

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Aurora City Council

Monday, May 19, 2025

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

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 May 19, 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 disposition of real property and litigation were discussed.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

6.a May 5, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Moved by: Steve Sundberg

Second by: Françoise Bergan

CM Murillo voiced that she and CM Coombs were not allowed to finish speaking, ask questions, or have debate at the last meeting pertaining to the conversation on the resolution that was trying to disallow council members from speaking at the Capitol. She highlighted that at the end of the meeting, City Attorney Schulte affirmed they can state they are council members as long as they are representing themselves

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individually and not on behalf of the Full Council and that would not be censurable.

Does Council wish to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2025 meeting?

Voting Aye: (9): Mayor Coffman, Françoise Bergan, Alison Coombs, Stephanie Hancock, Danielle Jurinsky, Amsalu Kassaw, Ruben Medina, Crystal Murillo, and Steve Sundberg

Absent: (2): Curtis Gardner, and Angela Lawson

7. PROCLAMATIONS OR CEREMONIES

8. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by: Françoise Bergan

Second by: Amsalu Kassaw

Does Council wish to adopt the agenda as presented?

Voting Aye: (9): Mayor Coffman, Françoise Bergan, Alison Coombs, Stephanie Hancock, Danielle Jurinsky, Amsalu Kassaw, Ruben Medina, Crystal Murillo, and Steve Sundberg

Absent: (2): Curtis Gardner, and Angela Lawson

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: Françoise Bergan

Second by: Amsalu Kassaw

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

Voting Aye: (9): Mayor Coffman, Françoise Bergan, Alison Coombs, Stephanie Hancock, Danielle Jurinsky, Amsalu Kassaw, Ruben Medina, Crystal Murillo, and Steve Sundberg

Absent: (2): Curtis Gardner, and Angela Lawson

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 Aurora Immigrant and Refugee Commission

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

9.c.2 Consideration to Appoint One (1) Member to the Historic Preservation Commission

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

9.c.3 Consideration to Appoint One (1) Member and to Reappoint Two (2) Members to the Veterans Affairs Commission

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

10. CONSENT CALENDAR - RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

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Moved by: Françoise Bergan

Second by: Danielle Jurinsky

CM Murillo requested to pull 10.a.5.

Does Council wish to approve the Resolutions and Ordinances Consent Calendar with item 10.a.5 removed?

Voting Aye: (8): Françoise Bergan, Alison Coombs, Stephanie Hancock, Danielle Jurinsky, Amsalu Kassaw, Ruben Medina, Crystal Murillo, and Steve Sundberg

Absent: (2): Curtis Gardner, and Angela Lawson

10.a Resolutions

10.a.1 East Cherry Creek Valley Master Sewer Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA)

R2025-53 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, APPROVING THE MASTER SEWER AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF AURORA ACTING BY AND THROUGH ITS UTILITY ENTERPRISE AND EAST CHERRY CREEK VALLEY WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT

James DeHerrera, Manager of Planning Services, Aurora Water / Ian Best, Assistant City Attorney

10.a.2 Kings Point Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA)

R2025-54 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, APPROVING THE FIRST AMENDED AND RESTATED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF AURORA ACTING BY AND THROUGH ITS UTILITY ENTERPRISE AND

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EAST CHERRY CREEK VALLEY WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT
REGARDING KINGS POINT

James DeHerrera, Manager of Planning Services, Aurora Water / Ian Best, Assistant City Attorney

10.a.3 Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between Aurora Fire Rescue and the State of Colorado Human Services

R2025-55 A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF AURORA, COLORADO, APPROVING THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE OF COLORADO / COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES / VETERAN COMMUNITY LIVING CENTER AT FITZSIMONS AND THE CITY OF AURORA – AURORA FIRE RESCUE FOR THE PROVISION OF OVERSIGHT FOR FIRE AND RELATED LIFE-SAFETY SERVICES

Rodney Weber, Deputy Chief, Aurora Fire Rescue / Angela Garcia, Senior Assistant City Attorney

10.a.4 City Council Declaring Support for the Preservation of the Federal Tax Exemption of Municipal Bonds

R2025-56 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, DECLARING SUPPORT FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE FEDERAL TAX EXEMPTION OF MUNICIPAL BONDS

Sponsor: Curtis Gardner, Council Member

Jason Batchelor, City Manager / Andrea Wood, Assistant City Attorney

10.a.5 Rules of Order and Procedure: Amendment Concerning One Person at the Podium

R2025-57 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 ONE PERSON AT THE PODIUM

Sponsor: Françoise Bergan, Council Member

Jason Batchelor, City Manager / George Koumantakis, Deputy City Attorney

CM Bergan explained this is on the agenda again because after a conversation with the City Attorney they decided the best interest as a council is to remove the physical disabilities that were discussed at the last meeting, as ADA compliance is in the whereas clause. She noted that when they do amendments on the fly, it gets difficult, and asked her colleagues if they have an amendment in the future, to get

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it to the sponsor ahead of time if they can, so they can review it in writing to try to avoid some confusion.

