

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Aurora City Council

Monday, February 10, 2025

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Coffman reconvened the regular meeting of the City Council at 6:30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

3. INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Coffman led in prayer for the February 10, 2025 council meeting.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

(All Standing)

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION UPDATE

None.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

6.a January 27, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Moved by: Steve Sundberg

Second by: Danielle Jurinsky

Does Council wish to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2025 meeting?

Voting Aye: (11): Mayor Coffman, Françoise Bergan, Alison Coombs, Curtis Gardner, Stephanie Hancock, Danielle Jurinsky, Angela Lawson, Ruben Medina, Steve Sundberg, Amsalu Kassaw, and Crystal Murillo

7. PROCLAMATIONS OR CEREMONIES

8. PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD

(non-agenda related issues only)

The City Charter prescribes the Mayor may vote on resolutions and ordinances only to create or break a tie vote of Council Members present. The Mayor Pro-Tem is always permitted to vote on all items.

Public call-in instructions were provided in both English and Spanish.

Mayor Coffman read a decorum statement.

Council heard public testimony on non-agenda related items.

9. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by: Stephanie Hancock

Second by: Françoise Bergan

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, Steve Sundberg, Amsalu Kassaw, and Crystal Murillo

10. CONSENT CALENDAR - MOTIONS

Any member of Council may request an item be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered separately. Removed items are considered immediately following the adoption of the Consent Calendar.

Moved by: Danielle Jurinsky

Second by: Françoise Bergan

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, Steve Sundberg, Amsalu Kassaw, and Crystal Murillo

10.a Motions

10.b Planning Matters

10.c Appointments to Boards and Commissions

10.c.1 Consideration to Appoint One (1) Member to the Citizens' Advisory Committee on Housing and Community Development

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

11. CONSENT CALENDAR - RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

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Moved by: Danielle Jurinsky

Second by: Amsalu Kassaw

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Does Council wish to approve the Resolutions and Ordinances Consent Calendar with item 11.a.2 and 11.a.3 removed?

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

11.a Resolutions

11.a.1 Region 12 Opioid Intergovernmental Agreement with Douglas County

R2025-15 A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF AURORA, COLORADO, TO APPROVE THE COLORADO REGION 12 OPIOID INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH DOUGLAS COUNTY

Jason Batchelor, City Manager / Jack Bajorek, Chief Deputy City Attorney

11.a.2 Rules of Order and Procedure: Concerning Public Comment and City Council Meeting Times

R2025-16 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, TO AMEND THE RULES OF ORDER AND PROCEDURE FOR THE AURORA, COLORADO, CITY COUNCIL CONCERNING PUBLIC COMMENT AND CITY COUNCIL MEETING TIMES

Sponsors: Françoise Bergan, Council Member / Danielle Jurinsky, Council Member

Jason Batchelor, City Manager / Peter Schulte, City Attorney

Council heard public testimony on the agenda-related item.

CM Gardner offered a friendly amendment.

CM Coombs commented that she appreciated her colleagues acknowledgement of the continued need to have a public forum, but concerned about the way it is being done. She expressed that now they are changing how people can comment every meeting, which creates confusion and hoops for people to jump through, which makes their ability to participate in the meetings increasingly inaccessible. She explained they are setting it up to where people cannot use their first amendment right to protest and only use it to say things that fit what they want to hear. She reminded Council that they use to listen to people for as long as it took them to speak no matter how many people there were. She said they are sending an unfortunate and harmful message that Council will keep limiting until it goes away.

CM Bergan stated it is unfortunate that they have to keep changing the rules, but it is because they have been having major disruptions

since June and has made other residents with concerns on meeting items afraid to come to meetings or sign up to speak. She noted that she tried to comprise with the 30 minutes before and 30 minutes after, but that meeting got hijacked, and now they have been left with no choice but to come up with another solution. There will still be an opportunity for anyone to comment at public invited, but not in the middle of the meeting so they can conduct business.

Mayor Coffman asked staff what Denver does with public invited to be heard.

P. Schulte responded.

CM Gardner expressed that regarding the comments about the first amendment allowing protests, but courts have found that forums like public invited to be heard is a first amendment forum but restrictions on time, place, and manner, including disruptive behavior can be placed.

