

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Aurora City Council

Monday, August 11, 2025

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Coffman reconvened the regular meeting of the City Council at 6:45 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Coffman led in prayer for the August 11, 2025 meeting.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

(All Standing)

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION UPDATE

Mayor Coffman provided an update on the Executive Session, stating a development agreement and personnel issue were discussed.

Mayor Coffman read a land acknowledgment.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Coffman read a decorum statement.

6.a July 28, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Moved by: Steve Sundberg

Second by: Crystal Murillo

Does Council wish to approve the minutes of the July 28, 2025 meeting?

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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

7. PROCLAMATIONS OR CEREMONIES

8. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by: Steve Sundberg

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: Steve Sundberg

Second by: Stephanie Hancock

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 Reappoint Two (2) Members to the Library Board

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

10. CONSENT CALENDAR - RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

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Moved by: Curtis Gardner

Second by: Françoise Bergan

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

With Item 10.a.1 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 Establishing Requirements for City Boards and Commissions

R2025-78 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, ESTABLISHING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CITY'S BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS

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

Staff gave a brief presentation on the item.

CM Coombs asked for confirmation that what is in city code is what determines the responsibilities and operations of the Boards and Commissions, and this resolution does not supersede the city code.

P. Schulte confirmed that the resolution does not trump city code.

Mayor Coffman noted that he spoke out of turn during the public comment period, as the mayor does not control the public comment period.

P. Schulte stated that they are realizing with the virtual session, with the public comment listening session, that they need to have the rules stated so there is not an ability or anybody to stop somebody who is not speaking on a non-agenda or agenda item during public comment. He said all they can do is put the rules out first, but it is the mayor requirement that as they go through the agenda, if individuals are speaking on agenda items that are not talking about the agenda item, the mayor will give one warning. If they are still continuing to not talk about the agenda item, they can be terminated from their speaking.

CM Bergan asked for clarification that they cannot have anyone from staff cut that off.

P. Schulte responded that they are going to work through that and see what they can do, because right now the city clerk or designee facilitates the public comment listening session.

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CM Bergan inquired if they will just make a statement up front in the future.

P. Schulte answered that is what he has been talking to staff about, to make sure the vendor that runs them has those rules and reads them out loud.

Mayor Coffman asked if they need to enact through a resolution.

P. Schulte responded that they probably do, but he will look at getting a resolution drafted for the next meeting just to make it in the rules.

Moved by: Françoise Bergan

Second by: Alison Coombs

Does Council wish to support the approval of Establishing Requirements for City Boards and Commissions?

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.2 Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Arapahoe County for the 2025 Coordinated Election

R2025-80 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, APPROVING THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN ARAPAHOE COUNTY AND THE CITY OF AURORA FOR THE COORDINATED ELECTION TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 4, 2025

A waiver of reconsideration is being requested to meet the deadline set by state statute.

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

10.a.3 Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Adams County for the 2025 Coordinated Election

R2025-81 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, APPROVING THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN ADAMS COUNTY AND THE CITY OF AURORA FOR THE COORDINATED ELECTION TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 4, 2025

A waiver of reconsideration is being requested to meet the deadline set by state statute.

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

10.a.4 Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Douglas County for the 2025 Coordinated Election

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R2025-82 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, APPROVING THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN DOUGLAS COUNTY AND THE CITY OF AURORA FOR THE COORDINATED ELECTION TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 4, 2025

A waiver of reconsideration is being requested to meet the deadline set by state statute.

