

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Aurora City Council

Monday, July 28, 2025

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| 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 | |
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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Coffman reconvened the regular meeting of the City Council at 6:45 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 28, 2025 council 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 litigation and real property issues were discussed.

Mayor Coffman read a decorum statement.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

6.a July 14, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Moved by: Steve Sundberg

Second by: Stephanie Hancock

Does Council wish to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2025 meeting?

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

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7. PROCLAMATIONS OR CEREMONIES

8. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by: Alison Coombs

Second by: Angela Lawson

Does Council wish to adopt the agenda as presented?

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

9. CONSENT CALENDAR - MOTIONS

Any member of Council may request an item be removed from Consent Calendar and considered separately. Removed items are considered immediately following the adoption of the Consent Calendar.

Moved by: Danielle Jurinsky

Second by: Françoise Bergan

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

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

9.a Motions

9.b Planning Matters

9.c Appointments to Boards and Commissions

9.c.1 Consideration to Remove One (1) Member from the Citizen's Advisory Committee on Housing & Community Development

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

9.c.2 Consideration to Appoint Four (4) Members to the Aurora Immigrant and Refugee Commission

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

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

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

9.c.4 Consideration to Reappoint One (1) Member to the Judicial Performance Commission

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

10. CONSENT CALENDAR - RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

Any member of Council may request an item be removed from Consent Calendar and considered separately. Removed items are considered immediately following the adoption of the Consent Calendar.

Moved by: Curtis Gardner

Second by: Françoise Bergan

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

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

10.a Resolutions

10.a.1 Cache Creek Water Rights Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA)

R2025-68 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, EXPRESSING THE AURORA CITY COUNCIL'S APPROVAL OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF AURORA, ACTING BY AND THROUGH ITS UTILITY ENTERPRISE, AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT FOR PROVISION OF STORAGE AND USE OF CACHE CREEK WATER RIGHTS

Alexandra Davis, Assistant General Manager of Water Supply and Demand, Aurora Water / Stephen Cann, Senior Assistant City Attorney

10.a.2 Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) for the High Line Canal Bridge Installation

R2025-69 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, ARAPAHOE COUNTY AND DENVER WATER FOR THE CITY TO CONSTRUCT, UTILIZE, MAINTAIN IN GOOD REPAIR, AND REINSTALL A PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE ACROSS THE HIGH LINE CANAL AT APPROXIMATELY SOUTH CHAMBERS ROAD AND 8TH AVENUE

Brian Green, Director, Parks, Recreation, and Open Space / Tim Joyce, Assistant City Attorney

10.a.3 Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Arapahoe County for Voter Service Polling Center (VSPC) and Ballot Drop Box Locations

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R2025-70 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, APPROVING AMENDMENT NO.3 FOR 2025, 2026, AND 2027 TO A STANDING INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN ARAPAHOE COUNTY AND THE CITY OF AURORA, PERTAINING TO APPROVED VOTER SERVICE AND POLLING CENTERS

Kadee Rodriguez, City Clerk / Andrea Wood, Assistant City Attorney

10.a.4 22nd Ave Outfall to Westerly Creek Improvement Project Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) Amendment

R2025-73 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, APPROVING THE SIXTH AMENDMENT TO AN AGREEMENT REGARDING FINAL DESIGN, RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION, AND CONSTRUCTION OF DRAINAGE AND FLOOD CONTROL IMPROVEMENTS FOR 22ND AVENUE OUTFALL TO WESTERLY CREEK BETWEEN THE CITY OF AURORA AND URBAN DRAINAGE AND FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT D/B/A MILE HIGH FLOOD DISTRICT

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

10.a.5 Drainage and Flood Control Improvements for First Creek Detention Upstream of I-70 Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) Amendment

R2025-74 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, EXPRESSING THE AURORA CITY COUNCIL'S SUPPORT OF THE SIXTEENTH AMENDMENT TO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF AURORA COLORADO ACTING BY AND THROUGH ITS UTILITY ENTERPRISE AND THE URBAN DRAINAGE AND FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT, D/B/A MILE HIGH FLOOD DISTRICT REGARDING DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF DRAINAGE AND FLOOD CONTROL IMPROVEMENTS FOR FIRST CREEK DETENTION UPSTREAM OF I-70

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

10.a.6 Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) Amendment with Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) for Additional Grant Funding for 11th / Havana / Del Mar Improvements Project

R2025-75 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, APPROVING THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF AURORA AND THE COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (CDOT) FOR 11th AVENUE, HAVANA STREET, AND DEL MAR PARKWAY PROJECT

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.

A waiver of reconsideration is being requested due to the urgency to execute the First Amendment to Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) and seek Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) reimbursement while the project is in active construction.

