

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Aurora City Council

Monday, November 4, 2024

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Françoise Bergan

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 November 4, 2024 meeting.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

(All Standing)

Mayor Coffman read a land acknowledgement.

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION UPDATE

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

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

6.a October 28, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Moved by: Steve Sundberg

Second by: Angela Lawson

Does Council wish to approve the minutes of the 10/28/2024 meeting?

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Voting Aye: (8): Mayor Coffman, Alison Coombs, Curtis Gardner, Danielle Jurinsky, Angela Lawson, Ruben Medina, Crystal Murillo, and Steve Sundberg

Absent: (2): Françoise Bergan, and Stephanie Hancock

7. PROCLAMATIONS OR CEREMONIES

8. PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD

(non-agenda related issues only)

9. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by: Steve Sundberg

Second by: Angela Lawson

Does Council wish to adopt the agenda as presented?

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

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: Curtis Gardner

Second by: Steve Sundberg

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

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

Absent: (1): Françoise Bergan

10.a Motions

10.b Planning Matters

10.c Appointments to Boards and Commissions

10.c.1 Consideration to Reappoint Two (2) Members to the Planning and Zoning Commission

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

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11. CONSENT CALENDAR - RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

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Moved by: Curtis Gardner

Second by: Angela Lawson

Does Council wish to approve the Resolutions and Ordinances Consent Calendar?

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

Absent: (1): Françoise Bergan

11.a Resolutions

11.a.1 Stewardship West South Platte Forest Treatments Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA)

R2024-139 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, EXPRESSING APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF AURORA ACTING BY AND THROUGH ITS UTILITY ENTERPRISE AND STEWARDSHIP WEST FOR WATERSHED HEALTH ACTIVITIES

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

11.a.2 Restaurant Program Subrecipient Agreement Approval with Regency Centers LP, for Alpaca Chasqui Peruvian Cuisine Restaurant (Ward 5)

R2024-140 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, EXPRESSING THE AURORA CITY COUNCIL'S SUPPORT TO USE ALLOCATED FUNDING FROM THE FOOD AND BEVERAGE REVITALIZATION PROGRAM TO FUND REGENCY CENTERS, L.P. USING ARPA FUNDS

Sponsor: Angela Lawson, Council Member

Thomas Oldenburg, Commercial Retail Project Manager, Planning and Business Development / Rachel Allen, Manager of Client Services, City Attorney

11.a.3 Support of 2nd Supplement to Establishment Agreements for Aerotropolis Regional Transportation Authority (ARTA) – Council

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R2024-141 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, IN SUPPORT OF THE SECOND SUPPLEMENT TO INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT AMONG THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF ADAMS (THE "COUNTY"), THE CITY OF AURORA (THE "CITY") AND THE AEROTROPOLIS AREA COORDINATING METROPOLITAN DISTRICT ("AACMD") ESTABLISHING THE AEROTROPOLIS REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (2024 Inclusions)

Sponsor: Curtis Gardner, Council Member

Michael Kerrigan, Special District Administrator, Development Services / Brian Rulla, Assistant City Attorney

Outside speaker: Tom George and Melissa Buck with Aerotropolis Regional Transportation Authority (ARTA)

11.a.4 Lease of Oil and Gas Minerals with Crestone Peak Resources

R2024-142 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 CRESTONE PEAK RESOURCES WATKINS HOLDINGS, LLC, FOR CITY-OWNED MINERAL INTERESTS WITHIN SECTION 24, TOWNSHIP 3 SOUTH, RANGE 66 WEST OF THE SIXTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, COUNTY OF ADAMS, STATE OF COLORADO CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 5.42 ACRES

Jeffrey Moore, Energy & Environment Manager, Planning and Business Development / David Scott, Assistant City Attorney

11.a.5 FY25 Grey and Black Marijuana Grant Program

R2024-143 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, APPROVING THE CITY OF AURORA TO APPLY FOR THE 2025-2026 GRAY AND BLACK MARIJUANA GRANT APPLICATION THROUGH THE STATE OF COLORADO

Timothy Sherbondy, Grants Analyst, Police / Megan Platt, Assistant City Attorney

11.a.6 Realignment Efforts of Youth Violence Prevention Program (YVPP)

R2024-144 A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF AURORA, COLORADO, TO STRATEGICALLY REALIGN EFFORTS IN ADDRESSING YOUTH VIOLENCE THROUGH CITY AND GOVERNMENTAL PARTNERS' YOUTH PROGRAMS.