CM Hancock agreed that people should have public invited to be heard, but the continued disruptions are frustrating and counterproductive. She responded to a comment that she had not reached out to the Lewis family, but she spoke to Ms. Lewis personally months ago, a one on one private conversation. She agreed they should follow the lead of what Denver is doing and in favor of the friendly amendment.

CM Jurinsky expressed on Denver's site is says anyone who has spoken within the last three months, will move to the bottom of the list to give new speakers a chance. She said here they have tried to prioritize Aurora residents and have heard from Kilyn Lewis' family and supporters, but they have explained Council is not the correct body to do anything about that. She said it has turned into somewhat of a theatrical performance for some of the speakers, and they have been receiving emails from other Aurora residents that are upset that they are not getting to speak about other things. She hopes this resolution helps and is a step to bridge the gap.

CM Coombs commented this discussion demonstrated the legislative intent of this rule change is content based in nature and about what is being said and who is saying it, not just about the time, place, and manner of the comment. She expressed the Attorney General is the one empowered to make these changes, not Council. She added that her colleagues are interested in what Denver is doing, and she hopes they consider doing the same when it comes to having an Office of the Independent Police Monitor, increasing the minimum wage, and having an Office of Climate Action Sustainability and Resiliency.

MPT Sundberg said they receive frequent emails from a resident that has deep concerns about community and safety issues, and she said

what these speakers fail to understand is that this approach diminishes their credibility and makes them appear uninformed about the basic legal process. He shared that before the holidays he wanted to reach out to Kiawa Lewis to say that during the holidays he recognized this must be a different time for their family, but was told it had to be approved by a committee surrounding the family. He added that Council has heard them loud and clear, and he expressed empathy for them.

Mayor Coffman noted that there is no comparison between the incident with Elijah McClain and Kilyn Lewis, as there was no one on Council who didn't realize that it was a terrible mistake; however, Kilyn Lewis had a long history of committing violent crimes.

CM Murillo voiced that she is disappointed that we are moving to this, and it clearly pushes community away from being able to express their frustrations. She said Council is saying they are tired of games being played and meetings getting hijacked, but they play game too, as they have asked the community to stay within parameters and they will move forward, but in the same meeting take off agenda items even when people are complying. She disagreed they should be separating people's ability to speak to their elected representatives.

CM Coombs highlighted that it is not acceptable to be dragging the name of dead people before this Council and the public. She stated there was an investigation being done when Kilyn Lewis was shot, so to say he had a long history of violent crime is disrespectful and unacceptable and should have this conversation without saying that the person who was shot by the cop is the bad guy.

Mayor Coffman responded to read the report.

CM Jurinsky called for the question.

CM Murillo added that characterizing Kilyn Lewis in a negative fashion is what she is talking about in terms of playing a game.

Moved by: Danielle Jurinsky

Second by: Stephanie Hancock

Does Council wish to support the resolution w/ the following amendment?

Section 1: Change "7:15pm" to "6:45pm"

Section 3: Change "6:30pm to 7:10pm" to "6:00pm to 6:40pm"

Section 3: Change sign-up deadline to 5:45pm from 6:15pm

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

Voting Nay: (3): 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): Mayor Coffman, Françoise Bergan, Curtis Gardner, Stephanie Hancock, Danielle Jurinsky, Angela Lawson, Steve Sundberg, and Amsalu Kassaw

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

11.a.3 Directing Council Appointees to Encourage All Full Time Staff to Work in the Office At Least Three Days Per Week

R2025-17 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, DIRECTING COUNCIL APPOINTEES TO ENCOURAGE ALL FULL-TIME STAFF TO WORK IN THE OFFICE AT LEAST THREE DAYS PER WEEK

Sponsor: Danielle Jurinsky, Council Member / Stephanie Hancock, Council Member

Jason Batchelor, City Manager / Peter Schulte, City Attorney

CM Murillo stated that while they have seen a lot of success with hybrid schedules and different organizations having different ways they work with their staff, having a resolution to direct city manager to encourage staff feels like overreach, as it is unnecessary, and she trusts the city manager, staff, and departments to navigate and manage what their employees are telling them. She added that during COVID, there was an internal survey conducted and there was a lot of positive reception to remote work.

Mayor Coffman expressed that having worked with public employees at federal, state, and local level, he is impressed with the dedication and determination of the City's employees and deeply appreciates their tremendous feeling for the city. He explained that if this was a mandate, he would say no, but it does say encourage and not require.

