

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Aurora City Council

Monday, February 9, 2026

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 6:00 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 February 9, 2026 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 an economic development proposal and a property transaction were discussed.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

6.a January 26, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Moved by: Alison Coombs

Second by: Françoise Bergan

Does Council wish to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2026 meeting?

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

Absent: (1): Robert Andrews

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7. PROCLAMATIONS OR CEREMONIES

8. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by: Alison Coombs

Second by: Angela Lawson

Does Council wish to adopt the agenda as presented?

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

Absent: (1): Robert Andrews

9. PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD

(non-agenda related issues only)

Council heard public comment on non-agenda related matters.

10. 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: Alison Coombs

Second by: Françoise Bergan

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

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

10.c Appointments to Boards and Commissions

10.c.1 Consideration to Appoint One (1) Member to the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Advisory Board

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

10.c.2 Consideration to Reappoint Two (2) Members to the Aurora Immigrant and Refugee Commission

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

10.a Motions

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10.b Planning Matters

11. 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: Alison Coombs

Second by: Ruben Medina

Does Council wish to approve the Resolutions and Ordinances Consent Calendar with item 11.a.1 removed?

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

11.a Resolutions

11.a.1 Honorary Street Naming - Dr. Barbara Shannon - Banister

R2026-07 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, NAMING THE RING ROAD AROUND THE AURORA MUNICIPAL CENTER DR. BARBARA SHANNON-BANISTER ROAD

Sponsor: Mike Coffman, Mayor

Carlie Campuzano, Deputy Director of Transportation and Mobility, Public Works / Andrea Wood, Assistant City Attorney

Council heard public testimony on the agenda related item.

Mayor Coffman offered a friendly amendment to include Council Member Renie Peterson's name to the seventh whereas clause instead of just saying "council member".

Moved by: Mayor Coffman

Second by: Françoise Bergan

Does City Council wish to support the approval of this resolution for the Honorary Street Naming - Dr. Barbara Shannon - Banister?

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

11.a.2 Rooftop Cellular Lease Agreement Extension

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R2026-08 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, APPROVING THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO ROOFTOP LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF AURORA AND T-MOBILE WEST LLC

Hector Reynoso, Manager of Real Property Services, Public Works / Michelle Gardner, Senior Assistant City Attorney

11.a.3 Unified Forensic Crime Laboratory (UFL) Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) Amendment with the 23rd Judicial District

R2026-09 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, APPROVING THE ADDENDUM TO THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT REGARDING MEMORANDUM OF PARTICIPATION BETWEEN THE UNIFIED FORENSIC CRIME LABORATORY AND THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR THE 23RD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Sponsor: Robert Andrews, Council Member

Mark Hildebrand, Deputy Chief, Police / Megan Platt, Deputy City Attorney

11.b Finalizing of Ordinances

Ordinances approved unanimously at first reading.

11.b.1 Planning and Annexation Boundary Amendment 2026

2026-01 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

11.b.2 2026 Golf Equipment Financing

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

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12. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public hearings with or without related ordinances.

12.a Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) Text Amendment to the Repeal City Property Sign Allowance

2026-03 A PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, AMENDING SECTIONS 146-4.10.13 AND 146-6.2. S AND REPEALING SECTION 146-4.10.16 OF THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO SIGNS

Sponsor: Mike Coffman, Mayor / Alison Coombs, Mayor Pro Tem

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

Mayor Coffman opened the public hearing.

Staff gave a brief presentation on the item.

Mayor Coffman closed the public hearing.

CM Gardner felt what they were doing to this business was wrong. He said they approved this 12 to 18 months ago and they spent hundreds of thousands of dollars preparing to install these signs only to be told now to go back and not allow it. He expressed the statement made that they are no longer interested was not true, as they are no longer interested because staff made it incredibly challenging.

MPT Coombs stated this was the result of an unsolicited proposal that had previously been rejected by Council multiple times and then was pushed forward by a council member, so this co-change occurred as basically a cleanup to enable that proposal to go forward, which was in violation of the Comprehensive Plan.

Mayor Coffman added it was also in violation of their contracting rules.

CM Gardner asked staff if there was a digital sign at the City of Aurora Sports Park that includes advertising for the University of Colorado Hospital.

Mr. Batchelor answered they do have a small electronic sign that has the symbol of CU Anschutz that was approved through a variance to the Planning Code.

