

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Aurora City Council

Monday, September 8, 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 6:55 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL**

3. **INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Mayor Coffman led in prayer for the September 8, 2025 meeting.

4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

(All Standing)

Mayor Coffman read a land acknowledgement.

5. **EXECUTIVE SESSION UPDATE**

Mayor Coffman provided an update on the Executive Session, stating legal advice was discussed.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

6.a August 25, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Moved by: Steve Sundberg

Second by: Françoise Bergan

Does Council wish to approve the minutes of the August 25, 2025 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

Absent: (1): Stephanie Hancock

7. **PROCLAMATIONS OR CEREMONIES**

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8. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by: Curtis Gardner

Second by: Angela Lawson

Does Council wish to adopt the agenda as presented with Item 16a removed?

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

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

Absent: (1): Stephanie Hancock

9. CONSENT CALENDAR - MOTIONS

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

Moved by: Françoise Bergan

Second by: Angela Lawson

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

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

Absent: (1): Stephanie Hancock

9.a Motions

9.b Planning Matters

9.c Appointments to Boards and Commissions

9.c.1 Consideration to Reappoint One (1) Member to the Veterans' Affairs Commission

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

9.c.2 Consideration to Appoint One (1) Youth Member to the Aurora Youth Commission

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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?

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 Second Amendment to an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) to Drainage and Flood Control Improvements for Sampson and Robinson Gulch Regional Pond

R2025-95 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, EXPRESSING THE AURORA CITY COUNCIL'S SUPPORT OF A SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF AURORA COLORADO ACTING BY AND THROUGH ITS UTILITY ENTERPRISE AND URBAN DRAINAGE AND FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT D/B/A MILE HIGH FLOOD DISTRICT REGARDING DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF DRAINAGE AND FLOOD CONTROL IMPROVEMENTS FOR SAMPSON/ROBINSON GULCH REGIONAL POND

Andrea Long, Principal Engineer, Aurora Water / Ian Best, Assistant City Attorney

10.a.2 Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) for Preparation of the Environmental Impact Statement for the Wild Horse Reservoir Project

R2025-96 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, EXPRESSING THE AURORA CITY COUNCIL'S APPROVAL OF AURORA WATER'S CONTINUATION OF ITS AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT FOR WILD HORSE RESERVOIR PERMIT AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL APPLICATION REVIEW COSTS

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

10.a.3 City of Aurora Private Activity Bond (PAB) Allocation for the Aurora Housing Authority 2025

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R2025-97 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, AUTHORIZING THE ASSIGNMENT OF A PORTION OF THE CITY'S 2025 PRIVATE ACTIVITY BOND ALLOCATION TO THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO DBA AURORA HOUSING AUTHORITY

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

10.a.4 Acknowledgement of the Completion and Support for the Older Adult's Needs Assessment

R2025-98 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, EXPRESSING THE AURORA CITY COUNCIL'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE COMPLETION OF, AND ITS SUPPORT FOR, THE OLDER ADULTS NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Sponsor: Angela Lawson, Council Member

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

Council heard public testimony on the agenda related item.

10.a.5 Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Arapahoe County for Grant Funding at Utah Park

R2025-99 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 ARAPAHOE COUNTY FOR THE REHABILITATION, ENHANCEMENT OF THE TENNIS COURTS, AND THE REPLACEMENT OF THE LIGHTING SYSTEM AT UTAH PARK USING A GRANT FROM THE ARAPAHOE COUNTY OPEN SPACE PROGRAM FUND

Waiver of reconsideration is requested because Arapahoe County requires the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) to be executed within 60 days of the notice of award or by 9/28/25.

