

**MINUTES**

**Regular Meeting of the Aurora City Council**

**Monday, August 26, 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 August 26, 2024 meeting.

**4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

*(All Standing)*

**5. EXECUTIVE SESSION UPDATE**

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

**6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**6.a August 12, 2024 Meeting Minutes**

Moved by: Steve Sundberg

Second by: Françoise Bergan

Does Council wish to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2024 meeting?

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

Abstain: (1): Alison Coombs

**7. PROCLAMATIONS OR CEREMONIES**

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.

**8.a Public Invited to be Heard on the 2025 Budget**

Greg Hays, Budget Officer, Finance / Hanosky Hernandez Perez, Senior Assistant City Attorney

**9. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Moved by: Françoise Bergan

Second by: Stephanie Hancock

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**

*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: Ruben Medina

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.b Planning Matters**

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

**10.c.1 Consideration to Reappoint Two (2) Members and to Remove One (1) Member from the Board of Adjustments and Appeals**

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

**10.c.2 Consideration to Appoint One (1) Youth Member and Reappoint Two (2) Adult Members to the Aurora Youth Commission**

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

**10.c.3 Consideration to Appoint One (1) Member to the Building Code and Contractors Appeals and Standards Board**

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: Danielle Jurinsky

Does Council wish to approve the Resolutions and Ordinances Consent Calendar with items 11.a.8 and 11.a.9 removed?

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 Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the City of Aurora and the Aurora Public School District for the COMPASS Afterschool Enrichment Program 2024- 2025**

**R2024-104** 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, AND THE AURORA PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE COMPASS AFTERSCHOOL ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS AT FOUR SCHOOLS

Donna Hunt, Recreation Superintendent, Parks, Recreation & Open Space / Tim Joyce, Assistant City Attorney

**11.a.2 GMT Exploration Company, LLC Water Service Agreement**

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**R2024-105** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, EXPRESSING THE AURORA CITY COUNCIL'S SUPPORT OF AN AGREEMENT FOR DELIVERY OF NON-POTABLE WATER BETWEEN THE CITY OF AURORA ACTING BY AND THROUGH ITS UTILITY ENTERPRISE AND GMT EXPLORATION COMPANY, LLC

Sarah Young, Assistant General Manager of Planning and Engineering, Aurora Water / Rachel Allen, Manager of Client Services, City Attorney

**11.a.3 Eastgate Extraterritorial Water Service Agreement**

**R2024-106** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, EXPRESSING THE AURORA CITY COUNCIL'S APPROVAL OF AN EXTRATERRITORIAL WATER SERVICE AGREEMENT

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

**11.a.4 Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) Between the City, E-470 and Windler for Maintenance of 48th Avenue**

**R2024-107** 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 WINDLER OPERATIONS METROPOLITAN DISTRICT REGARDING THE MAINTENANCE OF 38TH AVENUE OVERLAPPING FACILITIES

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

**11.a.5 Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Arapahoe County for Gun Club Multi-Modal Improvements Project**

**R2024-108** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, APPROVING THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND ARAPAHOE COUNTY FOR THE GUN CLUB ROAD MULTI-MODAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Cathleen Valencia, Manager of Project Delivery Services, Public Works / Michelle Gardner, Senior Assistant City Attorney

**11.a.6 Bond Allocation to the Housing Authority of the City of Aurora 2024**

**R2024-109** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, AUTHORIZING THE ASSIGNMENT OF A PORTION OF THE CITY'S 2024 PRIVATE ACTIVITY BOND ALLOCATION TO THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF AURORA, DBA AURORA HOUSING AUTHORITY

Sarah A. Carroll, Acting Housing & Community Development Manager,  
Housing and Community Services / Tim Joyce, Assistant City Attorney

**11.a.7 Bond Allocation for the Colorado Housing Finance Authority  
2024**

**R2024-110** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, EXPRESSING THE AURORA CITY COUNCIL'S APPROVAL OF THE AUTHORIZING ASSIGNMENT TO THE COLORADO HOUSING AND FINANCE AUTHORITY OF A PRIVATE ACTIVITY BOND ALLOCATION OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, PURSUANT TO THE COLORADO PRIVATE ACTIVITY BOND CEILING ALLOCATION ACT

Waiver of reconsideration requested in order to meet the September 15, 2024 deadline for the 2024 Allocation.

