

**MINUTES**

**Regular Meeting of the Aurora City Council**

**Monday, October 20, 2025**

COUNCIL MEMBERS  
PRESENT:

Mayor Coffman  
Françoise Bergan  
Alison Coombs  
Stephanie Hancock  
Danielle Jurinsky

Amsalu Kassaw  
Ruben Medina  
Crystal Murillo  
Steve Sundberg

COUNCIL MEMBERS  
ABSENT:

Angela Lawson  
Curtis Gardner

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Coffman reconvened the regular meeting of the City Council at 6:17 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**3. INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Mayor Coffman led in prayer for the October 20, 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 a real property easement in terms of acquisition was discussed.

**6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**6.a October 4, 2025 Special Council Meeting Minutes**

Moved by: Steve Sundberg

Second by: Françoise Bergan

Does Council wish to approve the minutes of the October 4, 2025 Special Council meeting?

*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.*

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

Absent: (3): Stephanie Hancock, Angela Lawson, and Crystal Murillo

**6.b October 6, 2025 Meeting Minutes**

Moved by: Françoise Bergan

Second by: Amsalu Kassaw

Does Council wish to approve the minutes of the October 6,2025 meeting?

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

Absent: (3): Stephanie Hancock, Angela Lawson, and Crystal Murillo

**7. PROCLAMATIONS OR CEREMONIES**

**8. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Moved by: Françoise Bergan

Second by: Steve Sundberg

Does Council wish to adopt the agenda as presented?

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

Absent: (3): Stephanie Hancock, Angela Lawson, and Crystal Murillo

**9. CONSENT CALENDAR - MOTIONS**

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

Moved by: Steve Sundberg

Second by: Amsalu Kassaw

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

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

Absent: (3): Stephanie Hancock, Angela Lawson, and Crystal Murillo

**9.a Motions**

**9.b Planning Matters**

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**9.c Appointments to Boards and Commissions**

**9.c.1 Consideration to Remove One (1) Member from the Aurora Youth Commission**

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

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

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

**9.c.3 Consideration to Appoint One (1) Member to the Career Service Commission**

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

**9.c.4 Consideration to Appoint One (1) Member and Reappoint One (1) Member to the Citizens Advisory on Housing and Community Development**

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

**10. CONSENT CALENDAR - RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES**

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CM Coombs asked to remove 10.a.5.

Moved by: Danielle Jurinsky

Second by: Françoise Bergan

Does Council wish to approve the Resolutions and Ordinances Consent Calendar with Item 10.a.5 removed?

Voting Aye: (7): Françoise Bergan, Alison Coombs, Curtis Gardner, Danielle Jurinsky, Amsalu Kassaw, Ruben Medina, and Steve Sundberg

Absent: (3): Stephanie Hancock, Angela Lawson, and Crystal Murillo

**10.a Resolutions**

**10.a.1 Adult Protective Services (APS) Cooperative Agreement**

**R2025-114** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, APPROVING THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE AURORA POLICE DEPARTMENT AND ARAPAHOE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

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Mark Hildebrand, Deputy Chief, Police / Mandy MacDonald, Assistant City Attorney

**10.a.2 Aurora Police Department (APD) and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN) Enforcement Support System (NESS) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and Addendum**

**R2025-115** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, APPROVING THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND RELATED ADDENDUM BETWEEN THE AURORA POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS AND EXPLOSIVES REGARDING THE NIBIN ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT SYSTEM

D.J. Tisdale, Lieutenant, Police / Mandy MacDonald, Assistant City Attorney

**10.a.3 Aurora Police Department (APD) and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)**

**R2025-116** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, APPROVING THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS AND EXPLOSIVES ("ATF") AND THE AURORA POLICE DEPARTMENT RELATED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR OVERTIME SALARY COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE ATF TASK FORCE

D.J. Tisdale, Lieutenant, Police / Mandy MacDonald, Assistant City Attorney

**10.a.4 Aurora Police Department (ADP) and Aurora Public Schools (APS) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)**

