

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Aurora City Council

Monday, July 22, 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 July 22, 2024 meeting.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All standing.

Mayor Coffman read the land acknowledgement.

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION UPDATE

Mayor Coffman provided an update on the Executive Session, stating property disposition and property negotiations were discussed.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

6.a July 8, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Moved by: Steve Sundberg

Second by: Stephanie Hancock

Does Council wish to approve the minutes of the meeting on July 8, 2024?

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

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7. PROCLAMATIONS OR CEREMONIES

7.a Student Recognition, Seongnam City, Korea Youth Conference

Mayor Coffman recognized the students attending the Korea Youth Conference in Seongnam City.

8. PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD

(non-agenda related issues only)

Mayor Coffman expressed his condolences to the family and friends of Kilyn Lewis, and stated the loss of any life in the community is reason to mourn and said he recognized the pain to those who loved him. He recognized the sense of concern and trust in the city, and respects the processes they have in place for understanding the full situation. He added that he is thankful for the City's forthrightness with releasing information and prays they all find opportunities to work together and pursue the common good for Aurora.

Council heard public testimony on non-agenda related items. Public Invited to be Heard reached the one hour mark.

Moved by: Crystal Murillo

Second by: Ruben Medina

Does Council wish to support allowing the Public Invited to be Heard to continue?

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: Stephanie Hancock

Does Council wish to support continuing the meeting virtually?

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

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

Absent: (2): Françoise Bergan, Curtis Gardner

9. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by: Dustin Zvonek

Second by: Alison Coombs

Does Council wish to adopt the agenda as presented?

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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

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: Steve Sundberg

Second by: Angela Lawson

Does Council wish to approve the Motions Consent Calendar 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.a Motions

10.a.1 Fire-Collective Bargaining Agreements 2025-2926

Jason Batchelor, City Manager/Kimberly Skaggs, Assistant City Attorney

10.a.2 Police-Collective Bargaining Agreement 2025-2026

Jason Batchelor, City Manager/Kimberly Skaggs, Assistant City Attorney

10.b Planning Matters

10.c Appointments to Boards and Commissions

10.c.1 Consideration to Appoint One (1) Member to the Veterans Affairs Commission

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

11. CONSENT CALENDAR - RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

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: Stephanie Hancock

Second by: Alison Coombs

Does Council wish to approve the Resolutions and Ordinances Consent Calendar with Item 11.a.1 removed and 11.a.10 removed for discussion?

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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

11.a Resolutions

11.a.1 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

CM Coombs stated she has asked city management in the past to include this in the Fall Budget Workshop and they said not to do it in that manner but go dedicate discussion on it at the Spring Workshop or Council Meeting. She said the ask from Aurora Pride was reduced from prior years and will be paying the city \$10,000 even with the full sponsorship. CM Coombs thanked CM Bergan for reaching out to partners in the community to get partial funding and said it would make sense to reduce the amount she secured. She noted that removing this from the agenda or voting no tells the LGBTQ+ community that this Council does not believe they should have a safe space to celebrate their community for even one day.

Mayor Coffman asked if the event will still go forward if the item fails. Staff stated it would.

CM Coombs added that it does not say they are not allowed to use the reservoir, but if they say no to any amount of sponsorship it says to the community that the Council does not support them.

CM Bergan stated this was all mishandled from the start. She said CM Coombs sent an email to staff assuming the amount had been budgeted in the 2024 budget. Staff responded that no request for the event was in the 2024 budget, and the only communication received after that was when CM Coombs brought forward the resolution. They said no to the \$15,000, so they then asked for \$7500, and CM Bergan found sponsors to secure that. She shared she is confused why they are now asking for more money.

CM Coombs expressed that she never received an update from staff that there were six votes in support of the \$7500, so that is why it was brought forward again. She said it was brought back because people said they were not even going to talk about funding Pride.

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CM Bergan stated she understands that, but felt getting the additional money through private funding would be better, and that is why she got sponsors. She expressed that she is a big supporter of Pride, but it needs to be done with things like fundraising.

CM Jurinsky said it did not matter what event it is, the reservoir should never be shut down to the public, not for any amount of money. She explained that she has talked to city staff about this, in which they stated they were looking into changing the policy moving forward, but she did not trust that. She added that when she purchased her annual pass, there were no blackout dates.

