Crystal Murillo, Steve Sundberg, and Dustin Zvonek

7. PROCLAMATIONS OR CEREMONIES

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7.a Memorial Day Remembrance

Mayor Coffman proclaimed May 27, 2024, at 3 p.m., as Memorial Day Remembrance.

7.b Mental Health Awareness Month

Mayor Coffman proclaimed May 2024 as Mental Health Awareness Month.

7.c Older Aurorans Month

Mayor Coffman proclaimed May 2024 as Older Aurorans Month.

7.d Walk N’ Roll for Spina Bifida

Mayor Coffman proclaimed June 8, 2024 as Walk N’ Roll for Spina Bifida.

7.e Jewish American Heritage Month

Mayor Coffman proclaimed May 2024 as Jewish American Heritage Month.

7.f National Public Works Week

Mayor Coffman proclaimed the week of May 19-25, 2024 as National Public Works Week.

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: Alison Coombs

Second by: Angela Lawson

Does Council wish to adopt the agenda as presented?

Voting Aye: (8): Mayor Coffman, Alison Coombs, Stephanie Hancock, Danielle Jurinsky, Angela Lawson, Crystal Murillo, Steve Sundberg, and Dustin Zvonek

10. CONSENT CALENDAR - MOTIONS

Any member of Council may request an item be removed from Consent Calendar and considered separately. Removed items are considered immediately following the adoption of the Consent Calendar.

Moved by: Dustin Zvonek

Second by: Steve Sundberg

Does Council wish to approve the Motions consent calendar?

Voting Aye: (8): Mayor Coffman, Alison Coombs, Stephanie Hancock, Danielle Jurinsky, Angela Lawson, 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 Appoint Two (2) Members to the Veterans Affairs Commission

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

10.c.2 Consideration to Appoint One (1) Member and Reappoint Two (2) Members to the Metro Water Recovery District Board

Greg Baker, Deputy Director of Internal and External Relations, Aurora Water / Ian Best, Assistant City Attorney

11. CONSENT CALENDAR - RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

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Moved by: Dustin Zvonek

Second by: Stephanie Hancock

Does Council wish to approve the Resolutions and Ordinances consent calendar with Item 11.a.7 removed?

Voting Aye: (7): Alison Coombs, Stephanie Hancock, Danielle Jurinsky, Angela Lawson, Crystal Murillo, Steve Sundberg, and Dustin Zvonek

11.a Resolutions

11.a.1 Consideration of Oil and Gas Lease Agreement

R2024-54 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, EXPRESSING THE AURORA CITY COUNCIL'S APPROVAL OF AN OIL AND GAS LEASE AGREEMENT WITH GMT EXPLORATION COMPANY, LLC, FOR CITY-OWNED MINERAL INTERESTS WITHIN SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 3 SOUTH, RANGE 65 WEST OF THE SIXTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, COUNTY OF ADAMS, STATE OF COLORADO CONTAINING 2.193 ACRES

Jeffrey Moore, Manager of Oil and Gas, Planning and Business Development / David Scott, Assistant City Attorney

11.a.2 Havana Business Improvement District (BID) Board Appointment

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R2024-55 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, APPOINTING A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HAVANA BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

State law requires thirty days to make the appointment to the BID after a vacancy. Staff requires a waiver of reconsideration to meet this deadline.

Chad Argentar, Senior Project Manager, Planning and Business Development / Hanosky Hernandez, Senior Assistant City Attorney

11.a.3 Adult Protective Services Multi-Agency Cooperative Agreement

R2024-56 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, APPROVING THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE AURORA POLICE DEPARTMENT AND ADAMS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Mark Hildebrand, Investigations Division Chief / Megan Platt, Assistant City Attorney

11.a.4 LexisNexis Colorado Information Sharing Consortium (CISC) Member Agency Addendum and Joinder

R2024-57 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, APPROVING THE JOINDER OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN LEXISNEXIS AND THE COLORADO INFORMATION SHARING CONSORTIUM

DJ Tisdale, Police Lieutenant / Megan Platt, Assistant City Attorney

Council heard public comment on the item.

11.a.5 An Intergovernmental Agreement Between the City of Aurora, E-470, and the Aurora Highlands Community Authority Board (TAH CAB) Regarding the Maintenance of 38th Avenue Bridge and Overlapping Facilities

R2024-58 A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO FOR THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF AURORA, E-470 PUBLIC HIGHWAY AUTHORITY, AND THE AURORA HIGHLANDS COMMUNITY AUTHORITY BOARD (TAH CAB) REGARDING THE MAINTENANCE OF 38TH OVERLAPPING FACILITIES

A waiver of reconsideration is requested by staff so that this portion of 38th Avenue can be opened by the E-470 Authority as soon as possible for public use.

