

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Aurora City Council

Monday, February 24, 2025

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

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 25, 2025 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 using eminent domain, real estate acquisition, sales tax incentive agreement, and a development agreement were discussed.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

6.a February 10, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Moved by: Curtis Gardner

Second by: Stephanie Hancock

Does Council wish to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2025 meeting?

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

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Absent: (1): Crystal Murillo

7. PROCLAMATIONS OR CEREMONIES

8. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by: Curtis Gardner

Second by: Françoise Bergan

Does Council wish to adopt the agenda as presented?

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

Absent: (1): Crystal Murillo

9. 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 presented?

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

Absent: (1): Crystal Murillo

9.a Motions

9.b Planning Matters

9.c Appointments to Boards and Commissions

9.c.1 Consideration to Appoint One (1) Member to the Career Service Commission

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

10. CONSENT CALENDAR - RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

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Moved by: Steve Sundberg

Second by: Curtis Gardner

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

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

Absent: (1): Crystal Murillo

10.a Resolutions

10.a.1 The Avenues Metropolitan District Nos. 1-5 Dissolution and Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) Termination

R2025-19 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, CONSENTING TO THE DISSOLUTION OF THE AVENUES METROPOLITAN DISTRICTS NOS. 1-5

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

10.a.2 Second Amendment to Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) for the Nine Mile Bike and Pedestrian Bridge Project

R2025-20 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, APPROVING THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF AURORA AND THE COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (CDOT) FOR FUNDING OF THE NINE MILE BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE PROJECT

Bret Banwart, Engineering Supervisor, Public Works / Michelle Gardner, Senior Assistant City Attorney

10.a.3 The Sale of City-Owned Surplus Property in Adams County

R2025-21 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, APPROVING THE SALE OF SURPLUS CITY-OWNED LAND IN ADAMS COUNTY, COLORADO, LOCATED AT 12202 E. 168TH AVE., BRIGHTON, COLORADO IN ADAMS COUNTY

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

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10.b Finalizing of Ordinances

Ordinances approved unanimously at first reading.

11. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public hearings with or without related ordinances.

11.a Painted Prairie Business Improvement District No. 1 Boundary Adjustment

2025-17 A PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, INCLUDING AND EXCLUDING CERTAIN PROPERTY FROM THE BOUNDARIES OF PAINTED PRAIRIE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NUMBER ONE

Michael Kerrigan, Special District Administrator, Development Services / Brian Rulla, 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 an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Aurora, Colorado, including and excluding certain property from the boundaries of Painted Prairie Business Improvements District one?

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

Absent: (1): Crystal Murillo

11.b Painted Prairie Business Improvement District No. 2 Boundary Adjustment

2025-18 A PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, INCLUDING AND EXCLUDING CERTAIN PROPERTY FROM THE BOUNDARIES OF PAINTED PRAIRIE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NUMBER TWO

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

Mayor Coffman opened the public hearing.

Staff gave a brief presentation on the item.

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CM Coombs pointed out that in all of these cases, there are multiple BIDs within one particular development. She asked for a historical background on the reason for that.

A representative for the applicant explained the reason.

Mayor Coffman closed the public hearing.

Moved by: Steve Sundberg

Second by: Alison Coombs

Does the Council wish to support an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Aurora, Colorado, including and excluding certain property from the boundaries of Painted Prairie Business Improvements District two?

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

Absent: (1): Crystal Murillo

11.c Windler Business Improvement District No. 1 Boundary Adjustment

2025-19 A PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, INCLUDING AND EXCLUDING CERTAIN PROPERTY FROM THE BOUNDARIES OF WINDLER BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1

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

Mayor Coffman opened the public hearing.

Staff gave a brief presentation on the item.

CM Bergan voiced that new BID area is small on this map compared to the old one, and asked if it was still intended to be a business improvement district.

A representative for the applicant responded.

Mayor Coffman closed the public hearing.

Moved by: Steve Sundberg

Second by: Françoise Bergan

Does the Council wish to support an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Aurora, Colorado, including and excluding certain property from the boundaries of Windler Business Improvements District No. 1?

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

Absent: (1): Crystal Murillo

11.d Windler Business Improvement District No. 2 Boundary Adjustment

2025-20 A PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, INCLUDING AND EXCLUDING CERTAIN PROPERTY FROM THE BOUNDARIES OF WINDLER BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 2

Michael Kerrigan, Special District Administrator, Development Services / Brian Rulla, 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: Angela Lawson

Does the Council wish to support an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Aurora, Colorado, including and excluding certain property from the boundaries of Windler Business Improvements District No. 2?

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

Absent: (1): Crystal Murillo

12. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

13. FINALIZING OF ORDINANCES

Ordinances not approved unanimously at first reading.

14. ANNEXATIONS

15. RECONSIDERATIONS AND CALL UPS

16. GENERAL BUSINESS

16.a Consideration to Appoint Members to the Civil Service Commission

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

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Moved by: Alison Coombs

Second by: Danielle Jurinsky

CM Coombs noted that Mr. McNeal has been the Chair of the Commission, has served very well, and was able to clearly explain the purpose of the Commission and changes to it over time. She said he also has dedication to our city and preserving the intent of the Commission.

