

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Aurora City Council

Monday, April 7, 2025

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Coffman reconvened the regular meeting of the City Council at 6:45 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL**

3. **INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Mayor Coffman led in prayer for the April 7, 2025 meeting.

4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

(All Standing)

5. **EXECUTIVE SESSION UPDATE**

Mayor Coffman provided an update on the Executive Session, stating potential litigation, contract negotiation and real property conveyance were discussed.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

6.a March 24, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Moved by: Steve Sundberg

Second by: Stephanie Hancock

Does Council wish to approve the minutes of the March 24, 2025 meeting?

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

7. **PROCLAMATIONS OR CEREMONIES**

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.

8. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by: Stephanie Hancock

Second by: Alison Coombs

Does Council wish to adopt the agenda as presented?

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

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: Stephanie Hancock

Second by: Angela Lawson

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, Amsalu Kassaw, Angela Lawson, Ruben Medina, Crystal Murillo, and Steve Sundberg

9.a Motions

9.b Planning Matters

9.c Appointments to Boards and Commissions

9.c.1 Consideration to Remove One (1) Member from the Planning and Zoning Commission

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

9.c.2 Consideration to Appoint One (1) Member to the Career Service Commission

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

9.c.3 Consideration to Appoint One (1) Member to the Historic Preservation Commission

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

9.c.4 Consideration to Appoint One (1) Member to the Aurora Youth Commission

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9.c.5 Consideration to Reappoint Two (2) Members to the Open Space Board

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

9.c.6 Board Member Appointment to the Havana Business Improvement District

Chad Argentar, Project Manager, Planning and Business Development / Hanosky Hernandez, Senior Assistant City Attorney

10. 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: Alison Coombs

Second by: Amsalu Kassaw

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

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

10.a Resolutions

10.a.1 Water, Infrastructure and Supply Efficiency (WISE) Water Delivery Agreement Amendment

R2025-33 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, APPROVING THE SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED WATER DELIVERY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF AURORA, ACTING BY AND THROUGH ITS UTILITY ENTERPRISE, DENVER WATER, AND THE SOUTH METRO WISE AUTHORITY

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

10.a.2 FY24 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA)

R2025-34 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, APPROVING THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF AURORA AND ARAPAHOE COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO REGARDING THE 2024 EDWARD BYRNE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT

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Timothy Sherbondy, Grant Analyst II, Police / Megan Platt, Deputy City Attorney

10.b Finalizing of Ordinances

Ordinances approved unanimously at first reading.

10.b.1 Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) Text Amendment - Process Improvements

2025-36 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, AMENDING SECTIONS 146-5.2, 146-5.3, 146-5.4.1, 146-5.4.2, AND 146-5.4.3 OF THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION PROCEDURES FOR MASTER PLANS, SITE PLANS, AND SUBDIVISIONS OF LAND

Jeannine Rustad, Director, Planning and Business Development / Lena McClelland, Assistant City Attorney

11. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public hearings with or without related ordinances.

12. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

12.a Series 2025 First-Lien Sewer Revenue Bond

2025-40 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE BY THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, ACTING BY AND THROUGH ITS UTILITY ENTERPRISE, OF FIRST-LIEN SEWER REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2025, IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$85,000,000, FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, THE COST OF ADDITIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SEWER SYSTEM OPERATED BY THE UTILITY ENTERPRISE, PLEDGING CERTAIN FUNDS AND REVENUES OF THE ENTERPRISE TO THE PAYMENT OF SUCH BONDS, PRESCRIBING THE FORM OF SUCH BONDS, AND PROVIDING OTHER DETAILS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

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

Staff gave a brief presentation on the item.

Moved by: Steve Sundberg

Second by: Alison Coombs

Does the Council support the approval of the Ordinance of the Series 2025 First-Lien Sewer Revenue Bond?

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

12.b DUAL LISTING: 2025 IT Lease Purchase Authority

2025-41 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

Staff gave a brief presentation on the item.

