

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Aurora City Council

Monday, December 2, 2024

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

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.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

(All Standing)

Mayor Coffman read land acknowledgement.

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION UPDATE

None.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

6.a November 18, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Moved by: Steve Sundberg

Second by: Alison Coombs

Does Council wish to approve the minutes of the 11/18/2024 meeting?

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

7. PROCLAMATIONS OR CEREMONIES

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8. PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD

(non-agenda related issues only)

Council heard public testimony on non-agenda related items.

Moved by: Crystal Murillo

Second by: Alison Coombs

Does Council wish to suspend Council Rules to extend PITBH time limit?

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

Voting Nay: (1): Mayor Coffman

9. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by: Curtis Gardner

Second by: Alison Coombs

Does Council wish to adopt the agenda as presented?

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

Absent: (1): Steve Sundberg

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: Françoise Bergan

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

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

10.a Motions

**10.a.1 Homelessness Notice of Funding Opportunity Application
Recommendations: Aurora Housing Authority HOME- Tenant
Based Rental Assistance**

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Emma Knight, Manager of Homelessness Behavioral Health, Housing and Community Services / Tim Joyce, Assistant City Attorney

**10.a.2 Homelessness Notice of Funding Opportunity Application
Recommendations: Aurora Housing Authority Marijuana Funds**

Emma Knight, Manager of Homelessness Behavioral Health, Housing and Community Services / Tim Joyce, Assistant City Attorney

**10.a.3 Homelessness Notice of Funding Opportunity Application
Recommendations: Aurora Mental Health and Recovery Aurora Cold Weather Outreach Team (ACOT) Public Safety Funds**

Emma Knight, Manager of Homelessness Behavioral Health, Housing and Community Services / Tim Joyce, Assistant City Attorney

**10.a.4 Homelessness Notice of Funding Opportunity Application
Recommendations: Mile High Behavioral Healthcare Emergency Solutions Grant**

Emma Knight, Manager of Homelessness Behavioral Health, Housing and Community Services / Tim Joyce, Assistant City Attorney

**10.a.5 Homelessness Notice of Funding Opportunity Application
Recommendations: Family Tree Generational Opportunities to Achieve Long-term Success (GOALS) Marijuana Funds**

Emma Knight, Manager of Homelessness Behavioral Health, Housing and Community Services / Tim Joyce, Assistant City Attorney

**10.a.6 Homelessness Notice of Funding Opportunity Application
Recommendations: Gateway Domestic Violence Shelter Marijuana Funds**

Emma Knight, Manager of Homelessness Behavioral Health, Housing and Community Services / Tim Joyce, Assistant City Attorney

**10.a.7 Homelessness Notice of Funding Opportunity Application
Recommendations: Ready to Work Aurora Emergency Solutions Grant**

Emma Knight, Manager of Homelessness Behavioral Health, Housing and Community Services / Tim Joyce, Assistant City Attorney

10.b Planning Matters

10.c Appointments to Boards and Commissions

10.c.1 Consideration to Reappoint One (1) Member to the Planning and Zoning Commission

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

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During the 11/18/2024 Study Session, Council approved to move this item forward to the next Council Meeting. No objection.

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: Curtis Gardner

Second by: Alison Coombs

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

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

11.a Resolutions

11.a.1 Restaurant Program Subrecipient Agreement Approval with Southlands TC LLC, for an Ice Cream Restaurant (Ward 6)

R2024-164 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 SOUTHLANDS TC LLC USING ARPA FUNDS

Sponsor: Françoise Bergan, Council Member

Thomas Oldenburg, Project Manager, Planning and Business Development / Rachel Allen, Client Group Manager, City Attorney

11.a.2 Amended Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between City of Aurora and Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) for I-70 Corridor Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Program Development and Implementation Plan

R2024-165 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, FOR THE AMENDED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF AURORA AND THE COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (CDOT) FOR FUNDING OF THE AURORA AEROTROPOLIS / I-70 CORRIDOR TDM PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION PROJECT

Tom Worker-Braddock, Senior Transportation Planner, Planning and Business Development / Michelle Gardner, Senior Assistant City Attorney

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11.a.3 Lease at Parklane Park

R2024-166 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, APPROVING THE LEASE RENEWAL BETWEEN THE CITY AND AURORA PUBLIC SCHOOLS (APS) OF PARKLANE PARK

Nicole Ankeney, Planning, Design, and Construction Manager, Parks, Recreation, and Open Space / Michelle Gardner, Senior Assistant City Attorney

11.b Finalizing of Ordinances

Ordinances approved unanimously at first reading.

11.b.1 2024 Fall Supplemental

2024-80 A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO APPROPRIATING SUMS OF MONEY IN ADDITION TO THOSE APPROPRIATED IN ORDINANCE NOS. 2022-59, AND 2023-12 FOR THE 2024 FISCAL YEAR

Tyler Phillips, Budget Program Manager, Finance / Hanosky Hernandez, Senior Assistant City Attorney

11.b.2 Increase Equipment Fixed Asset Threshold

2024-81 A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, AMENDING SECTION 2-592 OF ARTICLE V OF CHAPTER 2 OF THE CITY CODE PERTAINING TO FIXED ASSET INVENTORY

Nancy Wishmeyer, Controller, Finance / Hanosky Hernandez, Senior Assistant City Attorney

12. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public hearings with or without related ordinances.

13. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

13.a City Code Section 14-75 Ownership of Pitbulls

2024-82 FOR AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, AMENDING SECTION 14-75 OF THE CITY CODE PERTAINING TO THE OWNERSHIP OF PIT BULLS (AMERICAN PIT BULL TERRIER, AMERICAN STAFFORDSHIRE TERRIER AND STAFFORDSHIRE BULL TERRIER) WITHIN THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO

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

Staff provided a brief presentation on the item.

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CM Bergan asked Mr. Youngblood to explain how the dangerous dog ordinance works.

Mr. Youngblood explained dogs will be placed in one of three categories, aggressive, potentially dangerous, or dangerous, and that will result in either a 30-day ticket or a quick set disposition hearing, in which the dog would be taken until the judge rules if they dog is allowed to go back to the owner.

CM Murillo commented that she is happy to finally settle this. She added that there have been so many residents over the years that have been unsure and confused on what to do when this happens, so hopefully this alleviates that.

P. Schulte expressed this does resolve the legal issues.

CM Jurinsky stated that she brought this to the ballot with Mayor Coffman's help, and she thanked all of the animal groups that reached out to her and worked hard on this.

CM Coombs thanked staff for working on legislation to address safety issues while also removing breed discrimination on this. She also thanked the people that made their voices heard and tried to get rid of this years ago.

Mayor Coffman thanked CM Jurinsky for bringing the issue forward.

CM Bergan explained she voted no on the ordinance originally because she did not agree with the advice given by the city attorney at the time, as they were concerned they would be reversing the vote of the people from a prior ballot measure, so she is also glad this is finally settled.

Moved by: Danielle Jurinsky

Second by: Stephanie Hancock

Does City Council wish to approve the Ordinance – City Code Sec. 14-75
Ownership of Pit Bulls?

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

14. FINALIZING OF ORDINANCES

Ordinances not approved unanimously at first reading.

15. ANNEXATIONS

16. RECONSIDERATIONS AND CALL UPS

17. GENERAL BUSINESS

17.a Consideration to Elect Mayor Pro Tem

Kadee Rodriguez, City Clerk / Pete Schulte, City Attorney
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Moved by: Mayor Coffman

Second by: Alison Coombs

Does Council wish to elect Curtis Gardner as Mayor Pro Tem?

Voting Aye: (5): Mayor Coffman, Alison Coombs, Curtis Gardner, Ruben Medina, and Crystal Murillo

Voting Nay: (5): Françoise Bergan, Stephanie Hancock, Danielle Jurinsky, Angela Lawson, and Steve Sundberg

Moved by: Danielle Jurinsky

Second by: Stephanie Hancock

Does City Council wish to elect Steve Sundberg as Mayor Pro Tem?

Voting Aye: (5): Françoise Bergan, Stephanie Hancock, Danielle Jurinsky, Angela Lawson, and Steve Sundberg

Voting Nay: (5): Mayor Coffman, Alison Coombs, Curtis Gardner, Ruben Medina, and Crystal Murillo

17.b 2025 City Council Meeting Calendar

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

During the 11/4/2024 Study Session, Council approved to move this item forward to a Council Meeting in December. No objection.

Moved by: Curtis Gardner

Second by: Alison Coombs

Does Council wish to approve the 2025 Council Meeting Calendar?

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

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

Peter Schulte, City Attorney

18. REPORTS

18.a Mayor

Mayor Coffman announced that the tree lighting ceremony is December 3, 2024, at 5:00, in the great lawn area of the Aurora Municipal Center.

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18.b Council

CM Coombs thanked Brother Jeff's Cultural Center and the No One Should Be Hungry, Period event, which served 3000 meals across Aurora and Denver. She noted that she participated in the cooking of those meals at the Commissary Kitchen.

CM Jurinsky thanked A Road Called Straight for handing out a 100 turkeys across Aurora to those in need. She also mentioned the tree lighting would be tomorrow night, at 5:00.

CM Sundberg stated that whether he is running for Mayor Pro Tem or re-election, he will be involved in the community well beforehand. He attended the Aurora Mental Health and Recovery event and a leadership Aurora Event with CM Bergan, where they answered questions. He expressed that they had a tremendous amount of giving from corporations and entities in their city and it was great to be able to connect people in the community.

CM Medina reported that Be Well gave out 150 turkeys last Monday and 150 boxes of food.

CM Hancock thanked everyone who gave for Thanksgiving and the many churches and community organizations that are giving back to the community every day of the year. She reminded that Giving Tuesday is coming up and encouraged people to contribute during this time. She found a new place for her Town Halls and will announce that in January.

CM Lawson announced that her Town Halls will reconvene in February. She stated that she went to Colorado Springs a week and a half ago with Chief Chamberlain and Liz Rogers to talk about a public safety summit, specifically on youth violence. She thanked the mayor and City of Colorado Springs for hosting Aurora for the event.

CM Bergan thanked Peggy O'Keefe for her presentation on election results at her last Town Hall and PAR officers and Aurora Fire Rescue for giving updates. She toured the Cultural Development and Wellness Center for Aurora Mental Health and attended the Southlands Holiday Parade.

CM Gardner and CM Murillo did not have reports.

19. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Coffman adjourned the regular meeting of City Council.



MIKE COFFMAN, MAYOR

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ATTEST:



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KADEE RODRIGUEZ, CITY CLERK

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