

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Aurora City Council

Monday, July 14, 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 6:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Public call-in instructions were provided in English and Spanish.

3. INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Coffman led in prayer for the July 14, 2025 meeting.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

(All Standing)

Mayor Coffman read a land acknowledgement and followed by reading a public comment decorum statement.

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION UPDATE

None.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

6.a June 23, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Moved by: Steve Sundberg

Second by: Amsalu Kassaw

Does Council wish to approve the minutes of the June 23, 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: Françoise Bergan

Second by: Amsalu Kassaw

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

Moved by: Françoise Bergan

Second by: Danielle Jurinsky

Does Council wish to suspend Council Rules and allow public comment only on items 11a - 11g and 12a?

CM Coombs was confused why they were not allowing public comment on 16a, as it currently has five people signed up to speak on that item. She said it is about decisions around the meetings that they hold, and they should not be suspending that and hear what people have to say on it.

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

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

Moved by: Françoise Bergan

Second by: Amsalu Kassaw

Does Council wish to move Item 16a before the Consent Calendar for Motions?

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

Voting Nay: (1): Ruben Medina

9. CONSENT CALENDAR - MOTIONS

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Moved by: Françoise Bergan

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.a.1 Advanced Public Safety Funds Agreement

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

9.a.2 Police Collective Bargaining Agreement 2025-2026 - Amended Agreement

Jason Batchelor, City Manager / Kim Skaggs, Assistant City Attorney

9.b Planning Matters

9.c Appointments to Boards and Commissions

9.c.1 Consideration to Reappoint Three (3) Members to the Oil and Gas Advisory Committee

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: Danielle Jurinsky

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

With Item 10.b.4 and 10.b.6 removed

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 Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) Tenant Support Services Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA)

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R2025-71 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 COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL AFFAIRS TO FUND TENANCY SUPPORT SERVICES AT THE AURORA REGIONAL NAVIGATION CAMPUS

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

10.b Finalizing of Ordinances

Ordinances approved unanimously at first reading.

10.b.1 Porteos Business Improvement District (BID) Property Exclusion

2025-51 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, EXCLUDING CERTAIN PROPERTY FROM THE BOUNDARIES OF THE PORTEOS BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

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

10.b.2 Lease - Purchase Certificates of Participation (COP) Financing – Animal Shelter

2025-52 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE USE OF LEASE-PURCHASE FINANCING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ANIMAL SHELTER PURSUANT TO THE TERMS OF A LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN AURORA CAPITAL LEASING CORPORATION, AS LESSOR, AND THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, AS LESSEE; AUTHORIZING OFFICIALS OF THE CITY TO TAKE ALL ACTION NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY; AND RELATED MATTERS

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

10.b.3 Amendments to the City Charter Concerning Non-Substantive Updates to Create Gender Neutrality

2025-54 AN ORDINANCE SUBMITTING TO A VOTE OF THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, AT THE REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION OF NOVEMBER 4, 2025, PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLES 2-2, 3-10, 3-14, 3-15, 3-16, 3-17, 5-2, 6-5, 7-4, 8-2, 10-1, 10-5, 10-8, 11-2, 11-3, 12-7, 14-9, AND 15-9 OF THE CITY CHARTER CONCERNING NON-SUBSTANTIVE UPDATES TO THE CITY CHARTER TO CREATE GENDER NEUTRALITY

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Jason Batchelor, City Manager / Peter Schulte, City Attorney

10.b.4 Amendments to the City Charter Concerning Filling City Council Vacancies Based on the Timing of the Vacancy

2025-55 AN ORDINANCE SUBMITTING TO A VOTE OF THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, AT THE REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION OF NOVEMBER 4, 2025, PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE 3-7 OF THE CITY CHARTER CONCERNING FILLING CITY COUNCIL VACANCIES BASED ON THE TIMING OF THE VACANCY

Jason Batchelor, City Manager / Peter Schulte, City Attorney

Staff gave a brief presentation on the item.

CM Coombs asked why they are making this more vague when the language already specified when special elections would be held.

P. Schulte responded that it just said "in special circumstances" because a special election is not going to be held in every vacancy, as it is only based on the timing.

CM Coombs inquired if they were not laying out the associated timing in the ballot question.

P. Schulte answered no, and it did not lay that out in the ballot question in the original ordinance either.

CM Bergan asked if they would still go to a special election if a vacancy happened early in someone's election cycle.

P. Schulte explained that nothing changed in what they passed last meeting; this is just a clean-up of the ordinance.

Moved by: Danielle Jurinsky

Second by: Amsalu Kassaw

Does the Council wish to support the Amendments to the City Charter Concerning Filling City Council Vacancies Based on the Timing of the Vacancy as amended?

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

Amendment:

Moved by: Danielle Jurinsky

Second by: Amsalu Kassaw

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.

Does Council wish to approve this amendment?

