

## MINUTES

### Regular Meeting of the Aurora City Council

Monday, July 8, 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	

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**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 July 8, 2024 meeting.

**4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

*All standing.*

**5. EXECUTIVE SESSION UPDATE**

Mayor Coffman provided an update on the Executive Session, stating personnel matters, property acquisition and security were discussed.

**6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**6.a June 10, 2024 Meeting Minutes**

Moved by: Steve Sundberg

Second by: Stephanie Hancock

Does Council wish to approve the minutes of the meeting on June 10, 2024?

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

Absent: (1): Ruben Medina

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**6.b June 24, 2024 Meeting Minutes**

Moved by: Françoise Bergan

Second by: Alison Coombs

Does Council wish to approve the minutes of the meeting on June 24, 2024?

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

Absent: (1): Ruben Medina

**7. PROCLAMATIONS OR CEREMONIES**

**7.a Swearing-in Ceremony for Interim City Attorney Jack Bajorek**

Shawn Day, Presiding Judge, Aurora Municipal Court

**7.b Colombian Cultural Week**

Mayor Coffman proclaimed the week of July 15 - 21, 2024 as Colombian Cultural Week.

Mayor Coffman read a land acknowledgement.

**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**

The agenda was adopted as amended.

**Amendment:**

Moved by: Stephanie Hancock

Second by: Françoise Bergan

Does Council wish to adopt the agenda with the proposed amendment to remove items 11.a.4, 11.a.5, 11.a.10 and 11.a.11?

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

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

Absent: (1): Ruben Medina

Moved by: Danielle Jurinsky

Second by: Dustin Zvonek

Does Council wish to support the motion to end the debate?

Voting Aye: (7): Françoise Bergan, Curtis Gardner, Stephanie Hancock, Danielle Jurinsky, Angela Lawson, Steve Sundberg, and Dustin Zvonek

Voting Nay: (3): Mayor Coffman, Alison Coombs, and Crystal Murillo

Absent: (1): Ruben Medina

## **10. CONSENT CALENDAR - MOTIONS**

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Moved by: Dustin Zvonek

Second by: Stephanie Hancock

Does Council wish to conduct the meeting virtually?

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

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

Moved by: Françoise Bergan

Second by: Dustin Zvonek

Does Council wish to approve the Motions Consent Calendar as presented?

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

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

### **10.a Motions**

### **10.b Planning Matters**

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

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**10.c.1 Consideration to Appoint One (1) Member to the Aurora Fox Arts Center Board**

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

**10.c.2 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

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

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Moved by: Dustin Zvonek

Second by: Françoise Bergan

Does Council wish to approve the Resolutions and Ordinances Consent Calendar with Item 11.a.9 removed for discussion?

Voting Aye: (7): Françoise Bergan, Curtis Gardner, Stephanie Hancock, Danielle Jurinsky, Angela Lawson, Steve Sundberg, and Dustin Zvonek

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

**11.a Resolutions**

**11.a.1 Fifteenth Amendment Regarding the Design and Construction of Drainage Flood Control Improvements for First Creek Detention Upstream of I-70**

**R2024-78** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, EXPRESSING THE AURORA CITY COUNCIL'S SUPPORT OF THE FIFTEENTH AMENDMENT TO 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 DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF DRAINAGE AND FLOOD CONTROL IMPROVEMENTS FOR FIRST CREEK DETENTION UPSTREAM OF I-70

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

**11.a.2 Third Amendment to Drainage and Flood Control Improvements for Cherry Creek Restoration at Arapahoe Road**

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**R2024-79** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, EXPRESSING THE AURORA CITY COUNCIL'S SUPPORT OF THE THIRD AMENDMENT TO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF AURORA COLORADO ACTING BY AND THROUGH ITS UTILITY ENTERPRISE, THE URBAN DRAINAGE AND FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT, d/b/a MILE HIGH FLOOD DISTRICT, SOUTHEAST METRO STORMWATER AUTHORITY, THE CHERRY CREEK BASIN WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY, AND ARAPAHOE COUNTY REGARDING FINAL DESIGN, RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION, AND CONSTRUCTION OF DRAINAGE AND FLOOD CONTROL IMPROVEMENTS FOR CHERRY CREEK RESTORATION AT ARAPAHOE ROAD

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

#### **11.a.3 PFAS Infrastructure Grant**

**R2024-80** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, EXPRESSING THE AURORA CITY COUNCIL'S APPROVAL OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF AURORA COLORADO ACTING BY AND THROUGH ITS UTILITY ENTERPRISE AND THE COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT WATER QUALITY CONTROL DIVISION REGARDING GRANT FUNDS TO PLAN, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCT PUBLIC WATER INFRASTRUCTURE FOR TREATMENT OF PER- AND POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES (PFAS)

Cat Olukotun, Deputy Director of Business Services, Aurora Water / Ian Best, Assistant City Attorney

#### **11.a.4 Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) Between the City of Aurora and City & County of Denver for the Operations and Maintenance Plan for a Portion of 68th Avenue**

**R2024-81** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, APPROVING THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF AURORA AND THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER FOR THE OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE PLAN OF A PORTION OF 68TH AVENUE

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

#### **11.a.5 TUMO Center**

**R2024-82** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, ENDORSING AND SUPPORTING ARMENIANS OF COLORADO INC.'S EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH A TUMO CENTER IN AURORA, AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL ON SUCH PROSPECTS

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Sponsor: Alison Coombs, Council Member / Mike Coffman, Mayor  
Jason Batchelor, City Manager / Jack Bajorek, Deputy City Attorney

