

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Aurora City Council

Monday, June 24, 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 in prayer for the June 24, 2024 meeting.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All Standing.

Mayor Coffman read a land acknowledgement.

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION UPDATE

None.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None.

7. PROCLAMATIONS OR CEREMONIES

7.a Disability Pride Month

Mayor Coffman proclaimed the month of July 2024 as Disability Pride Month.

8. PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD

(non-agenda related issues only)

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.

Council heard public testimony on non-agenda related items.

Moved by: Stephanie Hancock

Second by: Mayor Coffman

Council Member Coombs wishes to extend public invitation to be heard.

Does Council wish to end debate?

Mayor Coffman noted that participants were present two weeks ago and may present in another two weeks.

Council Member Coombs noted that participants took the time to be present now.

Council Member Murillo noted that a time limit was not present until several years ago and was enacted during protests.

Voting Aye: (8): Mayor Coffman, Françoise Bergan, Curtis Gardner, Stephanie Hancock, Danielle Jurinsky, Angela Lawson, Steve Sundberg, and Dustin Zvonek

Voting Nay: (3): Alison Coombs, Ruben Medina, and Crystal Murillo

Moved by: Alison Coombs

Second by: Crystal Murillo

Does Council wish to extend the Public Invited to be Heard time limit? – 1st Motion

Voting Aye: (4): Alison Coombs, Angela Lawson, Ruben Medina, and Crystal Murillo

Voting Nay: (7): Mayor Coffman, Françoise Bergan, Curtis Gardner, Stephanie Hancock, Danielle Jurinsky, Steve Sundberg, and Dustin Zvonek

Moved by: Danielle Jurinsky

Second by: Angela Lawson

Does Council wish to extend the Public Invited to be Heard time limit? – 2nd Motion

Voting Aye: (9): Mayor Coffman, Alison Coombs, Stephanie Hancock, Danielle Jurinsky, Angela Lawson, Ruben Medina, Crystal Murillo, Steve Sundberg, and Dustin Zvonek

Voting Nay: (1): Curtis Gardner

Absent: (1): Françoise Bergan

9. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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.

The agenda was adopted as presented.

Moved by: Alison Coombs

Second by: Steve Sundberg

Does Council wish to adopt the agenda as presented?

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

Absent: (1): Françoise Bergan

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: Alison Coombs

Does Council wish to approve the Motions Consent Calendar as presented, with item 10.c.6 pulled?

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

Absent: (1): Françoise Bergan

10.a Motions

10.b Planning Matters

10.c Appointments to Boards and Commissions

10.c.1 Consideration to Appoint One (1) Member to the Open Space Advisory Board

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

10.c.2 Consideration to Reappoint Two (2) Members to the Historic Preservation Commission

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

10.c.3 Consideration to Reappoint Four (4) Members and Appoint One (1) Member to the Oil and Gas Advisory Committee

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

10.c.4 Consideration to Appoint One (1) Member to the Library Board

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

10.c.5 Consideration to Remove Two (2) Members from the Library Board

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

10.c.6 Council Direct Appointment of One (1) Member to the Aurora Fox Arts Center Board

Sponsor: Danielle Jurinsky, Council Member

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

Moved by: Stephanie Hancock

Second by: Crystal Murillo

Does Council wish to continue this item to the July 8th Council Meeting?

Council Member Hancock requested supplemental information but did not receive it prior to the City Council meeting and would like to push until the next meeting.

Council Member Coombs requested information about permission of council members to make direct appointments as opposed to going through the staff and commission process.

Mayor Coffman noted that an interrogatory may be put in.

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

Absent: (1): Françoise Bergan

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?