- Add section 2 to the ordinance to state, "Regardless of voter approval of this change, if the Charter changes included in City of Aurora Ordinance 2025-57 are approved by the voters, the words "attains another elective office" shall be removed from Article 3-7 of the City Charter of the City of Aurora, Colorado."
- Amend the ballot question to read, "Shall Article 3-7 of the City Charter of the City of Aurora, Colorado be amended to provide a comprehensive procedure for filing vacant seats on City Council based on the timing of the vacancy, which includes a special election in certain circumstances?"

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.b.5 Amendment to the City Charter Concerning the Residency Requirement for the City Manager

2025-56 AN ORDINANCE SUBMITTING TO A VOTE OF THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, AT THE REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION OF NOVEMBER 4, 2025, A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 7-1 OF THE CITY CHARTER CONCERNING THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT FOR THE CITY MANAGER

Jason Batchelor, City Manager / Peter Schulte, City Attorney

10.b.6 Amendment of the City Charter Establishing the Salaries of the Mayor and City Council Members

2025-58 AN ORDINANCE SUBMITTING TO A VOTE OF THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, AT THE REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION OF NOVEMBER 4, 2025, A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 3-6 OF THE CITY CHARTER ESTABLISHING THE SALARIES OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS BASED ON THE SALARY OF AN ARAPAHOE COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Jason Batchelor, City Manager / Peter Schulte, City Attorney

Mayor Coffman commented that a 50% increase is excessive, and he would like to negotiate with Council a lesser percentage; otherwise, he asked the Council to accept an amendment to take the mayor out of this proposal.

CM Bergan voiced that she is fine with taking the mayor out of the proposal. CM Murillo agreed.

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CM Jurinsky stated that did not sit right with her, as the mayor is technically the only full-time position on this council, and he does a lot and attends a lot in the city. She felt that Council is generously given a travel budget and a card they can use to expense things, and she also agreed that a 50% pay raise is pretty unheard of. She asked to make an amendment that instead of a 50% increase, have a 25% increase across the board, but wanted to keep the mayor included, as if they are making more, he should as well.

CM Bergan removed her motion.

Mayor Coffman said that still seems like a lot. He asked what a county commissioner makes today.

P. Schulte answered \$151,000. He explained that if they just do 25%, it would be stacked, and the only increase they will get moving forward would be cost of living increases, so they would have to go back to the voters later to get a raise. He stated that they have to option of doing the 25% from what they are currently paid or vote against the ordinance and stay where they are.

CM Jurinsky pointed out to the mayor that as the City of Aurora, he governs more of Arapahoe County than any county commissioner does and they are making \$151,000 a year, when the mayor is only making around \$100,000. So, she supports a 25% pay increase all across the board, mayor included. CM Hancock agreed.

CM Coombs appreciated the concern there but felt the intent behind the way the ordinance was written was to make it so that it is not static, and that Council will not have to keep voting to put on the ballot and keep addressing. She suggested a friendly amendment for Council to make 25% of what county commissioners make, which would be a more modest increase but put them in a position of not having to keep coming back and voting every time. She added that the mayor would get 100%, as that was the whole point, or they could say the mayor gets 75% of what a county commissioner makes if more amenable.

MPT Sundberg commented that the mayor is being humble, as he works very hard, and they have to think of succession here. He said that the mayor is comfortable with multiple retirements streams coming in due to his former work, but when thinking about attracting talent and commitment down the road, they need compensation that reflects that size of the city.

CM Jurinsky expressed that 25% of what a county commissioner makes is \$37,750, which is essentially what they already make right now. She stood by her motion as 25% increase across the board.

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CM Hancock was concerned about the 50% and what the constituents and people in the community would be interested in. She said the work the mayor does is tremendous and a full-time position. She suggested that whatever they decide on to be effective in 2028, after the next series of elections, as there is some heartburn around this issue and some people are very unhappy about it. She added that the work Council does is good work, and the majority have full-time jobs aside from their jobs here, and they would like to expand the pool so more people could step up to serve, but they don't want it to be so low that they could not even qualify for an apartment based on their salary. Therefore, those are things they should consider as they are voting, as this may be some folks only job as they step up to serve.

CM Lawson voiced that they are looking at what is happening now, but they need to be looking at the future, as they want more talent and more people to be able to come onto City Council, because they are not going to all be on City Council forever. She felt 25% was low, as people probably still would have to get another job. She asked if there was any way to have a sunset provision to relook at this within a certain timeframe to see how the city grows, as it is going to grow more and there may be another district or ward in the future.

P. Schulte responded that if the city grows and they end up adding an additional ward or something changes, that would be a charter amendment, so Council would then have to go back and revisit all aspects of service of a council member and the mayor. He expressed that he and the city manager were trying to plan for the future, knowing that they are on the cusp of being the 50th largest city in the country, and they were trying to make it so they do not have to keep coming back. He noted that another option is to have it go into effect January 1, 2028, as CM Hancock suggested. He reminded that they are not making any decisions today, but just trying to figure out what should be on the ballot in November.

CM Lawson inquired if they do the 25% if it would start in 2028.

P. Schulte answered that the motion right now is just 25% increase across the board, without accepting the friendly amendment about starting in 2028. He said if the ballot measure passed in November, that would go into effect January 1st at the earliest, but future increases would have to go back to the ballot with that amendment.

