

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Aurora City Council

Monday, June 9, 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.

Moved by: Françoise Bergan

Second by: Amsalu Kassaw

Does Council wish to suspend Council Rules to go virtual?

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

Absent: (2): Alison Coombs, and Crystal Murillo

2. ROLL CALL

3. INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Coffman led in prayer for the June 9, 2025 meeting.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

(All Standing)

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION UPDATE

Mayor Coffman provided an update on the Executive Session, stating contract negotiations were discussed.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

6.a May 19, 2025 Meeting Minutes

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.

Moved by: Françoise Bergan

Second by: Danielle Jurinsky

Does Council wish to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2025 meeting?

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

Absent: (2): Curtis Gardner, and Crystal Murillo

7. PROCLAMATIONS OR CEREMONIES

8. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by: Françoise Bergan

Second by: Steve Sundberg

Does Council wish to adopt the agenda as presented?

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

Absent: (2): Curtis Gardner, and 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.

9.a Motions

9.b Planning Matters

9.c Appointments to Boards and Commissions

10. CONSENT CALENDAR - RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

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Moved by: Danielle Jurinsky

Second by: Amsalu Kassaw

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

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

Absent: (1): Curtis Gardner

10.a Resolutions

10.a.1 Safety Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) Local Match Program Application

R2025-58 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE TO APPLY FOR A GRANT ADMINISTERED BY THE COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL AFFAIRS, AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS

Sponsor: Stephanie Hancock, Council Member

Carlie Campuzano, Deputy Director of Transportation and Mobility,
Public Works / Michelle Gardner, Senior Assistant City Attorney

10.a.2 Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Arapahoe County for the Plains Lehigh and Picadilly Traffic Signal Project

R2025-59 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, APPROVING THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF AURORA AND THE BOARD OF ARAPAHOE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR THE PLAINS PKWY/LEHIGH AVE & PICADILLY ROAD TRAFFIC SIGNAL PROJECT

Sponsor: Stephanie Hancock, Council Member

Carlie Campuzano, Deputy Director of Transportation and Mobility,
Public Works / Michelle Gardner, Senior Assistant City Attorney

10.a.3 Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) for Signal Maintenance

R2025-60 A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, FOR THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF AURORA AND COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR TRAFFIC SIGNALS, INTERSECTION MARKING, AND TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICE MAINTENANCE

Sponsor: Stephanie Hancock, Council Member

Carlie Campuzano, Deputy Director of Transportation and Mobility,
Public Works / Michelle Gardner, Senior Assistant City Attorney

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10.a.4 Universal Preschool Program Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA)

R2025-61 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, ACTING BY AND THROUGH ITS RECREATION DIVISION IN THE PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE DEPARTMENT, AND THE STATE OF COLORADO FUNDING THE UNIVERSAL PRESCHOOL COLORADO PROGRAM

Donna Hunt, Recreation Superintendent, Parks, Recreation, and Open Space / Tim Joyce, Assistant City Attorney

10.a.5 Generation Wild Program for 2026 – 2030

R2025-62 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, APPROVAL OF THE GRANT AGREEMENT FROM THE STATE BOARD OF THE GREAT OUTDOORS COLORADO TRUST TO AURORA AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE NORTHEAST METRO COALITION FUNDING THE GOWILD NORTHEAST PROJECT THAT IS PART OF THE GENERATION WILD PROGRAM

Joy Thompson, Natural Resources Supervisor, Parks, Recreation, and Open Space / Tim Joyce, Assistant City Attorney

10.a.6 Property Disposition – 254 Donna Street, Weld County

R2025-63 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, APPROVING THE SALE OF SURPLUS CITY-OWNED LAND IN WELD COUNTY LOCATED AT 254 DONNA STREET, FORT LUPTON, COLORADO

Waiver of reconsideration is requested to expedite closing and divest the City's responsibility to maintain the property.

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

10.a.7 Tax Rebate Agreement – Vantage Data Centers

R2025-64 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE TAX REBATE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO ("CITY") AND VANTAGE DATA CENTERS CO21, LLC ("COMPANY")

Chad Argentar, Project Manager, Planning and Business Development / Rachel Allen, Deputy City Attorney

10.b Finalizing of Ordinances

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.

Ordinances approved unanimously at first reading.

10.b.1 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

10.b.2 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

11. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public hearings with or without related ordinances.