**R2025-117** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, APPROVING THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE AURORA POLICE DEPARTMENT AND AURORA PUBLIC SCHOOLS RELATED TO SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

Mike Hanifin, Commander, Police / Mandy MacDonald, Assistant City Attorney

**10.a.5 Facial Recognition Technology for Law Enforcement**

**R2025-118** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, ACCEPTING SUBMISSION OF THE AURORA

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POLICE DEPARTMENT'S FACIAL RECOGNITION ACCOUNTABILITY  
REPORTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH C.R.S. § 24-18-302(4)

Chris Poppe, Commander, Police / Mandy MacDonald, Assistant City  
Attorney

Staff gave a brief presentation on the item.

CM Coombs asked if APD had any conversations about the numerous lawsuits against Clearview AI specifically related to unauthorized use and sale of images that were collected as part of their technology.

Commander Poppe responded that the vendor does not keep our images. He said they use them for comparison purposes but they are not maintained in their database. He added that the probe images are maintained in our chain of evidence, but not in the vendor's database.

CM Coombs asked how we can trust that considering they have utilized and collected images in an unauthorized way in the past and were found guilty of that.

P. Schulte explained that they have amended their pattern of practice on how they collect and store data. He added that for us to use it, we would not be subjecting the city or police department the liability by how they collect their images. His understanding is that Clearview has followed every court order they have received and have changed their practices to be in compliance with the law.

CM Coombs voiced that she was not totally sure where P. Schulte is drawing his information from, but a concerning lawsuit was in relation to Illinois and their privacy laws they had in the state, in which Clearview collected over 3 billion photographs with their facial recognition that was collected in a way not in accordance with existing law. She said it was deeply concerning they had to be sued before subsequently complying with a law that was already in the books.

Mayor Coffman expressed that Commander Poppe went over what we would not do, and that is important from a civil liberties standpoint.

Moved by: Danielle Jurinsky

Second by: Françoise Bergan

Does Council wish to support the approval of the Facial Recognition Technology for Law Enforcement?

Voting Aye: (5): Françoise Bergan, Curtis Gardner, Danielle Jurinsky, Amsalu Kassaw, and Steve Sundberg

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

Absent: (3): Stephanie Hancock, Angela Lawson, and Crystal Murillo

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**10.a.6 Authorizing Housing and Community Services to Accept Award from the Department of Local Affairs for a Down Payment Assistance Program**

**R2025-119** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, EXPRESSING THE AURORA CITY COUNCIL'S APPROVAL OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO AND THE STATE OF COLORADO'S DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL AFFAIRS, FOR A GRANT FROM THE STATE FOR DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE LOANS TO ELIGIBLE HOME BUYERS

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

**10.a.7 Neighborhood Park Name Recommendation at S. Ider and E. Smoky Hill**

**R2025-120** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, EXPRESSING THE AURORA CITY COUNCIL'S APPROVAL OF NAMING A NEIGHBORHOOD PARK IN THE WHEATLANDS DEVELOPMENT AS THE "SKYWATCH PARK"

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

**10.a.8 Mount Nebo Memorial Park and Cemetery Local Landmark Nomination**

**R2025-121** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, EXPRESSING THE AURORA CITY COUNCIL'S APPROVAL DESIGNATING MOUNT NEBO MEMORIAL PARK AS A LOCAL LANDMARK

Sponsor: Danielle Jurinsky, Council Member

Chris Geddes, Museum Program Supervisor, Library and Cultural Services / Tim Joyce, Assistant City Attorney

Outside Speaker: Sheila Abrahamsson, Mount Nebo Memorial Park and Cemetery

**10.a.9 2026 City Pay Table and Classification**

**R2025-122** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, APPROVING THE 2026 CITY PAY TABLE AND CLASSIFICATIONS

Jennifer Lorenzen, Deputy Director, Human Resources / Kim Skaggs, Assistant City Attorney

**10.a.10 Tax Rebate Agreement – NTT Global Data Centers**

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**R2025-123** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE TAX REBATE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO ("CITY") AND NTT GLOBAL DATA CENTERS DN1, LLC ("COMPANY")