Mayor Coffman recommended delaying this for a couple of weeks to have thoughtful discussions with the members, as there does need to be an increase for the members and his successor, but it needs to be accepted by the voters. He expressed that there needs to be

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thoughtful discussions about what is necessary to attract talent, what is fair, and what can pass on the ballot.

P. Schulte voiced that they have to get this done by the 28th to make the November ballot.

CM Bergan was against any raise at all and did not like the notion that old people cannot do this job because the money is too low. She said she did not do this job for the pay and took offense to saying we are not going to get good people. She shared that there are people on this council that do not work as hard as others and public service is public service, so they should not be doing it for the money to begin with.

CM Murillo recommended moving to the original proposal, as there are clearly mixed opinions, and the reason it was constructed this way was to avoid having to continue coming back to amend it, and it is an awkward thing for council members to refer to the voters. However, they need to pay people livable wages. She said it makes it simple and opens the pool of people who can afford to compete for the position.

CM Bergan reiterated that this is not to be making a living wage and not supposed to someone's primary job, as they are part-time, and no one takes a count of how many hours they put in. She commented that some council members have full-time jobs and bring a business perspective to what they do and have different backgrounds, which is very valuable. She shared that she is retired, but is on a fixed income and does not make a lot of money, but she chose to do public service.

CM Jurinsky expressed that none of this was brought up in the Study Session. She said she would also support not taking any kind of a pay raise, but it was passed unanimously in the Study Session, and there were no negative comments towards this, so instead of a 50 increase, she offered the 25% as a friendly amendment. She stated that she was happy to retract her motion, or not put it on the ballot at all, or not take a pay raise, but they did pass that any member, at any time, for any reason, can give up any part or all of their salary, so if people feel they are making too much money, they can give that up.

Mayor Coffman voiced that he did raise questions in Study Session.

P. Schulte responded that it did pass through Study Session and had the first reading, where it passed unanimously.

CM Jurinsky was confused since this passed out of Study Session and passed unanimously on the first reading without any commentary or anything negative said, so she was shocked by the conversation tonight. She said that is why she offered the 25%, as it was not as much as 50% but also not nothing, because some members on the

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council would like to see a pay raise and probably deserve one. However, she was happy to align herself with CM Bergan and not take any pay raise even though this is the first time she's heard anything negative on it. She said she was happy to remove her motion or even remove this item completely and bring no pay raise to the ballot.

CM Lawson voiced that even though it passed unanimously previously, people had time to think things over and review information, and she personally felt this should be a no vote and to leave it up to a future council to decide. She did not understand why it is shocking that people can change their minds.

Mayor Coffman expressed that pay raises are hard to pass to begin with, and one as large as this does not stand a prayer.

MPT Sundberg stated that if they had a budget surplus, it would be a different story, rather than a shortfall.

Mayor Coffman responded that he did not even think that would do it.

CM Jurinsky explained that she will move her original amendment forward so they can vote on it but encouraged a no vote.

CM Coombs asked for clarification that with the current pay that people are seeing is their income is with allowances, and \$37,500, which 25% of the county commissioner's salary, would be that plus the allowances, so it would still represent a raise.

P. Schulte answered yes.

CM Coombs inquired if giving the mayor 75% would represent a raise or leave him at the current level.

P. Schulte responded that would give him a \$14,000 raise.

CM Coombs made an amendment to the motion on the floor that Council would receive 25% of a county commissioner's salary and the mayor would receive 75% of a county commissioner's salary, which would represent a modest raise for everyone without having to keep bringing this back in the future and would be more likely to pass.

Mayor Coffman urged a no vote for that.

Moved by: Danielle Jurinsky

Second by: Alison Coombs

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Voting Aye: (3): Alison Coombs, Amsalu Kassaw, and Crystal Murillo

Voting Nay: (7): Françoise Bergan, Curtis Gardner, Stephanie Hancock, Danielle Jurinsky, Angela Lawson, Ruben Medina, and Steve Sundberg

Amendment:

Moved by: Alison Coombs

Second by: Crystal Murillo

- Council receives 25% of an Arapahoe commissioner's pay and the Mayor receives 75%

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

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

10.b.7 First Creek Detention Facility Upstream of I-70 – Zoning Map Amendment

2025-60 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, INITIALLY ZONING FOUR CONTIGUOUS PARCELS OF LAND MEASURING 56.5 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, LOCATED SOUTH OF I-70 AND COLFAX AND ABOUT HALF A MILE EAST OF E-470 TO MIXED-USE REGIONAL DISTRICT AND AMENDING THE ZONING MAP ACCORDINGLY (THE FIRST CREEK DETENTION FACILITY ANNEXATION ZONING MAP AMENDMENT)

Rachid Rabbaa, Planner III, Planning and Business Development / Lena McClelland, Assistant City Attorney

10.b.8 Fitzsimons Innovation Community General Development Plan Amendment No. 16

2025-61 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, TO AMEND THE FITZSIMONS GENERAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN TO ALLOW FOR INCREASED RESIDENTIAL USES (FITZSIMONS GDP AMENDMENT #16)

Aja Tibbs, Planning Supervisor, Planning and Business Development / Lena McClelland, Assistant City Attorney

11. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public hearings with or without related ordinances.