11.a Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) Text Amendment for Multifamily Parking in Applicable Transit Service Areas

2025-49 A PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, AMENDING SECTIONS 146-4.6.2, 146-4.6.3, AND 146-4.6.4 OF THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO PARKING REQUIREMENTS

Sarah Wile, Senior Planner III, Planning and Business Development / Lena McClelland, 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: Danielle Jurinsky

Second by: Françoise Bergan

Does the City Council wish to support the approval of the UDO Text Amendment relating to multifamily parking requirements in Applicable Transit Service Areas?

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

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

Absent: (2): Alison Coombs, and Curtis Gardner

11.b Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) Text Amendment for Accessory Dwelling Units

2025-50 A PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, AMENDING SECTIONS 146-3.2, 146-3.3.6.G, 146-5.4.4, AND 146-6.2 OF THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS

Jeremiah Fettig, Planner II, Planning and Business Development / Lena McClelland, 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: Danielle Jurinsky

Second by: Stephanie Hancock

Does the City Council wish to support the approval of the UDO Text Amendment relating to Accessory Dwelling Units?

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

Voting Nay: (7): Mayor Coffman, Françoise Bergan, Stephanie Hancock, Danielle Jurinsky, Amsalu Kassaw, Angela Lawson, and Steve Sundberg

Absent: (2): Alison Coombs, and Curtis Gardner

12. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

13. FINALIZING OF ORDINANCES

Ordinances not approved unanimously at first reading.

14. ANNEXATIONS

14.a First Creek Pond Annexation

2025-48 FOR AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING A CERTAIN MUNICIPALLY OWNED PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED IN THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 6, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 65 WEST OF THE SIXTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, COUNTY OF ARAPAHOE, STATE OF COLORADO (FIRST CREEK POND ANNEXATION) 56.508 ACRES

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

Staff gave a brief presentation on the item.

Moved by: Danielle Jurinsky

Second by: Amsalu Kassaw

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

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

Absent: (2): Alison Coombs, and Curtis Gardner

14.b Sandy Point Annexation Substantial Compliance

R2025-65 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 AND THE EAST HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 3 SOUTH, RANGE 65 WEST OF THE SIXTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, COUNTY OF ADAMS, 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 (SANDY POINT ANNEXATION) 242.154 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 the Council support the approval of the resolution as proposed and set the date for a public hearing on the proposed annexation?

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

Absent: (2): Alison Coombs, and Curtis Gardner

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

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.

Council heard public testimony on the agenda related item.

CM Bergan made a motion to temporarily suspend the rules and public comment and go virtual next meeting.

P. Schulte asked if they wanted to do this for the next meeting, the next 60 days, or indefinitely until decided otherwise.

CM Jurinsky suggested doing it until there is a ruling on the Kilyn Lewis case, because as it sits right now Michael Deak did not criminally murder him, and it is now in the hands of the Courts. She further explained that if the city is not found liable, there would be nothing left to discuss and no reason for people to come back on that situation.

CM Hancock had concerns that even if they go virtual, they will still have the issue of people fraudulently attaching themselves to non-related issues or public comments and keep doing the same thing.

P. Schulte reiterated that CM Bergan's motion was to suspend the rules, which would require a two-thirds vote of present members, and it would eliminate the public comment portion of the meeting entirely moving forward, and all meetings would be virtual until there is a ruling in the Kilyn Lewis civil case that was filed last month.

CM Kassaw offered a friendly amendment to move the timing to 6 p.m.

CM Bergan accepted that amendment.

CM Coombs commented that this was absolutely ridiculous and an attempt to silence the public instead of just simply listening.

CM Jurinsky stated that they have listened over and over again. She voiced that she went on a show and had a wonderful conversation with a man in their community, and she asked for the lawsuit to be filed, which it was within a week. She said they are having conversations and making progress but it is now in the Courts hands to decide because that will be the final ruling. She expressed that they are done with the disrespect going every direction and need to conduct city business.

CM Coombs voiced that they do not get to decide when the people are done speaking.

CM Jurinsky called for the question.