CM Gardner felt there are some city staff that need to be in person in the office five days a week, some that can do their job 100% remote, and coming up with an arbitrary number is not the right way to approach this, as Council's job is policy and not operations. He suggested a better approach would be a policy statement expressing

that Council believes staff should be in person when appropriate or when needed to serve the public. He said that 75% of their employees are in person every day. He is concerned that doing this will be setting themselves up for issues and this is an old-fashioned way of thinking that to be productive, successful, or efficient in your job you have to be in person, and he did not agree with that.

Mayor Coffman agreed the operational authority is with the City Manager and the Council directs policy.

CM Hancock stated this is a suggestion and not a mandate. She expressed there is a work/life balance that can be achieved from working from home and in person. She said it is nice to have people be there in the Municipal Center when she brings guests and should start getting used to re-engaging with the public, as they are well beyond COVID days. She added it is also good to engage with people and not be isolated, as for some people it is a mental health issue to remain isolated all the time.

CM Bergan voiced she would be in support since it say encourage and not mandate, but it comes down to productivity and making sure their appointees are ensuring employees are doing the work expected of them. She voiced that they have great employees, but that does not mean that everybody does the same amount of work. She expressed that in certain departments it is good to interface with the public, and developers, and collaborating with each other between departments adds value to interaction and they can learn from each other. She encouraged City Manager to work with departments to ensure the employees are given the right tools to do their jobs and be productive.

CM Coombs pointed out they are having this conversation while they are joining this meeting remotely. She explained that she works from City Hall two to three days and week and remotely for her other job, and always sees staff in the building, so the majority of staff are working in the office most of the time. She noted that they also attract high quality employees that do not live in Aurora and are able to do that because they do not have to drive into the office every single day. She expressed this is arbitrary and counter-productive and respects their Council appointees' ability to run their operation and make these determinations.

CM Jurinsky stated they are joining the meeting remotely right now at the advice of their police department due to active threats against them. She added that 75% of their workforce work outside of their home, but the other 25% could come in on at least three days a week. She was told that there are some staff that have moved out of the state because they have remained remote for so long, and some developers are being turned away for in-person meetings. She said

half the time at City Hall, on the fifth floor, she is the one that triggers the motion sensor to turn on the lights in the hallway. She added that she also heard there are entire departments that have not been in person one day since COVID started. She pointed out that during the pandemic, they saw suicide rates and divorce skyrocket due to the isolation. CM Jurinsky explained that the hybrid option is encouraged, and that is par for course and aligns with other hybrid options.

CM Lawson commented that before COVID, there were always people in all the departments and everywhere in the city building, but now some spaces are completely empty. She agreed the City Manager should have control of the encouragement, but she had a resident ask why there is a city building if there is not a lot of staff there. She did not know if there should be an arbitrary number, but there should be encouragement, and sometimes she does not get a response from City staff for a little bit on certain things, so that is suspect.

Mayor Coffman asked J. Batchelor to explain moving people out of the new water department building but also moving more people in.

J. Batchelor explained that when the water department moved out to their new facility, they cleared out half of the third floor, to be able to move some departments around within the building to make room to move a number of police operations in the building.

CM Murillo reiterated this is an overstep and feels silly to talk about so long. She said she heard specific council members have specific issues, and if they are trying to make a more seamless experience for developers and corporate interests, that is not what they are in the business of doing. She stated it seems like the rationale is moving from work/life balance to more putting on a good face for corporate interests. She noted she compromise with language added.

CM Jurinsky expressed that in private sector people can do whatever they want, but city employees have a reasonability to make sure accessibility is there. She stated they are there to serve the developers and corporations and attract businesses to the city and protect all businesses big or small provide jobs and sales tax dollars.

CM Murillo stated she is here for community, not here to prioritize corporate interests.

Mayor Coffman shared that they have four direct appointees and all of them are doing a great job, and they have to let them manage. He agreed with CM Gardner's comments.

MPT Sundberg voiced that being in person can change the dynamics of certain departments and situations. He said it is crucial for the public safety meetings are in person, and it was beneficial when the water

meetings were in person. He added he likes that the word encourage is in here and not an actual mandate.

CM Jurinsky called for the question.

Moved by: Danielle Jurinsky

Second by: Amsalu Kassaw

Does Council wish to support the resolution?