11.a QuikTrip 4263 Conditional Use Appeal

A PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION WITHOUT RELATED ORDINANCE TO CONSIDER AN APPEAL BY THE APPLICANT REGARDING THE PLANNING

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AND ZONING COMISSION DECISION OF DENIAL FOR THE QUIKTRIP 4263
SITE PLAN AND CONDITIONAL USE

James Schireman, Planner I, Planning and Business Development / Lena
McClelland, Assistant City Attorney

Mayor Coffman opened the public hearing.

Staff gave a brief presentation on the item.

The applicant gave a brief presentation on the item.

Mayor Coffman closed the public hearing.

CM Coombs asked why they are continuing this, as they have already continued it once to enable additional outreach and information to be presented. She asked what the reason was to keep continuing it instead of having the discussion.

Staff responded that the request for continuance relates to keeping the appeal commentary strictly related to the code criterion and wanting to see the results on other agenda items before deciding on a continuation.

Moved by: Danielle Jurinsky

Second by: Amsalu Kassaw

Does Council wish to continue this item to the August 11th Council Meeting?

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

11.b QuikTrip 4263 Site Plan Appeal

A PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION WITHOUT RELATED ORDINANCE
TO CONSIDER AN APPEAL BY THE APPLICANT REGARDING THE PLANNING
AND ZONING COMISSION DECISION OF DENIAL FOR THE QUIKTRIP 4263
SITE PLAN AND CONDITIONAL USE

James Schireman, Planner I, 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: Amsalu Kassaw

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Does Council wish to continue this item to the August 11th Council Meeting?

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

11.c Urban Cottages Jewell - Zoning Map Amendment

2025-06 A PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, FOR A ZONING MAP AMENDMENT TO REZONE APPROXIMATELY 3.91 ACRES OF LAND TO MEDIUM-DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT (R-2), LOCATED SOUTH OF THE INTERSECTION OF EAST JEWELL AVENUE AND SOUTH JOLIET STREET (URBAN COTTAGES ON JEWELL REZONE)

Rachid Rabbaa, 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.

CM Coombs commented that this is also something they have continued again. She asked if there is any limit on how many times people can just keep continuing things instead of having the discussion.

P. Schulte answered no, and that it is up to the will of the body.

CM Bergan expressed that this originally came to them, but they thought the Planning Commission was going to consider the site plan, but that did not happen, and the zoning came back to us, and we continued because we thought the Planning Commission would take it again. She did not know what happened after that, but it is back and due to go to the Planning Commission and then will come back to us so they can have that decided first.

P. Schulte added that it is set on the Planning Commission's August agenda.

Moved by: Françoise Bergan

Second by: Danielle Jurinsky

Does Council wish to continue this item to the September 22nd Council 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

11.d Amendment to the City Code to Add a Local Amendment to the Model Traffic Code Pertaining to the Offense of Eluding

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2025-62 A PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, AMENDING SECTION 134-2 OF THE CITY CODE PERTAINING TO LOCAL AMENDMENTS TO THE 2024 MODEL TRAFFIC CODE

Matt Brukbacher, Commander, Police / Mandy MacDonald, Assistant City Attorney

Mayor Coffman opened the public hearing.

Staff gave a brief presentation on the item.

Mayor Coffman closed the public hearing.

CM Coombs voiced concerns that there have been instances of people having individuals present themselves as officers when they were not that resulted in death and violence. She said they have also been contacted by constituents that they are not always be able to get an answer from the police department if they are called and asked if the person following them is actually a cop. She was concerned that people may end up in a situation where they are being pursued and have every reason to flee or do not know whether they have a reason to flee, and end up getting caught up by this when considering their own personal safety.

Commander Brukbacher responded that is something they are aware of and continue to advocate for people to pull to a well-lit area and contact dispatch if they feel the vehicle is not a police vehicle. He stated that some instances where this has been a problem are vehicles that just have a little light on the dash, as police officers very obviously have a ton of lights on them. He added that the instances they are looking at are egregious when it comes to people's behavior to not stop for law enforcement, which significantly hinders his plain vehicle units' ability to enforce the law, as gang units and traffic units have unmarked cars that would be applicable to this.

Moved by: Danielle Jurinsky

Second by: Steve Sundberg

Does Council wish to support the ordinance to amend section 134-2 of the City Code to add a local amendment to the Model Traffic Code related to the offense of Eluding or Attempting to Elude a Police Officer?

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

Voting Nay: (2): Alison Coombs, Crystal Murillo

11.e Amendment to the City Code to Enforce State Vehicle Registration Requirements

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2025-63 A PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, ADDING SECTION 134-11 TO THE CITY CODE TO ENFORCE STATE VEHICLE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

Sponsor: Danielle Jurinsky, Council Member / Stephanie Hancock, Council Member

Matt Brukbacher, Commander, Police / Mandy MacDonald, Assistant City Attorney

Mayor Coffman opened the public hearing.