Sarah A. Carroll, Acting Housing & Community Development Manager,  
Housing and Community Services / Tim Joyce, Assistant City Attorney

**11.a.8 Aurora Regional Navigation Campus**

**R2024-111** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENSURE THAT THE FOCUS OF THE AURORA REGIONAL NAVIGATION CAMPUS REMAINS ON REDUCING HOMELESSNESS THROUGH EMPLOYMENT AND TREATMENT STRATEGIES PROVEN TO HELP INDIVIDUALS IMPROVE SELF SUFFICIENCY AND MAINTAIN STABLE HOUSING

Sponsor: Dustin Zvonek, Mayor Pro Tem

Emma Knight, Manager of Homelessness and Behavioral Health,  
Housing and Community Services / George Koumantakis, Manager of Client Services, City Attorney

MPT Zvonek explained the resolution would serve as a blueprint for the Navigation Campus the City will be operating with support from the state and surrounding counties. He stated it is a work first approach in addressing homelessness by focusing on employment recovery and skill development to promote self-sufficiency. The resolution outlines how the Council would like to see this run with a three tier strategy.

Mayor Coffman added it is a 255-room hotel with a conference center being converting to a navigation resource center to help the homeless.

CM Coombs did not support the resolution due to it being a misrepresentation. She said modeling it after Colorado Springs is not proven to be as effective as what they do in Houston.

MPT Zvonek explained that with housing first, services are available but there are no conditions or expectations that individuals participate. He stated that Denver hides the homeless strategy and does not

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address the root cause to help people get access to services they need. Housing first does have those options available, but they do not make it a prerequisite or a condition like this approach.

CM Murillo agreed there are other housing first models that have been proven to work and be effective. She said they cannot force people to do something they do not want to do regarding workforce development. She believes supporting their individual paths to self-sufficiency and healing is the more appropriate and effective approach.

Mayor Coffman clarified that no one is forced to do anything, but they are encouraged to better themselves.

Moved by: Dustin Zvonek

Second by: Stephanie Hancock

Does Council wish to support Resolution R2024-111?

Voting Aye: (7): 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

#### **11.a.9 Lamar Monument Signs**

**R2024-112** A RESOLUTION FROM THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, EXPRESSING THE AURORA CITY COUNCIL'S STRONG SUPPORT OF DIGITAL MONUMENT SIGNS. THE CITY COUNCIL DIRECTS THE CITY MANAGER TO SUPPORT THIS ENDEAVOR THROUGH A CODE REVIEW AND A CONTRACT NEGOTIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH LAMAR ADVERTISING COMPANY.

Sponsor: Danielle Jurinsky, Council Member

Jason Batchelor, City Manager / George Koumantakis, Manager of Client Services, City Attorney

The Council heard public testimony on the agenda item.

Mayor Coffman recommended following a competitive bid process and a true pilot program.

CM Gardner pointed out that their procurement code does not define pilot program. He stated that to him a pilot program would be limited locations and a limited length of time. He proposed an amendment to the fourth whereas clause, changing "Whereas the Council has decided to pursue the pilot program in a contract with Lamar Advertising Company" to "implement the pilot program".

CM Jurinsky explained that proposing to turn this into a pilot program was originally how she brought this forward. She shared that she is concerned that the company expressing concerns has been following this item the whole time, but she has not heard from them personally.

CM Bergan stated this came to the Planning and Economic Development Committee and they decided to move it forward as a pilot program with the understanding it would be one location and 1 to 2 years. She asked what authority they have on what can be displayed or who can advertise.

Legal counsel stated the city would have to be neutral on the content of the messages or advertisements accepted by the ones running the pilot program.

CM Bergan clarified this is for a digital billboard to be placed on city properties, which will not give them the authority to say what can be messaged or advertised. She asked what type of UDO changes have to happen and if it would invite that any company could do digital billboard advertising throughout the city.

