

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Aurora City Council

Monday, April 21, 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/a moment of silence for the April 21, 2025 meeting.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

(All Standing)

Mayor Coffman read a land acknowledgment.

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION UPDATE

Mayor Coffman provided an update on the Executive Session, stating they were briefed on the Quasi-Judicial hearing information only and property acquisition was discussed.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

6.a April 7, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Moved by: Amsalu Kassaw

Second by: Ruben Medina

Does Council wish to approve the minutes of the April 7, 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

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7. PROCLAMATIONS OR CEREMONIES

8. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by: Alison Coombs

Second by: Amsalu Kassaw

Does Council wish to adopt the agenda as presented, with Item 9.c.2 removed?

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: Alison Coombs

Second by: Crystal Murillo

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 Appoint One (1) Member to the Election Commission

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

9.c.2 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

9.c.3 Consideration to Reappoint One (1) Member and to Appoint One (1) Member to the Parks and Recreation Board

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10. CONSENT CALENDAR - RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

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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 2025 Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Adams County to Fund Colorado Landlord/Tenant Legal Services Program

R2025-35 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, EXPRESSING THE AURORA CITY COUNCIL'S SUPPORT FOR THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN ADAMS COUNTY, COLORADO LEGAL SERVICES, THE CITIES OF AURORA, THORNTON, FEDERAL HEIGHTS, BRIGHTON, COMMERCE CITY, WESTMINSTER, AND NORTHGLENN, AND THE CITY AND COUNTY OF BROOMFIELD REGARDING CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARD A LANDLORD/TENANT LEGAL SERVICES PROGRAM

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

10.a.2 Homelessness Resolution Program (HRP) Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA)

R2025-36 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, EXPRESSING THE AURORA CITY COUNCIL'S APPROVAL OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO AND THE STATE OF COLORADO'S DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL AFFAIRS FOR THE BENEFIT OF HOUSING FOR A GRANT FROM THE STATE FOR THE CITY'S HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION PROGRAM

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

10.a.3 Youth Violence Prevention Program Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Cherry Creek School District

R2025-37 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, APPROVING THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL

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AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF AURORA-YOUTH VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM AND CHERRY CREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 FOR THE CONTINUED EFFORTS TO HELP YOUTH STAY SAFE, REDUCE YOUTH VIOLENCE, AND BUILD A CULTURE OF RESPECT AND UNDERSTANDING

Sponsor: Angela Lawson, Council Member

Lisa Battan, Division Manager of Intervention Programs, Housing and Community Services / Angela Garcia, Senior Assistant City Attorney

10.a.4 Youth Violence Prevention Program Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Aurora Public Schools

R2025-38 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, APPROVING THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF AURORA-YOUTH VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM AND AURORA PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT NO. 5 FOR THE CONTINUED EFFORTS TO HELP YOUTH STAY SAFE, REDUCE YOUTH VIOLENCE, AND BUILD A CULTURE OF RESPECT AND UNDERSTANDING

Sponsor: Angela Lawson, Council Member

Lisa Battan, Division Manager of Intervention Programs, Housing and Community Services / Angela Garcia, Senior Assistant City Attorney

10.a.5 Youth Violence Prevention Program Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Juvenile Assessment Center

R2025-39 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, APPROVING THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF AURORA-YOUTH VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM AND THE 18TH JUDICIAL JUVENILE ASSESSMENT CENTER FOR THE CONTINUED EFFORTS TO HELP YOUTH STAY SAFE, REDUCE YOUTH VIOLENCE, AND BUILD A CULTURE OF RESPECT AND UNDERSTANDING

Sponsor: Angela Lawson, Council Member

Lisa Battan, Division Manager of Intervention Programs, Housing and Community Services / Angela Garcia, Senior Assistant City Attorney

10.a.6 Red-tailed Hawk Park Master Plan Amendment

R2025-40 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, EXPRESSING THE AURORA CITY COUNCIL'S APPROVAL OF THE RED-TAILED HAWK COMMUNITY PARK MASTER PLAN AMENDMENT