Cathleen Valencia, Manager of Project Delivery Services, Public Works / Michelle Gardner, Senior Assistant City Attorney

10.a.7 Dominion Water and Sanitation District Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA)

R2025-76 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, APPROVING THE CONSOLIDATED, AMENDED AND RESTATED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR THE DELIVERY OF WATER BETWEEN THE CITY OF AURORA, ACTING BY AND THROUGH ITS UTILITY ENTERPRISE AND DOMINION WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT

Marshall Brown, General Manager, Aurora Water / Ian Best, Assistant City Attorney

10.a.8 Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) Housing Needs Assessment / Housing Action Plan Grant Application

R2025-77 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, EXPRESSING THE AURORA CITY COUNCIL'S APPROVAL FOR THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION APPLICATION FOR A GRANT FROM THE COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL AFFAIRS TO CONDUCT AND PUBLISH A HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND HOUSING ACTION PLAN

Waiver of reconsideration requested due to the grant timeline and competitive, limited nature of funding available.

Sarah Pulliam, Manager of Community Development, Housing and Community Services / Tim Joyce, Assistant City Attorney

10.b Finalizing of Ordinances

Ordinances approved unanimously at first reading.

10.b.1 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

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Jason Batchelor, City Manager / Peter Schulte, City Attorney

10.b.2 Amendment to the City Code to Enforce State Vehicle Registration Requirements

2025-63 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

10.b.3 Proposed Colfax Downtown Development Authority Election

2025-69 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.)

11. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public hearings with or without related ordinances.

12. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

12.a Nonscheduled Psychoactive Ingredients and Drug Paraphernalia Implements

2025-64 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, REGULATING THE SALE OF NONSCHEDULED PSYCHOACTIVE PRODUCTS POSING SUBSTANTIAL PUBLIC SAFETY RISK, AND PROHIBITING THE PROFITING FROM THE ILLICIT DRUG INDUSTRY THROUGH SALE OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA IMPLEMENTS

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

CM Coombs expressed that this was brought forward in collaboration with Trevor Vaughn, as there are a number of places throughout the city selling substances known to cause serious health issues that have not been scheduled as controlled substances, some of which are not approved by the FDA for consumption but were being sold in way that encouraged people to consume them. She said they want to make sure stores are not taking advantage of loopholes in the laws to put harmful substances into our community.

Staff gave a brief presentation on the item.

CM Sundberg asked if drug paraphernalia elements like weed pipes were included.

Staff answered no, as marijuana is legal, but they are really looking at things like crack pipes, oil burners, and meth pipes, which are the most common ones they see, as well as the filters that are used on those.

Moved by: Alison Coombs

Second by: Curtis Gardner

Does the Council support the Nonscheduled Psychoactive Ingredients and Drug Paraphernalia Implements?

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

12.b Marijuana Licensing Code Technical Amendments

2025-65 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, AMENDING SECTIONS 6-301, 6-302, 6-303, 6-304(C) AND (F), 6-305, 6-306, 6-307, 6-308(A), (E), (G)(1), H)(2), (K), (L(1), (L)(3), AND (N), 6-309(A)(1) AND (A)(5), 6-311(B), 6-312(A), 6-314(A) AND (F), 6-316(B), (D) AND (H), 6-317, 6-318(A) AND (B)(1), AND 6-319 OF THE CITY CODE PERTAINING TO THE LICENSING OF REGULATED MARIJUANA

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

Staff gave a brief presentation on the item.

Moved by: Alison Coombs

Second by: Steve Sundberg

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Does the Council wish to support the Marijuana Licensing Code Technical Amendments?

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

12.c 2025 Heavy Fleet Lease - Purchase Financing

2025-67 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE USE OF LEASE-PURCHASE FINANCING TO ACQUIRE CERTAIN EQUIPMENT PURSUANT TO THE TERMS OF AN EQUIPMENT LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE 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 OTHER RELATED MATTERS

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

Staff gave a brief presentation on the item.

Moved by: Françoise Bergan

Second by: Stephanie Hancock

Does the Council support the Heavy Fleet Lease - Purchase Financing ordinance?

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

12.d Surcharge Inflation Index Correction

2025-70 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, AMENDING SECTION 50-37 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, RELATING TO MUNICIPAL COURT SURCHARGES, AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS

Jason Batchelor, City Manager / Hanosky Hernandez, Senior Assistant City Attorney

Staff gave a brief presentation on the item.

Moved by: Curtis Gardner

Second by: Françoise Bergan

Does the Council wish to support the approval of the Surcharge Inflation Index Correction?