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

**10.b Finalizing of Ordinances**

*Ordinances approved unanimously at first reading.*

**11. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

*Public hearings with or without related ordinances.*

**12. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

City Council will be acting in ex-officio capacity on Items 12.a -12.f

**12.a General Improvement District 1-2007 (Cherry Creek Racquet Club) 2026 Operating Budget**

**2025-89** AN ORDINANCE OF GENERAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT 1-2007 (CHERRY CREEK RACQUET CLUB) ADOPTING AN OPERATING BUDGET, ESTABLISHING THE TAX LEVY, AND APPROPRIATING SUMS OF MONEY TO DEFRAY EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2026, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2026

Andrew Jaminson, Debt and Treasury Supervisor, Finance / Hanosky Hernandez, Senior Assistant City Attorney

Staff gave a brief presentation on the item.

Moved by: Danielle Jurinsky

Second by: Steve Sundberg

Does the Council support the approval of the Creek Racquet Club GID budget and mill levy for 2026, as described?

Voting Aye: (7): Françoise Bergan, Alison Coombs, Curtis Gardner, Danielle Jurinsky, Amsalu Kassaw, Ruben Medina, and Steve Sundberg

Absent: (3): Stephanie Hancock, Angela Lawson, and Crystal Murillo

**12.b General Improvement District 1-2016 (Cobblewood) 2026 Operating Budget**

**2025-90** AN ORDINANCE OF COBBLEWOOD GENERAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT 1-2016 (COBBLEWOOD GENERAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT) ADOPTING AN OPERATING BUDGET, ESTABLISHING THE TAX LEVY, AND

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APPROPRIATING SUMS OF MONEY TO DEFRAY EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2026, AND ENDING  
DECEMBER 31, 2026

Andrew Jamison, Debt and Treasury Supervisor, Finance / Hanosky  
Hernandez, Senior Assistant City Attorney

Staff gave a brief presentation on the item.

Moved by: Danielle Jurinsky

Second by: Amsalu Kassaw

Does the Council support the approval of the Cobblewood GID budget and mill levy  
for 2026, as described?

Voting Aye: (7): Françoise Bergan, Alison Coombs, Curtis Gardner, Danielle Jurinsky,  
Amsalu Kassaw, Ruben Medina, and Steve Sundberg

Absent: (3): Stephanie Hancock, Angela Lawson, and Crystal Murillo

**12.c General Improvement District 2-2011 (Aurora Conference Center)  
2026 Operating Budget**

**2025-91** AN ORDINANCE OF THE AURORA CONFERENCE CENTER  
GENERAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (NO. 2-2011) ADOPTING AN OPERATING  
BUDGET, ESTABLISHING THE TAX LEVY, AND APPROPRIATING SUMS OF  
MONEY TO DEFRAY EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR  
BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2026, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2026

Andrew Jamison, Debt and Treasury Supervisor, Finance / Hanosky  
Hernandez, Senior Assistant City Attorney

Staff gave a brief presentation on the item.

Moved by: Danielle Jurinsky

Second by: Steve Sundberg

Does the council support the approval of the Aurora Conference Center GID budget  
and mill levy for 2026, as described?

Voting Aye: (7): Françoise Bergan, Alison Coombs, Curtis Gardner, Danielle Jurinsky,  
Amsalu Kassaw, Ruben Medina, and Steve Sundberg

Absent: (3): Stephanie Hancock, Angela Lawson, and Crystal Murillo

**12.d General Improvement District 2-2009 (Pier Point 7) 2026 Operating  
Budget**

**2025-92** AN ORDINANCE OF PIER POINT 7 GENERAL IMPROVEMENT  
DISTRICT 2-2009 ADOPTING AN OPERATING BUDGET, ESTABLISHING THE

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TAX LEVY, AND APPROPRIATING SUMS OF MONEY TO DEFRAY EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2026, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2026

Andrew Jamison, Debt and Treasury Supervisor, Finance / Hanosky Hernandez, Senior Assistant City Attorney

Staff gave a brief presentation on the item.