Moved by: Alison Coombs

Second by: Françoise Bergan

Does Council wish to support the approval of the ordinance to repeal the City Property Sign allowance?

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Voting Aye: (8): Robert Andrews, Françoise Bergan, Alison Coombs, Gianina Horton, Alli Jackson, Angela Lawson, Ruben Medina, and Amy Wiles

Voting Nay: (2): Curtis Gardner, and Stephanie Hancock

13. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

14. FINALIZING OF ORDINANCES

Ordinances not approved unanimously at first reading.

15. ANNEXATIONS

16. RECONSIDERATIONS AND CALL UPS

17. GENERAL BUSINESS

17.a Consideration to Appoint One (1) Member to the Planning and Zoning Commission

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

CM Bergan nominated Stephen Elkins to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

CM Bergan expressed that she nominated Stephen Elkins because he has a planning background, demonstrated knowledge of the planning process, and was very articulated in his answers. She felt he would make a great planning commissioner.

CM Hancock concurred with CM Bergan with regard to Stephen Elkins, as he was the most articulate, knowledgeable, and thoughtful interviewee. She said he answered the questions with the most clarity and consistency, and she felt he was the best and most qualified candidate.

Moved by: Françoise Bergan

Second by: Stephanie Hancock

Does Council wish to support the nomination of Stephen Elkins to the Planning and Zoning Commission?

Voting Aye: (5): Mayor Coffman, Françoise Bergan, Curtis Gardner, Stephanie Hancock, and Angela Lawson

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

CM Wiles nominated Robin Becker to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

MPT Coombs appreciated that Ms. Becker has a planning background and brought some perspectives from outside of the metro area. She thought she was also very thoughtful and articulate.

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CM Jackson noted Ms. Becker's strength in affordable housing, which is a huge area in the planning and zoning that they need experts in for Aurora specifically. She added she also has experience in city planning.

CM Horton thanked all three of the interviewees. She stated they were all strong candidates in their own ways, but felt Ms. Becker stood out the most.

Moved by: Amy Wiles

Second by: Gianina Horton

Does Council support the nomination of Robin Becker to the Planning and Zoning Commission?

Voting Aye: (9): Mayor Coffman, Robert Andrews, Alison Coombs, Curtis Gardner, Gianina Horton, Alli Jackson, Angela Lawson, Ruben Medina, and Amy Wiles

Voting Nay: (2): Françoise Bergan, and Stephanie Hancock

CM Wiles moved to appoint Robin Becker to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Moved by: Amy Wiles

Second by: Alison Coombs

Does Council wish to appoint Robin Becker to the Planning and Zoning Commission?

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

Voting Nay: (1): Stephanie Hancock

17.b Determination of Candidates to be Interviewed for the Civil Service Commission Vacancy

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

CM Gardner proposed that they interview the top four candidates. He explained that he typically would say three, but number 3 and 4 tied in the rankings.

Moved by: Curtis Gardner

Second by: Stephanie Hancock

Does Council wish to interview the top 4 ranked candidates for the Civil Service Commission vacancy?

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

CM Bergan voiced that a lot of times these appointments get political and they should not be, as they should be for the best person for the position. She asked if they could redact the name of the person moving forward so they see why they are applying and their experience. She felt that would be a more fair system.

Mayor Coffman responded that would be a subject for the Rules Committee.

18. REPORTS

18.a Mayor

Mayor Coffman announced his Town Hall Meeting on Saturday, at the Central Library, 2-3:30 p.m., where they will discuss technologies in crime fighting, and he will give an update on the Aurora Regional Navigation Center.

18.b Council

MPT Coombs thanked people for attending the At-Large Town Hall regarding AI and surveillance and appreciated the community questions. She shared they will begin scheduling the Rules Committee Meetings, which consists of CM Jackson, CM Medina, MPT Coombs, and Mayor Coffman as the members. She thanked her colleagues and staff for a productive workshop. She also thanked CM Jackson, who contributed very thoughtfully to the preparation on the group norms discussion. She was honored to attend and present the city proclamation at the Grita tu Identidad Mental Health Conference. She mentioned the On Havana Street Lunar New Year Celebration is this upcoming Sunday, 12-6 p.m.