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

10.a.6 Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Arapahoe County for Grant Funding at Side Creek Park

R2025-100 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 ARAPAHOE COUNTY FOR THE

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10.a.7 Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) for Maintenance of the Nine Mile Pedestrian Bridge Project

R2025-101 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, APPROVING THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF AURORA AND THE COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (CDOT) FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE NINE MILE STATION BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE PROJECT

Waiver of reconsideration is requested as Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) has informed the city of their desire to execute this agreement prior to allowing the project to be bid for construction. With anticipated design and approvals being completed later this summer, allowing this maintenance Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) to move quickly through the execution process may prevent project delays.

Bret Banwart, Engineering Supervisor, Public Works / Michelle Gardner, Senior Assistant City Attorney

10.a.8 Rules of Order and Procedure: Start Time of Regular Council Meetings

R2025-102 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, TO AMEND THE RULES OF ORDER AND PROCEDURE FOR THE AURORA, COLORADO, CITY COUNCIL CONCERNING THE START TIME OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Sponsor: Curtis Gardner, Council Member

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

10.b Finalizing of Ordinances

Ordinances approved unanimously at first reading.

10.b.1 Sandy Point – Zoning Map Amendment

2025-83 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, INITIALLY ZONING A PARCEL OF LAND

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MEASURING 242 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, LOCATED NORTH OF EAST 56TH AVENUE AND WEST OF FUTURE HAYESMOUNT ROAD AND TWO MILES EAST OF JACKSON GAP STREET TO AIRPORT DISTRICT (AD) AND AMENDING THE ZONING MAP ACCORDINGLY (SANDY POINT ZONING MAP AMENDMENT)

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

10.b.2 Colfax and 13th Avenue Station Area Plan 2025 Update to Comprehensive Plan

2025-84 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, AMENDING THE 2018 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO ADOPT BY REFERENCE THE "COLFAX AND 13TH AVENUE STATION AREA PLAN" ("13TH AVENUE STATION PLAN")

Daniel Krzyzanowski, Planning Supervisor, Planning and Business Development / Lena McClelland, Assistant City Attorney

11. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public hearings with or without related ordinances.

11.a Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Phase 1 Transition Plan Update

R2025-103 A PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, APPROVING PHASE I OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES (ADA) SELF EVALUATION AND TRANSITION PLAN

Karlyn Shorb, Senior Project Manager, General Management / Michelle Gardner, Senior 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: Amsalu Kassaw

Second by: Angela Lawson

Does the Council support the approval of the resolution Americans with Disabilities Act Phase 1 Transition Plan Update?

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. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

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12.a Amendment to the City Code Pertaining to Automated Vehicle Identification System Penalty Notices

2025-86 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, AMENDING SECTIONS 134-430 AND 134-451 OF THE CITY CODE PERTAINING TO AUTOMATED VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM PENALTY NOTICES

Christopher Amsler, Lieutenant, Police / Mandy MacDonald, Senior Assistant City Attorney

Staff gave a brief presentation on the item.

CM Gardner voiced that he did not support this, as voters have turned down red light cameras, which is a similar concept. He added that he read a lot on the effectiveness of these kinds of tools and was not sure if there was much there and felt this was using public safety to generate revenue.

CM Hancock expressed that she has gotten a lot of complaints about people regretting eliminating the red-light cameras due to the excessive speeding and the increased number of accidents that have been going on. She felt this would help them mitigate some of those issues, so she was in support.

CM Coombs stated she has significant reservations on this, because they want to make sure they protect people's civil liberties in relation to surveillance, but she was also very concerned about the deaths, particularly pedestrian and cyclists deaths, that have been caused by speeding. She asked for clarification that people will not automatically get a violation, and further investigation will be pursued.

Lieutenant Amsler responded that the device captures the violation and the speed through the radar system and takes a picture of the front license plate, the driver, and the rear license plate. It then goes through a review process from the company and then to the police department to review it and make sure the violation actually occurred before any notice or penalty assessment is to be issued.