P. Schulte added that after the last meeting, there was discussion on the different types of ADA combinations that could take place, and the reason the original version had the same language is because they are not going to violate the ADA, but it was impossible to get all variations in the actual rule itself.

Moved by: Françoise Bergan

Second by: Stephanie Hancock

CM Coombs asked why it is not possible to include it into the rules, as her understanding is that recitals are more about declaring legislative intent and values. She said they will always provide the appropriate accommodation, so why would they not put that in the rules.

P. Schulte responded that they will always follow the law, so it would be duplicative and not necessary to put it in as stated.

CM Murillo appreciated the compromises that were made in the last meeting to include some disabilities, and said her preference was to be more broad, so she was happy to see the language was amended to be clear that we have to comply with the law. She did not support limiting the amount of people at the podium, but felt this was an example of having dialogue and back and forth, and thanked the sponsor for that.

Does Council wish to support the approval of Rules of Order and Procedure: Amendment Concerning One Person at the Podium?

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

Voting Nay: (2): Ruben Medina, and Crystal Murillo

Absent: (2): Curtis Gardner, and Angela Lawson

10.b Finalizing of Ordinances

Ordinances approved unanimously at first reading.

10.b.1 GERP Code Amendments Relating to Short-Term and Long-Term Disability

2025-42 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, AMENDING SECTIONS 102 AND 147 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF AURORA PERTAINING TO UPDATES TO THE GENERAL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT PLAN

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

10.b.2 Stanley 98 Street Vacation 3.0

2025-44 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2025-15 AS A DUPLICATE OF ORDINANCE NO. 2025-13 DUE TO AN ADMINISTRATIVE ERROR AND CORRECTING SAID ERROR WITH THIS ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF A 16-FOOT WIDE ALLEY RIGHT-OF-WAY, N BLOCK 104 DEDICATED BY THE PLAT OF JOHNSON-HICKAM SUBDIVISION AT RECEPTION NUMBER 480782, 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 JAMAICA STREET AND JOLIET STREET (STANLEY 98 STREET VACATIONS)

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

10.b.3 Property Acquisitions - Aero 70 Project

2025-45 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, TO EXERCISE THE POWER OF EMINENT DOMAIN FOR ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY INTERESTS NECESSARY FOR THE AERO 70 PROJECT

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

11. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public hearings with or without related ordinances.

12. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

12.a Neglect or Derelict Code

2025-46 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, AMENDING CHAPTER 62 OF THE CITY CODE RELATED TO NEGLECTED OR DERELICT BUILDINGS OR PROPERTY

Sponsor: Stephanie Hancock, Council Member

Jessica Prosser, Director, Housing and Community Services / Angela Garcia, Senior Assistant City Attorney

CM Hancock expressed that they made slight amendments to this after the last council meeting. She said they have come to a good compromise and are ready to move forward with approval.

Staff gave a brief presentation on the item.

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Moved by: Stephanie Hancock

Second by: Danielle Jurinsky

Does the Council wish to support the approval of the Neglect and Derelict Code?

Voting Aye: (8): Françoise Bergan, Alison Coombs, Stephanie Hancock, Danielle Jurinsky, Amsalu Kassaw, Ruben Medina, Crystal Murillo, and Steve Sundberg

Absent: (2): Curtis Gardner, and Angela Lawson

12.b Court Administration - Case Management Name Change to Court Services

2025-47 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, AMENDING SECTION 50-137 OF THE CITY CODE PERTAINING TO CHANGING THE NAME OF ONE OF THE DEPARTMENTS THE COURT ADMINISTRATOR PROVIDES MANAGEMENT, ORGANIZATION AND FINANCIAL CONTROL OF FROM CASE MANAGEMENT TO COURT SERVICES

Candace Atkinson, Director, Court Administration and Detention / Angela Garcia, Senior Assistant City Attorney

Staff gave a brief presentation on the item.

Moved by: Amsalu Kassaw

Second by: Ruben Medina

Does the Council wish to support the approval of the Court Administration - Case Management Name Change to Court Services?

Voting Aye: (8): Françoise Bergan, Alison Coombs, Stephanie Hancock, Danielle Jurinsky, Amsalu Kassaw, Ruben Medina, Crystal Murillo, and Steve Sundberg

Absent: (2): Curtis Gardner, and Angela Lawson

13. FINALIZING OF ORDINANCES

Ordinances not approved unanimously at first reading.

13.a 2025 Spring Supplemental

2025-43 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO APPROPRIATING SUMS OF MONEY IN ADDITION TO THOSE APPROPRIATED IN ORDINANCE NOS. 2023-52, 2024-18, AND 2024-80 FOR THE 2024 FISCAL YEAR AND ORDINANCE NO. 2024-72 FOR THE 2025 FISCAL YEAR

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

Staff gave a brief presentation on the item.