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

10.a.5 Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) for Fuels Impact Reduction Grant

R2025-83 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 THE FUELS IMPACT REDUCTION GRANT PROGRAM

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

10.a.6 Central Community Park Master Plan

R2025-84 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, EXPRESSING THE AURORA CITY COUNCIL'S APPROVAL OF THE CENTRAL COMMUNITY PARK MASTER PLAN

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

10.a.7 First Amendment to the Strontia Springs Deep Sediment Removal Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA)

R2025-85 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, EXPRESSING THE AURORA CITY COUNCIL'S SUPPORT OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, ACTING BY AND THROUGH ITS UTILITY ENTERPRISE AND THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER REGARDING THE STRONTIA SPRINGS DAM DEEP SEDIMENT REMOVAL PROJECT

Mathew Allsopp, Source of Supply Superintendent, Aurora Water / Ian Best, Assistant City Attorney

10.a.8 Horizon Uptown HULand1, LLC. Reimbursement Agreement

R2025-86 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, EXPRESSING THE AURORA CITY COUNCIL'S APPROVAL OF THE UTILITY COST REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT

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BETWEEN THE CITY OF AURORA ACTING BY AND THROUGH ITS
UTILITY ENTERPRISE AND HULAND1 LLC

Jennifer Wynn, Engineer, Aurora Water / Ian Best, Assistant City
Attorney

**10.a.9 Update to the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) Establishing
the Fitzsimons Redevelopment Authority**

R2025-87 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
AURORA, COLORADO, APPROVING THE AMENDED AND RESTATED
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING THE FITZSIMONS
REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Jason Batchelor, City Manager / Brian Rulla, Assistant City Attorney

10.b Finalizing of Ordinances

Ordinances approved unanimously at first reading.

**10.b.1 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

Sponsor: Alison Coombs, Council Member / Curtis Gardner, Council
Member

Trevor Vaughn, Manager of Licensing, Finance / Hanosky Hernandez,
Senior Assistant City Attorney

10.b.2 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

10.b.3 2025 Heavy Fleet Lease - Purchase Financing

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a tie vote of Council Members present. The Mayor Pro-Tem is always permitted to vote on all items.*

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

10.b.4 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

10.b.5 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

11. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public hearings with or without related ordinances.

11.a Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) Amendment for Setbacks and Easement Around Plugged Oil Wells

2025-68 A PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, AMENDING CHAPTER 135 OF THE CITY CODE AND ADDING SECTION 146-4.2.3(k) TO THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO PLUGGED OIL AND GAS WELLS

Jeffrey Moore, Manager, Energy and Environment Division / Dave Scott, Assistant City Attorney

Mayor Coffman opened the public hearing.

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Staff gave a brief presentation on the item.

Council heard public testimony on the agenda-related item.

Mayor Coffman closed the public hearing.

Moved by: Curtis Gardner

Second by: Alison Coombs

Does Council wish to support the approval of this ordinance to create setbacks around plugged oil and gas wells?

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.b QuikTrip 4263 Conditional Use Appeal

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

CM Hancock recused herself from the matter and exited the meeting.

Staff gave a brief presentation on the item.

The appellant gave a presentation on the item.

Council heard public testimony on the agenda-related item.

CM Bergan asked if this has to go to Planning Commission for the conditional use per UDO for the gas station.

Staff answered yes.

CM Bergan inquired if staff recommended approval.

Staff responded that was the original recommendation in the staff report.

CM Bergan asked if that was due to their adherence to the UDO standards in the zoning.

Staff answered to the conditional use criteria.

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CM Bergan noted that normally Planning Commission adhere exactly to code and does not take into account opinions unless they contradict code, so this is highly unusual. She inquired about the reasoning for that.

Staff elaborated that overall conditional use criteria are open-ended and allow them to factor in the surrounding circumstances and make sure that a use does not generate any sort of adverse impact that would affect the surrounding neighborhood. He explained that staff's interpretation of the conditional use criteria differed from what the Planning Commission found.

CM Bergan asked what adverse conditions the Planning Commission cited.

Staff answered that they were concerned with the large amount of gas stations in the area and inferred that finding upon the conditional use criteria.

CM Bergan asked the appellant if it was correct that they wanted to purchase the Sam's No. 3 land and the landlord did not want to sell it, so the restaurant decided not to sign a lease.

The appellant voiced that was also their understanding.

CM Bergan requested the appellant talk briefly about there being no gas stations on the south side of Parker as traffic goes south.