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Voting Aye: (9): Alison Coombs, Curtis Gardner, Stephanie Hancock, Danielle Jurinsky, Angela Lawson, Ruben Medina, Crystal Murillo, Steve Sundberg, and Dustin Zvonek

Absent: (1): Françoise Bergan

11.a Resolutions

11.a.1 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Korea Freedom Federation, the Korean War Memorial Monument Committee, and Seongnam City, Korea

R2024-70 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, ADOPTING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE KOREA FREEDOM FEDERATION, THE KOREAN WAR MEMORIAL MONUMENT COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF AURORA, AND SEONGNAM CITY, KOREA (AURORA'S SISTER CITY)

Sponsor: Mike Coffman, Mayor

Ricardo Gambetta, Manager of the Office of the International and Immigrant Affairs / Andrea Wood, Assistant City Attorney

11.a.2 Wyatt Ditch Water Rights Acquisition from Front Range Oil and Gas Water Services, LLC

R2024-71 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, APPROVING THE CONTRACT FOR PURCHASE OF WYATT DITCH WATER RIGHTS BETWEEN THE CITY OF AURORA ACTING BY AND THROUGH ITS UTILITY ENTERPRISE AND FRONT RANGE OIL AND GAS WATER SERVICES, LLC

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

11.a.3 Drainage and Flood Control Improvements for Sampson and Robinson Gulch Regional Pond

R2024-72 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 SAMPSON / ROBINSON GULCH REGIONAL POND

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

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11.a.4 Drainage and Flood Control Improvements for Coal Creek at Picadilly Road

R2024-73 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 COAL CREEK AT PICADILLY ROAD

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

11.a.5 Universal Preschool Colorado Program Service Agreement

R2024-74 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, EXPRESSING THE AURORA CITY COUNCIL'S APPROVAL OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, ACTING BY AND THROUGH ITS RECREATION DIVISION IN THE PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE DEPARTMENT, AND THE STATE OF COLORADO FUNDING THE UNIVERSAL PRESCHOOL COLORADO PROGRAM

Donna Hunt, Superintendent of Youth Services, Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces / Tim Joyce, Assistant City Attorney

11.a.6 Memorial Park: Arapahoe County Open Spaces Funding Reimbursement

R2024-75 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, EXPRESSING THE AURORA CITY COUNCIL'S SUPPORT TO REIMBURSE THE ARAPAHOE COUNTY OPEN SPACE FUND TO DEVELOP THE COLORADO FREEDOM MEMORIAL CENTER

Nicole Ankeney, Planning, Design and Construction Manager, Parks, Recreation and Open Space / Tim Joyce, Assistant City Attorney

11.a.7 Cherry Creek School District and Aurora Police Intergovernmental Agreement

R2024-76 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, APPROVING THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CHERRY CREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 AND THE CITY OF AURORA REGARDING SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

Regan Pena, Police Chief of Staff / Megan Platt, Assistant City Attorney

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11.a.8 Rules of Order and Procedure: Amendment Concerning Proclamations

R2024-77 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 CONCERNING PROCLAMATIONS

Sponsor: Dustin Zvonek, Mayor Pro Tem

Co-Sponsors: Mike Coffman, Mayor / Curtis Gardner, Council Member
Andrea Wood, Assistant City Attorney

During the 6/10/2024 Study Session, Council approved to move this item forward to the next Council Meeting. No objection.

11.b Finalizing of Ordinances

Ordinances approved unanimously at first reading.

11.b.1 10850 E Exposition Avenue – Zoning Map Amendment

2024-27 FOR AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, FOR A ZONING MAP AMENDMENT TO REZONE APPROXIMATELY 4.8 ACRES OF LAND TO HIGH-DENSITY DISTRICT (R-4), LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 478 FEET EAST OF THE INTERSECTION OF E EXPOSITION AVENUE AND SOUTH IRONTON STREET (10850 E EXPOSITION AVENUE REZONE)

Liz Cooper Fuselier, Planner, Planning and Business Development /
Lena McClelland, Assistant City Attorney

