

## MINUTES

### Regular Meeting of the Aurora City Council

Monday, January 26, 2026

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:	Mayor Coffman	Alli Jackson
	Robert Andrews	Ruben Medina
	Alison Coombs	Amy Wiles
	Gianina Horton	

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:	Françoise Bergan	Stephanie Hancock
	Curtis Gardner	Angela Lawson

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Coffman reconvened the regular meeting of the City Council at 6:00 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

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

**3. INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Mayor Coffman led in prayer for the January 26, 2026 council meeting.

**4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

*(All Standing)*

Mayor Coffman read a land acknowledgment.

**5. EXECUTIVE SESSION UPDATE**

Mayor Coffman provided an update on the Executive Session, stating litigation and personnel matters were discussed.

**6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**6.a January 12, 2026 Meeting Minutes**

Moved by: Alison Coombs

Second by: Gianina Horton

Does Council wish to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2026 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: (7): Mayor Coffman, Robert Andrews, Alison Coombs, Gianina Horton, Alli Jackson, Ruben Medina, and Amy Wiles

Absent: (4): Françoise Bergan, Curtis Gardner, Stephanie Hancock, and Angela Lawson

CM Andrews addressed that on January 17th, he was pulled over by APD and cited in connection with a DUI allegation. He shared that it is an active legal matter so he could not comment on the specifics, but he has the right to due process and there are parts that were claimed and documented he does not believe are true, including inconsistencies. He said he is addressing it through the proper channels and taking the situation seriously. He expressed that he has spent his entire career thus far as a community leader, working with various nonprofits and many boards and commissions, and spending his free time helping neighbors and community members. He noted that while the investigation plays out, he would be voluntarily registering for a restorative justice class, work with MAAD, and taking proactive steps to ensure this never happens again. CM Andrews assured he is committed to rebuilding trust and serving Aurora with integrity, humility, and follow through and would appreciate privacy in the matter.

**7. PROCLAMATIONS OR CEREMONIES**

**8. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Moved by: Alison Coombs

Second by: Amy Wiles

Does Council wish to adopt the agenda as presented?

Voting Aye: (7): Mayor Coffman, Robert Andrews, Alison Coombs, Gianina Horton, Alli Jackson, Ruben Medina, and Amy Wiles

Absent: (4): Françoise Bergan, Curtis Gardner, Stephanie Hancock, and Angela Lawson

**9. PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD**

(non-agenda related issues only)

Council heard public testimony on non-agenda related items.

**10. CONSENT CALENDAR - MOTIONS**

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Moved by: Alison Coombs

Second by: Amy Wiles

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

Voting Aye: (7): Mayor Coffman, Robert Andrews, Alison Coombs, Gianina Horton, Alli Jackson, Ruben Medina, and Amy Wiles

Absent: (4): Françoise Bergan, Curtis Gardner, Stephanie Hancock, and Angela Lawson

**10.a Motions**

**10.b Planning Matters**

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

**10.c.1 Consideration to Appoint One (1) Member and Reappoint Two (2) Members to the Commission for Older Adults**

Cecilia Zapata, Deputy City Clerk / Andrea Wood, Assistant City Attorney

**10.c.2 Consideration to Appoint One (1) Member to the Historic Preservation Commission**

Cecilia Zapata, Deputy City Clerk / Andrea Wood, Assistant City Attorney

**10.c.3 Consideration to Appoint Three (3) Members to the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Advisory Board**

Cecilia Zapata, Deputy City Clerk / Andrea Wood, Assistant City Attorney

**10.c.4 Consideration to Reappoint One (1) Member to the General Employees' Retirement Board**

Cecilia Zapata, Deputy City Clerk / Andrea Wood, Assistant City Attorney

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

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Moved by: Alison Coombs

Second by: Robert Andrews

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

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Voting Aye: (6): Robert Andrews, Alison Coombs, Gianina Horton, Alli Jackson, Ruben Medina, and Amy Wiles

Absent: (4): Françoise Bergan, Curtis Gardner, Stephanie Hancock, and Angela Lawson

## **11.a Resolutions**

### **11.a.1 Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Regional Transportation District (RTD) for Shared Camera Feeds**

**R2026-04** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, APPROVING THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, AND THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT, FOR THE EXCHANGE OF DATA

Tim McCain, Chief Information Security Officer, Information Technology / George Koumantakis, Deputy City Attorney