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

11.a.6 Colorado Freedom Memorial and Visitors Center – Concession Agreement

R2024-59 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, APPROVING THE AMENDED AND RESTATED CONCESSION AGREEMENT REGARDING THE COLORADO FREEDOM MEMORIAL (CFM) AND VISITORS CENTER IN MEMORIAL PARK

A waiver of reconsideration is being requested due to the timing of the Colorado Freedom Memorial Foundation's project.

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

Outside Speaker: Rick Crandall, Executive Director Colorado Freedom Memorial Foundation

11.a.7 Specialty Court - HEART Program

R2024-61 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, EXPRESSING THE AURORA CITY COUNCIL'S DIRECTION AND SUPPORT FOR ESTABLISHING THE AURORA HEART PROGRAM IN THE AURORA MUNICIPAL COURT FOR THOSE INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS WHO HAVE BEEN CHARGED WITH NON-DOMESTIC VIOLENCE MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS OR OTHER LOW LEVEL NON-VIOLENT OFFENSES

Sponsors: Curtis Gardner, Council Member / Steve Sundberg, Council Member

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

Council heard public comment on the item.

Moved by: Steve Sundberg

Second by: Dustin Zvonek

Does Council wish to continue this item to next regular council meeting?

Voting Aye: (8): Mayor Coffman, Alison Coombs, Stephanie Hancock, Danielle Jurinsky, Angela Lawson, Crystal Murillo, Steve Sundberg, and Dustin Zvonek

11.a.8 Tract A Conveyance to Stanley Marketplace by Direct Sale to Logical Potential Purchaser

R2024-62 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, APPROVING THE CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN

CITY-OWNED PROPERTY CONTAINING 0.9129 ACRES TO STANLEY MARKETPLACE JV, LLC AS A DIRECT SALE TO THE LOGICAL POTENTIAL PURCHASER

Hector Reynoso, Real Property Services Manager / Michelle Gardner, Senior Assistant City Attorney

11.b Finalizing of Ordinances

Ordinances approved unanimously at first reading.

11.b.1 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 Fillingner, Purchasing Manager, Finance / Hanosky Hernandez, Senior Assistant City Attorney

12. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public hearings with or without related ordinances

12.a Aurora One PA-4 Zoning Map Amendment

2024-21 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 30.2 ACRES OF LAND TO MEDIUM DENSITY MULTI-FAMILY DISTRICT (R-3), LOCATED ONE HALF MILE EAST OF PICADILLY ROAD AND SOUTH 6TH AVENUE (AURORA ONE PA-4 REZONE)

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

Moved by: Steve Sundberg

Second by: Stephanie Hancock

Mayor Coffman opened the public hearing.

Staff provided a brief summary of the item.

CM Coombs commented that looking at the map, it looks like putting the residential there significantly reduces the main street frontage devoted to mixed use in the current zoning. She asked what the plan was for the surrounding uses to be consistent with that.

Staff stated the core of commercial within Aurora 1 would be around the Stephen D. Hogan Pkwy area, as opposed to the 6th Avenue area, which is not a great place for commercial development due to low traffic volumes.

Mayor Coffman closed the public hearing.

Does the City Council wish to approve the ordinance 2024-21 to amend the City of Aurora Zoning Map?

Voting Aye: (7): Alison Coombs, Stephanie Hancock, Danielle Jurinsky, Angela Lawson, Crystal Murillo, Steve Sundberg, and Dustin Zvonek

12.b Painted Prairie Business Improvement District No. 1 Inclusion and Exclusion

2024-22 A PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, INCLUDING AND EXCLUDING CERTAIN PROPERTY FROM THE BOUNDARIES OF PAINTED PRAIRIE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NUMBER ONE

Cesarina Dancy, Interim Manager, Office of Development Assistance / Hanosky Hernandez, Senior Assistant City Attorney

Mayor Coffman opened the public hearing.

Staff provided a brief summary of the item.

Mayor Coffman closed the public hearing.

Moved by: Steve Sundberg

Second by: Angela Lawson

Does the Council wish to support Ordinance 2024-22?

