

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Aurora City Council

Monday, November 17, 2025

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Danielle Jurinsky

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Coffman reconvened the regular meeting of the City Council at 7:15 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

3. INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Coffman led in prayer for the November 17, 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 compensation for council appointees was discussed.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

6.a November 3, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Moved by: Steve Sundberg

Second by: Stephanie Hancock

Does Council wish to approve the minutes of the November 3rd, 2025 meeting?

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

Absent: (2): Françoise Bergan, and Danielle Jurinsky

7. PROCLAMATIONS OR CEREMONIES

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A ceremony was conducted for the outgoing council members.

8. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by: Steve Sundberg

Second by: Stephanie Hancock

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

Voting Aye: (8): Mayor Coffman, Alison Coombs, Curtis Gardner, Stephanie Hancock, Amsalu Kassaw, Angela Lawson, Ruben Medina, and Steve Sundberg

Absent: (3): Françoise Bergan, Danielle Jurinsky, 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: Angela Lawson

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

Voting Aye: (8): Mayor Coffman, Alison Coombs, Curtis Gardner, Stephanie Hancock, Amsalu Kassaw, Angela Lawson, Ruben Medina, and Steve Sundberg

Absent: (3): Françoise Bergan, Danielle Jurinsky, and Crystal Murillo

9.a Motions

9.a.1 Opioid Abatement Funds Agreement for Advance Pathways

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

9.b Planning Matters

9.c Appointments to Boards and Commissions

**9.c.1 Consideration to Appoint Nine (9) Members to the Parks,
Recreation, and Open Space Advisory Board**

Cecilia Zapata, Deputy City Clerk / Tim Joyce, Assistant City Attorney

**9.c.2 Consideration to Appoint Twelve (12) Members to the Arts and
Culture Commission**

Cecilia Zapata, Deputy City Clerk / Tim Joyce, Assistant City Attorney

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9.c.3 Consideration to Reappoint One (1) Member to the Civic Engagement Commission

Cecilia Zapata, Deputy City Clerk / Tim Joyce, Assistant City Attorney

9.c.4 Consideration to Reappoint One (1) Member to the Joint Water Authority

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

9.c.5 Consideration to Reappoint One (1) Member to the Homestake Steering Committee

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

10. CONSENT CALENDAR - RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

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

Moved by: Stephanie Hancock

Second by: Amsalu Kassaw

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

Voting Aye: (7): Alison Coombs, Curtis Gardner, Stephanie Hancock, Amsalu Kassaw, Angela Lawson, Ruben Medina, and Steve Sundberg

Absent: (3): Françoise Bergan, Danielle Jurinsky, and Crystal Murillo

10.a Resolutions

10.a.1 Eastern Hills Metropolitan District No. 1 Board Appointments

R2025-136 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, APPOINTING DIRECTORS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF EASTERN HILLS METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 1

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

10.a.2 Eastern Hills Metropolitan District Nos. 21-23 Board Appointments

R2025-137 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, APPOINTING DIRECTORS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF EASTERN HILLS METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NOS. 21-23

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

10.a.3 DUAL LISTING: Eastern Hills Metropolitan District No. 9 Board Appointments

R2025-138 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, APPOINTING DIRECTORS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF EASTERN HILLS METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 9

Cesarina Dancy, Manager of Development Assistance, Development Services / Brian Rulla, Assistant City Attorney

10.a.4 Neighborhood Park Name Recommendation at Picadilly Rd. and E. 60th Ave

R2025-139 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 SKYDANCE DEVELOPMENT AS "SOLARA PARK"

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

10.a.5 Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Arapahoe County Open Spaces for the Use of Joint Project Funds in the Amount of \$585,000 for Triple Creek Trailhead Site Improvements

R2025-140 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 TRIPLE CREEK TRAILHEAD SITE IMPROVEMENTS USING ARAPAHOE COUNTY OPEN SPACE PROGRAM FUNDS

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 Regional Transportation District (RTD) for East Colfax Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Project Operations and Maintenance

R2025-141 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, APPROVING THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF AURORA AND THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT FOR OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE EAST COLFAX AVENUE BUS RAPID TRANSIT (BRT) PROJECT

Sponsor: Stephanie Hancock, Council Member

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

10.a.7 First Amendment to Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between Community College of Aurora (CCA) and Aurora Fire Rescue (AFR)