Does Council wish to reappoint Desmond McNeal to the Civil Service Commission?

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

Absent: (1): Crystal Murillo

Moved by: Danielle Jurinsky

Second by: Stephanie Hancock

Mayor Coffman asked if there was a question of objectivity to have someone who spent 30 years in APD and who is so close to the officers for the Civil Service Commission.

CM Hancock believed, in conversations with Ms. Gurley-Lutkin, that she can be objective and is aptly qualified to fill the role, and her objectivity and experience would be instrumental and the best fit for the commission.

CM Jurinsky pointed out that was one of the questions during the interview process, and she thoroughly explained how she would be able to abstractly view different situations and circumstances.

CM Coombs agreed Ms. Gurley-Lutkin's answered very clear in the interviews, but she is concerned about the polarizing approach that the Aurora Police Association has sometimes taken, including when she was the leader of that association, and that raises concerns about objectivity for her.

Does Council wish to appoint Judy Gurley-Lutkin to the Civil Service Commission?

Voting Aye: (8): Françoise Bergan, Curtis Gardner, Stephanie Hancock, Danielle Jurinsky, Amsalu Kassaw, Angela Lawson, Ruben Medina, and Steve Sundberg

Voting Nay: (2): Mayor Coffman, and Alison Coombs

Absent: (1): Crystal Murillo

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Moved by: Curtis Gardner

Second by: Danielle Jurinsky

Does Council wish to reappoint Barbara Cleland to the Civil Service Commission?

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

Absent: (1): Crystal Murillo

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

Peter Schulte, City Attorney / Jack Bajorek, Interim City Attorney

Moved by: Françoise Bergan

Second by: Stephanie Hancock

J. Batchelor requested suspending the rules for the next meeting to allow for Study Session to begin slightly before 5:15 p.m. to make sure they have enough time before the 6:00 listening session.

P. Schulte stated that they could bring a resolution at a later meeting to remove the hard start time from the rules if Council chooses.

Does Council wish to suspend the Council Rules to allow the next Study Session to begin before 5:15 pm?

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

Absent: (1): Crystal Murillo

17. REPORTS

17.a Mayor

Mayor Coffman announced that his Town Hall Meeting will be March 1st, at 2:00, at the Aurora Central Library, where he will talk about the redevelopment on the Colfax Corridor and bringing bioscience to the CU Anschutz Medical Campus, Chief Chamberlain will speak on strategies for reducing crime in the city, and Judge Day will discuss H.E.A.R.T. Court.

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17.b Council

CM Gardner stated he would like to reappoint Thoa Nguyen, owner of Banh & Butter, to another term on the Business Advisory Board.

CM Jurinsky said she would like to reappoint Chance Horiuchi to the Business Advisory Board, and highlighted that Aurora is offering Neighborhood Improvement Grants again, where a neighborhood organization may not exist, to help enhance and strengthen neighborhoods and relationships amongst residents, and can apply at auroragov.org/neighborhoodgrants. She highlighted that they have brought back the Community Police Academy and people can now apply at apdcommunity@auroragov.org.

MPT Sundberg voiced that he would like to reappoint Hitesh Patel to the Business Advisory Board. He said he got to see the Regional Navigation Campus in action last week when the weather got so cold, as they opened up early for emergency sheltering. He attended Coffee with a Cop and announced that Buckley Space Force Base will conduct a base wide exercise the 24th through the 28th, where people may hear explosions, see smoke, or witness other activity going on, but assured people not to be alarmed.

CM Medina shared that he would like to reappoint Sarah Woodson for the Business Advisory Board.

CM Coombs commented that she would like to reappoint Michelle Redding to the Business Advisory Board, and noted that CM Murillo was absent for the meeting due to illness.

CM Kassaw stated that in the past two weeks, he has been reaching out and engaging with the community, had coffee with APD, visited the Community College of Aurora, participated in the immigrant community outreach and attended a small business support grand opening.

CM Lawson said she would like to reappoint Luke Sarwal to the Business Advisory Board for the second term. She announced that her Town Hall is on March 18th, at Central Rec Center, where Judge Day will present. Regarding FSIR, congressional budget negotiations are still in play with the House to push through a budget resolution this week, and the Senate is ready with a budget contingency plan if the House fails. She added that there are renewed discussions of a yearlong continuing resolution if the House and Senate both fail to produce a viable budget. She shared that the Colorado Legislature continues to move and introduce legislation on several areas addressing city priorities, including construction defect litigation reform, juvenile bed space, and retail theft. She shared that the state budget is a large factor in what bills will pass this year, and almost 500 bills have been introduced so far.

CM Bergan reported that she attended the AEDC Board Meeting, had a Region 9 Opioid Abatement Council Meeting, Water Policy, and a meeting with her

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CABC appointees. She shared she would like to reappoint Martin Liles, the General Manager of Southlands Shopping Center to the Business Advisory Board. She announced her Town Hall is March 19th, 6 to 8 p.m., at Heritage Eagle Bend, with P. Schulte presenting.

CM Hancock did not have a report.


18. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Coffman adjourned the regular meeting of City Council.



MIKE COFFMAN, MAYOR

ATTEST:



KADEE RODRIGUEZ, CITY CLERK



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