Sponsor: Angela Lawson, Council Member

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Angela L. Garcia, Senior Assistant City Attorney

Council heard public testimony on the agenda-related item.

Mayor Coffman commented that CM Lawson's proposal is right for this time. He explained that it focuses a lot of their resources and working with the two school districts to identify and track adverse youth.

11.a.7 Easement Exchange with LG Everist in Weld County

R2024-145 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, APPROVING THE CONVEYANCE AND ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN EXCHANGE EASEMENTS IN WELD COUNTY

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

11.a.8 Direct Sale of Land in Washington County to a Logical Potential Purchaser

R2024-146 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, APPROVING THE CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN CITY-OWNED PROPERTY IN WASHINGTON COUNTY TO JR FORD LLC AS THE LOGICAL POTENTIAL PURCHASER

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

11.b Finalizing of Ordinances

Ordinances approved unanimously at first reading.

12. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public hearings with or without related ordinances.

13. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

13.a An Ordinance Authorizing Eminent Domain for 2022 Traffic Signal Construction Services

2024-79 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, TO EXERCISE THE POWER OF EMINENT DOMAIN FOR ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN PROPERTIES FOR THE 2022 TRAFFIC SIGNAL CONSTRUCTION SERVICES PROJECT

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

Outside Speaker: Don Ostrander, HROP Law

Staff gave a brief presentation on the item.

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Moved by: Steve Sundberg

Second by: Crystal Murillo

Does Council authorize the ordinance to use eminent domain, if necessary, to acquire the necessary property interests for the construction of the 2022 Traffic Signal Construction Services project?

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

Absent: (1): Françoise Bergan

14. FINALIZING OF ORDINANCES

Ordinances not approved unanimously at first reading.

15. ANNEXATIONS

16. RECONSIDERATIONS AND CALL UPS

17. GENERAL BUSINESS

17.a Reappointment of Presiding Judge, Current Associate Judges & Current Relief Judges

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

Moved by: Crystal Murillo

Second by: Danielle Jurinsky

Does Council approve the Reappointment of the Presiding Judge, Current Associate Judges & Current Relief Judges?

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

Absent: (1): Françoise Bergan

17.b Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Future In-Person or Virtual Council Meetings

Peter Schulte, City Attorney, explained this was pertaining to if they want to change the date for the November 18th meeting.

Mayor Coffman stated no action will be taken.

18. REPORTS

18.a Mayor

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Mayor Coffman did not have a report.

18.b Council

CM Murillo acknowledged the Aurora Sister Cities International Board, where she serves as the Council Liaison, on their annual gala. She attended the Aurora Borealis Festival and said she is excited to see it grow every year. She announced that her Town Hall has been moved up by one week.

CM Sundberg also visited the Visit Aurora Borealis, attended a well-attended Trunk or Treat at Clyde Miller P-8 and a coat drive at Elkhart Elementary.

CM Medina announced his next and last Town Hall for the year will be on November 12th, 6:30-8 p.m. at the Active Adults Center to talk about current and future projects in Ward 3 and the City.

CM Hancock said the Aurora Borealis Festival was amazing and it was great to see the City be celebrated in a unique, positive, and wonderful way.

CM Lawson gave a legislative update. She stated the top priorities for the Governor's budget for 2025 are public safety, education, and healthcare. She said the request is for \$17.8 billion General Fund. The Governor allocated 1.7 million to increase the bid cap for youth detention and 2 million in youth delinquency prevention and intervention programs. Congress will be back in session November 12th and the next FSIR meeting is November 15th. CM Lawson's final Town Hall for the year will be November 19th, at 6:30, at the Central Rec Center.

CM Gardner and Jurinsky 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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