### **11.a.2 Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Arapahoe County for Cybersecurity Partnership**

**R2026-05** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, APPROVING THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, AND ARAPAHOE COUNTY, FOR THE CYBERSECURITY CONSORTIUM

Tim McCain, Chief Information Security Officer, Information Technology / George Koumantakis, Deputy City Attorney

### **11.a.3 Order for Public Hearing for Proposed 13th Avenue Station Urban Renewal Plan and Area**

**R2026-06** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, ORDERING THAT A PUBLIC HEARING BE CONDUCTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED 13TH AVENUE STATION URBAN RENEWAL PLAN AND CREATION OF TWO TAX INCREMENT FINANCING AREAS

Jennifer Orozco, Senior Development Project Manager, Planning and Business Development / Rachel Allen, Deputy City Attorney

## **11.b Finalizing of Ordinances**

*Ordinances approved unanimously at first reading.*

## **12. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

*Public hearings with or without related ordinances.*

### **12.a Urban Cottages Jewell - Zoning Map Amendment**

*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.*

**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

Mayor Coffman opened the public hearing.

The applicant asked for a continuation to February 23, 2026.

MPT Coombs asked why they keep having this conversation. She said the public keeps showing up to speak, but they keep asking to continue it.

P. Schulte recommended hearing staff's presentation and then the applicant could make that request when it is time to make their comments.

Staff gave a brief presentation on the item.

The applicant asked again for a continuance to the 23rd, when all members could be present, as they know the history of their presentations and background on this.

P. Schulte responded that the request was noted but they were going to continue with the hearing.

Council heard public testimony on the agenda related item.

MPT Coombs commented that it sounds like the people who spoke are asking for changes to what is being requested and the applicant is asking for a continuation, so she asked if the delay was to provide additional conversation with the residents or if was just to ensure all council members were present. She noted they can never guarantee that all members will be present.

The applicant answered that it was more related to making sure that as many of the previous council members were present as possible, as they are the ones who were already familiar with the presentation before the new council was brought in.

Mayor Coffman closed the public hearing.

Moved by: Alison Coombs

Second by: Gianina Horton

Does Council wish to continue this item to February 23rd Council Meeting?

Voting Aye: (7): Mayor Coffman, Robert Andrews, Alison Coombs, Gianina Horton, Alli Jackson, Ruben Medina, and Amy Wiles

Absent: (4): Françoise Bergan, Curtis Gardner, Stephanie Hancock, and Angela Lawson

## **12.b Planning and Annexation Boundary Amendment 2026**

**2026-01** A PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, AMENDING THE 2018 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO REDUCE THE PLANNING AND ANNEXATION AREA BOUNDARY (PLANNING AND ANNEXATION BOUNDARY REDUCTION COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT)

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

Mayor Coffman opened the public hearing.

Staff gave a brief presentation on the item.

Mayor Coffman closed the public hearing.

MPT Coombs thanked staff for being incredibly thoughtful and sharing a lot of information with the Water Policy Committee last year and taking into consideration whether or not they have the water to just grow and continue providing to any outside jurisdictions adjacent that are interested in developing along our boundaries. She felt this was an appropriate and important first step in looking at sustainability and sprawl issues in Aurora.

Mayor Coffman commented that the plan reflects the reality they are in regarding what sustainable policies are relative to water.

P. Schulte noted it would require 7 votes on the second reading.

Moved by: Alison Coombs

Second by: Amy Wiles

Does the City Council wish to support approval of the Planning and Annexation Boundary Amendment and move it forward through the formal adoption process?

Voting Aye: (6): Robert Andrews, Alison Coombs, Gianina Horton, Alli Jackson, Ruben Medina, and Amy Wiles

Absent: (4): Françoise Bergan, Curtis Gardner, Stephanie Hancock, and Angela Lawson

## **13. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

### **13.a 2026 Golf Equipment Financing**

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**2026-02** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE USE OF LEASE-PURCHASE FINANCING TO ACQUIRE CERTAIN EQUIPMENT PURSUANT TO THE TERMS OF AN EQUIPMENT LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE AURORA CAPITAL LEASING CORPORATION, AS LESSOR, AND THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, AS LESSEE; AUTHORIZING OFFICIALS OF THE CITY TO TAKE ALL ACTION NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY; AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS

Teresa Sedmak, City Treasurer, Finance / Hanosky Hernandez, Senior Assistant City Attorney

Staff gave a brief presentation on the item.

Moved by: Ruben Medina

Second by: Robert Andrews

Does the Council wish to support the approval of the 2026 Golf Equipment Financing Ordinance?