Moved by: Danielle Jurinsky

Second by: Stephanie Hancock

Does the council support the approval of the Pier Point 7 GID budget and mill levy for 2026, as described?

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

Absent: (3): Curtis Gardner, Angela Lawson, and Crystal Murillo

**12.e General Improvement District 1-2008 (Peoria Park) 2026 Operating Budget**

**2025-93** AN ORDINANCE OF GENERAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT 1-2008 (PEORIA PARK) ADOPTING AN OPERATING BUDGET, ESTABLISHING THE TAX LEVY, AND APPROPRIATING SUMS OF MONEY TO DEFRAY EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2026, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2026

Andrew Jamison, Debt and Treasury Supervisor, Finance / Hanosky Hernandez, Senior Assistant City Attorney

Staff gave a brief presentation on the item.

Moved by: Danielle Jurinsky

Second by: Françoise Bergan

Does the council support the approval of the Peoria Park GID budget and mill levy for 2026, as described?

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

Absent: (3): Curtis Gardner, Angela Lawson, and Crystal Murillo

**12.f General Improvement District 3-2008 (Meadow Hills Country Club) 2026 Operating Budget**

**2025-94** AN ORDINANCE OF GENERAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT 3-2008 (MEADOW HILLS COUNTRY CLUB) ADOPTING AN OPERATING BUDGET,

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ESTABLISHING THE TAX LEVY, AND APPROPRIATING SUMS OF MONEY TO DEFRAID EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2026, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2026

Andrew Jamison, Debt and Treasury Supervisor, Finance / Hanosky Hernandez, Senior Assistant City Attorney

Staff gave a brief presentation on the item.

Moved by: Danielle Jurinsky

Second by: Amsalu Kassaw

Does the council support the approval of the Meadow Hills GID budget and mill levy for 2026, as described?

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

Absent: (2): Curtis Gardner, and Angela Lawson

#### **12.g 2026 Adopting Budget Ordinance**

**2025-95** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, ADOPTING AN OPERATING AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECTS BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2026, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2026

Greg Hays, Budget Officer, Finance / Hanosky Hernandez, Senior Assistant City Attorney

Staff gave a brief presentation on the item.

Moved by: Danielle Jurinsky

Second by: Stephanie Hancock

Does Council wish to support the approval of the 2026 Adopting Budget?

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

Absent: (2): Curtis Gardner, and Angela Lawson

#### **12.h 2026 Budget Appropriations Ordinance**

**2025-96** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, APPROPRIATING SUMS OF MONEY TO DEFRAID EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2026 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2026

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Greg Hays, Budget Officer, Finance / Hanosky Hernandez, Senior Assistant City Attorney

Staff gave a brief presentation on the item.

Moved by: Danielle Jurinsky

Second by: Françoise Bergan

Does Council wish to support the approval of the 2026 budget appropriations?

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

Absent: (2): Curtis Gardner, and Angela Lawson

### **12.i 2026 Tax Levy Ordinance**

**2025-97** AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE TAX LEVY ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, FOR THE TAX COLLECTION YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2026, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2026, AND AUTHORIZING A TEMPORARY PROPERTY TAX CREDIT FOR 2026

Greg Hays, Budget Officer, Finance / Hanosky Hernandez, Senior Assistant City Attorney

Staff gave a brief presentation on the item.

Moved by: Danielle Jurinsky

Second by: Amsalu Kassaw

Does Council wish to support the approval of the tax levy in accordance with the attached ordinance for the tax collection year beginning January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026?

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

Absent: (2): Curtis Gardner, and Angela Lawson

### **12.j Increase the E-911 Surcharge Imposed on Phone Service**

**2025-98** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA AMENDING SECTION 58-1 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, RELATING TO AN INCREASE OF THE E-911 SURCHARGE AND ADDING SECTION 58-2 TO THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF AURORA RELATED TO THE CITY MANAGER'S AUTHORITY TO ADJUST FEES

Scott Newman, Chief Information Officer, Information Technology / Hanosky Hernandez, Senior Assistant City Attorney

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Staff gave a brief presentation on the item.