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Moved by: Steve Sundberg

Second by: Françoise Bergan

Does the Council wish to support the approval of the Spring Supplemental Ordinance?

Voting Aye: (8): Françoise Bergan, Alison Coombs, Stephanie Hancock, Danielle Jurinsky, Amsalu Kassaw, Ruben Medina, Crystal Murillo, and Steve Sundberg

Absent: (2): Curtis Gardner, and Angela Lawson

14. ANNEXATIONS

14.a First Creek Pond Annexation

2025-48 A PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING A PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED IN THE NE 1/4 OF SECTION 6, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 65 WEST OF THE 6TH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, CITY OF AURORA, COUNTY OF ARAPAHOE, STATE OF COLORADO. 56.508 ACRES

Justin Andrews, Project Manager, 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: Stephanie Hancock

Does the Council wish to support the approval of the First Creek Pond Annexation?

Voting Aye: (8): Françoise Bergan, Alison Coombs, Stephanie Hancock, Danielle Jurinsky, Amsalu Kassaw, Ruben Medina, Crystal Murillo, and Steve Sundberg

Absent: (2): Curtis Gardner, and Angela Lawson

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 Schulte asked Council if there was any interest in changing the June 9th meeting from in-person to virtual. There was no discussion or action, so they will be

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back in-person on June 9th, with regular public comment, and the council meeting will start at 6:45 p.m.

17. REPORTS

17.a Mayor

Mayor Coffman reported he attended the New Taipei City visit last week, that was hosted by their new government and no local tax dollars were spent. He said the most valuable part was going to a medical research campus that had the same component parts we do at the CU Anschutz Medical Campus and the Fitzsimons Innovation Community, as they had a research arm and academic all in the same campus. He noted they have an easier time at clinical trials than we do and seem to be a little more advanced than us, and said it would be great to compare notes from their campus to our campus. He noted that he, CM Bergan, and CM Gardner sit on the Fitzsimons Innovation Community Board, which is a joint venture between the University of Colorado and Aurora to promote and expand bioscience research on the Anschutz Medical Campus. He added that Global Fest has moved to June 14th, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., and will be on the great lawn between the Aurora Municipal Center and Aurora Central Library.

17.b Council

CM Jurinsky sent condolences to the Kilyn Lewis family, and said the legal term of what happened to him is murder, but it is found to be justified murder. She shared that she was given legal advice that to say he was murdered is not out of line and not incorrect. She added that since there are attorneys involved, she was made very clear that no one on this Council is supposed to reach out directly to the family. She asked that this be turned over to a court of law to decide justice. She attended the City's Waterwise Event, and she appreciated what the city has done to put that event on, and looks forward to seeing what becomes of it next year.

CM Kassaw attended the APD's memorial for fallen officers last week, along with CM Hancock and CM Bergan, and stated that he also went to the Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award to support young kids and attended the Berkeley Airspace Civil Air Patrol last week, which helps kids to be more disciplined.

CM Murillo wished every mom in Aurora a happy belated Mother's Day and hoped they were celebrated. She gave a reminder that her monthly town hall will be May 22nd, 6-7:30 p.m., at the MLK Library, and will be taking a break in June and July.

MPT Sundberg voiced that he attended the kickoff of Prehistoric Aurora at the History Museum, Waterwise Day, Aurora Youth Water Day, Armed Forces Recognition Luncheon, along with CM Hancock, and the 48th Bridge opening on E-470 with CM Bergan. He stated Beck has announced it is closing, but the

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city will begin extensive surveying of residents to find out what they want in a Rec center, and they will also have a say in the next library in Ward 2.

CM Medina reported that he attended the Waterwise Water Conservation, Walk 'N' Roll at the Active Adult Center, and the soft opening of the Orejano Empanda shop that will open in a couple weeks.

CM Hancock mentioned that it is important to go online and do the Build Up Aurora survey, as it is their time to have a voice in what is going on in our city to make it better. She encouraged people to visit the Aurora History Museum for the dynamic dinosaur exhibit.

CM Bergan attended the 48th Avenue Interchange ribbon cutting and was one of the speakers representing E-470 and Aurora, which is a very important connection for economic development. She also attended the HBA Housing Summit, along with MPT Sundberg and CM Kassaw, and they talked about construction defect. She noted they were happy with some of the movement in the construction defect reform that was made, but did not feel optimistic that it would bring about significant change. She had a Management & Finance Policy Committee Meeting, E-470 Executive Board meeting, regular board meeting, Region 9 Opioid Meeting, Planning and Economic Development Policy Committee Meeting, and Aurora Economic Board Meeting, and attended the Police Fallen Officers Memorial and Waterwise Day. She announced that her town hall will be May 21st, 6-8 p.m., at the Tallyn's Reach Library, where they will be talking about the budget, have a Build Up Aurora presentation, and general updates.

CM Coombs 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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