**11.a.6 Transitioning Domestic Violence Cases Out of Aurora Municipal Court**

**R2024-83** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER, CITY ATTORNEY, COURT ADMINISTRATOR, AND PRESIDING JUDGE TO COLLABORATE WITH KEY STAKEHOLDERS TO DEVELOP A PLAN FOR TRANSITIONING THE PROSECUTION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CASES OUT OF THE AURORA MUNICIPAL COURT

Sponsor: Dustin Zvonek, Mayor Pro Tem

Jason Batchelor, City Manager / Peter Schulte, Client Group Manager, City Attorney

**11.a.7 Directing the City Attorney to Evaluate a Legal Challenge and Challenge Colorado House Bill 24-1437**

**R2024-84** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO EVALUATE A LEGAL CHALLENGE AND CHALLENGE COLORADO HOUSE BILL 24-1437, PROHIBITING FLAT FEE CONTRACTS FOR DEFENDING INDIGENT CLIENTS, ON THE GROUNDS THAT IT VIOLATES THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION INCLUDING HOME RULE AUTHORITY

Sponsor: Dustin Zvonek, Mayor Pro Tem

Jason Batchelor, City Manager / Peter Schulte, Client Group Manager, City Attorney

**11.a.8 Tax Rebate Agreement – Project Waterfall**

**R2024-85** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE TAX REBATE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO (“CITY”) AND PROJECT WATERFALL (“TAXPAYER”)

Chad Argentar, Senior Project Manager, Planning and Business Development / Rachel Allen, Client Group Manager, City Attorney

**11.a.9 Ballot Question – Ownership of Pit Bulls Ordinance**

**R2024-86** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, SUBMITTING TO A VOTE OF REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE CITY AT THE SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION OF NOVEMBER 5, 2024, A BALLOT QUESTION PERTAINING TO THE OWNERSHIP OF PIT BULLS WITHIN THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO

Sponsor: Danielle Jurinsky, Council Member / Co-Sponsor: Mike Coffman, Mayor

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

CM Jurinsky stated the reason for pulling the item is because she has received a lot of emails from the public stating they are worried with the way it is worded and concerned about it passing. She said it has come to her attention that it has to be worded this way.

Staff provided a brief summary and explanation of the item.

Moved by: Danielle Jurinsky

Second by: Françoise Bergan

Does Council wish to support Resolution R2024-86?

Voting Aye: (7): Françoise Bergan, Curtis Gardner, Stephanie Hancock, Danielle Jurinsky, Angela Lawson, Steve Sundberg, and Dustin Zvonek

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

#### **11.a.10 Aurora Pride Sponsorship**

**R2024-87** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, EXPRESSING THE AURORA CITY COUNCIL'S DESIRE TO SPONSOR THE 2024 AURORA PRIDE EVENT AT THE AURORA RESERVOIR IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,000

Sponsor: Alison Coombs, Council Member

Alison Coombs, At-Large Council Member / Andrea Wood, Assistant City Attorney

#### **11.a.11 Kilyn Lewis Resolution**

**R2024-88** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, EXPRESSING THE AURORA CITY COUNCIL'S APOLOGY AND CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF KILYN LEWIS

Sponsor: Alison Coombs, Council Member

Alison Coombs, Council Member / Jack Bajorek, Deputy City Attorney

### **11.b Finalizing of Ordinances**

*Ordinances approved unanimously at first reading.*

#### **11.b.1 Hours of Operation for Retail Marijuana Stores**

**2024-31** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, AMENDING SECTION 146-3.3.5.S.3 OF THE

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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

**12. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

*Public hearings with or without related ordinances.*

**13. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

**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**

Mayor Coffman expressed that any loss of life is always a tragedy. He stated there is a process for an officer involved shooting and an ongoing investigation by the 18th Judicial District, Critical Response and investigation team as per state law. He said there is also an internal investigation by the Aurora Police Department on whether the officer adhered to the standards, training, and procedures. He said it is fair to allow those processes to occur before they comment on the case. He extended his condolences to the family.

**18.b Council**

CM Jurinsky wished her dad a happy 80th birthday.

CM Sundberg thanked the police department and said people in society realize now more than ever that they need the police department.

CM Hancock stated she and MPT Zvonek will be hosting a town hall at the Colorado Early Colleges on July 11th. She commented that she saw a lot online about Fredrick Douglas' speech on why slaves should celebrate the 4th of July, and she read a portion of his speech and stated it is not a holiday for black people or white people, but a holiday for all Americans. She expressed that she believes in the constitution and principles of this country and would be happy to help anyone who will not stand for the pledge, or acknowledge this country is great, pack their bags and leave, because this country is worth fighting for.

CM Lawson gave her FSIR legislative update, stated the Senate Appropriations Committee will begin markups for spending bills, and said the city is watching to see

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if their congressional directive spending requests will make the cut this week. The city is also working with state partners to address issues for the next legislative sessions in 2025. The next FSIR meeting is July 19th, virtual, at 1 p.m.

CM Bergan thanked the Metro District of Flagstone for letting them have a meeting. She also attended the Aurora Highlands ribbon cutting of the 38th Avenue Interchange and bridge.

CM Gardner and MPT Zvonek did not have a report. CM Coombs, CM Medina, and CM Murillo were absent for reports.

**19. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Coffman adjourned the regular meeting of City Council.



MIKE COFFMAN, MAYOR

ATTEST:



KADEE RODRIGUEZ, CITY CLERK