Ms. Rustad responded.

CM Bergan suggested the sponsor go back to a smaller number than five years with a five year renewal. She also asked how they can be removed and if they have conditions of terminating the contract.

J. Batchelor responded.

CM Bergan asked how a resolution can direct the city manager to negotiate for one vendor without going through the RFP process, expressing her concerns of unfairness. She voiced that she is not supportive of this unless it is changed to a lower number of locations.

CM Jurinsky stated if signs are not liked or another company is picked after the pilot program, they will be responsible for taking the signs down. She reiterated that she has worked on this for two years and has not heard from anyone on this.

CM Bergan commented that she moved it forward as a pilot program, so she was not against it, but it needs to be a limited number of locations and limited term to evaluate the effectiveness of it. She shared she was invited to meet with Lamar in Las Vegas but thought it was inappropriate.

Mayor Coffman commented that he understands CM Bergan has a special relationship with Lamar, but that is not the contracting process that they have, and that relationship should not dictate that they are the only ones that can do this.

CM Lawson shared she spoke with Lamar and told them how she felt about the process. She added that there are signs throughout the city and many of her constituents live in apartment buildings and do not get communications, so this could be a way to communicate about what is going on in the city. She said she will be supporting the amendment and thinks all truth should come out.

CM Bergan clarified they received an email from OutFront Media Saturday. Her concern is the RFP process and once they make the code changes to allow the digital billboards, anybody would be able to do this because they cannot show favoritism and will see billboards everywhere.

CM Gardner commented that he worked with Lamar on finding locations and negotiated with them to have two communication slides for Aurora. He said the concerns being brought up around first amendment violations would exist no matter how many locations, so there is just opposition to the program. He noted that he changed his mind due to finding out Aurora already had a monument sign at the Aurora Sports Park showing messaging and advertising for UC Health.

CM Bergan does not understand how it is legal to require the city manager to waive the requirements of the Aurora Purchasing Code. She said they have no control over what can be messaged, so it is different from the monument at the Aurora Sports Park.

CM Jurinsky asked if turning it into a pilot program does not have to have an RFP process.

Legal Counsel responded.

MPT Zvonek inquired if they did an RFP for the radar van.

P. Schulte answered.

CM Jurinsky voiced this is not the first time they have gone without doing a bid.

Moved by: Danielle Jurinsky

Second by: Dustin Zvonek

Does Council wish to support Resolution R2024-112 as amended?

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

Voting Nay: (4): Françoise Bergan, Alison Coombs, Ruben Medina, and Crystal Murillo

Moved by: Danielle Jurinsky

Second by: Stephanie Hancock

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

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

Voting Nay: (3): Mayor Coffman, Françoise Bergan, and Ruben Medina

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

*Ordinances approved unanimously at first reading.*

### **11.b.1 2024 IT Lease Purchase Authority**

**2024-37** A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY OFFICER TO ACQUIRE CERTAIN TANGIBLE AND INTANGIBLE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROPERTY, EITHER BY PURCHASE OR PURSUANT TO THE TERMS OF LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENTS TO BE ENTERED INTO BETWEEN THE CITY, AS LESSEE, AND LEASE INVESTORS, VENDORS OR THE AURORA CAPITAL LEASING CORPORATION, EACH AS LESSOR, AUTHORIZING OFFICIALS OF THE CITY TO TAKE ALL ACTION NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY

Scott Newman, Chief Information Officer, Information Technology /  
Hanosky Hernandez, Senior Assistant City Attorney

## **12. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

*Public hearings with or without related ordinances.*

### **12.a The Aurora Highlands Zoning Map Amendment – MU-A to MU-R**

**2024-38** 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 125.93 ACRES OF LAND TO MIXED USE-REGIONAL DISTRICT (MU-R), LOCATED BETWEEN E 48TH AVENUE AND E 38TH AVENUE, EAST OF E-470 TO DENALI BOULEVARD (THE AURORA HIGHLANDS MU-A TO MU-R REZONE)

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Deborah Bickmire, Senior Planner, Planning and Business Development / Lena McClelland, Assistant City Attorney

Mayor Coffman opened the public hearing.