Staff gave a brief presentation on the item.

Mayor Coffman closed the public hearing.

Mayor Coffman commended CM Hancock for her work on this, going down to the legislature and testifying on this issue, and working with bill sponsors and talking to the governor and his staff, as it is a very important issue to the city, and she showed incredible leadership.

CM Jurinsky added she has been advocating to make sure that their constituents know when these auto auctions for towed vehicles under the three-strike rule and the vehicles are towed are. She stated that they have impounded a lot of vehicles under this and believed that their constituency deserves to be able to go to these auto auctions instead of big car brokers coming in and buying all of them. She shared that she spoke with APD's PIO and they will be putting something out on this, and it will be pushed out on a regular basis. She urged her colleagues to push it out as well. She added that she got confirmation that a lot of these cars end up going pretty cheap, and she has had a lot of residents reaching out on how they can participate in these. She noted that APD said they would also add a link to their website for information on the auto auctions from these impounded vehicles.

Mayor Coffman voiced that CM Hancock did the three-strike law several months ago, so this proposal would take the jurisdiction from the state to our court and allows us to prosecute these cases, whereas before it would go to state court instead of municipal. He said this will make a big difference in our ability to enforce our problems in vehicle registration.

Moved by: Stephanie Hancock

Second by: Danielle Jurinsky

Does Council wish to support the ordinance to add section 134-11 to the City Code to enforce state vehicle registration requirements?

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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

11.f DUAL LISTING: Proposed Colfax Downtown Development Authority Election

2025-69 A PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, CONCERNING THE CREATION AND ORGANIZATION OF THE AURORA DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY IN THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, DECLARING THE NECESSITY FOR AN ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 4, 2025, CONCERNING THE FORMATION OF SUCH AUTHORITY, PURSUANT TO COLO. CONST. ART. X, SEC. 20 AND STATUTORY REVENUE LIMITATIONS FOR SUCH AUTHORITY, DETERMINING ORGANIZATIONAL ASPECTS OF THE AURORA DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD, AND PROVIDING OTHER DETAILS RELATED THERETO

Sponsor: Curtis Gardner, Council Member / Crystal Murillo, Council Member

Laura Perry, Deputy City Manager / Rachel Allen, Deputy City Attorney

Outside speakers: Brad Segal, Progressive Urban Management Associates (P.U.M.A.) / Naomi Grunditz Lacewell, Progressive Urban Management Associates (P.U.M.A.)

Mayor Coffman opened the public hearing.

Staff gave a brief presentation on the item.

Council heard public testimony on the agenda-related item.

Mayor Coffman closed the public hearing.

CM Bergan clarified is no action being taken on the CDC tonight.

Moved by: Amsalu Kassaw

Second by: Curtis Gardner

Does the Council wish to support the approval of the Proposed Colfax Downtown Development Authority Election?

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

11.g Cottonwood Creek Metropolitan District Nos 3 – 10 Service Plan and Amendment

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R2025-72 A PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO APPROVING THE AMENDED AND RESTATED SERVICE PLAN FOR COTTONWOOD CREEK METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NOS. 3-5 AND THE SERVICE PLAN FOR COTTONWOOD CREEK METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NOS. 6-10 AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO AND THE DISTRICTS

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.

MPT Sundberg expressed that 10 years ago, the metro districts originally reformed. He asked the developer to summarize what the development will now look like.

Staff explained that it will be mixed use, primarily residential, with some commercial.

The developer added that they purchased the land in April that will be all residential development, except a small portion of commercial development. She said it has an approved master plan and site plan, and is projected to have about 2,200 single family detached and single family attached residential units, and at some point they may consider a master plan amendment to increase density slightly.

CM Coombs expressed that it looked like the debt limit for this being approved is \$330 million, and the statement said there would be about 220,000 residents, which is a pretty significant burden per resident that they will end up paying in the long term, so she did not support that.

CM Bergan added that the debt limit included all the infrastructure that has to be built to have any housing, including roads, sewer, and water.

Moved by: Steve Sundberg

Second by: Françoise Bergan

Does Council support the Cottonwood Creek Metropolitan District Nos 3-10 Service Plan and Amendment?

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

Voting Nay: (1): Alison Coombs

12. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

12.a Vape and Smoke Shop Moratorium

2025-66 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, DECLARING A MORATORIUM ON ALL NEW VAPE STORES AND SMOKE SHOPS FOR A PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS

Sponsor: Alison Coombs, Council Member / Ruben Medina, Council Member
Trevor Vaughn, Manager of Licensing, Finance / Hanosky Hernandez, Senior Assistant City Attorney

Staff gave a brief presentation on the item.

MPT Sundberg expressed that he really respects and admires the thoughts behind residents wanting to clean up certain areas of the city. He said he knew they have already addressed this in a sequential manner and have moved it forward to remove a number of harmful items from vape shops, which could put some of the more illegitimate vape shops out of business. He expressed that he is a free market individual and wants to limit their interference in the free market, so since they have already moved forward on banning harmful items from the stores, he is going to be a no vote.