The appellant responded that when traveling southbound on Parker, there is nothing within a general area someone could get to without having to cross over Parker Road, and this would provide an opportunity for those travelling southbound on Parker Road to have safer and easier access to fueling.

CM Kassaw he asked if they conducted a neighborhood meeting, and if so, what the outcome was of that. He also inquired why they did not reach out to Havana BID.

The appellant answered they did give notice for a neighborhood meeting according to the city code, but only the landlord showed up. In terms of the Havana BID, they were not a required notice participant, but it may have been a misstep to not reach out to them early in advance. However, after hearing some of their concerns, they did repeatedly spend time talking with the executive director and the chair of their board to address those, and they are committed to continuing that outreach.

CM Medina asked the appellant how many employees they normally employ at these locations and the starting pay.

The appellant responded that they averaged 22 employees per location, and was not sure exactly about pay, but knew it was in excess of \$16 an hour for a part-time clerk and around \$50,000 a year for an assistant manager.

CM Medina inquired if they do a lot of local nonprofits, like youth and community groups.

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The appellant answered yes that they prefer to do the money locally.

CM Coombs reaffirmed that the conditional use is the gas station. She asked if the odor of fueling stations were taken into consideration concerning the character of the area and outdoor community gatherings and dining.

Staff responded that in his initial staff report to the Planning Commission, they factored in the canopy's overall location, and it is largely internal to the triangular shopping center and is partially screened, which is much more preferable than directly along the street.

CM Coombs expressed that oftentimes gatherings are held within those parking lots.

Staff added this is a commercial hub under the comprehensive plan, and it is at a pretty busy intersection, but they have not yet seen the site plan, which will give a better understanding of where they are locating that internal facility. He said they will also have a couple of electric charging stations, which will cause people to use that area to fuel or eat while waiting.

CM Coombs asked if any consideration was given to the ability to redevelop gas stations sites in terms of the conditional use, as it is environmentally difficult, and the city has spent a lot of amounts of money to purchase land that was previously a gas station to redevelop a site.

Staff responded that is not explicitly addressed in the original report as a potential adverse impact that could be generated by the conditional use, but the site of the drainage infrastructure attempts to mitigate runoff, which tries to preserve any redevelopment effort at the site, and there are apparatuses within the city to dedicate funds to Brownfield redevelopment if the site were to be redeveloped.

CM Gardner asked staff if it was appropriate to use an application for conditional use permit or site plan to create policy for the city and if that was one of the criteria that should be considered.

Staff answered that overall, their findings would be as a result of a decision regarding a public hearing, that it could generate discussion to amend the code, but there is no sort of process for changing the criterion in the midst of a public hearing overall.

CM Gardner inquired if they should consider having too many of one type of business in an area and/or wanting to bring back the previous use criteria.

Staff reiterated that conditional use criteria are deliberately open-ended to give them the opportunity to explore all possible conditions in an area.

CM Gardner asked if Staff recommended approval because the application met the standards in the UDO.

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Staff answered yes.

CM Lawson asked the appellant if they talked to any of the strip mall businesses, the Burger King, or the Sams.

The appellant responded that multiple parcels around this location were spoken to and added that Lenny from Lenny's Golf was very happy with this use coming to this location.

CM Lawson noted that it is congested in the parking area. She asked if a traffic study done within the plaza, and not just coming in and out of it.

The appellant agreed that it is congested, but this particular use will formalize a lot of the transportation nodes within that huge parking area.

CM Bergan asked if the traffic study met all conditions.

The appellant answered yes.

Staff added that overall, the traffic study was deemed satisfactory by the Traffic Division.

CM Bergan inquired if they wanted to make changes they would have to do that for future, as they cannot make a change in the middle of a hearing.

Staff answered yes.

Mayor Coffman closed the public hearing.