Moved by: Alison Coombs

Second by: Angela Lawson

Does the Council support the approval of the ordinance of the 2025 IT Lease Purchase Authority?

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

13. FINALIZING OF ORDINANCES

Ordinances not approved unanimously at first reading.

13.a Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) Text Amendment - New Sign Category, City Property Signs

2025-37 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, AMENDING SECTIONS 146-4.10.13 AND 146-6.2.S AND ADDING SECTION 146-4.10.16 OF THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO SIGNS

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

Staff gave a brief presentation on the item.

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Mayor Coffman strongly recommended a no vote. He said he understood that these are different than a billboard, but it is a foot in the door for a significant change in policy.

CM Bergan voiced that she voted no at the study session in March and the last UDO vote, and she is still a no vote.

CM Coombs expressed that they have been around and around with this over and over again, and it keeps coming back even though they have discussed the ways it would affect the way the city looks and potential safety concerns that can arise from having these types of signs. She said she is a no vote.

Moved by: Danielle Jurinsky

Second by: Stephanie Hancock

Does Council support the approval of a Unified Development Ordinance text amendment to add a new category of signs to be called "City Property Signs"?

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

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

14. ANNEXATIONS

14.a Picadilly and Stephen D. Hogan Annexation Ordinance

2025-38 AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING A PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED IN THE NE 1/4 OF SECTION 11, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 66 WEST OF THE 6TH P.M., COUNTY OF ARAPAHOE, STATE OF COLORADO. 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: Angela Lawson

Does the Council support the approval of the Picadilly and Stephen D. Hogan Annexation Ordinance?

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

14.b Picadilly and Stephen D. Hogan Annexation- Zoning Map Amendment

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2025-39 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, INITIALLY ZONING A PARCEL OF LAND MEASURING 2.59 ACRES MORE OR LESS NORTHWEST OF THE INTERSECTION OF STEPHEN D HOGAN PARKWAY AND PICADILLY ROAD TO MIXED USE CORRIDOR DISTRICT (MU-C) AND AMENDING THE ZONING MAP ACCORDINGLY

Stephen Gubrud, Planner II, Planning and Business Development / Lena McClelland, Assistant City Attorney

Staff gave a brief presentation on the item.

Moved by: Steve Sundberg

Second by: Amsalu Kassaw

Does the City Council support the approval of the Zoning Map Amendment to initially zone the property to the MU-C District?

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

14.c Picadilly and Stephen D. Hogan Annexation Agreement

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: Angela Lawson

Does the Council support the approval of the Picadilly and Stephen D. Hogan Agreement?

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

15. RECONSIDERATIONS AND CALL UPS

16. GENERAL BUSINESS

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

Peter Schulte, City Attorney

Peter explained that with no objection, they will keep this on the agenda for future meetings just in case they need it.

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17. REPORTS

17.a Mayor

Mayor Coffman announced his town hall meeting is April 19th, 2:00-3:30 p.m., at the Aurora Central Library. He thanked Liz Rogers and Jason Batchelor for going on the D.C. lobbying trip. He said they met with the South Korean Embassy and the Ethiopian Embassy Ambassador, and both conversations were to place a consilient in Aurora from their respective countries. He also thanked CM Lawson for her leadership in the Federal, State, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee. He noted that there were a lot of issues covered, and they were able to meet in Congressman Crow and Congressman Boebert's Office and met with Senator Hickenlooper and Senator Bennett to talk about issues important to Aurora, as well as appointees in the Trump administration. He urged people to follow him on Facebook for updates or announcements.

17.b Council

CM Coombs expressed that the Connecting Aurora Multimodal Transportation Master Plan has a lot of meetings coming up, and the Mission Viejo Library Meeting is Wednesday, 2:00-5:00 p.m., followed by a virtual Town Hall, 5:30 - 7:30p.m., which gives an opportunity to provide input on access to transit, walking, and biking within the city and how to plan to have those mode options available to people in the community. She said there is an Engage Aurora Live event at the Municipal Center on April 19th from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and a volunteer expo happening there as well from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. On April 23rd, there will be another volunteer expo from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. that will provide a lot of opportunities for people to take up. She added that Global Fest has been moved up to June 14th.