Voting Aye: (6): Robert Andrews, Alison Coombs, Gianina Horton, Alli Jackson, Ruben Medina, and Amy Wiles

Absent: (4): Françoise Bergan, Curtis Gardner, Stephanie Hancock, and Angela Lawson

**14. FINALIZING OF ORDINANCES**

*Ordinances not approved unanimously at first reading.*

**15. ANNEXATIONS**

**16. RECONSIDERATIONS AND CALL UPS**

**17. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**18. REPORTS**

**18.a Mayor**

Mayor Coffman explained that for the Downtown Development Authority, the mayor appoints a 7-member board that is confirmed by the Council. He expressed that the revitalization of the Colfax Corridor between Peoria and Yosemite is important to him. He appointed CM Jackson to that committee and expects great things from her. He shared that he had to reschedule his town hall meeting to February 14th, from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**18.b Council**

MPT Coombs announced there would be an At-Large Townhall on AI and surveillance on February 4th, at 6 p.m., at the Aurora Central for Active Adults. She participated in the first Community Partner Collective Meeting through APS, the MLK wreath-

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laying ceremony, Immigrant Justice Steering Committee for Local Progress, and ICE Out Solidarity Strike with Minnesota over the last few weeks. She stated that at the last meeting, Council stood firm in opposition of violence and unlawful acts by ICE and impose overreaching enforcement activities, and in that time another person has been killed by ICE in broad daylight, they have been seen stalking school bus stops and intimidating kids and families in Aurora, and this type of conduct is not new and something the people of Aurora have experienced from the police department. She shared words of Matt Moberg, the Chaplin of the Minnesota Timberwolves. She expressed that for those experiencing this happening to people who look like them for the first time, it is an opportunity to stand inside the pain with our brothers and sisters in the community who have been shouting this.

CM Jackson attended the Ward 1 Town Meeting, where the topic was drones as first responders. She expressed that anyone interested in that topic to continue coming to the town meetings, and at-large meetings will continue this conversation. She said they take the community's input on that very serious and want to make sure equity, inclusive polices, and practices are being considered and people's personal information is secured. She stated that she also attended the Interfaith MLK Breakfast and MLK Jr. wreath-laying. In regard to the state sanction violence going on in their nation, she shared that it weighs heavily on her and she takes her role as a legislator very serious, including pushing against other branches of government. She said they have to stand firm as a legislative body to set the precedent and laws.

CM Horton expressed she and CM Wiles cohosted a forum on January 13th, where they discussed independent civilian oversight of law enforcement, and the second one will be on the 29th. She said they added an in-person town hall with Bonycle Sokunbi, Fort Worth's Independent Monitor, who has a similar city structure as Aurora, on January 28th, at the Aurora Center for Active Adults, at 6 p.m. She encouraged people to attend. She attended a few community meetings, MLK events, and town hall, where they talked about the downtown development authority and application process. She noted the application process is currently open and encouraged people to apply if they meet the criteria. She added that one of the commanders attended that town hall and talked about the drone program, and she promised to do her due diligence to make sure expectations were met. She also went to the Adams County Regional Summit, and said if anyone is interested about the Community Development Corporation being built alongside the DDA, please reach out to her. She thanked MPT Coombs for opening up and talking about what is happening across the United States.

CM Wiles talked about the events in the last couple weeks, including the Interfaith Breakfast and volunteer events. She thanked the youth for coming to talk at some of the events, as it is important they are involved and she asked them to continue showing up. She quoted, "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it," and said they can pretend they do not know what is going to happen based on history, but that would be disingenuous. She asked that everyone educate themselves on what happened and do whatever they can to stop it from recurring.

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CM Medina reported that he had his town hall a couple weeks ago, where PROS talked about the infestation of the Emerald Ash Borer. He stated that if anyone has any ash trees that are city owned, they can get those mitigated through the city for free. He announced his next town hall will be February 10th, on public safety, at the Aurora Active Adult Center. He met with a youth from Smoky Hill, who is interested in politics, so they are trying to create a framework for her to shadow a council member. He thanked the youth for getting involved.

CM Andrews did not have a report.

**19. PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD**

(non-agenda related issues only)

Council heard public testimony on non-agenda related items.


**20. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Coffman adjourned the regular meeting of City Council.

  
MIKE COFFMAN, MAYOR

ATTEST:



  
KADEE RODRIGUEZ, CITY CLERK

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