11.b.2 2024 Lease-Purchase Financing – Heavy Fleet

2024-28 FOR AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA AUTHORIZING THE USE OF LEASE-PURCHASE FINANCING TO ACQUIRE CERTAIN EQUIPMENT DURING THE 2024 FISCAL YEAR PURSUANT TO THE TERMS OF AN EQUIPMENT LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE AURORA CAPITAL LEASING CORPORATION, AS LESSOR, AND THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, AS LESSEE; AUTHORIZING OFFICIALS OF THE CITY TO TAKE ALL ACTION NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY; AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS

Andrew Jamison, Debt and Treasury Supervisor, Finance / Hanosky Hernandez, Senior Assistant City Attorney

11.b.3 Aurora Housing Authority Board Amendment

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2024-29 FOR AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO AMENDING CHAPTER 42 OF THE AURORA CITY CODE, AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS

Sponsor: Dustin Zvonek, Mayor Pro Tem

Jason Batchelor, City Manager / Hanosky Hernandez, Senior Assistant City Attorney

11.b.4 Ordinance Pertaining to Excessive Number of Dogs Prohibited

2024-30 ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, AMENDING SECTION 14-71 OF THE CITY CODE PERTAINING TO EXCESSIVE NUMBER OF DOGS PROHIBITED

Sponsor: Françoise Bergan, Council Member

Anthony Youngblood, Animal Services Manager, Housing and Community Services / Angela Garcia, Senior Assistant City Attorney

12. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public hearings with or without related ordinances.

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

R2024-60 A PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF 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 presentation of the item.

CM Coombs asked for clarification if the members of the board would be residents or representatives of the developer.

Staff responded stating they are residents of the city and owners of the property.

Mayor Coffman closed the public hearing.

Moved by: Alison Coombs

Second by: Angela Lawson

Does Council wish to support Resolution R2024-60?

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Voting Aye: (9): Alison Coombs, Curtis Gardner, Stephanie Hancock, Danielle Jurinsky, Angela Lawson, Ruben Medina, Crystal Murillo, Steve Sundberg, and Dustin Zvonek

Absent: (1): Françoise Bergan

12.b Hours of Operation for Retail Marijuana Stores

2024-31 A PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, AMENDING SECTION 146-3.3.5.S.3 OF THE UNIFORM DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO THE HOURS OF OPERATION FOR RETAIL MARIJUANA STORES

Sponsor: Curtis Gardner, Council Member

Brandon Cammarata, Planning Manager, Planning and Business Services / Lena McClelland, Assistant City Attorney

Mayor Coffman opened the public hearing.

Staff provided a brief presentation on the item.

Mayor Coffman closed the public meeting.

Moved by: Curtis Gardner

Second by: Danielle Jurinsky

Does the Council wish to support Ordinance 2024-31?

Voting Aye: (9): Alison Coombs, Curtis Gardner, Stephanie Hancock, Danielle Jurinsky, Angela Lawson, Ruben Medina, Crystal Murillo, Steve Sundberg, and Dustin Zvonek

Absent: (1): Françoise Bergan

12.c Red Rocks Auto LLC Conditional Use - Consideration of an Appeal

A PUBLIC HEARING WITHOUT RELATED ORDINANCE TO CONSIDER AN APPEAL BY THE APPLICANT OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION DECISION OF DENIAL OF THE RED ROCKS AUTOS CONDITIONAL USE REQUEST WITHIN THE MU-C ZONE DISTRICT

Liz Cooper Fuselier, Planner II, Planning and Business Services / Lena McClelland, Senior Assistant City Attorney

Mayor Coffman opened the public hearing.

Staff provided a brief presentation on the item.

CM Coombs asked about the current utilization of the building and if was an under utilized space.

Staff responded saying the landlord stated the space was underutilized.

CM Hancock asked if there will be more than 15 cars at any given time.

The applicant responded stating he was limiting it to 15 vehicles.

Mayor Coffman closed the public hearing.

Moved by: Alison Coombs

Second by: Stephanie Hancock

Does Council wish to REVERSE the decision of the Planning and Zoning Commission to deny the Conditional Use?