CM Gardner expressed there are emotions tied to this, as Sam's has been a longstanding business in the community, but their presence or not in the shopping center is not relevant when making this decision. He added that the number of gas stations in the area also are not really relevant. He stated that if they could have a policy conversation on spacing between gas stations or how many in certain areas, but creating criteria mid-process for an applicant creates an unfriendly business environment. He felt that QuickTrip met all criteria outlined in the UDO, and he did not see a legal reason to say no to this, and this is the use the landowner wants.

CM Bergan agreed with CM Gardner. She added that her constituents in southeast Aurora tell her all the time that they are sick of seeing gas stations. She expressed that this meets the conditions and is compatible with the area, but if they want to make changes in code in terms of how many gas stations are on what corners, that could be done in the future when setting criteria.

CM Coombs agreed that the convenient store use makes sense and did not see a reason to oppose that, but the conditional use of a gas station is conditional for a reason, and there is discretion for the Planning and Zoning Commission that gives them an opportunity to weigh in. It also allows Council to weigh in and address the criteria, and Council is not required to agree with what Staff brings forward. She voiced that this is about the fact that spaces like this with large parking lots, are

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spaces the community utilizes and that is negatively affected by having the smell of gasoline and the sounds of vehicles fueling. She said putting more gas stations in an areas that is likely to be redeveloped will make it harder to redevelop in the future.

Does Council approve overturning the decision of the P&Z Commission to approve the application subject to Resolution of outstanding technical issues prior to recordation of the site plan and issuance of any building permits?

Moved by: Curtis Gardner

Second by: Steve Sundberg

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

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

11.c 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.

The appellant gave a presentation on the item.

Council heard public testimony on the agenda-related item.

Moved by: Steve Sundberg

Second by: Curtis Gardner

Does Council wish to overturn the decision of the P&Z Commission and approve the QuikTrip 4263 site plan subject to resolution of outstanding technical issues prior to recordation of the site plan and issuance of any building permits?

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

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

12. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

12.a Eliminating the Independent Review Board

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2025-72 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, ELIMINATING THE INDEPENDENT REVIEW BOARD

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

Staff gave a brief presentation on the item.

Council heard public testimony on the agenda-related item.

CM Coombs explained this Board was in place during all of the high-profile killing entities cases of black people in this city, and did not prevent, address, or provide transparency on those issues. Therefore, she supported removing it.

Moved by: Curtis Gardner

Second by: Françoise Bergan

Does the Council wish to support the approval of Eliminating the Independent Review Board?

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

Voting Nay: (1): Ruben Medina

Absent: (1): Danielle Jurinsky

12.b Eliminating the Human Relations Commission

2025-73 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, ELIMINATING THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

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

Staff gave a brief presentation on the item.

Mayor Coffman asked if both Human Relations Commission and the Veterans' Commission do pass and are eliminated by the end of the year, could he make them continue on an informal basis and be an advisory to the mayor, where he would meet with them once a month and any council members could join. He asked if he could fund it with unexpended travel funds.

P. Schulte responded that any meeting with more than two council members would have to be listed but is not subject to ordinance and would not be sanctioned by the city. However, as an elected official, he could have a group of advisors to meet with and could use funding if it met the council rules.

CM Coombs voiced that when they talked about this before, they talked about how they would ensure that the kinds of complaints and discussions that are brought forward to the Human Relations Commission still have an avenue to be heard and information about addressing discrimination would

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also still be provided to the community. She asked if there was any additional action taken on the staff side regarding that.

J. Batchelor responded that the Human Relations Commission is entirely advisory to Council, and if someone wishes to raise those complaints, there are legally mandated commissions to take them, and it will still be available to residents of Aurora if this commission is eliminated.

CM Coombs expressed that the other component is the education piece and promoting people to be able to utilize those mechanisms. She asked if they envision any kind of education or community support for that.

J. Batchelor answered that he has not developed anything yet, but if that is directed to him by council, they will work with the communications staff to make people aware of that and put out education messaging.

Council heard public testimony on the agenda-related item.

Moved by: Françoise Bergan

Second by: Stephanie Hancock

Does Council wish to support the approval of Eliminating the Human Relations Commission?