Voting Aye: (6): Françoise Bergan, Stephanie Hancock, Danielle Jurinsky, Angela Lawson, Steve Sundberg, and Amsalu Kassaw

Voting Nay: (4): Alison Coombs, Curtis Gardner, Ruben Medina, and Crystal Murillo

Moved by: Stephanie Hancock

Second by: Françoise Bergan

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

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

Voting Nay: (2): Alison Coombs, and Ruben Medina

11.b Finalizing of Ordinances

Ordinances approved unanimously at first reading.

11.b.1 Windler Zoning Map Amendments – Parcel A

2025-02 CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, FOR A ZONING MAP AMENDMENT TO REZONE APPROXIMATELY 24.4 ACRES OF LAND TO MEDIUM-DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT (R-2), LOCATED AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF 56TH AVENUE AND E-470 (WINDLER PARCEL A REZONE)

Aja Tibbs, Planning Supervisor, Planning and Business Development /
Lena McClelland, Assistant City Attorney

11.b.2 Windler Zoning Map Amendment – Parcel B

2025-03 CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, FOR A ZONING MAP AMENDMENT TO REZONE APPROXIMATELY 20.2 ACRES OF LAND TO MEDIUM-DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT (R-2), LOCATED AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF 56TH AVENUE AND E-470 (WINDLER PARCEL B REZONE)

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Aja Tibbs, Planning Supervisor, Planning and Business Development /
Lena McClelland, Assistant City Attorney

11.b.3 Windler Zoning Map Amendment Parcel C

2025-04 CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, FOR A ZONING MAP AMENDMENT TO REZONE APPROXIMATELY 20.0 ACRES OF LAND TO MEDIUM-DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT (R-2), LOCATED AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF 56TH AVENUE AND E-470 (WINDLER PARCEL C REZONE)

Aja Tibbs, Planning Supervisor, Planning and Business Development /
Lena McClelland, Assistant City Attorney

11.b.4 Windler Zoning Map Amendments – Parcel D

2025-05 CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, FOR A ZONING MAP AMENDMENT TO REZONE APPROXIMATELY 84.0 ACRES OF LAND TO MIXED-USE AIRPORT DISTRICT (MU-A), LOCATED AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF 56TH AVENUE AND E-470 (WINDLER PARCEL D REZONE)

Aja Tibbs, Planning Supervisor, Planning and Business Development /
Lena McClelland, Assistant City Attorney

11.b.5 Unified Development Ordinance Text Change - Residential Fence Height Along Collector and Arterial Streets

2025-08 FOR AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, AMENDING SECTION 146-4.7.9 OF THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO FENCING

Brandon Cammarata, Manager, Planning and Business Development /
Lena McClelland, Assistant City Attorney

11.b.6 Unified Development Ordinance Text Change to Allow Duplexes on Motor Courts

2025-09 FOR AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, AMENDING SECTION 146-4.2.3 OF THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO GREEN COURTS AND MOTOR COURTS

Brandon Cammarata, Manager, Planning and Business Development /
Lena McClelland, Assistant City Attorney

11.b.7 Financing for New Golf Carts and Course Maintenance Equipment

2025-10 FOR AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE USE OF LEASE-PURCHASE FINANCING TO ACQUIRE CERTAIN GOLF EQUIPMENT

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PURSUANT TO THE TERMS OF AN EQUIPMENT LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE AURORA CAPITAL LEASING CORPORATION, AS LESSOR, AND THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, AS LESSEE; AUTHORIZING OFFICIALS OF THE CITY TO TAKE ALL ACTION NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY; AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS

Teresa Sedmak, City Treasurer, Finance / Hanosky Hernandez, Senior Assistant City Attorney

11.b.8 Revision to Section 2-668 of Article VI Chapter 2 of the City Code

2025-11 FOR AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, AMENDING SECTION 2-668 OF ARTICLE VI OF CHAPTER 2 OF THE CITY CODE PERTAINING TO CONTRACTS AND PURCHASING

Nathan Jones, Procurement Supervisor, Finance / Hanosky Hernandez, Senior Assistant City Attorney

11.b.9 Stanley 98 Street Vacation 1.0

2025-13 FOR AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, VACATING THE NORTHERN PORTION OF THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR JAMAICA STREET, LOCATED BETWEEN EAST 25TH AVENUE AND EAST 26TH PLACE, AND BETWEEN IRONTON STREET AND JOLIET STREET

Ariana Muca, Planner II, Planning and Business Development / Lena McClelland, Assistant City Attorney