MPT Sundberg recognized the sensitivity with respect to people not wanting municipalities or government watching their moves and vehicles; however, a mesh camera system set up around the city where they can track a vehicle if eluding police, spent thousands of dollars in grant money so businesses could have cameras to protect themselves, and most people have Ring cameras in neighborhoods. He stated there have been horrific fatal high-speed accidents, and he receives constant complaints and requests for speed mitigation in his ward. He is willing to try this, especially if accurate and cost neutral.

CM Gardner shared that the fact we have gone too far as a society, government, and surveillance is not an effective argument for further increasing that surveillance. He said he has heard from residents that they appreciate his consistency in voting against the last failed program and voting against this.

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Mayor Coffman asked if there are limitations with where they can be positioned.

Lieutenant Amsler responded yes, as the state says they can only be on residential streets with a speed limit of 35 mph or under, construction zones, school zones, or streets adjacent to a municipal park. He added Council has the option to pass a resolution to permit the designation of a photo enforcement zone if they want to put it on a major thoroughfare, but the city has to show five years of data showing complaints, traffic crashes, and speeding issues in those areas first.

CM Coombs inquired if there is a sense of who has access to the data, photos, and information about violators and violation through this vendor.

Lieutenant Amsler answered his understanding is that it would only be APD and the vendor, but he would have to confirm with them.

CM Coombs commented she will withhold her support until they know that for sure.

CM Bergan voiced that she has had numerous requests for speeding violations, and in the last few years it has escalated, and people have been pleading that police enforce the speed on residential roads. She said they do not have enough police to patrol, so she supports this from a safety perspective, but still appreciates the privacy perspective.

CM Gardner pointed out that these will not currently be on the major thoroughfares where the pedestrian deaths have occurred.

Lieutenant Amsler responded that is correct, but a resolution can be passed by Council to designate a certain portion of roadway as a photo enforcement zone.

Mayor Coffman inquired if these work 24 hours a day.

Lieutenant Amsler answered 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and can be moved to different areas where they have problems.

CM Lawson asked for confirmation that for these cameras to be on a corridor like Chambers or Smoky Hill, they had to have five years of crash data to be approved.

Lieutenant Amsler responded that is correct.

CM Lawson inquired if it would cover a portion of the roads and not the whole thing.

Lieutenant Amsler understood that to be correct.

MPT Sundberg mentioned a high-profile death on a scooter of a 16-year-old at E Wesley and Dunkirk at night, where he was riding in the bicycle lane, and a block and a half further to the southeast, a gentleman was also killed on the sidewalk walking his dog. He stated those neighbors are pleading for enforcement in that area, and the speed limit is 30 mph there.

CM Gardner expressed that the implication that he does not care about traffic fatalities in the city because he also cares about civil liberties is offensive to him.

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MPT Sundberg responded that he did not mention CM Gardner's name, but he did bring up the fact that these high-profile things are not happening on certain roadways, but they are.

CM Gardner noted he was pointing out the hypocrisy of bringing up these high-profile incidents when the devices cannot be placed where they are happening. He stated that they are implying this would be addressing an issue and it would not.

MPT Sundberg asked if he was correct in believing that this type of device can be placed on the 30-mph roadway where there were two fatalities.

Lieutenant Amsler answered yes, it can be on a 30-mph roadway.

Moved by: Françoise Bergan

Second by: Steve Sundberg

Does Council wish to support the approval of this ordinance to amend Sections 134-430 and 134-451 of the City Code pertaining to automated vehicle identification system penalty notices?

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

Voting Nay: (3): Alison Coombs, Crystal Murillo, and Curtis Gardner

12.b Interpreter Fee Amendment – City Code 50-36

2025-87 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, AMENDING SECTION 50-36 OF THE CITY CODE PERTAINING TO THE ASSESSMENT OF INTERPRETER FEES AGAINST DEFENDANTS WHO FAIL TO APPEAR FOR TRIAL

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

Staff gave a brief presentation on the item.