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

12.e Large Water Users

2025-71 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, ADDING SECTION 138-161 OF THE CITY CODE PERTAINING TO LARGE WATER VOLUME SERVICE REQUESTS WITHIN AURORA WATER'S SERVICE AREA BOUNDARY

Sponsor: Steve Sundberg, Council Member

Sarah Young, Assistant General Manager of Planning and Engineering, Aurora Water / Ian Best, Assistant City Attorney

MPT Sundberg voiced that this was in consideration due to the fact they live in an aired climate, are conservationally minded, and have businesses that want to come to our city that may use too much water. This provides a matrix and guide to what type of industries use what types of water amounts, and he has been told that certain business and industries looking at this have already decided to cut back and make their water usage more efficient through technology.

Staff gave a brief presentation on the item.

CM Bergan was happy to see this put into code, as it is important for developers to know this is codified and know the rules moving forward.

CM Coombs wholeheartedly supported this and said she would have additional notes from their most recent Water Policy Committee during her report to reinforce the importance of putting this into policy.

Moved by: Steve Sundberg

Second by: Stephanie Hancock

Does Council support the Ordinance adding section 138-161 of the City Code pertaining to Large Water Volume Service Requests within Aurora Water's service area boundary?

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

13. FINALIZING OF ORDINANCES

Ordinances not approved unanimously at first reading.

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

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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 Coombs felt there were significant potential conflicts that would not necessarily be resolvable by council members holding other offices that would allow them to do both this office and another office that have been clearly highlighted by the number of lawsuits initiated against other bodies and the state of Colorado. She explained that she was not concerned about people's willingness to negotiate potential conflicts, but about the ability to negotiate those conflicts while carrying out the duties of both offices.

Moved by: Amsalu Kassaw

Second by: Stephanie Hancock

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

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

Voting Nay: (2): Alison Coombs, and Ruben Medina

13.b Amendment to the City Code to Add a Local Amendment to the Model Traffic Code Pertaining to the Offense of Eluding

2025-62 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

Staff gave a brief presentation on the item.

Moved by: Steve Sundberg

Second by: Danielle Jurinsky

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?

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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

14. ANNEXATIONS

14.a Sandy Point Annexation Findings of Fact

R2025-79 A PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS OF FACT REGARDING THE PROPOSED 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, (SANDY POINT ANNEXATION) 242.154 ACRE

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: Angela Lawson

Does Council wish to support the approval of the Sandy Point Annexation Findings of Fact?

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

14.b Sandy Point Annexation Ordinance

2025-82 AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING 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, (SANDY POINT ANNEXATION) 242.154 ACRES

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Assistant City Attorney

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CM Bergan asked staff if they knew anything about the type of use this would be. She believed it would be industrial but wanted to know if Water had been consulted or would just have to follow the large water user ordinances they just passed in code.

Staff answered that was correct, as this annexation was vetted with Aurora Water for utility service considerations prior to the petition acceptance, and they will be required to meet all pertinent regulations.

Moved by: Steve Sundberg

Second by: Amsalu Kassaw

Does the Council wish to support the approval of the Sandy Point Annexation Ordinance?

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

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

Council heard public testimony on the agenda related item.

Staff gave a brief presentation on the item

CM Coombs voiced they have seen people coming and staying within their time limits and abiding by the decorum rules in recent meetings, once they agreed to reinstate the public comment listening session. Therefore, it would be appropriate to give people a chance to continue that in person. She commented that many people on this body have agreed and indicated over time that in-person meetings are more effective and appropriate for them to conduct their meetings in person, to which she agrees.

CM Hancock agreed that in-person meetings are effective, and she enjoys meeting the public, but any time someone wants to speak to them in their constituency, no matter where they reside in the city, they have the opportunity to email, call, and write. She noted that she also has attended HOA meetings with concerned constituents on particular issues, so they are not out of reach for the constituents they work for. However, it is important that when they come in Council Chambers that people need to be reminded of the respect that is due to the office, whether they like us or not, as the office of the City Council and the work they do for the constituents of the city is

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important and they need to get their business done. She added that inviting public to be heard was not a statutory right, but a courtesy. She stated that people behaving the last couple weeks has been good, but they need to make sure that when people come into the chambers that they follow the rules and treat us with the same respect that we try to treat them with. CM Hancock voiced that it is fine if they disagree with us and we disagree with them, but she wants to make sure that people work within their parameters.

CM Bergan reiterated that the constituents that reside in Aurora are able to contact us by email, phone, and at her town halls, so there are opportunities to listen to constituents. She was not in support of the motion but would have to see going forward.

Moved by: Alison Coombs

Second by: Ruben Medina

Does Council wish to resume in-person Council Meetings beginning Aug. 11th?

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

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

17. REPORTS

17.a Mayor

Mayor Coffman had no report but encouraged people to visit his Facebook page on events or things he is doing.