Staff gave a brief presentation on the item.

Mayor Coffman closed the public hearing.

Moved by: Steve Sundberg

Second by: Françoise Bergan

Does the Council wish to support Ordinance 2024-38?

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

Absent: (1): Alison Coombs

**12.b The Aurora Highlands Zoning Map Amendment- MU-A to R-2**

**2024-39** 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 16.54 ACRES OF LAND TO MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT (R-2), LOCATED BETWEEN E 48TH AVENUE AND E 38TH AVENUE, EAST OF E-470 TO DENALI BOULEVARD (THE AURORA HIGHLANDS MU-A TO R-2 REZONE)

Deborah Bickmire, Senior Planner, Planning and Business Development / Lena McClelland, Assistant City Attorney

Mayor Coffman opened the public hearing.

Mayor Coffman closed the public hearing.

Moved by: Steve Sundberg

Second by: Stephanie Hancock

Does the Council wish to support Ordinance 2024-39?

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

Absent: (1): Alison Coombs

**12.c The Aurora Highlands Zoning Map Amendment - R-2 TO MU-R**

**2024-40** A PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, FOR A ZONING

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MAP AMENDMENT TO REZONE APPROXIMATELY 69.81 ACRES OF LAND TO MIXED USE-REGIONAL DISTRICT (MU-R), LOCATED BETWEEN E 48TH AVENUE AND E 38TH AVENUE, EAST OF E-470 TO DENALI BOULEVARD (THE AURORA HIGHLANDS R-2 TO MU-R REZONE)

Deborah Bickmire, Senior Planner, Planning and Business Development / Lena McClelland, Assistant City Attorney

Mayor Coffman opened the public hearing.

Mayor Coffman closed the public hearing.

Moved by: Steve Sundberg

Second by: Dustin Zvonek

Does the Council wish to support Ordinance 2024-40?

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

Absent: (1): Alison Coombs

### **13. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

#### **13.a Technical Adjustment to Short Term Rental Regulations**

**2024-41** FOR AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, AMENDING CHAPTER 26 RELATING TO SHORT-TERM RENTALS

Trevor Vaughn, Manager of Licensing, Finance / Hanosky Hernandez, Senior Assistant City Attorney

Staff gave a brief presentation on the item.

Moved by: Danielle Jurinsky

Second by: Steve Sundberg

Does the Council wish to support Ordinance 2024-41?

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

Absent: (1): Alison Coombs

#### **13.b Aurora Election Code Update**

**2024-42** FOR AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, ADDING SECTION 54-100 AND ARTICLE VII –

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PETITION REQUIREMENTS; AMENDING SECTIONS 54-1, 54-3, AND 54-7;  
AND REPEALING AND REPLACING SECTIONS 54-2, 54-66 through 54-76, 54-  
121 through 54-133, and 54-141 through 54-152 OF THE AURORA CITY  
CODE REGARDING ELECTIONS

Kadee Rodriguez, City Clerk / Andrea Wood, Assistant City Attorney

Outside Speakers: Kathy Haddock, Haddock Law LLC / Geoff Wilson, Wilson,  
Williams, Fellman, Dittman LLP

Staff gave a presentation on the item.

Moved by: Ruben Medina

Second by: Angela Lawson

Does the Council wish to support Ordinance 2024-42?

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

Absent: (1): Alison Coombs

### **13.c Internal Audit Ordinance Updates**

**2024-43** FOR AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
AURORA, AMENDING CHAPTER 2 SECTION 66 OF THE AURORA CITY CODE  
REGARDING THE OFFICE OF INTERNAL AUDIT, AND OTHER RELATED  
MATTERS

Sponsor: Françoise Bergan

Michelle Crawford, City Auditor / Hanosky Hernandez, Senior Assistant City  
Attorney

Staff gave a brief presentation on the item.