CM Coombs commented her main concern is that this increases a fee that specifically only applies to people who need interpretation languages other than English. She said they should be looking at fees that would apply to any person.

CM Bergan asked for clarification this only applies to people who did not show up.

Staff answered yes, only if they fail appear for jury trials.

CM Murillo expressed that if they are a customer service-oriented organization providing interpretation as part of that role, she did not agree with charging a specific fee or an additional fee to people who would need that. She added that people who do not show up in any other situation do not have to pay that fee.

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CM Bergan reiterated that it is failure to appear, and they give plenty of opportunities and notices, so if someone cannot show up, then they need to pay the interpreter.

CM Hancock stated that this is an expensive proposition and people know in advance it is coming. She said if they speak a language that requires an interpreter, that is an additional expense to the city and did not understand why they are arguing this, as we should not have to bear that burden and there should be a consequence.

CM Murillo said there are other people who do not show up for court and are not responsible for this fee. She explained that she is not necessarily empathizing with people who do not show up to court, but the issue is that this is a cost only given to a certain constituent and not to everyone.

CM Jurinsky did not believe this proposal was being used as a way to profit off of people's mishaps. She said they are not charging for an interpreter for those who do not need one. She added this is specifically for folks needing an interpreter, because that is a cost that the city is bearing, and are only seeking to be reimbursed for those who fail to appear for their jury trial. She said if there is an emergency or something else, they have the opportunity to have it pushed back, but if they have not contacted their defense attorney and just do not appear, when we have brought in a specialized interpreter, they are only seeking to recoup that cost.

CM Coombs asked where the fee goes when it is charged.

Staff responded that it goes into the General Fund with the rest of their revenue.

CM Coombs voiced that it sounds like they are just profiting from it and dedicating it toward interpretation specifically. She shared that it would make more sense to address the reasons why people are not appearing, as our online docketing system is not particularly user friendly and does not provide clear information for people who are looking for their court date, we do not have virtual court available, and we have inadequate systems related to text reminders and the ability to know if people get them or open them. She expressed that by pursuing this option, they are taking into their General Fund penalty money focused only on people who require an interpreter. She made a motion to continue this item to October 6, 2025, to identify how they could implement other items and look at a fee that applies to all failures to appear.

CM Murillo seconded that substitute motion.

Moved by: Amsalu Kassaw

Second by: Stephanie Hancock

Does the Council support the approval of the ordinance Interpreter Fee Amendment - City Code 50-36?

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

Moved by: Alison Combs

Second by: Crystal Murillo

Does Council wish to continue this item to October 6, 2025 Council Meeting?

Voting Aye: (4): Mayor Coffman, 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

13. FINALIZING OF ORDINANCES

Ordinances not approved unanimously at first reading.

13.a Court Administrator Reporting to the City Manager

2025-85 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, DELEGATING TO THE CITY MANAGER THE AUTHORITY TO APPOINT AND REMOVE THE COURT ADMINISTRATOR

Sponsor: Curtis Gardner, Council Member / Françoise Bergan, Council Member
Jason Batchelor, City Manager / Andrea Wood, Assistant City Attorney

Staff gave a brief presentation on the item.

MPT Sundberg expressed that they should hold off on this, as the timing is bad and will possibly trigger an immediate act of litigation that could cost the city money through a breach of contract. He stated that he has seen the court administrator try to come in and create positive change and disrupt the status quo and people are threatened. He said she has been undermined and sabotaged at every level and the Human Resources Department and Legal Department has been weaponized against her in false accusations that have cost the city a lot of money. He added she had demonstrated great progress, extended invitations to council members to come visit the detention center and court system and invited an audit within her own realm and department. He felt this should wait and go into a mediated form to talk through a number of issues to save the city from going through a heavy litigious matter.