CM Murillo commented that at the end of the day there is a request and they are stating their values through their budget right now. She voiced that earlier this year they voted for city council members to forego their annual salary, so they have a cost savings for that in the budget. She said they know what message this will send.

CM Gardner agreed there is some validity in having a discussion around closing the reservoir. He noted this was the last Saturday before Cherry Creek Schools go back and it is prime time of the year, so that is a valid concern at some point. However, that is not the conversation tonight, which is if they want to sponsor the event or not. He added the City of Aurora sponsors all kinds of requests that do not even bring tax revenue into the city, as this one does, and this request falls in line with other sponsorship requests.

CM Hancock explained that the hope for postponing the item is because they are prohibiting tax paying people who purchased passes from being able to use it. She stated it is not ethical to have exclusive rights to the whole park.

The event chairman provided a brief presentation on the item.

MPT Zvonek asked if they pay the city for renting the reservoir and how much it costs.

CM Coombs stated the original quoted amount was for \$28,000, but staff reduced that by leaving boat rental open, so now it is \$25,000.

CM Jurinsky pointed out that over Father's Day weekend she was invited to a nonprofit for youth violence prevention and the event was supposed to be at the Aurora Reservoir, and were told they could only rent out one pavilion, but something was wrong with the pavilion, and they were moved to Red-tailed Hawk Park.

CM Sundberg asked if he would be welcome to fish in his canoe that day. CM Coombs assured it was open to everyone to do whatever they want there.

CM Bergan suggested being clearer on expectations moving forward on any kind of sponsorships. She suggested Council look at closing it during prime time summer and offer other options to Aurora Pride and have those discussions earlier than later to prevent all this confusion. She noted the emails that were coming through were very hateful, uncalled for, and not a way to persuade people to come to the table.

Moved by: Stephanie Hancock

Second by: Dustin Zvonek

Does Council wish to postpone item 11.a.1 indefinitely?

Voting Aye: (4): Françoise Bergan, Stephanie Hancock, Danielle Jurinsky, and Dustin Zvonek

Voting Nay: (7): Mayor Coffman, Alison Coombs, Curtis Gardner, Angela Lawson, Ruben Medina, Crystal Murillo, and Steve Sundberg

Moved by: Stephanie Hancock

Second by: Danielle Jurinsky

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

Voting Aye: (9): Mayor Coffman, Françoise Bergan, Alison Coombs, Curtis Gardner, Stephanie Hancock, Danielle Jurinsky, Angela Lawson, Steve Sundberg, and Dustin Zvonek

Voting Nay: (2): Crystal Murillo and Ruben Medina

Moved By: Alison Coombs

Second by: Crystal Murillo

Does Council wish to approve Item 11.a.1 with a reduced amount of \$7500?

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

Voting Nay: (1): Stephanie Hancock

11.a.2 Cottonwood Creek Metropolitan District Nos. 2-5 Board Appointment Request

R2024-89 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO APPOINTING DIRECTORS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF COTTONWOOD CREEK METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NOS. 2-5

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

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11.a.3 Powhaton Road Metropolitan District No. 6 Board Appointment Request

R2024-90 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO APPOINTING DIRECTORS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF POWHATON ROAD METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 6

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

11.a.4 Powhaton Road Metropolitan District Nos. 8, 10 and 11 Board Appointment Request

R2024-91 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO APPOINTING DIRECTORS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF POWHATON ROAD METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NOS. 8, 10 AND 11

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

11.a.5 Metro, Denver Water and Aurora Water Regional Water Reuse Feasibility Study

R2024-92 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, ENDORSING THE AURORA CITY COUNCIL'S APPROVAL OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF AURORA ACTING BY AND THROUGH ITS UTILITY ENTERPRISE, THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER ACTING BY AND THROUGH IT BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS AND THE METRO WASTEWATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT FOR A REGIONAL WATER REUSE FEASIBILITY STUDY

Sarah Young, Assistant General Manager of Planning & Engineering, Aurora Water / Ian Best, Assistant City Attorney

11.a.6 CLG Grant Award Acceptance

R2024-93 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, EXPRESSING THE AURORA CITY COUNCIL'S APPROVAL FOR THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUBRECIPIENT GRANT AGREEMENT PROVIDING THE CITY WITH \$25,000 IN HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUNDS

Chris Geddes, Historic Preservation Specialist, Library and Cultural Services / Tim Joyce, Assistant City Attorney

11.a.7 Dove Valley Field Scheduling Services

R2024-94 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, EXPRESSING THE AURORA CITY COUNCIL'S

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APPROVAL OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, AND ARAPAHOE COUNTY FOR THE USE AND PROGRAMMING OF THE ATHLETIC FIELDS AT THE DOVE VALLEY REGIONAL PARK

Waiver of reconsideration is requested as the City of Aurora Recreation staff are prepared to provide filed scheduling services on behalf of Arapahoe County at Dove Valley sports field complex effective August 1st.

Brooke Bell, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Open Space / Tim Joyce, Assistant City Attorney

11.a.8 Intergovernmental Agreement Between City of Aurora - Court Administration and Colorado Department of Labor and Employment - Unemployment Insurance Division

R2024-95 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF AURORA AND THE STATE OF COLORADO ACTING BY AND THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT PROVIDING FOR THE SHARING OF DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND UNEMPLOYMENT INFORMATION TO THE AURORA MUNICIPAL COURT FOR VERIFICATION OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION SUBMITTED TO THE MUNICIPAL COURT

Candace Atkinson, Court Administration & Detention Director, Aurora Municipal Court / Angela Garcia, Senior Assistant City Attorney

11.a.9 Careers in Construction Colorado Agreement

R2024-96 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, BETWEEN THE CITY OF AURORA AND THE CONSTRUCTION EDUCATION FOUNDATION OF COLORADO (CEF) REGARDING WORK FORCE DONATIONS VOLUNTARILY MADE TO THE CAREERS IN CONSTRUCTION COLORADO (CICC) PROGRAM

Sponsor: Francoise Bergan, Council Member

Laura Perry, Deputy City Manager / Michelle Gardner, Senior Assistant City Attorney

11.a.10 Updated Ballot Question - Ownership of Pit Bulls Ordinance

R2024-97 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 / Peter Schulte, Public Safety Client Group Manager, City Attorney

The Council heard public testimony on the agenda item.

Moved by: Danielle Jurinsky

Second by: Françoise Bergan

Does Council wish to support Resolution R2024-97?

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

11.b Finalizing of Ordinances

Ordinances approved unanimously at first reading.

12. PUBLIC HEARINGS

12.a Front Range Airpark Metropolitan District Nos. 1-5 Service Plan Approval

R2024-98 A PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, APPROVING THE SERVICE PLAN FOR FRONT RANGE AIRPARK METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NOS. 1-5 AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO AND THE DISTRICTS

Michael Kerrigan, Special District Administrator, Office of Development Assistance / Brian Rulla, Assistant City Attorney

Mayor Coffman opened the public hearing.

Staff provided a brief summary on the item.

Applicant provided a brief presentation on the item.

Mayor Coffman closed the public hearing.

Moved by: Steve Sundberg

Second by: Danielle Jurinsky

Does Council wish to support Resolution R2024-98?

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

12.b Sagebrush Farm Metropolitan District No. 1 Second Amended and Restated Service Plan

2024-32 A PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO APPROVING THE SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED SERVICE PLAN FOR SAGEBRUSH FARM METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 1 AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO AND THE 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 on the item.

Mayor Coffman closed the public hearing.

Moved by: Steve Sundberg

Second by: Danielle Jurinsky

Does Council wish to support Resolution R2024-32?

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

12.c Crippen Property Zoning Map Amendment from MU-R to AD

2024-33 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 62.26 ACRES OF LAND TO AIRPORT DISTRICT (AD), LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 1,200 FEET SOUTH OF THE INTERSECTION OF EAST JEWELL AVENUE AND SOUTH GUN CLUB ROAD (CRIPPEN PROPERTY PLANNING AREA 2 REZONE)

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

Mayor Coffman opened the public hearing.

Staff provided a brief summary on the item.

Mayor Coffman closed the public hearing.

Moved by: Steve Sundberg

Second by: Danielle Jurinsky

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Does Council wish to support Resolution R2024-33?