CM Jackson met with various community stakeholders and hosted an At-Large Town Hall on AI and surveillance, in which she thanked APD and ACLU for presenting and the community members who attended and shared their voice. She met with Jessica Meza and Lilly Vee (ph), of Meza & Associates, who were able to talk about recidivism rates and how to reduce recidivism rates. She toured the Navigation Center, attended the Montview Elementary Community Dinner for February, HART Court Program, and the Be Well Annual Awards. She shared she is working on a special project for an immigrant and refugee integration plan with Mayor Coffman and excited to continue putting Aurora on the map when it comes to integrating immigrants and refugees into the community. She gave a shoutout for Black History Month, and voiced that black Americans built this country for free, are owed a lot and are struggling, and she takes providing them resources and honoring their voices very seriously.

CM Horton shared she was ill and did not get to attend the Oversight Round Table discussion, but heard it went well and there was resounding feedback for the continued need for transparency, continuous community engagement, reaching more

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down south, and making sure to engage diverse voices and community in that input. She attended the Be Wow Awards and Community Celebration. She highlighted upcoming plans, including continuing the conversation around independent oversight, a visit from the independent monitor from Fort Worth on February 24th, Open House on Bus Rapid Transit on February 11th, conversation for the Community Development Corporation mostly centered around engaging nonprofits who serve northwest Aurora on February 12th, at 1 p.m., at the ABC Community Hub, and Build Up Aurora engagement, in which she encouraged people to show up and make their voices heard. She thanked CM Horton for honoring Black History Month, and wished everyone a happy Lunar New Year.

CM Wiles announced her first Ward 2 Meeting would be on February 26th, at the Central Rec Center. She attended the Food Bank of the Rockies Opening, and voiced there are a lot of volunteer opportunities. She stated they have a lot of commissions and boards that need people to serve on them, including the Human Relations Commission, as well as commissions honoring immigrants and refugees. She thanked the Vista Peak Steppers, who performed at the Faith Breakfast for the Martin Luther King celebration. She expressed that Build Up Aurora is key for Ward 2 people, as they have a lot of infrastructure needs, and need their voices heard. She hoped to see people at the next police oversight meeting when they get to hear from the Fort Worth Independent Monitor.

CM Medina attended the At-Large Town Hall in Ward 3, and said his town hall is tomorrow at the Active Adult Center, 6:30-8 p.m., where they will discuss public safety and the Improvement Grants Program for communities. He shared he is a project manager with Be Well, and they do an annual celebration every year for their block captains, which is led by community and is a free event.

CM Hancock reported that she attended a press conference where Governor Polis announced Colorado as the first democratically led state in the nation to opt into a new federal tax credit program, which empowers families, strengthens the work force, and allows taxpayers the opportunity to donate \$1700 to qualified educational nonprofits and receive a dollar for dollar federal tax credit. She shared that Ward 4's Utah Park Pool is almost finished and they expect it to be open around the first of May. She announced her next town hall will be in March, where they will be having a networking half hour from 6-6:30. She invited Aurora business owners to come and exchange with other entrepreneurs. She expressed the Aurora Library Advisory Board is hoping to add new members to bring experience in fundraising and development. She announced a mini town hall at Bella Vita Senior Living, on February 12th. She appointed Nino Pepper to the CABC, who will be replacing Sandra Garcia. She thanked Ms. Garcia for her support and service.

CM Lawson shared tomorrow is her first town hall of the year at Mission Viejo Library, 6:30-8, and she will be having another town hall on February 21st, at Heather Gardens, 10-12:30 p.m. She noted she will do two town halls a month until

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November. She explained that Aurora gets congressional directed spending and all of their projects were funded by the federal government, which include the Aurora Fire Rescue Fire Apparatus Project, Fire Flashover Simulator Acquisition, Havana Street Corridor Multimodal Improvement Project, Box Elder Creek Roadway Improvement Project, and the Montview Boulevard Complete Streets Project. She thanked city staff and their leaders in Congress for that getting that funding.

CM Bergan attended the Aurora Economic Development Council Executive Meeting, Planning and Economic Development Policy Committee Meeting, Visit Aurora Annual Meeting, Winter Workshop, and watched a retail trends webinar. She shared they are making progress on the Retail Strategy Stakeholder Meeting and will have a lot of experts that are going to be in attendance.

CM Andrews and CM Gardner did not have a report.

19. PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD

(non-agenda related issues only)

Council head public comment on non-agenda related matters.

20. ADJOURNMENT


Mayor Coffman adjourned the regular meeting of City Council.



MIKE COFFMAN, MAYOR



ATTEST:



KADEE RODRIGUEZ, CITY CLERK

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