CM Bergan asked for confirmation that it is for six months to give time for an evaluation of where those vape stores are.

CM Jurinsky responded that she is working on bringing forward something to encompass what is considered all predatory business and not just vape and smoke shops, as there are a lot of businesses that fall under that category. She said what she is bringing forward has spacing requirements for these types of businesses, but was not sure when it would be brought forward.

CM Coombs voiced that P. Schulte said it would not be legal to do it that way, as they would have to take an affirmative action to still repeal it, but they also talked about other items aside from spacing that they could consider. She stated that the purpose was to hold off for six months, address spacing, and make sure they are covering their other bases as well. She noted if that happens in less than six months, they will remove it, and if it takes six months, it will go away regardless.

CM Bergan asked how soon CM Jurinsky's would be coming forward.

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T. Vaughn answered that they need to discuss the details of that but is something they are working on.

CM Jurinsky asked T. Vaughn to get back to her soon on when they can bring it forward to policy committee.

CM Bergan explained that she was wondering if CM Jurinsky's ordinance would be coming within six months or after, because if it would be longer, then she would be grappling with approving six months. She asked if they had any active applications for any vape and smoke stores currently.

T. Vaughn answered the thought process for the temporary moratorium is to study and then bring something forward in that time period, and it should be sooner than six months. He noted that they periodically see applications and come through as a general business license applications, and he was not aware of any pending applications right now for vape or smoke shops.

P. Schulte stated that it would take a lot for CM Jurinsky's ordinance to go into effect after two readings, any amendments, and a 30-day waiting period, so six months is probably the right time to do it.

CM Gardner stated that moratoriums are anti-business, and tobacco, nicotine products, and vaping are generally accepted as unsavory by a majority of society, but there are also people in society that consider alcohol unsavory, and we are not banning bars or liquors stores. He said just because someone finds something unsavory does not mean they should ban it from legal adult use, and even a temporary moratorium has the potential to impact somebody who wants to start a legal business selling a legal product to adults that can legally consume it. He was adamantly against this, as it is not the role of government to ban a certain type of business because they find the products unsavory even if they are legal.

MPT Sundberg expressed that the name predatory was brought up, and there is a vape shop in his ward that looks like a high-end cell phone store from the outside, so he asked what constitutes predatory. He pointed out that lottery tickets have been called tax on the poor, so would they go after them next.

CM Coombs highlighted that they have already stated on the record that they intend to put in place ordinances that will change the requirements of spacing of the businesses and they may look at other items, so if they say they are going to put in spacing requirements and do not put in a moratorium, that would invite applications that will not be bound by the spacing requirements. She added that is something they need to consider when saying they are going to do other changes without a moratorium, as they will likely see people trying to get things in under the wire.

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Moved by: Alison Coombs

Second by: Françoise Bergan

Does the Council wish to support the Vape and Smoke Moratorium?

Voting Aye: (5): Alison Coombs, Stephanie Hancock, Angela Lawson, Ruben Medina, and Crystal Murillo

Voting Nay: (6): Mayor Coffman, Françoise Bergan, Curtis Gardner, Danielle Jurinsky, Amsalu Kassaw, and Steve Sundberg

13. FINALIZING OF ORDINANCES

Ordinances not approved unanimously at first reading.

13.a Cabaret License Modifications

2025-53 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, AMENDING SECTIONS 6-136, 6-137, 6-142, 6-143, 6-145, 6-171 AND 6-172 RELATING TO THE REGULATION OF CABARETS

Sponsor: Danielle Jurinsky, Council Member

Trevor Vaughn, Manager of Licensing, Finance / Tim Joyce, Assistant City Attorney

Staff gave a brief presentation on the item.

CM Jurinsky thanked T. Vaughn for working with her on this, as well as local businesses. She said they started down one path and realized there was an even bigger problem with some of these event centers with a lot of crime, and they are not in any way liquor licensed and do not have anyone to oversee the service of alcohol. She stated that knowing businesses in Aurora can hand someone a key and not be held liable for anything that happens, such as drinking underage, overserving, shootings, murders, is pretty serious. She asked her colleagues to support this.

Mayor Coffman thanked CM Jurinsky and T. Vaughn, as this is a really important issue, and he added that one of the biggest shootings they had was on a parking lot of an event center leased out by a church.

Moved by: Danielle Jurinsky

Second by: Stephanie Hancock

Does the Council wish to support the ordinance of the Cabaret License Modifications as amended?

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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

13.b Amendment to the City Charter Concerning Elective Public Office

2025-57 AN ORDINANCE SUBMITTING TO A VOTE OF THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, AT THE REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION OF NOVEMBER 4, 2025, A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 3-3 OF THE CITY CHARTER CONCERNING ELECTIVE PUBLIC OFFICE

Jason Batchelor, City Manager / Peter Schulte, City Attorney

Staff gave a brief presentation on the item.

CM Jurinsky offered an amendment to the item.