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

12.d Crippen Property Zoning Map Amendment from MU-R to MU-C

2024-34 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 5.1 ACRES OF LAND TO MIXED-USE CORRIDOR DISTRICT (MU-C), LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 1,200 FEET SOUTH OF THE INTERSECTION OF EAST JEWELL AVENUE AND SOUTH GUN CLUB ROAD (CRIPPEN PROPERTY PLANNING AREA 3 REZONE)

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

Mayor Coffman opened the public hearing.

Staff provided a brief summary on the item.

Mayor Coffman closed the public hearing.

Moved by: Danielle Jurinsky

Second by: Steve Sundberg

Does Council wish to support Resolution R2024-34?

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

13. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

13.a Amendment of Aurora Code Sec 50-255 Regarding Conditions of Probation

2024-35 A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, AMENDING SECTION 50-255 OF THE CITY CODE PERTAINING TO THE CONDITIONS OF PROBATION

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

Staff provided a brief presentation on the item.

Moved by: Danielle Jurinsky

Second by: Stephanie Hancock

Does Council wish to support Resolution R2024-35?

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

13.b Amending Aurora City Code Section 94 154 to Opt Out of Certain Firearm Possession Prohibitions in Senate Bill 24 131

2024-36 A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, AMENDING AURORA CITY CODE SECTION 94-154 TO OPT OUT OF CERTAIN FIREARM POSSESSION PROHIBITIONS IN SENATE BILL 24-131

Sponsor: Curtis Gardner, Council Member

Jason Batchelor, City Manager / Andrea Wood, Assistant City Attorney

CM Gardner provided a brief summary on the item.

Moved by: Curtis Gardner

Second by: Danielle Jurinsky

Does Council wish to support Resolution R2024-36?

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

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 did not have a report.

18.b Council

CM Coombs thanked her colleagues for supporting Aurora Pride for this year and CM Bergan for securing additional support from private partners. She is excited for Pride, to provide scholarships at the Community College of Aurora, and provide a safe space for LGBTQ+ people and their families.

CM Jurinsky reminded that the Wine and Wags event is August 27th, at 6:30, at the Lake House at Cherry Creek Reservoir, to raise private funds for the animal shelter.

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MPT Zvonek responded to the public invited to be heard portion of the meeting. He said it was suggested that Aurora would decriminalize domestic violence, and that is not true. He added they do not prosecute murder in the municipal courts either, but that does not mean it is legal here.

CM Hancock responded to the public invited to be heard portion of the meeting. She made her position clear that the Kilyn Lewis situation is sad and shared her heartbreak with Mrs. Jones in a private conversation last week, but the fact remains that they need to let justice and the investigations run their course. She noted she would not intervene politics into the review, but apologized to the people who found her use of the word "terrorist" inflammatory but would not stand for how people acted at her Town Hall last week. CM Hancock voiced that she would continue to speak out and let justice run its course and continue to care and speak out for the community. She came into the office to serve the community struggling under the fear of crime, to cover their expenses, and put food on their tables. She explained that she will not be silenced, even when people are brought in from outside of Aurora to try to do so. She asked legal what the city charter says about what the Council can do, because they are continually being asked to do things that they have no power to do. CM Hancock stated the Council cannot fire the police officer, and he has the right to due process just like anyone else. She thanked those who extended condolences on the loss of her mom.

CM Lawson also responded to the public invited to be heard portion of the meeting. She stated she is not running, and it was very difficult to cancel her two Town Halls, but could not allow what happened at CM Hancock's Town Hall to happen, because people are coming there to get information on Ward 5 and what is happening in the city. She invited individuals to call her if they want to talk about something instead of putting things about her on social media, because she will not respond there. She also gave condolences to Kilyn Lewis' family.

CM Bergan changed her Town Hall last week from in-person to virtual after advice from the police. She thanked those who gave presentations on water and the officers from Aurora Fire Rescue. She gave her condolences Kilyn Lewis' family, but agreed they do not need to put their residents in an environment and atmosphere like was done at CM Hancock's Town Hall. She also stated that she did an interview with a boy scout working for his merit badge, had Planning, Economic Development, Transportation, and Water Policy committee meetings in the last two weeks, and a Housing Code Analysis Roundtable. On E-470, they had an update from the Colorado State Patrol and a public relations update.

CM Gardner, CM Murillo, CM Sundberg, CM Medina 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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