CM Jurinsky commented that this is a personal matter and not about the position. She noted that even today the court administrator was denied by HR to assign an interim court administrator while she is out on a much-needed surgery, so she now is considering postponing her surgery because her job means so much to her. She shared that it is interesting that the city attorney is saying that he can absolutely defend a breach of contract here, but in speaking with one of the most top-rated

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employment attorneys in the state, they felt this is absolutely a breach of contract and that we will be sued. She added that she and another council member have brought to the city attorneys' attention that other city staff members are lying about the court administrator. She said this would be a litigation over a hostile work environment, discrimination, and breach of contract. CM Jurinsky expressed that they now have key personnel in this city saying they do not like the city council because they are doing this, and there are subordinates of the court administrator who are ready to walk out over this. She cautioned any council member voting on this without speaking directly to the court administrator and allowing her to explain her side of the story or speaking with her subordinates.

Mayor Coffman explained that this is not a demotion, and the ability to make this decision exists in their charter. He added that this means instead of having 11 bosses, she would have one. He noted that he is here full-time and often left with dealing with differences between different departments and this can be resolved by this reorganization and having one boss, the city manager, who is entrusted to run the operations of this government. He stated that from day one as the mayor, there has always been tension at different levels between different administrators between this position and different departments of city of government, and he had to have meetings on a quarterly basis with all four council appointees to work out those differences. He reiterated that there is no reduction in pay or compensation, and each package was negotiated with a council appointee separately, so none of them are the same, but they can always look at that when they renegotiate those contracts.

CM Coombs noted that before they hired this court administrator, she asked that these not be one position and that they be under the city attorney per policy, because it is a typical system they have and common in pretty much every other jurisdiction in the state. She continues to believe that is the right thing to do.

CM Hancock expressed that as one of the newer members on this council, she did not know what happened previously, but she understood that this court administrator has admirably done her job and has supporters and detractors on both sides. However, she has concerns about some of the areas where the administrator position is in over their head, particularly as it relates to the information technology portion of this job. She expressed that they do not have the requirements stated as to what is needed to be able to effectively run their court, and that is not anything against the court administrator at all, but they need to come up to speed in relation to court with things like video court. She wants to see the court administrator be supported and given the tools she needs to be successful, as she did not feel that she has been given that up to this point. However, in terms of this ordinance, she gets to keep her title, her position, still gets to manage the people, and will now have the additional protection of the city manager to help her be successful.

CM Jurinsky responded that she respected CM Hancock's words, but if she was truly concerned about being brought up the 21st century, she would care that their entire court is not ADA accessible, as when handicapped people come in for jury duty, most

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of the time we have to dismiss them, and the court administrator has stood up and fought for types of funding like this multiple times. She added that if they think putting her under the city manager is going to provide her with any sort of protection, they are wrong. She shared that when the Public Safety Master Plan was brought forward, her entire organization and every one of her departments were left out of it. She said that this does nothing but demean her, and it can be decided to fire her by one person, instead of a conversation with 11. She pointed out that the court administrator asked for things in her negotiations and was told no, but two male counsel appointees hired after her both got what she was asking for. She added also that not one person took her up on her email offer to meet with her one on one.

Moved by: Curtis Gardner

Second by: Françoise Bergan

Does the Council wish to support the approval of the ordinance relating to the Court Administrator Reporting to the City Manager?

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

Voting Nay: (3): Danielle Jurinsky, Amsalu Kassaw, and Steve Sundberg

Moved by: Mayor Coffman

Second by: Françoise Bergan

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

Voting Aye: (8): Mayor Coffman, Françoise Bergan, Curtis Gardner, Stephanie Hancock, Danielle Jurinsky, Angela Lawson, Ruben Medina, and Crystal Murillo

Voting Nay: (3): Alison Coombs, Amsalu Kassaw, and Steve Sundberg

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

17. REPORTS

17.a Mayor

17.b Council

CM Coombs stated there are people on this council who would like to silence her and have threatened censure numerous times when she uses her first amendment rights. *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.*

and her position to have the right to speak. She said in relation to the death of Rajon Belt-Stubblefield, there have been two press conferences in which details were revealed and a narrative was given designed to attack a deceased person and give credibility to the idea that their death is justified before the facts were able to be seen. She stated she will continue to speak up when things like this happen, even though people will continue to try to bully, harass, silence, and use whatever mechanisms they have available to try to stop her.