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

Voting Nay: (4): Alison Coombs, Angela Lawson, Ruben Medina, and Crystal Murillo

12.c Eliminating the Veterans' Affairs Commission

2025-74 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, ELIMINATING THE VETERANS' AFFAIRS COMMISSION

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

Staff gave a brief presentation on the item.

Council heard public testimony on the agenda-related item.

CM Bergan expressed that they are having a hard time getting people to serve on the commission, and she made an amendment to not eliminate the commission but change it to a quarterly meeting instead of monthly to try to get more attendance.

Mayor Coffman shared that he met with them at their last monthly meeting. He said the problem is that they have not had direction in terms of projects, and they mentioned a project that entails doing a reception at the end of the school year for the young people going into the military and they were excited

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about that, but that would take meeting on a monthly basis. He stated that he was willing to utilize his own unexpended funds to support that.

CM Bergan added that if they went to quarterly meetings, they could have subcommittees on their own and meet as they wish.

CM Murillo supported that suggestion. She noted there would be cost savings by reducing the amount of the meetings, and they should not do things just to save money, as there is a deeper purpose to the work they are doing. She agreed that having a quarterly meeting could be a really good middle ground.

Moved by: Curtis Gardner

Second by: Alison Coombs

Does the Council wish to support the approval of Eliminating the Veterans Affairs Commission?

Voting Aye: (1): Curtis Gardner

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

Moved by: Françoise Bergan

Second by: Stephanie Hancock

Does Council wish to direct staff to have Veteran's Affairs Commission meet on a quarterly basis?

Voting Aye: (7): Françoise Bergan, Alison Coombs, Stephanie Hancock, Angela Lawson, Ruben Medina, Crystal Murillo, and Steve Sundberg

Voting Nay: (3): Curtis Gardner, Danielle Jurinsky, and Amsalu Kassaw

12.d Eliminating the Youth Commission

2025-75 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, ELIMINATING THE YOUTH COMMISSION AND ESTABLISHING YOUTH PARTICIPATION ON OTHER BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

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

Staff gave a brief presentation on the item.

CM Bergan stated they have a hard time with this particular commission, and she felt it would be good to have them experience some of the other boards, where they could give their input, gain experience, learn more about those different functions, and engage the youth more.

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Council heard public testimony on the agenda-related item.

Moved by: Françoise Bergan

CM Medina voiced that he was opposed to this, as the voices of youth would be silenced, and the issues they have with the youth in their community are going to be even more exacerbated. He said the commissions they are trying to push them into would likely be attended by zero, because of all of the other meetings that meet around that time. He added that any meetings they join would be ran by all adults and they would have no voice. He stated that having been a part of the Youth Commission, they need direction, and there are solutions to this that he has seen work. For example, to help save costs, Boulder has their meetings on Fridays in school. He felt that would be a good opportunity for Aurora as well.

CM Bergan appreciated that feedback and said she wished he would have reached out to her with that recommendation before, but she was open.

CM Lawson agreed with CM Medina that some of the commissions they would be putting them on would not allow youth to discuss things they need to address. She felt doing a redesign and putting this in the school would be the best thing. She added that they still have not seen a report as to what they do.

CM Hancock stated that they spoke about this at Study Session and there was not much vigorous support for it, but she did think it was important for youth to have the opportunity to be in leadership roles and participate. She voiced that this could be the opportunity for redirection, repurposing, and rebranding.

CM Medina expressed that he was open to gather information from Boulder and get some framework to present at a later date.

CM Bergan withdrew her ordinance.

CM Coombs suggested tabling 12.d, 12.e, 12.f, and 12.g, as they are all related to this.

P. Schulte explained that they have the option to take 12.d through 12.h and move them to a meeting in the future.

Moved by: Alison Coombs

Second by: Stephanie Hancock

Does Council wish to continue items 12.e. through 12.h to the September 22, 2025 Council Meeting?