Moved by: Danielle Jurinsky

Second by: Françoise Bergan

Does the Council wish to suspend the Council Rules to eliminate public comment listening session and to conduct Council Meetings virtually at 6 pm until there is a resolution for the Lewis Civil Suit? (Requires 2/3 vote members present)

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Voting Aye: (7): Mayor Coffman, Françoise Bergan, Stephanie Hancock, Danielle Jurinsky, Amsalu Kassaw, Angela Lawson, Steve Sunberg

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

Absent: (1): Curtis Gardner

Moved by: Danielle Jurinsky

Second by: Stephanie Hancock

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

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

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

Absent: (1): Curtis Gardner

17. REPORTS

17.a Mayor

Mayor Coffman voiced that he posts on his Facebook almost every day about the things he is doing.

17.b Council

CM Jurinsky expressed that her son graduated preschool and will now enter the Cherry Creek School District. She was invited to and attended the neighborhood picnic at Kirkegaard Acres, which was funded through the City's grant program. She also attended a Daddy/Daughter dance at the Gaylord with her dad that the City helped sponsor, an incredible event for young girls and their dads in Aurora.

CM Coombs commented that tonight's meeting was disappointing, as they have shut down the public from speaking and decided not to implement the ADU policy, even though community members have asked for ADUs. She said it is difficult to be a member of a body that consistently ignores the value of perspectives that are then their own. However, she will continue to serve, as it is important to also have a voice that recognizes this. She hoped they could all still come together in the spirit of real inclusion as a body and at events such as Global Fest and Juneteenth.

CM Kassaw reported that he had a great time last week, along with the Municipal Judge, CM Hancock, and CM Bergan, and he had a community conversation with reflection and healing.

CM Sundberg visited Gateway Park, along with Mayor Coffman, where hotels and other businesses had concerns about crime in the area, which has improved, and they were given reassurances on the upcoming Regional Navigation Campus. He attended the Colorado Freedom Memorial Event with a couple of council members.

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He was glad CM Jurinsky went to the Daddy/Daughter dance, which is organized by a few moms in Ward 2 that put together a number of events that bring the community together. He talked about the use of vans in Ward 2 that shuttle people back and forth to their jobs, the RTD Station, and other places, and they are discussing using vans in other places where there is a huge need for transportation. He said there is excitement about some stoplights that will be turned on this week in Ward 2. He also attended the Mizel event, which was a positive event that comes against hate.

CM Hancock attended the graduation of Class 25-1 at 911. She suggested bringing back the It's 10:00 (Do You know Where Your Children Are campaign in light of the alarming rise in violence among young people. She noted that is appalling to see young girls in a "fight club", and we need to guide our young people away from harm and back to spaces of safety. She voiced that a sign of increasing maturity among young people is accepting responsibility and accountability, and we cannot allow them to act recklessly without accountability. She urged young people to take hold of their future and not be pressured to do things that will harm them. She shared there are great community organizations like A Road Called Straight that mentor and provide safe and structured activities for youth while also holding them accountable for their actions. She urged employers to hire young people who need work, and she called for churches to step up and open their doors beyond Sundays and give young people positive ways to get involved. CM Hancock expressed that the death of young people like K'Tahna Jordan Smith should not happen and is preventable, and said her heart goes out to her family. She asked for any organizations with a capacity to help to reach out to her via email or phone to help redirect the energy of these young people from harm and to uplift their community.

CM Lawson gave the legislative update. She said the Governor signed 476 bills into law, included the city sponsored legislation HB25-1112, Local Authorities Enforce Vehicle Registration, and several other city priorities that include addressing construction defect litigation, penalty for theft of a firearm, and addressing juvenile detention bed caps. She stated that in Congress, the cabinet secretaries will appear before the House and Senate Committees this week to defend their budget requests, and the Senate is expected to release the full bill text for their budget reconciliation spending measure, including provisions from the Senate Finance Committee by the end of the week. She said she reviewed the Big Beautiful Bill this week.

CM Bergan reported that she was called to jury duty by the Municipal Court, and did not get selected, but the Jury Commissioner did an excellent job explaining the process. She attended the Colorado Remember Celebration and had the Fitzsimmons Redevelopment Authority Board Meeting. She also attended the Inspiration Community Center grand opening, which the Council approved the site plan for. She expressed that they finally got the Creek Side community to vote on allowing the connection for the Piney Creek Trail, and it passed.

CM Gardner, CM Murillo, and CM Medina were absent for reports.

18. ADJOURNMENT


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.

Mayor Coffman adjourned the regular meeting of City Council.



MIKE COFFMAN, MAYOR

ATTEST:



KADEE RODRIGUEZ, CITY CLERK

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