Mayor Coffman added that he and CM Coombs were at a NAACP meeting last Saturday, where they got a very good presentation by the sheriff from the 18th Judicial District, on the process when there is an officer involved shooting, that it goes through a CIRT investigation, that is done outside of the city of Aurora and can take 4 to 6 months. He added that his position is to not make statements about the incident until after the investigation is done.

CM Jurinsky agreed that there are outside investigations going on and they are not just being investigated by APD, as it is a very serious investigation and nobody has all of the facts right now. She concurred that any loss of life is tragic. She said that it is now being made to seem that Jalin Seabron was shot and killed by an Aurora Police Officer, but that is not true, as it was a shooting out of Douglas County. She expressed that she cannot sit back and allow a dog pile on APD, but will accept the outcome of the CIRT investigation, and they will figure out how to move on and heal as a community.

CM Kassaw reported that he had the pleasure of being a part of the Aurora Water Tour a couple of weeks ago, along with CM Bergan, and toured the new Aurora Mental Health Recovery Center. He also invited everyone to attend the upcoming Taste of Ethiopia community event. He voiced that in regard to the shooting, the investigation is under way, and he feels that every loss of life is a tragedy.

CM Murillo shared that she toured the Paris Elementary School project, where the building now serves a place that supports different parts of our youth with mental health, positive outcomes, and a place to go after school. She gave a shoutout to Daniel Sampson of Driven by our Ambitions for the invite to that, and said they still have capacity for organizations, different businesses, and maybe even nonprofits.

She noted they support our diverse youth and try to meet them where they are at, where they work with licensed mental health professionals, and the development programming based on what they are hearing from youth in the community.

MPT Sundberg stated that he saw the Mayor and CM Hancock at TAPS, Tragedy Assistance Program, which raises money for families who have lost a loved one in the military. He visited a new school in Horizon Uptown in Ward 2, which is a P-8 school where staff and students from Clyde Miller will be transferred alongside those from Horizon Uptown, which will start next year. He also visited Aurora Mental Health and Recovery's Pathways to Home and the Highline Canal's unveiling of some tree artwork by a Chilean artist behind Hinkley High School. He mentioned he heard the police chief talking about a taskforce for street takeovers on the radio, which have

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made 31 arrests and 47 tows. In Ward 2, Parks, Recreation, and Open Space is underway with making 11 very significant improvements to parks and trail systems, which residents are happy about. He voiced that in the shooting of Rajon is a sad situation that he has questions about but will wait until the investigation comes out to ask them. He gave blessings to his family, the officer involved, and the witnesses.


CM Medina announced his town hall on September 9th, at the Center For Active Adults, at 6:30 a.m., where they will have the consent decree talking to the community, as well as traffic. He extended condolences to Rajon Stubblefield's family and said they have the support of the community as they await the outcome. He stated they have to come together collectively to have real dialogue and make things better, and it will take both APD and the community.

CM Hancock reported that she attended the TAPS Gala this past weekend, and said it is great to honor their fallen heroes and remember that their families are impacted as well. She also attended the farm with Mayor Coffman celebrating Aurora's unique history with the Historical Preservation Commission. She voiced that Wednesday, she will be at Goodwill Industries, where adults who are 21 years old or over will be graduating with a high school diploma. She expressed heartfelt condolences to the Stubblefield family, and prayed that the family comes to find peace, closure, and justice, as well as allowing the process to work itself out and keeping in mind that we as a city are united in finding in the truth wherever it may lead.

CM Gardner, CM Lawson, and CM Bergan did not give 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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