Voting Aye: (7): Alison Coombs, Stephanie Hancock, Danielle Jurinsky, Angela Lawson, Crystal Murillo, Steve Sundberg, and Dustin Zvonek

12.c Painted Prairie Business Improvement District No. 2 Property Inclusion and Exclusion

2024-23 A PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, INCLUDING AND EXCLUDING CERTAIN PROPERTY FROM THE BOUNDARIES OF PAINTED PRAIRIE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NUMBER TWO

Cesarina Dancy, Interim Manager, Office of Development Assistance / Hanosky Hernandez, Senior Assistant City Attorney

Mayor Coffman opened the public hearing.

Staff provided a brief summary of the item.

Mayor Coffman closed the public hearing.

Moved by: Steve Sundberg

Second by: Dustin Zvonek

Does the Council wish to support Ordinance 2024-23?

Voting Aye: (7): Alison Coombs, Stephanie Hancock, Danielle Jurinsky, Angela Lawson, Crystal Murillo, Steve Sundberg, and Dustin Zvonek

12.d Eagle's Nest Metropolitan District Inclusion of Property

R2024-60 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, APPROVING THE INCLUSION OF REAL PROPERTY INTO THE BOUNDARIES OF EAGLE'S NEST METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

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

Mayor Coffman opened the public hearing.

Staff provided a brief summary of the item.

Mayor Coffman questioned the item title not reflecting it was a public hearing. Staff could not confirm the item was published as a public hearing. Deputy City Attorney confirmed publication must be made.

Mayor Coffman closed the public hearing.

Moved by: Danielle Jurinsky

Second by: Alison Coombs

Does council wish to continue this item to next meeting?

Voting Aye: (8): Mayor Coffman, Alison Coombs, Stephanie Hancock, Danielle Jurinsky, Angela Lawson, Crystal Murillo, Steve Sundberg, and Dustin Zvonek

13. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

13.a Ordinance Authorizing a Council Member to Voluntarily Decline All or Part of their Salary Set by Charter

2024-24 FOR AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, ADDING SECTION 2-35 OF THE CITY CODE AUTHORIZING A COUNCIL MEMBER TO VOLUNTARILY DECLINE ALL OR PART OF THEIR SALARY OR ANY OTHER COMPENSATION

Sponsor: Dustin Zvonek, Mayor Pro Tem

Terri Velasquez, Finance Director / Kimberly Skaggs, Assistant City Attorney

MPT Zvonek gave a brief summary of the item.

Moved by: Dustin Zvonek

Second by: Danielle Jurinsky

Does Council wish to support ordinance 2024-24?

Voting Aye: (7): Alison Coombs, Stephanie Hancock, Danielle Jurinsky, Angela Lawson, Crystal Murillo, Steve Sundberg, and Dustin Zvonek

13.b Amendments to the City Code Regarding Unauthorized Camping

2024-25 FOR AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, AMENDING SECTIONS 94-122, 114-107, 114-109, AND 114-110 OF THE CITY CODE AND ADDING SECTION 114-112 TO THE CITY CODE PERTAINING TO THE ABATEMENT OF UNAUTHORIZED CAMPS ON PUBLIC PROPERTY AND IN AN AREA CLOSED TO CAMPING

Sponsors: Steve Sundberg, Council Member / Curtis Gardner, Council Member
Jessica Prosser, Director of Housing and Community Services / Angela Garcia,
Senior Assistant City Attorney

Council heard public comment on the item.

Moved by: Steve Sundberg

Second by: Crystal Murillo

A motion was made to continue the item to the next regular council meeting. CM Coombs proposed an amendment that a fiscal note is provided for the item at the next meeting.

Does council wish to continue the item to next regular council meeting along with a fiscal note?

Voting Aye: (8): Mayor Coffman, Alison Coombs, Stephanie Hancock, Danielle Jurinsky, Angela Lawson, Crystal Murillo, Steve Sundberg, and Dustin Zvonek

13.c Ordinance to Remove Sunset Provision for the Mandatory Auto Theft and Failure to Appear

2024-26 FOR AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, REMOVING THE "SUNSET PROVISION" IN ORDINANCE NUMBER 2022-37 RELATED TO MANDATORY PENALTIES FOR THE OFFENSES OF MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT AND FAILURE TO APPEAR UNDER THE CITY CODE

Sponsor: Dustin Zvonek, Mayor Pro Tem

Heather Morris, Chief of Police / Pete Schulte, Public Safety Client Group
Manager, City Attorney

Council heard public comment on the item.

Staff and Chief Morris gave a brief presentation on the item.

Moved by: Dustin Zvonek

Second by: Stephanie Hancock

CM Coombs pointed out that this item also did not have a fiscal note, which is required, but did not ask to move to continue because of the time sensitive aspects. She did ask to include a fiscal note prior to the second reading and address why Resolution 22-121 passed when neither the review of sentences nor the creation of a victims fund were completed, which were aspects to that resolution.