CM Kassaw reported that he attended the Washington, D.C. trip last week, along with other council members and the mayor, and he learned a lot and got a lot of experience from the trip. He said they discussed the Navigation Center and transportation.

CM Murillo thanked the lobbying team and staff for a successful D.C. trip, and said it was great to advocate on behalf of the big projects in Aurora. She announced her next Town Hall will be April 24th, at 6 p.m., at Moorhead Recreation Center. She gave an update from the Aurora Sister Cities International Board, who had the privilege of visiting Koreatown in California as part of their ongoing commitment to cities and diplomacy and global development and had a productive visit with the mayor there to discuss strategies for economic development, community engagement, and the role of cultural and urban growth. She said the experience offered the team valuable insights and inspiration to strengthen their own international relationships, continuing fostering relationships, and collaboration between

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Aurora and sister cities around the world. She thanked the City of Fullerton, Korea Working Group, and the Aurora Sister Cities International Board.

MPT Sundberg visited the Space Port and presented a proclamation on behalf of military children, the African Chamber of Commerce with CM Kassaw, Fire Station 9 Groundbreaking with Mayor Coffman and CM Medina, Donate Life Event with Mayor Coffman, and a Kroger Event where they donated healthy snacks, school supplies, and bags of food to Yale Elementary. He announced his Town Hall will be April 17th, 6-8 p.m., where they will discuss growing pains, infrastructure, roads, and bridges that are needed in Ward 2, and Laura Perry will report on what is going to happen with Gun Club Road.

CM Medina announced his town hall is April 8th, 6:30-8 p.m., at the Active Adult Center, where Greg Hays will be there to talk about the budget. He attended a meeting at Montessori del Mundo that will be expanding their facility from K-6 by adding middle school, will purchase another section of the building for community events, and are looking to rebuild a playground area in the back. He said he met with QRS, an employment agency, who are looking at ways to connect people to businesses.

CM Hancock shared that she joined her colleagues in Washington, D.C. for the lobbying trip to support Aurora and advocate for infrastructure services, roads and get much needed funding to finish some road projects they have in the pipeline. She and CM Kassaw met the ambassador from Ethiopia, and it was a great experience. She was excited to hear that HB25-1112, Local Authorities Enforce Vehicle Registration, passed the House, which is an example of how Aurora is leading and being the gold standard for things that are right and good in their city. She announced her Town Hall will be April 10th, 6:30-8 p.m., at Noonan's. She added that on April 15th, they have Aurora Scholars at the Beck Recreation Center, 5:15-7 p.m., which is an opportunity for young scholars to be nominated through the school systems in Aurora and be celebrated for their achievements.

CM Lawson announced her Town Hall will be April 15th, at Mission Viejo, at 6:30 p.m., where they will have Jason Batchelor speaking and they will talk about Build Back Aurora. She thanked her colleagues for going on the Aurora lobbying trip. She said that trip is advocating for grants and funding to support infrastructure, housing, and the needs of the communities.

CM Bergan attended the Fitzsimmons Redevelopment Authority Meeting and Build up Infrastructure Taskforce Meeting. She urged people to go to engageaurora.org/buildupaurora, to take the survey and give opinions on the priorities for the city in terms of infrastructure. She also attended the D.C. lobbying trip, and thanked L. Rogers for keeping them all organized and on time for all of their many meetings. She noted they advocated for Buckley Air Force Space infrastructure and housing for their military, and they met with various departments in Colorado delegation on transportation projects that

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are critical to be funded, as well as water and sewage projects and police and fire resources. She added that they spoke about the Navigation Center to various congressmen and senators to get them to advocate for us to allow funding.

CM Jurinsky and CM Gardner had no report.

18. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Coffman adjourned the regular meeting of City Council.



MIKE COFFMAN, MAYOR

ATTEST:



KADEE RODRIGUEZ, CITY CLERK

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