11.b.10 Stanley 98 Street Vacation 2.0

2025-14 FOR AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, VACATING A PORTION OF A 16-FOOT WIDE ALLEY RIGHT-OF-WAY, DEDICATED BY BOOK 422, PAGE 366, IN BLOCK 103, THE PLAT OF BOSTON HEIGHTS 2ND FILING, SITUATED IN THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 3 SOUTH, RANGE 67 WEST OF THE 6TH P.M., LOCATED NORTH OF EAST 25TH AVENUE, AND BETWEEN IRONTON STREET AND JAMAICA STREET

Ariana Muca, Planner II, Planning and Business Development / Lena McClelland, Assistant City Attorney

11.b.11 Stanley 98 Street Vacation 3.0

2025-15 FOR AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, VACATING THE NORTHERN PORTION OF THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR JAMAICA STREET, LOCATED BETWEEN

EAST 25TH AVENUE AND EAST 26TH PLACE, AND BETWEEN IRONTON STREET AND JOLIET STREET

Ariana Muca, Planner II, Planning and Business Development / Lena McClelland, Assistant City Attorney

11.b.12 Stanley 98 Street Vacation 4.0

2025-16 FOR AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, VACATING A PORTION OF THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR EAST 26TH PLACE, LOCATED BETWEEN EAST 25TH AVENUE AND EAST 25TH DRIVE, AND BETWEEN JAMAICA STREET AND JOLIET STREET

Ariana Muca, Planner II, Planning and Business Development / 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.

14.a Notice of Requirements and Available Shelter Options in the Abatement of Unauthorized Camps

2025-12 FOR AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, AMENDING SECTIONS 94-122, 114-107, 114-108, 114-109, AND 114-110 OF THE CITY CODE PERTAINING TO NOTICE REQUIREMENTS AND AVAILABLE SHELTER OPTIONS IN THE ABATEMENT OF UNAUTHORIZED CAMPS

Sponsor: Steve Sundberg, Mayor Pro Tem / Angela Lawson, Council Member
Jason Batchelor, City Manager / Tim Joyce, Assistant City Attorney

MPT Sundberg stated that for those who want to dismiss this as a punitive, punishing, and putting people in jail is false. He said the people interacting with the homeless approach them with respect, dignity, options, and compassion. He said they have opened up the Regional Navigation Campus early for emergency sheltering and Niagara Bottling is providing bottled water. He added that they are encouraging people to make sound decisions and getting them into the right services surrounded by support. They have Aurora Mental Health and Recovery Acute Campus opening January of next year and the Ridgeview Academy outside Watkins is coming online in the future. MPT Sundberg expressed they will not automatically abate someone immediately, but it will be to the discretion and wisdom of those interacting with them on the street.

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Staff gave a brief presentation on the item.

Mayor Coffman added they are utilizing the Aurora Day Resource Center during the day and Aurora Navigation Resource Center at night.

CM Coombs stated that people can say this is not punitive, but the consequences will be, because a person could be immediately moved with no notice and no offer of shelter and could be put in jail for up to 364 days, which is what the discretion allows. She said the more people take up the offer of shelter, the more likely they are to lack capacity and end up with someone being put in jail or displaced, and that could be someone who has just fallen into hard times.

Mayor Coffman asked if there is an abatement without notice with no shelter available, if they person will be arrested.

Staff responded they have never encountered that in the past few years and always have backup beds and a backup plan. She added they may not take the offering of a shelter and bed, but they are available. .

P. Schulte said an arrest is possible if they refuse the shelter, but it is a last resort. However, if they are asked to move on and they do, there is no justification for arrest.

CM Bergan stated they have always been able to assist people in getting shelter. She commented that people do refuse shelter, but if it is someone that just fell on hard times, they would accept it. If someone is defiant and does not want to move and placed in jail for a few days, they would at least have shelter, food, and be safe.

CM Murillo voiced that if they are not already running into issues for beds, why are they rolling back. She said this is punitive.

MPT Sundberg explained that there is sometimes the need to abate someone quickly, often because of safety. He said the space is there, but they heard they have more bed space than before. And this language was crafted before they opened up the Regional Navigation Campus with massive rooms and cots, so he believes the bed space will be there going forward.

Staff responded that they are able to make emergency abatements and do them from time to time for emergent needs. She said this was already built into the ordinance and is aligned with the decision from the court case. She assured it is not going to change their practices in having shelter beds available and still offering them.

