

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Aurora City Council

Monday, December 1, 2025

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:	Mayor Coffman	Gianina Horton
	Robert Andrews	Alli Jackson
	Françoise Bergan	Angela Lawson
	Alison Coombs	Ruben Medina
	Curtis Gardner	Amy Wiles
	Stephanie Hancock	

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Coffman reconvened the regular meeting of the City Council at 6:40 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

3. INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Coffman led in prayer for the December 1, 2025 meeting.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

(All Standing)

Mayor Coffman read a land acknowledgment.

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION UPDATE

None.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

6.a November 17, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Moved by: Françoise Bergan

Second by: Alison Coombs

Does Council wish to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2025 meeting?

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

7. ADJOURNMENT - SINE DIE

8. ANNOUNCEMENT OF ELECTION RESULTS

- Council Member At-Large - Rob Andrews

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- Council Member At-Large - Alli Jackson
- Council Member Ward I - Gianina Horton
- Council Member Ward II - Amy Wiles
- Council Member Ward III - Ruben Medina

Kadee Rodriguez, City Clerk

9. OATH OF OFFICE

Swearing in and presentation of election certificates to newly elected and re-elected Council Members.

Shawn Day, Presiding Judge, Aurora Municipal Court

10. CONVENE COUNCIL MEETING

11. ROLL CALL

12. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by: Françoise Bergan

Second by: Angela Lawson

Does Council wish to adopt the agenda as presented?

Voting Aye: (11): Mayor Coffman, Rob Andrews, Amy Wiles, Alli Jackson, Gianina Horton, Françoise Bergan, Alison Coombs, Curtis Gardner, Stephanie Hancock, Angela Lawson, and Ruben Medina

13. 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.

13.a Motions

13.b Planning Matters

13.c Appointments to Boards and Commissions

14. CONSENT CALENDAR - RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

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14.b Rules of Order and Procedure: Various Amendments

R2025-146 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 VARIOUS AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES

Sponsor: Alison Coombs, Council Member

Jason Batchelor, City Manager / Peter Schulte, City Attorney

Council heard public testimony on the agenda-related item.

CM Coombs explained the resolution was intended to address issues of immediacy in relation to their rules of order and procedure, with the main function of restoring Public Invited to be Heard to the formal meetings at the beginning and ending of the meeting, provide 3 minutes instead of 2 minutes to speakers, and to remove the provision of the rule implemented to ban people from bringing their children to the dais. She believed that people should be allowed to bring their children whether they need to or if it is important to them at that time. She added they also wanted to make minor changes to the order of the agenda by moving the invocation and land acknowledgment to the beginning of the meeting prior to formal business.

P. Schulte briefly went through the resolutions.

CM Bergan voiced concern that the way the resolution reads in regard to being able to bring children, as it says that basically anybody could be on the dais, but they have always been told no one can approach or be on the dais from a security perspective. She asked the city manager how they would handle that.

J. Batchelor responded that if a council member needed to bring their child, they would allow them to, but they would continue to not allow others unassociated with the meeting on the dais.

CM Bergan inquired if the language should be changed to clarify that.

CM Coombs expressed that this was never in the rules prior to the change of preventing them from bringing their children on the dais and they never had that problem, as security and the officers knew not to let other people on the dais, so she did not think they needed that in the rules.

P. Schulte suggested referencing A (9), stating who is allowed on the dais during the council meeting.

CM Coombs was concerned that would mean a council member would have to contact the city attorney to request permission in that event. She reminded that the reason this rule was put in originally was because she wanted her child to be there when she was being sworn in, not because of an emergency.

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CM Bergan felt that from a security perspective, it made sense to leave it as is, but she did not understand why they needed to contact the city attorney about something like that.

P. Schulte said that not having childcare for a child and needing to bring them on the dais would be covered under FMLA standards, and they would not have to contact him in that situation, but if they could make it clearer if needed.

CM Bergan made the suggestion to leave it as is and add an addendum.

P. Schulte said they could change A (9) to say any council member can have their children on the dais if needed but leave the requirements of who is allowed on the dais in the rule.

C. Coombs expressed that instead of striking the language, they could add "or child or family member of such" after listing mayor, council member, city manager, and city attorney are allowed on the dais.

CM Bergan agreed.

CM Hancock voiced concern over changing the rules when they have not had a functioning Rules Committee for some time, as she understood that the new council would address concerns such as this on the committee. She believed that process would offer a more appropriate, collaborative, and transparent setting to resolve these matters. She also felt the mayor should retain the authority to make council appointments at his discretion, and the resolution seems to alter or undermine that rather than address procedural concerns. She said those wishing to speak during public comment should be limited to one opportunity per council meeting, but that is not properly addressed here. She noted this attempt is doing the same thing the last council was accused of, which is pushing through procedural changes without real collaboration or due process.

CM Coombs explained that the reason she did this now and not through the Rules Committee is because this is specific damage that was done by the previous council without a procedure, so she is trying to undo that damage. She stated that they could have a lengthy discussion about other rule changes, and they could even leave off the mayor ratification for later.