17.b Council

CM Coombs reported that DRCOG met on July 16th, and the award ceremony for DRCOG will be on August 27th, at 7 p.m., in the Seawell Ballroom, and tickets are available on the DRCOG website. She noted that will overlap their

Water Tour, so it may be difficult for council members and some staff to attend. She said the Water Policy Committee had significant discussions about the city's long term ability to provide for our water supply and covering the entire planning area boundary of the city. She applauded the policy that was brought forward today by MPT Sundberg, and they will continue to have additional long term discussions on how they meet water needs and what development can look like in the city based on those needs. She addressed the issue of pedestrian safety after the death of a 12-year-old boy, which really highlighted a major problem they have in the city. She noted there was an increase from 2013 to 2023 of 275% in pedestrian fatalities in traffic accidents, and one feature of the Connecting Aurora plan

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looks at ways to address pedestrian safety and investments in public safety throughout the city.

CM Jurinsky expressed that she helped hold a memorial for the 12-year-old that was killed by the distracted driver. She said Wheel Park is a place that attracts one of their most vulnerable populations with children, and they need to acknowledge that this is a continuous problem and they need to invest in public safety. She expressed that it was incredible to see the community show up the way they did, and the family is asking for a pedestrian bridge. She attended the Shop with a Cop event, Boots not Suits event, and the kickoff to the Arapahoe County Fair. She received several emails from constituents in the Highland Hollows Park area about the park not being cleared up, which makes it seem like city staff is sometimes getting overwhelmed and a little behind, so she organized a cleanup event there on August 16th, from 8 to 11 a.m. She voiced that vehicle auto auctions in the city with all of the impounds are now being made public, and she encouraged those that are in the market for a used vehicle to attend those, with the next one being August 6th. She addressed the recall effort against DA Amy Patton, who has until Wednesday to issue her rebuttal statement, and she thanked everyone who reached out, donated, volunteered, and planned events, as she is doing this in honor of Kaitlin Weaver.

MPT Sundberg attended Shop with a Cop and the groundbreaking for Aurora Housing Authority Sanctuary on Potomac, which is a 43-unit bed space dedicated to people with mental health challenges. He also attended the vigil for Riley Ashby, and noted that he loved muscle cars, so CM Jurinsky organized a procession of great muscle cars and hot rods going past there. He said another event that brought people together was the 720 Memorial, and he was honored to supply 100 lunches to the volunteers there.

CM Medina expressed that he also attended the 720 Memorial, and participated in the run on Saturday, as well as most of his family, and they raised more than they have ever raised before at \$13,000

CM Hancock reported that she spoke at the Sapling Grove Apartments grand

ribbon cutting last week in her ward, which gives low-income families the opportunity to have stable housing. She went to Buckley Space Force Base's retirement of Chief Master Sergeant Sharma Haynes, took a tour of the Aurora Mental Health Facility, on corner of Potomac and Mississippi, which is expected to open towards the end of this year. She discussed car pedestrian fatalities, and said that as chair of the Transportation Committee, they are going to be working on how to incorporate some of the policies that the National Transportation and Safety Board want to implement to keep people safe on our roads and work on some safety implementation measures so people can safely operate vehicles on the road. She shared that she and MPT

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Sundberg had the opportunity to see a young man graduate from Wellness Court today, which was inspirational to see.

CM Lawson sent her thoughts and prayers to Riley’s family, and thanked CM Jurinsky for all she did to help them and bring the community together. She said they have talked about this a lot throughout their tenure, and she hoped the city would do something in that particular spot. She also gave her thoughts and prayers to a family that lost two people in a crash on Airport and Peoria, who were hit by someone going 120 mph. Therefore, they not only need to look a pedestrian crashes, but speeding as well. She discussed the legislative update, stating that the Senate will continue to markup up the FY26 Appropriations package until the end of the week, and the House will return September 2nd to pass the budget to avoid government shutdown. She said President Trump released an executive order last week to open up funding to alternative housing methodologies to help unhoused populations. Her announced her town hall will be on August 5th, at Mission Viejo.

CM Bergan expressed that she attended the Water Policy Committee, meeting with staff on the Unified Development Ordinance, her Ward 6 Town Hall, which had presentations on wildfires and water, had a budget briefing with staff on how to address our \$20 million deficit for 2026, a tour of the Prairie Point Development, the Fitzsimmons Regional Authority Board Meeting, E-470 Roadway Committee Meeting, and the Boots not Suits. She stated that she did not know what has happened in the last 4 to 6 years in Colorado, but people are running red lights, speeding excessively, car racing, and are driving distracted, which puts their lives and others in danger. She pointed out that when they voted to do away with the red light cameras, it seems like people started risking their lives and others. She pled that people to please remember when they are driving that they are responsible for making sure they are being a safe driver so they do not harm someone.

CM Gardner, CM Kassaw, and CM Murillo 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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