P. Schulte explained this ordinance was drafted on what the current law is and does not mean that every time they go out, they will abate immediately and not have proper space available. He said there are a lot of moving parts with this, including the abatement company not being able to show up in 30

minutes unless it is planned, so anything spur of the moment would be incredibly rare, if ever.

CM Murillo said it sounds like they already have the ability to do this in emergency situations, so she asked why they need to roll back the floor of what people can accept when it comes to treating homelessness.

Moved by: Steve Sundberg

Second by: Angela Lawson

Does Council approve of the Ordinance 2025-12?

Voting Aye: (7): Françoise Bergan, Curtis Gardner, Stephanie Hancock, Danielle Jurinsky, Angela Lawson, Steve Sundberg, Amsalu Kassaw

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

15. ANNEXATIONS

15.a Picadilly and Stephen D. Hogan Annexation Substantial Compliance

R2025-18 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, FINDING A PETITION FOR ANNEXATION OF A PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED IN THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 2 AND THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 11, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 66 WEST OF THE SIXTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, COUNTY OF ARAPAHOE, STATE OF COLORADO, TO BE IN SUBSTANTIAL COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 31-12-107(1), C.R.S., AND GIVING NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION (Picadilly and Stephen D. Hogan Annexation) 2.589 ACRES

Justin Andrews, Project Manager, Development Services / Brian Rulla, Assistant City Attorney

Staff gave a brief presentation on the item.

Moved by: Steve Sundberg

Second by: Danielle Jurinsky

Does City Council wish to approve the resolution as proposed and set the date for a public hearing on the proposed annexation?

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

16. RECONSIDERATIONS AND CALL UPS

17. GENERAL BUSINESS

The City Charter prescribes the Mayor may vote on resolutions and ordinances only to create or break a tie vote of Council Members present. The Mayor Pro-Tem is always permitted to vote on all items.

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

Peter Schulte, City Attorney, explained that if they do not do anything, the meeting on the 24th will be in person with the new rules.

Council heard public testimony on the agenda-related item.

Mayor Coffman announced the next Council Meeting will be held in person.

18. REPORTS

18.a Mayor

Mayor Coffman expressed that due to weather, he had to reschedule his Town Hall Meeting to March 1st @ 2:00 at the Aurora Central Library.

18.b Council

CM Coombs said they have heard from speakers on the black history and struggle and have heard the names of whose lives have been stolen, but Black History Month is also about black excellence, and she highlighted some of the people she has learned from and learned about in black history. She added she looks forward to seeing everyone in person at their next meeting.

CM Murillo expressed they had a really successful January Town Hall, and the next one will be February 27th, at Moorhead Recreation Center.

MPT Sundberg stated he went to a Phoenix Award Ceremony where they honored people for saving a second grade teacher's life who had a heart attack and dropped dead while playing basketball at Altitude Elementary School. The quick action of the principal grabbing the AED, another person performing CPR, and another calling 911 saved his life. He stated that he, CM Kassaw, and CM Gardner toured the Niagara Bottling Facility. He attended the Aurora Fire Rescue Graduation Ceremony and APD Promotion Ceremony and had another tour of the Regional Navigation Campus.

CM Medina announced his Town Hall is tomorrow, February 11th, at the Active Adult Center from 6:30-8 p.m., where they will talk about the unhoused and the Navigation Center that he toured with CM Sundberg and Mayor Coffman.

CM Lawson gave a brief FSIR update. She said the City will engage in testimony over the next several weeks on a number of issues they have taken positions on, Congress may enact another continuing resolution to avoid a government shutdown, and she thanked P. Schulte for attending her Saturday Town Hall and doing a fabulous job.

CM Bergan stated she had a few meetings with staff members, had a Winter Workshop, and attended the Dome Park Public Meeting. She also had an AED Executive Committee Meeting as well.

CM Gardner, Jurinsky, Kassaw, and Hancock had no report.

The City Charter prescribes the Mayor may vote on resolutions and ordinances only to create or break a tie vote of Council Members present. The Mayor Pro-Tem is always permitted to vote on all items.

19. PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD

(non-agenda related issues only)


20. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Coffman adjourned the regular meeting of City Council.


MIKE COFFMAN, MAYOR



ATTEST:


KADEE RODRIGUEZ, CITY CLERK Deputy
Cecilia Zapata