Moved by: Stephanie Hancock

Second by: Danielle Jurinsky

Does Council support the approval of the increase of the E911 fee as presented?

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

Absent: (2): Curtis Gardner, and Angela Lawson

### **12.k 2026 Proposed Rates and Fees**

**2025-99** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 138 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, RELATING TO RATES AND CONNECTION FEES FOR THE PROVISION OF WATER, SANITARY SEWER AND WASTEWATER SERVICES

Cat Olukotun, Deputy Director of Business Services, Aurora Water / Ian Best, Assistant City Attorney

Staff gave a brief presentation on the item.

Moved by: Stephanie Hancock

Second by: Danielle Jurinsky

Does Council support the approval of the ordinance amending certain sections of Chapter 138 of the City Code relating to rates and connection fees for the provision of water, sanitary sewer and wastewater services?

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

Absent: (2): Curtis Gardner, and Angela Lawson

### **12.l Graywater**

**2025-100** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, AMENDING SECTIONS 138-151, 138-154, 138-256, AND 138-259 OF THE CITY CODE PERTAINING TO THE PROHIBITION OF THE INSTALLATION OF GRAYWATER TREATMENT WORKS AND THE USE OF ALL GRAYWATER

Shonnie Cline, Deputy Director of Internal and External Relations, Aurora Water / Stephen Cann, Senior Assistant City Attorney

Staff gave a brief presentation on the item.

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Moved by: Danielle Jurinsky

Second by: Françoise Bergan

Does the Council support the approval of the ordinance amending sections 138-151, 138-154, 138-256, and 138-259 of the City Code pertaining to the prohibition of the installation of Graywater Treatment Works and the use of all Graywater?

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

Absent: (2): Curtis Gardner, and Angela Lawson

**12.m Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) Amendment – Text Change for Landmark Designation**

**2025-101** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, AMENDING SECTION 146-2.6.5.C.2 OF THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO LOCAL LANDMARKS AND PROPERTIES LISTED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

Chris Geddes, Museum Program Supervisor, Library and Cultural Services /  
Tim Joyce, Assistant City Attorney

Staff gave a brief presentation on the item.

Moved by: Alison Coombs

Second by: Danielle Jurinsky

Does Council wish to support the approval of the ordinance forward to amend the Unified Development Ordinance to comply with the guidelines required and requested by the Certified Local Government/ State Historic Preservation Office?

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

Absent: (2): Curtis Gardner, and Angela Lawson

**13. FINALIZING OF ORDINANCES**

*Ordinances not approved unanimously at first reading.*

**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**

Sponsor: Mike Coffman, Mayor

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Council heard testimony on the agenda related item.

Mayor Coffman stated there was a concerted effort to disrupt our meetings and make it impossible to do our jobs, even at the expense of other citizens that wanted to speak, and a lot of the time the violators of the rules were not even from this city. However, he hoped that they are past that and can move forward with going back to in-person meetings.

P. Schulte explained that the motion should be to revert back to the Council rules as written, including going back in person for votes. He asked Mayor Coffman which meeting they wanted to start coming back in person.

Mayor Coffman responded the next regular meeting, which is November 3rd.

MPT Sundberg expressed that he has not had a problem going back, but certain people know there are guidelines and structures in place for the benefit of everyone speaking publicly and those were happily blown off. He was more concerned about making noises of interruption on purpose when other people aside from a certain group want to speak. He expressed that if the rules are not adhered to, he would not mind going back to virtual, but people have to respect other people, their viewpoints, and their time to speak.

CM Jurinsky addressed the speaker from Douglas County that made slanderous comments and accused two council members from stealing people's signs without any proof. She said things like that are what they have been seeing over and over again, where people say whatever they want, lies, and slander. She corrected the record that Council originally went virtual because there were viable physical threats, not because they did not want to face their constituents. She expressed that these types of things are what makes her concerned about going back in-person. She added that not one Aurora resident called in tonight and asked them to come back in person, but she has a whole list of emails of Aurora residents telling her to stay virtual. She also talked about the time she was surrounded and threatened by people at a meeting and CM Murillo had to admit she witnessed that to the police.