MPT Zvonek asked if they had a fiscal note or a way to address the cost.

Mr. Schulte stated they looked at the fiscal impact and it was already in the budget and does not add additional budget impact to the city, as it has been in the process for two years.

MPT Zvonek noted that after this passed, the legislature passed a bill that lowered the level of value of cars that would classify as felony, and because of officers being able to write tickets for felony charges, that would continue to mitigate the number going through municipal court. He explained that there are still too many cars being stolen, so they should not take away any tool from law enforcement as a deterrent or otherwise.

CM Murillo said she would not support moving this forward and would like to see that follow up as well.

Does Council wish to support Ordinance 2024-26 that removes the "Sunset Provision" from the mandatory jail penalties for those defendants convicted of "Motor Vehicle Theft" and "Failure to Appear" which will continue those provisions in the City Code?

Voting Aye: (5): Stephanie Hancock, Danielle Jurinsky, Angela Lawson, Steve Sundberg, and Dustin Zvonek

Voting Nay: (2): Alison Coombs and Crystal Murillo

14. FINALIZING OF ORDINANCES

Ordinances not approved unanimously at first reading.

15. ANNEXATIONS

16. RECONSIDERATIONS AND CALL UPS

17. GENERAL BUSINESS

18. REPORTS

18.a Mayor

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Mayor Coffman encouraged people to visit Bud's Warehouse, a faith based nonprofit, that takes discarded renovation items, renovates them, and puts them up for sale to help previously homeless or incarcerated individuals. He attended a First Ethiopian Fundraiser to build their own community center, the groundbreaking for the Acute Care Behavioral Health Center's new facility, the fallen officer memorial ceremony for APD, and graduation for lateral transfers for the police department.

Mayor Coffman noted that CM Medina had a family emergency and CM Gardner and CM Bergan are representing the city of Aurora at a national conference.

18.b Council

CM Coombs reported that she presented at the Civic Engagement Academy regarding the City Charter. She stated that her oldest nephew graduated from high school, an Aurora resident, and that she is very proud of him.

CM Jurinsky announced Camp Spark at the fire department, a free three-day camp for young girls to learn about becoming firefighters, ages 11 to 19.

CM Murillo announced her town hall will be Thursday, June 3rd, at 6 p.m., at the Moorhead Recreation Center. She gave a reminder that they take a summer recess and will not be having regular town halls in June and July. She stated she sits on the Aurora Sister Cities International Board and shared they hired a new executive director, who will be formerly starting in person during the month of June.

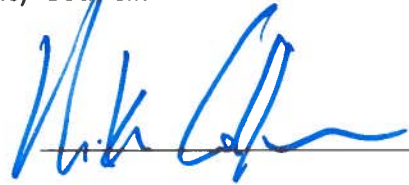
CM Sundberg attended Soccer City, who are doing great things for the youth. He said they identify at-risk youth and get them involved in the program for \$10 for three months. He attended the Sims-Fayola graduation and the Water Youth Festival at CCA. He thanked CM Jurinsky for helping organize the first Water Conservation Day in the city, and said he learned a lot. He noted that he, Mayor Coffman, and CM Bergan went to Community Medical Services, who provide medical assisted therapy for people severely addicted to opioids. He thanked Laura Perry and Cindy Colip for reaching out to CDOT to clean up I-225. CM Sundberg attended the Acute Care Campus, the lateral ceremony for the police department, and visited Walmart at Havana and Colfax that is closing. He voiced that someone died of an overdose right behind his business two weeks ago and that drove home the seriousness of overdose deaths in Colorado and Aurora. He also attended the screening of a new documentary on the fentanyl disaster in Colorado.

CM Lawson gave the legislative update, stating the 2024 Colorado legislation is officially over and the governor has until June 7th to veto bills coming out of the 2024 legislative session. She stated the governor has vetoed several bills under employment, education, and construction topics already. Congressman Crow released the FY25 congressional direct expending projects. CM Lawson thanked everyone at Heather Gardens who attended her town hall. She announced tomorrow she and CM Jurinsky will be hosting their at-large meeting at Mission Viejo Library at 6:30, with topics on 911 and Access Aurora.

MPT Zvonek and CM Hancock did not have a report.

19. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Coffman adjourned the regular meeting of City Council.



MIKE COFFMAN, MAYOR

ATTEST:



KADEE RODRIGUEZ, CITY CLERK