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Nicole Ankeney, Manager of Planning, Design and Construction, Parks, Recreation and Open Space / Tim Joyce, Assistant City Attorney

10.a.7 Easement Conveyance to WES DJ Gathering LLC

R2025-41 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF AURORA, COLORADO, EXPRESSING THE AURORA CITY COUNCIL'S SUPPORT FOR THE CITY TO CONVEY A PERMANENT AND TEMPORARY EASEMENT INTEREST TO WES DJ GATHERING LLC

Hector Reynoso, Manager of Real Property Services, Public Works / Stephen Cann, Senior Assistant City Attorney

10.b Finalizing of Ordinances

Ordinances approved unanimously at first reading.

10.b.1 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

10.b.2 2025 Information Technology (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

11. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public hearings with or without related ordinances.

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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 Discussion Regarding Urban Cottages Jewell - Zoning Map Amendment

Peter Schulte, City Attorney

Peter Schulte explained that the Planning and Zoning Commission notified us that they will not have a chance to review the plat without getting more information from the applicant. Therefore, he asked that Council continue this until either June 23rd or July 14th to give time for that.

Moved by: Françoise Bergan

Second by: Crystal Murillo

Does Council wish to continue this item to the July 14, 2025 Council Meeting?

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

Absent: (1): Curtis Gardner

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

Peter Schulte, City Attorney

No action was taken.

17. REPORTS

17.a Mayor

Mayor Coffman expressed that he had a very successful Town Hall Meeting last Saturday, and thanked CM Hancock for presenting her local and state initiatives concerning vehicle registration enforcement, and thanked Kathleen Chandler, RTD Director, for her presentation on mass transit. He also gave a presentation on the new Aurora Homeless Navigation Resource Center and the strategy behind it, which will be operational in November. He thanked Library and Cultural Services Director and staff, as they did an incredible job in working with all of the schools throughout Aurora to do the annual Aurora Scholars Award, where they pick and recognize

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outstanding students. He added that he attended the Sprouts ribbon cutting with CM Medina and it is very exciting to have them open their second store in Aurora.

17.b Council

CM Coombs thanked the staff and community members who attended Engage Aurora Live, which gave people the opportunity to comment on a variety of plans and proposals that will be coming forward in the city, including the Connecting Aurora Plan. She said there will be a discussion on Connecting Aurora tomorrow, at the Central Library, from 6:30 to 8:30. She added there is also a survey online that people can take and comment on the plan at engageaurora.org.

CM Kassaw attended the Aurora Scholars Award Ceremony last week with Mayor Coffman, which was great, and was organized by Aurora Public Library. He also attended the University of Denver and met a lot of Aurora college students, and participated in the Ward 2 Town Hall Meeting alongside MPT Sundberg.

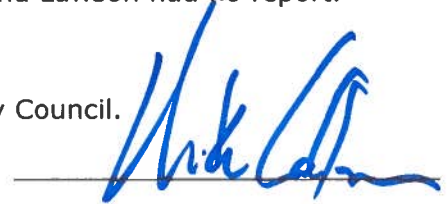
CM Murillo reminded that her next Town Hall is April 24th, 6-7:30 p.m., at Moorhead Recreation Center, and she gave an update from the Aurora Sister Cities Board that she sits on. She explained that part of their process is developing official sister cities with a formal agreement signed between mayors of different cities to enter into a friendship city, and they approved another friendship city in Nepal. She added that a delegation from the Nepal Embassy is coming to visit them during Global Fest this year. She thanked CM Kassaw for meeting with their board chair on how they could rebuild the Ethiopian city sister relationship. She also acknowledged that yesterday was 26 years since the Columbine shooting and offered condolences, thoughts, and prayers to the families and community members that were directly impacted by that, and to everyone else who is continuing to have to endure these mass shootings.

CM Medina attended the ribbon cutting at Sprouts, alongside Mayor Coffman, and expressed that it is a good addition to their community and wished it much success.

CM Gardner, Jurinsky, Sundberg, Hancock, Bergan, and Lawson 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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