CM Kassaw appreciated the idea of going back in-person, but said what they are facing goes beyond respect and rule following, as he has witnessed threats and behaviors that are unacceptable. He asked how we are going to change that.

CM Bergan made a substitute motion to return in-person on November 17th.

Mayor Coffman accepted that as a friendly amendment, but CM Coombs did not.

P. Schulte informed the Council they needed to vote on accepting the substitute motion before they can debate it.

CM Jurinsky asked if this vote passes to return in-person if they can keep this item on the agenda.

P. Schulte answered yes.

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CM Jurinsky also inquired if they would still have the option as individuals to remain virtual until they felt comfortable.

P. Schulte responded yes and added that every council member has the ability to give a 24-hour notice to the city clerk saying they are going to be virtual.

Moved by: Françoise Bergan

Second by: Stephanie Hancock

Accept Substitute Motion (to replace original motion) - Revert back to the Council Rules and conduct council meetings in-person as of Nov. 17, 2025?

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

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

Absent: (2): Curtis Gardner, and Angela Lawson

CM Bergan voiced that going back on November 17th made sense to get the majority there.

CM Jurinsky stated that since she made the original motion to stay virtual until they had a ruling the civil case with Kilyn Lewis, they have gained another lawsuit with Holmes v. Aurora. She asked for an update on where they are at in the court proceedings on both of those civil cases.

P. Schulte explained that there were eight claims filed against the city in the Kilyn Lewis case, and the city was successful in defending and dismissing five of those. He said they filed an additional motion to dismiss another one that they are waiting on the court to rule on, so they would be down to two that were originally filed. He added they would then go into discovery that could be several months to a year or two out before going to trial. He commented that they are still set for trial in the First Amendment lawsuit the week before Thanksgiving, but they received a notice from the court last week that there was another case with a higher priority so it will probably be in January before that trial is reset.

CM Murillo clarified that she supported CM Jurinsky's ask to go virtual during the meeting she mentioned earlier, and did talk to the police and told them she heard yelling but did not know if it was from CM Jurinsky or someone else and did not witness any threats. She said she still had concerns with the process of being virtual and felt it had been used as a political tool to silence people who did not agree with the majority. She shared that she has been a recipient many times of not being able to provide descent or give an opinion on many agenda items with an administrative move to call for the question. She said the public has every right to be upset and voice their opposition, but they kept getting denied that opportunity. She added that this is the last body that needs to talk about democratic values.

CM Jurinsky called CM Murillo a liar and called for the question.

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CM Murillo responded for the record that she is not a liar.

Moved by: Françoise Bergan

Second by: Stephanie Hancock

Does Council wish to revert back to the Council Rules and conduct council meetings in-person as of Nov. 17, 2025?

Voting Aye: (7): Mayor Coffman, Françoise Bergan, Stephanie Hancock, Amsalu Kassaw, Ruben Medina, Crystal Murillo, and Steve Sundberg

Voting Nay: (2): Alison Coombs, and Danielle Jurinsky

Absent: (2): Curtis Gardner, and Angela Lawson

Moved by: Danielle Jurinsky

Second by: Françoise Bergan

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

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

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

Absent: (2): Curtis Gardner, and Angela Lawson

## **17. REPORTS**

### **17.a Mayor**

Mayor Coffman voiced that people can go to his Facebook page for his individual events. He gave a shoutout to a small business, Howdy Homemade Ice-cream, who employ young people with intellectual and development disabilities. He explained that even though he was not able to attend third anniversary, he went on Sunday to thank them for what they do. He shared that business slows down for them in the winter, so he encouraged to people to go there, as the more productive they are, the more people they can hire.