Voting Aye: (9): Mayor Coffman, Alison Coombs, Stephanie Hancock, Danielle Jurinsky, Angela Lawson, Ruben Medina, Crystal Murillo, Steve Sundberg, and Dustin Zvonek

Absent: (2): Françoise Bergan, and Curtis Gardner

13. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

14. FINALIZING OF ORDINANCES

Ordinances not approved unanimously at first reading.

14.a 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

CM Sundberg stated that ultimately the city wants people to accept help to experience recovery and healing. He shared the story of a gentleman who went through a program and is now sober, productive and teaching. He stated he wanted to duplicate this again and again. He mentioned safety issues and habitual offenses. He wants to put up very clear signage that people can't be in certain areas because it's a safety issue.

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Mayor Coffman stated he supports CM Sundberg’s proposal. He stated the way the Ordinance is written is that it will start at the I-225 corridor and expand as necessary. The rest of the city with the exception of private property and parks would fall under existing ordinances. The goal is not to punish, but to get people into treatment.

CM Coombs stated that there was a lot of conversation regarding the lack of law enforcement resources and addressing the issues of crime in the city. She stated there were concerns with no information in the back up or fiscal note about how much increase in staff time or cost would be associated with the number of abatements conducted tripling. She stated there was never an ordinance before for health and safety issues because it was always possible and being done before there was a camping ban in the city. She stated she would not be supporting the ordinance due to lack of data. She said if the city did clear every homeless person off the streets, they would not have the bed capacity and would put the city in violation of existing court precedence.

Moved by: Danielle Jurinsky

Second by: Stephanie Hancock

Does the Council wish to support Ordinance 2024-25?

Voting Aye: (6): Françoise Bergan, Stephanie Hancock, Danielle Jurinsky, Angela Lawson, Steve Sundberg, and Dustin Zvonek

Voting Nay (3): Alison Coombs, Ruben Medina, and Crystal Murillo

Absent: (1): Curtis Gardner

15. ANNEXATIONS

16. RECONSIDERATIONS AND CALL UPS

17. GENERAL BUSINESS

17.a City Council Appointment of Jack Bajorek as Interim City Attorney

Ryan Lantz, Director of Human Resources / Roberto Venegas, Deputy City Manager

Moved by: Alison Coombs

Second by: Crystal Murillo

Does Council wish to appoint Jack Bajorek as the Interim City Attorney?

Voting Aye: (9): Mayor Coffman, Françoise Bergan, Alison Coombs, Stephanie Hancock, Danielle Jurinsky, Angela Lawson, Ruben Medina, Crystal Murillo, and Dustin Zvonek

Absent: (2): Curtis Gardner, and Steve Sundberg

18. REPORTS

18.a Mayor

Mayor Coffman invited anyone interested in following what he's doing to do so on his Facebook.

18.b Council

CM Coombs thanked CML for putting on a good conference with illuminating presentations regarding youth engagement and interesting conversations with the city attorneys. She thanked the citizens who took time to speak at the meeting and offered a public apology to the family of Kilyn Lewis for the suffering involved in that experience, and to the members of the community who had to re-experience incidents of violence. She stated she would bring forward a statement apologizing to the family and hoped she would get support from her colleagues.

CM Murillo echoed sentiments regarding Kilyn Lewis. She noted that there is a summer recess for his town hall that will resume in August, but she will be hosting a community meeting on Saturday, July 13th at 10:00 A.M. at Montview Elementary on the closure of Walmart and grocery access in NW Aurora.

CM Hancock noted that her upcoming town hall will take place on July 11th at Colorado Early Colleges on Abilene. She also expressed support for the public invited to be heard and to speak of feelings but feels there is an appropriate manner in which it should be done, and there should be facts. She stated this doesn't diminish the people who are hurting, and she respects what they are feeling, but stated that council does not have the ability to fire or tell the APD what to do. They must let the investigation find its full course. We all want justice and that's why she serves.

CM Gardner, Sundberg, Jurinsky, Medina, Lawson, Bergan 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

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