CM Coombs voiced that she remains concerned about enabling people to hold more than one elected office, as they have seen through a number of lawsuits that this body is filing against other elected bodies in this state, there is a likelihood of conflict of interest that arises when people are in differing bodies with sometimes competing jurisdiction. She did not support allowing people to hold more than one office.

Moved by: Danielle Jurinsky

Second by: Amsalu Kassaw

Does the Council support the Amendment to the City Charter Concerning Elective Public Office as amended?

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

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

Amendment:

Moved by: Danielle Jurinsky

Second by: Amsalu Kassaw

Does Council wish to approve this amendment?

- Add section 2 to the ordinance to amend Article 3-7 of the City Charter to remove the words "attains another elective office"
- Amend the ballot question to read, "Shall Articles 3-3 and 3-7 of the City Charter of the City of Aurora, Colorado be amended to remove the prohibition of City elected officials simultaneously holding another elective public office, thereby allowing voters to determine whether a candidate of officeholder may serve in more than one elected position?"

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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

Voting Nay: (1): Crystal Murillo

13.c A Proposed Amendment to Article 3-5 of the City Charter Clarifying that the Ward and At-Large Positions are Separate Offices like the Mayor Regarding Term Limits

2025-59 AN ORDINANCE SUBMITTING TO A VOTE OF THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, AT THE REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION OF NOVEMBER 4, 2025, A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 3-5 OF THE CITY CHARTER SEPARATING TERM LIMITS FOR WARD AND AT-LARGE CITY COUNCIL POSITIONS AND PERMITTING CONSECUTIVE SERVICE IN BOTH POSITIONS

Jason Batchelor, City Manager / Peter Schulte, City Attorney

Staff gave a brief presentation on the item.

Moved by: Danielle Jurinsky

Second by: Mayor Coffman

Does the Council support the proposed Amendment to Article 3-5 of the City Charter Clarifying that the Ward and At-Large Positions are Separate Offices like the Mayor Regarding Term Limits?

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

Voting Nay: (4): Alison Coombs, Stephanie Hancock, Ruben Medina, and Crystal Murillo

14. ANNEXATIONS

15. RECONSIDERATIONS AND CALL UPS

16. GENERAL BUSINESS

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

Peter Schulte, City Attorney

CM Sundberg suggested setting forth a 3-minute rule, that they would have to stick to, to allow fairness for other speakers.

CM Bergan commented they already changed listening sessions to 2-minute each.

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P. Schulte confirmed that in the current rules, it states 6:00-6:45, with 2 minutes each.

CM Bergan recalled that they added the 2 minutes to allow more speakers.

P. Schulte stated that was correct.

CM Sundberg restated his suggestion to bring back Public Invited to Heard contingent upon following the rules. He added that they would still have it by now if people did not hijack it and talk way beyond their allotted time, which disallowed other people to speak. He asked that if this goes forward that the rules would be followed.

P. Schulte expressed that would be appropriate if CM Bergan and CM Jurinsky accepted that as a friendly amendment, which would shut off their microphones if they violate the rules, as the meetings would still be virtual.

CM Sundberg noted that maybe his friendly amendment is not needed then since it is virtual and they have control over the microphone.

CM Jurinsky asked for confirmation that the rules allow for someone that wants to speak and show an ID proving they are an Aurora resident, to move to the top of the list to speak.

P. Schulte explained that the rules written in the Council Rules as stated, they all stay in effect unless the motion made by the council member changes one of those. So, yes, they do not have to show an ID, but show something like a lease or utility bill that proves residency.

CM Jurinsky inquired how they are able to verify that since we are virtual.

K. Rodriguez responded that they do not have a way to verify that when they are virtual, as they do not have any way to bring the verification, and they also do not have signup in advance when virtual, as they have the call-in line and they are put in the spot that they call in. She noted that they do let the caller screeners know if they are an Aurora resident or not, which is notated, but there is no way to verify it.

CM Murillo asked since it is virtual and they have the ability mute or unmute, wouldn't that rely on the mayor on enforcing those rules. She said they have all these different rules, but none of that matters if they are not implemented, as she has experienced that on her time as Council, with the mayor.

P. Schulte answered that if they are in a virtual meeting, it is controlled a lot easier than it would be in person, because there are limitations for police and security when they are in person if someone refuses to vacate the podium.

CM Coombs made a motion to allow public comment on this item since people are signed up to speak.

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CM Bergan commented that the point of saying they will allow the listening session should assuage any concerns that were originally going to be made on this item, where there would not be a listening session.

CM Coombs stated that Aurora residents are texting her and asking if they will be able to speak on 16a, and they are not part of the group of people they would like to not listen to.

CM Jurinsky called for the question.

CM Coombs asked what the relationship was between this motion and the 6:00-6:30 structure to the previous meeting where they said decisions were contingent on the outcome of the Lewis case.

P. Schulte explained that the motion on eliminating the public comment listening was indefinitely and not subject to the Kilyn Lewis case. He said that they decided to go virtual because of the Kilyn Lewis case, so this will still be virtual until they decide to come back in person. He added that all they are doing now is bringing back the public comment listening session in response to what CM Bergan did indefinitely back on the first meeting in June.