R2025-142 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, APPROVING THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO AND THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF AURORA ESTABLISHING A CURRICULUM TO QUALIFY AURORA FIRE RESCUE STUDENTS FOR ENROLLMENT IN THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOR COLLEGE CREDITS

Rodney Weber, Deputy Chief, Fire / Angela Garcia, Senior Assistant City Attorney

10.a.8 Park County Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) for Wild Horse National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) 1041 Permit Review Costs

R2025-143 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, EXPRESSING THE AURORA CITY COUNCIL'S APPROVAL OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF AURORA, ACTING BY AND THROUGH ITS UTILITY ENTERPRISE, AND PARK COUNTY, COLORADO REGARDING WILD HORSE RESERVOIR AND SUPPORT FOR PARK COUNTY'S REVIEW OF AURORA WATER'S NEPA AND 1041 PERMITS

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

10.a.9 Restaurants Water Service

R2025-144 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, EXPRESSING THE AURORA COUNCIL'S ENCOURAGEMENT TO RESTAURANTS WITHIN THE CITY OF AURORA TO SAVE WATER BY SERVING WATER UPON CUSTOMER REQUEST

Sponsor: Stephanie Hancock, Council Member

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

10.a.10 Implement Earned Wellness Program for Aurora Police Department (APD)

R2025-145 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO IMPLEMENT

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AN EARNED WELLNESS PROGRAM FOR MEMBERS OF THE AURORA
POLICE DEPARTMENT

Sponsor: Mike Coffman, Mayor / Stephanie Hancock, Council Member

Todd Chamberlain, Chief, Police / Mandy MacDonald, Senior Assistant
City Attorney

10.b Finalizing of Ordinances

Ordinances approved unanimously at first reading.

**10.b.1 Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) Text Amendments for
Accident Potential Zone District**

2025-103 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
AURORA, COLORADO, AMENDING SECTIONS 146-2.5, 146-3.2, AND
146-4.2 OF THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO
THE AIRPORT POTENTIAL ZONE DISTRICT

Jeremiah Fettig, Planner II, Planning and Business Development / Lena
McClelland, Assistant City Attorney

11. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public hearings with or without related ordinances.

11.a Urban Cottages Jewell - Zoning Map Amendment

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

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

P. Schulte expressed that due to the election and possible due process concerns
about having two very different councils hearing the matter, he recommended
continuing the item to no earlier than December 15th, so the new council can have
both readings.

Moved by: Angela Lawson

Second by: Amsalu Kassaw

Does Council wish to continue this item to the Dec. 15th regular council meeting?

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Voting Aye: (8): Mayor Coffman, Alison Coombs, Curtis Gardner, Stephanie Hancock, Amsalu Kassaw, Angela Lawson, Ruben Medina, and Steve Sundberg

Absent: (3): Françoise Bergan, Danielle Jurinsky, and Crystal Murillo

12. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

12.a Eliminating the Veterans Affairs Commission

2025-105 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.

MPT Sundberg asked for clarification that this is to honor their own request as a council to disband.

Staff answered yes.

CM Hancock pointed out that while this commission will be dissolved, there will still be opportunities to honor, support, and recognize our veterans at public functions throughout the year.

Moved by: Amsalu Kassaw

Second by: Alison Coombs

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

Voting Aye: (7): Alison Coombs, Curtis Gardner, Stephanie Hancock, Amsalu Kassaw, Angela Lawson, Ruben Medina, and Steve Sundberg

Absent: (3): Françoise Bergan, Danielle Jurinsky, and Crystal Murillo

13. FINALIZING OF ORDINANCES

Ordinances not approved unanimously at first reading.

13.a 2025 Youth Violence Prevention Program (YVPP) / Standing Against Violence Every Day (SAVE) Program Marijuana Funds

2025-102 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, RELATED TO FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE AGENCIES AND PROGRAMS

Sponsor: Mike Coffman, Mayor / Angela Lawson, Council Member

Lisa Battan, Division Manager of Intervention Programs, Housing and Community Services / Hanosky Hernandez, Senior Assistant City Attorney

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Staff gave a brief presentation on the item.

Moved by: Angela Lawson

Second by: Stephanie Hancock

Does the Council wish to support the approval of the 2025 Youth Violence Prevention Program (YVPP) / Standing Against Violence Every Day (SAVE) Program Marijuana Funds ordinance?