CM Gardner proposed an amendment to (i), to add a sentence that reads,  
"The city auditor must obtain an external peer review every three years."

Moved by: Françoise Bergan

Second by: Dustin Zvonek

Does the Council wish to support Ordinance 2024-43 as amended?

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

Absent: (1): Alison Coombs

**14. FINALIZING OF ORDINANCES**

*Ordinances not approved unanimously at first reading.*

**15. ANNEXATIONS**

**16. RECONSIDERATIONS AND CALL UPS**

**17. GENERAL BUSINESS**

Moved by: Dustin Zvonek

Second by: Françoise Bergan

Does council wish to conduct the meeting virtually? (vote taken after Item 17.a.)

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

Absent: (1): Alison Coombs, and Curtis Gardner

**17.a City Council Approval of the City Manager’s Appointment of Todd Chamberlain as the Aurora Chief of Police**

Jason Batchelor, City Manager / Jack Bajorek, Interim City Attorney

The Council heard public testimony on the agenda item.

CM Murillo stated she wants the chief to be successful in Aurora and they have many challenges. She does not support the candidate but looks forward to working with him to make the department the best they can and hold accountability.

CM Bergan said they all agree he was part of LAPD during the racism in LAPD, but he had only been there two weeks and was the one that reported and investigated it. She suggested people go back and listen to the press conference and give him a chance. She noted they need stability in the department, and he is about accountability and better training.

Moved by: Steve Sundberg

Second by: Françoise Bergan

Does Council wish to support the appointment of Todd Chamberlain as the Aurora Chief of Police?

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

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

Absent: (1): Alison Coombs

**17.b 2024 Council Meeting Calendar Amendment**

Jason Batchelor, City Manager / Jack Bajorek, Interim City Attorney

Moved by: Dustin Zvonek

Second by: Crystal Murillo

Does Council wish to support moving the September 28, 2024 Fall Workshop (Budget) to October 5, 2024?

(requires 2/3 vote of the City Council)

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

Absent: (2): Alison Coombs, and Curtis Gardner

**18. REPORTS**

**18.a Mayor**

Mayor Coffman encouraged people to follow him on Facebook.

**18.b Council**

CM Zvonek thanked the city manager for the process that brought them the new police chief and thought it was the right way to find the best available candidate. He believes he will be a fantastic chief for the city and will help turn the department around. He spoke about a trip that Mayor Coffman, J. Batchelor, and J. Rustad visited Kendall Square, and believes the Fitzsimmons Innovation Campus holds a lot of potential for Aurora and Colorado. He noted it was a great learning experience.

CM Murillo announced the cancellation of her September town hall due to a work conflict and added that due to a double booking at the Moorhead Recreation Center, she has to push up the October town hall to October 17th.

CM Sundberg said Intermountain Healthcare Medical Offices came to Ward 2. He welcomed Todd Chamberlain and thinks he is a good solid man that will help fight crime and build trust in the community. He attended the affordable housing ceremony at Restoration Christian Fellowship Church with CM Hancock and the Road Called Straight Prevention Community gathering and discussion.

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CM Hancock attended Bella Vita Senior Community for their community meeting. She asked that if anyone in Ward 4 wants her to attend their community or HOA meeting to reach out to her. She agreed with choosing Todd Chamberlain.

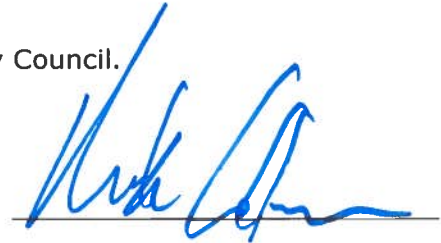
CM Lawson gave a legislative update. She said that Congress has until October 1st to pass the budget for FY25.

CM Bergan welcomed Todd Chamberlain and said he will lead the department with integrity.

CM Jurinsky and CM Medina had no reports. CM Coombs and CM Gardner were absent.

**19. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Coffman adjourned the regular meeting of City Council.



MIKE COFFMAN, MAYOR

ATTEST:



KADEE RODRIGUEZ, CITY CLERK

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