CM Bergan expressed that she knows everyone is frustrated with all the rule changes that keep happening, but the reason they are bringing back the listening session is with the understanding that most of the members that are participating in the listening session will not be trying to hijack the regular agenda items when they have no legitimate cause to be speaking on that item. She said they are trying to bring back the listening session in good faith to be able to hear the public, whoever they are, but if everyone continues to play games, she does not know where this will ever end up.

Moved by: Françoise Bergan

Second by: Danielle Jurinsky

Does Council wish to bring back Public Comment Listening Session from 6:00 pm 6:30 pm before the next Regular Council Meeting at 6:45 pm?

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

Voting Nay: (1): Ruben Medina

Moved by: Alison Combs

Second by: Crystal Murillo

Does Council wish to allow public comment on Item 16a?

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Voting Aye: (5): Alison Coombs, Curtis Gardner, Ruben Medina, Crystal Murillo, and Steve Sundberg

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

Moved by: Danielle Jurinsky

Second by: Stephanie Hancock

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

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

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

17. REPORTS

17.a Mayor

Mayor Coffman announced his next Town Hall Meeting, on July 19th, at 2 p.m., at the Central Library, and invited everyone to come. He stated that he has so many activities in between meetings that he posts the more significant ones on his Facebook page and encouraged people to look at that.

17.b Council

CM Coombs shared that today was the first meeting of the DRCOG Economic Development District Advisory Committee, where they talked about the Community Economic Development Study and determines, as a region, that they would like to be an Economic Development District to pursue regional goals related to workforce development, housing, economic development, and business. Therefore, DRCOG will pursue an Economic Development District Designation. She noted that the Advisory Committee will be doing the work necessary to pursue that designation at a federal level.

CM Jurinsky acknowledged the life of Kaitlyn Weaver, a 24-year-old Aurora resident, who was killed on her way home from work in broad daylight by someone who was in the country illegally and underage by hitting her doing 90 in a 45. She stated that the previous DA for Arapahoe County made a deal for two years in youth corrections, but an election happened and that deal was taken away and he only received three years' probation. She expressed that she has been in contact with the Weaver family and plans to get justice in her memory, and a press conference regarding this will be held on Wednesday, at 11:30, and the recall effort to recall Amy Padon is underway. She added that they are taking donations, and she looks forward to working around the clock to gather the signatures she must in her honor.

CM Kassaw reported that he will attend an upcoming Town Hall Meeting for Ward 2 with MPT Sundberg, on July 17th.

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MPT Sundberg thanked the Public Works Department for the new safe light signals in Ward 2, and said residents are happy about them, and they are constantly picking up trash and dumping what he calls in, and fixing roads. He thanked the Traffic Department for the many questions that come forward about infrastructure in Ward 2, as well as Laura Perry. He attended a ride along with the APD HART Team, in conjunction with the Homeless Outreach Team, and the new team for the police department are building relationships with the homeless community and the outreach team offers resources, but they are also checking warrants. He mentioned that fireworks are still an issue on the Fourth of July, and he saw that Los Angeles has a system of flying drones and marking homes where fireworks are going off and send a citation to them, as that may be something to explore. He announced his Town Hall is Thursday, 6 to 8 p.m., with CM Jurinsky and CM Kassaw, at the Central Rec Center, where they will cover the challenges of getting retail into Ward 2 from our city retail expert and developers points of view, look at a strategic plan of their libraries, look at micro transit opportunities, hear from RTD, and hear APS talking about progress limitations and how they are educating.

CM Hancock reported that she took a hard hat tour of the new Aurora Mental Health Center, that will provide emergency, mental health, and substance abuse treatment, offer detox services, and help participants get into long-term care programs. She shared that her quarterly town hall was last week, where P. Schulte and J. Batchelor were guests, and a lot of information was given and it was well attended. She said they are working towards having a business card exchange at her town halls, as they exchange a lot of good information during her town halls. She attended the Country Lane Park Music at the Movies, a classic car show at the Municipal Center, and Prehistoric Aurora Exhibit at the History Museum. She thanked Library and Cultural Services for offering all these great free activities for children and adults.

CM Bergan expressed that she attended the State of the City on the 24th, the Colorado Municipal League Conference with sessions on gaps in middle and regional housing, the Immigration Law Session, and the Short Term Rental's regulatory update. She shared that they had their monthly Infrastructure Taskforce Meeting, Management and Finance Planning and Economic Development Meeting, and meetings with constituents, staff, and businesses. She expressed that constituents had a lot of complaints about the fireworks in neighborhoods, traffic issues, median complaints about weeds growing out of control, and many concerns on the siren system due to the horrible flood in Texas. She announced her Town Hall Meeting is this Wednesday, 6-8 p.m., at the Public Safety Training Center, where they will discuss Fire and Water.

CM Gardner, CM Medina, CM Murillo did not have a report.

18. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Coffman adjourned the regular meeting of City Council.

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MIKE COFFMAN, MAYOR

ATTEST:



KADEE RODRIGUEZ, CITY CLERK

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