Voting Aye: (6): Alison Coombs, Stephanie Hancock, Amsalu Kassaw, Angela Lawson, Ruben Medina, and Steve Sundberg

Voting Nay: (1): Curtis Gardner

Absent: (3): Françoise Bergan, Danielle Jurinsky, and Crystal Murillo

14. ANNEXATIONS

15. RECONSIDERATIONS AND CALL UPS

Moved by: Alison Coombs

Second by: Mayor Coffman

Call Up - To appeal the P&Z Commission's decision on QuickTrip Carwash and come back to Council no earlier than Dec. 15, 2025 for Council consideration.

Voting Aye: (7): Mayor Coffman, Alison Coombs, Stephanie Hancock, Amsalu Kassaw, Angela Lawson, Ruben Medina, and Steve Sundberg

Voting Nay: (1): Curtis Gardner

Absent: (3): Françoise Bergan, Danielle Jurinsky, and Crystal Murillo

15.a Consideration to Reappoint Three (3) Members to the Public Defender Commission

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

Moved by: Alison Coombs

Second by: Ruben Medina

CM Coombs expressed that she spoke to CM Bergan about this, who originally initiated the reconsideration. She said it is a commission of 7 and right now they only 4, and they have the evaluation of staff, salary recommendations, budget recommendations, a lot of year end work to be completed. She noted that they had four months to determine whether they wanted to have a different process for the appointment of these individuals. She asked her colleagues to allow the orderly process of this commission as its constituted to reappoint these three people. She *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.*

added that there will be four more positions up for appointment this next year, and they can determine whatever process they want for that, but in the meantime, they could let them finish out the year with a full commission and complete all the work they need to do.

Does the City Council support the reappointment of Frances Brown, David Kaplan and Pamela Williams to the Public Defender Commission?

Voting Aye: (8): Mayor Coffman, Alison Coombs, Curtis Gardner, Stephanie Hancock, Amsalu Kassaw, Angela Lawson, Ruben Medina, and Steve Sundberg

Absent: (3): Françoise Bergan, Danielle Jurinsky, and Crystal Murillo

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

Peter Schulte, City Attorney

17. REPORTS

17.a Mayor

Mayor Coffman expressed his excitement for the passage of the Downtown Development Authority and looked forward to appointing for that with the consent of Council. He said they will making critical decisions in terms of the revitalization and redevelopment of Colfax Corridor between Peoria and Yosemite. He thanked the outgoing members for their service and welcomed the incoming members. He shared that they opened the Aurora Regional Navigation Center, and was excited about closing down the Aurora Day Resource Center, as it was built in WWII as a temporary building.

17.b Council

CM Coombs gave a heartfelt congratulations to those who won their elections and looked forward to serving with them and seeing what they can get done. She thanked her outgoing colleagues for their service and dedication and looked forward to continue seeing them work in the community.

MPT Sundberg reported that the Regional Navigation Campus opened today for full service. He said that last week he attended a Windmill Dedication Ceremony in Murphy Creek, and he and CM Kassaw attended the Salvation Army Fundraiser. He shared that he met an incredible 103-year-old veteran woman who had an amazing story. He expressed that DoorDash reported that Aurora leads the nation in affordability, business growth, and new families based on their data.

CM Kassaw voiced that he was grateful to work with the Council and thanked the staff. He shared that retail theft is down 70%, homicide is down 21%, and robbery is down 15%. *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.*

down by 43%, and motor vehicle theft is also down, so the message is clear not to come to Aurora and break the law. He said they will continue fighting for the community, as that is who they work for at the end of the day.

CM Medina reported that he had a town hall last Wednesday with good attendance, where there was a lot of talk around the police department. He stated that his next one will be in January. He thanked all the outgoing council members and welcomed the new council members.

CM Hancock stated that she had a town hall at Bella Vita Senior Living, joined CM Sundberg and the Mayor at the VFM Facility out on Colfax for the dedication of a historical landmark, and toured a data center. She reiterated that despite their ideological and political differences, as a city council, they need to remember who they work for, which are the constituents, and work together in cohesion despite their differences. She said that in January she will begin bimonthly town halls and noted all the ways constituents can get in touch with city council. She looks forward to working with the new council members and getting to know them.

Mayor Lawson announced her final town hall for 2025 will be at Central Rec Center, at 6:30 p.m., where they will have parking enforcement and forestry. She thanked all the constituents who came to all of her meetings over the year. She also thanked CM Hancock and CM Medina for speaking to the youth at the Youth Civic Engagement Academy.


CM Gardner 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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