P. Schulte read off an amended resolution for Section 2, which is "Unless an exception is made pursuant to A (9), only the Mayor, Council Members, and/or family members if needed, the City Manager and City Attorney shall be seated on the dais.

CM Coombs and CM Bergan agreed to that friendly amendment.

CM Bergan voiced a friendly amendment to add Arapahoe, Adams, and Douglas Country Region 9 Opioid Abatement Councils to Section 3.

CM Coombs accepted that friendly amendment.

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CM Bergan also offered an amendment to Section 5, Public Invited to be Heard, to be shortened to 30 minutes at the end of the agenda and to give preference to those who have not yet spoken.

CM Coombs accepted the giving preference to those who have not yet spoken but did not accept limiting to 30 minutes. She pointed out they seldom used the full hour at the end of the meeting when they had that before, but if they did it was for a reason.

Mayor Coffman asked if CM Coombs was okay with removing the mayoral appointments piece and discussing it at a later time.

CM Coombs accepted that as a friendly amendment.

CM Gardner said he did not understand how a 2-minute limit to speak and 30-minute total time is an egregious violation of free speech rights but 3 minutes and an hour is not.

CM Coombs stated they have had years of chipping away at this opportunity for the public to speak, which will probably take more than resolution to do, but this resolution would take them back to the previous status quo. She said she expects a Rule Committee to discuss further on limits.

Moved by: Alison Coombs

Second by: Gianina Horton

Does Council wish to support the approval of the resolution Rules of Order and Procedure: Various Amendments?

With Friendly Amendments -

Section 2 of the Resolution - Unless an exception is made pursuant to A (9), only the Mayor, Council Members, and/or family members if needed, the City Manager and City Attorney shall be seated on the dais.

Section 3 of Resolution - Include: Arapahoe, Adams, and Douglas County Region 9 Opioid Abatement Councils. Remove: Appointments made by the Mayor must be ratified with majority support of the entire City Council at a Study Session.

Section 5 of the Resolution - Preference given to those who have not yet spoken as part of public invited to be heard at the end of the council meeting.

Voting Aye: (10): Robert Andrews, Françoise Bergan, Alison Coombs, Curtis Gardner, Stephanie Hancock, Gianina Horton, Alli Jackson, Angela Lawson, Ruben Medina, and Amy Wiles

14.a Resolutions

14.c Finalizing of Ordinances

Ordinances approved unanimously at first reading.

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15. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public hearings with or without related ordinances.

16. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

17. FINALIZING OF ORDINANCES

Ordinances not approved unanimously at first reading.

18. ANNEXATIONS

19. RECONSIDERATIONS AND CALL UPS

20. GENERAL BUSINESS

20.a Consideration to Elect Mayor Pro Tem

Kadee Rodriguez, City Clerk / Peter Schulte, City Attorney

Moved by: Ruben Medina

Second by: Gianina Horton

CM Medina expressed that CM Coombs would be a good candidate, as she has been here for 6 years, battled, and would be a strong way to get them all together.

Does Council wish to appoint CM Coombs as Mayor Pro Tem?

Voting Aye: (11): Mayor Coffman, Robert Andrews, Françoise Bergan, Alison Coombs, Curtis Gardner, Stephanie Hancock, Gianina Horton, Alli Jackson, Angela Lawson, Ruben Medina, and Amy Wiles

21. REPORTS

21.a Mayor

Mayor Coffman announced that his next town hall meeting is January 24th, at 2:00 p.m., at the Aurora Central Library. He said the city's tree lighting ceremony is December 2nd, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., which is one of their great events for families. He encouraged people to attend.

21.b Council

MPT Coombs thanked her colleagues for their votes for Mayor Pro Tem. She expressed that she was committed to convene the Rules Committee to work with all her colleagues and hear the issues that are important to all people in their city.

CM Jackson thanked everyone for electing her and said she was happy to work with her colleagues. She reported that she attended the Annual Havana Bid District's Board Meeting that was open to the public, and it was nice to see all the growth. She encouraged using the Havanna District for holiday shopping. She also spoke at the Black Women's Summit, which was a great experience.

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CM Horton thanked those who attended the meeting. She added that this is what democracy looks like and looked forward to working with her colleagues.

CM Wiles appreciated everyone for showing up to the meeting. She voiced that community is everything and she looked forward to representing them and working with Council.

CM Medina stated that there would be a lot of changes, but he was open to collaborating with everyone on the dais.

CM Hancock attended Williams Smith High School today to talk to students about government. She looked forward to working with her fellow council members, even though they may be on different sides of the political spectrum, because at the end of the day they are there to represent and work for the people of the city.

CM Lawson announced that she would be reconvening her two town halls in 2026. She gave condolences to Senator Faith Winter's family.

CM Bergan stated they had the Water Policy Meeting a couple weeks ago and thanked those who were able to come and speak at her town hall. She and Mayor Coffman attended the Southlands Holiday Parade and tree lighting with Santa. She gave a reminder that the City of Aurora's Tree Lighting Ceremony is December 2nd.

CM Andrews and CM Gardner did not have a report.

22. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Coffman adjourned the regular meeting of City Council.



MIKE COFFMAN, MAYOR

ATTEST:



KADEE RODRIGUEZ, CITY CLERK

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