### **17.b Council**

CM Coombs expressed they were reminded by a member of the Colorado Indigenous Community this weekend that land acknowledgement should also come with action and decisions to repair harm done by violent colonization and genocide of indigenous people in this country. She stated the fact that CM Murillo pointed out how some members of this Council have been silenced from the super majority by procedural actions and then that was turned around and used was shameful, ridiculous, and does not represent the sentiment of supporting someone no matter what their party is. She noted that is not unifying or leadership; it is petty, as well as calling CM Murillo a liar. She voiced that CM Murillo said the same thing to her when she asked

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about the incident right after it happened as she did tonight. She also commented that saying it is only people who do not live in this city that want to see us go back to in-person meetings is not true. She noted there are people who have expressed frustrations with the way our meetings have gone, but there are many who live here that want the meetings to return to in-person. She added that some people do not call in because they do not think Council will listen to them. CM Coombs expressed that Council needs to quit playing games, show up, listen, do their jobs, and not carry on with the rhetoric of unity or mutual respect but then never do it.

CM Jurinsky stated that she did not know why a council member would tell her that they hope no physical harm comes to her if they did not hear that physical harm was going to be done to her. She said that is why they went virtual, but she was happy to come back in-person and see how long it lasts. She commented that the only reason they have a land acknowledgement is because the mayor does it even though there were six votes against reading it. She wished Charlie Kirk a happy birthday and urged people to go out and vote.

CM Murillo said she did not know how you can argue with somebody about what they did and did not do. She expressed that she cannot wait to be in-person, but did not like that it was getting pushed until after the election, especially after there was insinuation of people doing political moves to do certain things. She added that people watching meetings like this is embarrassing.

MPT Sundberg shared a story that happened last week showing that he does not steal, which was in response to people saying that he steals signs. He stated that demonstrates the desperate and continuously negative nature of certain people out there. He attended the Historic Preservation Society, along with CM Hancock, where they recognized the 1955 Big John Firetruck as a historical landmark, as well as the actual VFW Post 36-31 off of Colfax. He also visited the Ethiopian Muslim Association of Denver with Mayor Coffman and CM Kassaw yesterday, and stated that he has a new Fire Station 18 coming to his ward that is desperately needed. He is also excited about some of the missing links of connectivity happening over the next year in Ward 2 to improve public safety. He announced his town hall will be Thursday, from 6-8 p.m., at Central Recreation Center, and will cover the city's traffic safety philosophy, Fire Station 18, an update on the consent decree, and Chief Chamberlain will be there to answer questions.

CM Medina appointed Megan Siffring to the Citizen Budget Advisory Committee.

CM Hancock she thanked everyone who attended her town hall. She shared that she met with a constituent over a business related issue to help them understand their role and responsibility and to iron out some things. She expressed that she understands perfectly well what her position is and that she does work for Ward 4 and engages as often and diligently as she can. She attended a dedication of the Sand Creek Ripple Art installation, along with Mayor Coffman, and the Aurora Borealis Festival. She gave a shoutout to Visit Aurora for putting on a well done event. She met with a couple of other members of the community in the housing and

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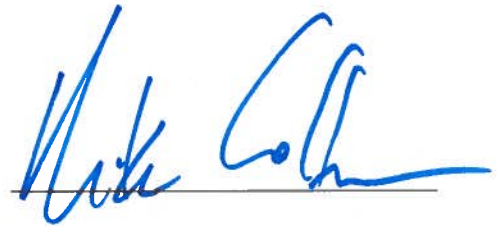
development arena, and they will be dedicating the Habitat for Humanity's building project in her ward on November 1st, where they will have 20 families in brand new homes. She also went to Little Caesar's Pizza, along with Mayor Coffman and CM Medina, and GGirl's LLC. She reminded that she can always be reached at stephanieforaurora.com, her website, or call her directly.

CM Bergan voiced that her area has been waiting 20 years for a fire station, and hopes they will get one soon so response times improve. She had a PED Meeting, Infrastructure Task Force Prep Meeting, Fitzsimmons Budget Meeting, E-470 Budget Workshop, Region 9 Opioid Abatement Council Meeting, and meetings with staff and constituents. She attend the IBTTA Conference, as the chair of the E-470 Board, with over a thousand attendees, and she gave welcoming remarks, went on a bus tour for E-470, and was on a panel with the Illinois Turnpike. She added that when they go back in person, she hopes people are respectful and said it would be nice to get back to some productive meetings and some civility.

CM Kassaw 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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