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

Absent: (1): Curtis Gardner

12.e Consolidating Parks and Recreation, Open Space, and Golf Course Advisory into a Single Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Advisory Board

2025-76 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, CONSOLIDATING THE GOLF COURSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, THE OPEN SPACE BOARD, AND THE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD INTO A SINGLE PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD

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

12.f Consolidating the City's Arts and Cultural Boards into a Single Cultural Services Commission

2025-77 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, CONSOLIDATING THE ART IN PUBLIC PLACES COMMISSION, THE AURORA FOX ARTS CENTER BOARD, AND THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION INTO A SINGLE ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION

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

12.g Amending Membership Provisions for the Aurora Immigrant and Refugee Commission

2025-78 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, AMENDING SECTION 2-878 OF THE AURORA CITY CODE CONCERNING MEMBERS OF THE AURORA IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE COMMISSION

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

12.h Amending Membership Provisions for the Library Board

2025-79 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, AMENDING SECTION 2-297 OF THE AURORA CITY CODE CONCERNING MEMBERS OF THE LIBRARY BOARD

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

12.i Adding and Amending Provisions of the City Code Related to the Business Advisory Board

2025-80 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, ADDING SECTION 26-29 AND AMENDING SECTIONS

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26-52 AND 2-772 OF THE AURORA CITY CODE CONCERNING THE BUSINESS ADVISORY BOARD

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

Staff gave a brief presentation on the item.

Council heard public testimony on the agenda related item.

Moved by: Danielle Jurinsky

Second by: Françoise Bergan

Does the Council wish to support the approval of Adding and Amending Provisions of the City Code Related to the Business Advisory Board?

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

12.j Updating the Art in Public Places Program to Reflect Current Practices

2025-81 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, AMENDING CHAPTER 34, ARTICLE IV OF THE CITY CODE TO UPDATE THE PURPOSE AND FUNCTION OF THE ARTS IN PUBLIC PLACES PROGRAM

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

Staff gave a brief presentation on the item.

Council heard public testimony on the agenda related item.

Moved by: Danielle Jurinsky

Second by: Alison Coombs

Continue Item 12.j. to September 22, 2025 Council Meeting

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

13. FINALIZING OF ORDINANCES

Ordinances not approved unanimously at first reading.

14. ANNEXATIONS

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14.a 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

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

Staff gave a brief presentation on the item.

Council heard public testimony on the agenda related item.

Moved by: Steve Sundberg

Second by: Amsalu Kassaw

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

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

Absent: (2): Curtis Gardner, and Danielle Jurinsky

14.b Sandy Point Annexation Agreement

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: Amsalu Kassaw

Does City Council wish to support the approval of this Annexation Agreement?

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

Absent: (2): Curtis Gardner, and Danielle Jurinsky

15. RECONSIDERATIONS AND CALL UPS

16. GENERAL BUSINESS

17. REPORTS

17.a Mayor

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The Mayor had no report.

17.b Council

CM Medina reported that he toured Aurora Mental Health with CM Bergan at the Recovery Pavillion and Acute Care Center. He announced that his town hall is August 12th, 6:30-8 p.m., at Central Library, where APD will discuss senior scams. He also attended the Sand Creek Regional Greenway 25th Anniversary.

CM Hancock highlighted that she and Mayor Coffman had the privileged of being at the raising of the flag during the purple heart commemoration for purple heart recipients from various combat theaters. She said it was a beautiful and moving tribute with about a dozen service members present, as well as the Ladies Support Auxiliary. She went on a ride along with APD, and said it was pretty interesting. She prayed that God keeps APD officers safe, as they do a tremendous service to our city and to keep up safe.

CM Coombs, CM Gardner, CM Jurinsky, CM Kassaw, CM Murillo, MPT Sundberg, CM Lawson, and CM Bergan did not have a report.

18. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Coffman adjourned the regular meeting of City Council.



MIKE COFFMAN, MAYOR



ATTEST:



KADEE RODRIGUEZ, CITY CLERK

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