

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Aurora City Council

Monday, May 4, 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 6:45 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

3. INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Coffman led in prayer for the May 4, 2026 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 a real estate acquisition and labor negotiations were discussed.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

6.a April 20, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Moved by: Alison Coombs

Second by: Ruben Medina

Does Council wish to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2026 meeting?

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

7. PROCLAMATIONS OR CEREMONIES

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Land Acknowledgement.

8. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by: Alison Coombs

Second by: Robert Andrews

Does Council wish to adopt the agenda with CM Jackson added as a co-sponsor to Item 11.a.6?

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

9. PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD

(non-agenda related issues only)

Council heard public comment on non-agenda related matters.

Moved by: Alison Coombs

Second by: Ruben Medina

Does council wish to suspend the Council Rules in order to change the Public Invited to be Heard time limit?

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

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: Angela Lawson

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.a Motions

10.a.1 Update to the Library Board Bylaws

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Ginger White Brunetti, Director of Library and Cultural Services /
Andrea Wood, Assistant City Attorney

10.b Planning Matters

10.c Appointments to Boards and Commissions

10.c.1 Consideration to Appoint One (1) Member to the Homestake Steering Committee

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

10.c.2 Consideration to Appoint One (1) Member to the Joint Water Authority

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

10.c.3 Consideration to Reappoint Three (3) Members to the Metro Water Recovery District Board of Directors

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

11. CONSENT CALENDAR - RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

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Moved by: Alison Coombs

Second by: Ruben Medina

Does Council wish to approve the Resolutions and Ordinances Consent Calendar with item 11.a.6 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 Hydrology Update for the Toll Gate Creek Watershed

R2026-48 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, APPROVING THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN AURORA WATER, URBAN DRAINAGE AND FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT D/B/A MILE HIGH FLOOD DISTRICT REGARDING FUNDING OF HYDROLOGY UPDATE FOR TOLL GATE CREEK WATERSHED

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James DeHerrera, Manager of Planning Services, Aurora Water / Ian Best, Senior Assistant City Attorney

11.a.2 Colorado Air and Space Port Intergovernmental Agreement with Adams County

R2026-49 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, EXPRESSING THE AURORA CITY COUNCIL'S SUPPORT OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF AURORA COLORADO ACTING BY AND THROUGH ITS UTILITY ENTERPRISE AND THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ADAMS COUNTY REGARDING WATER SERVICE FOR THE COLORADO AIR AND SPACE PORT

James DeHerrera, Manager of Planning Services, Aurora Water / Ian Best, Senior Assistant City Attorney

11.a.3 Third Amendment to First Amended and Restated Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the Colorado Science and Technology Park (CSTP) for Streets, Street Lights, and Parking Management

R2026-50 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, APPROVING THE THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE FIRST AMENDED AND RESTATED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF AURORA AND THE COLORADO SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PARK METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 1

Sponsor: Gianina Horton, Council Member

Scott Bauman, Parking Program Manager, Public Works / Michelle Gardner, Senior Assistant City Attorney

11.a.4 Traffic Signal System Project First Amendment to Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT)

R2026-51 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, APPROVING THE AMENDED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF AURORA AND THE COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (CDOT) FOR THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYSTEM PROJECT

Sponsor: Gianina Horton, Council Member

Gabrielle Renner, Manager of Traffic Operations, Public Works / Michelle Gardner, Senior Assistant City Attorney

11.a.5 Proposition 123 Intergovernmental Agreement with Arapahoe County

R2026-52 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, COLORADO FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF PROPOSITION 123 AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Sarah Pulliam, Community Development Manager, Housing and Community Services / Andrea Wood, Assistant City Attorney

11.a.6 City Council's Position Regarding Respecting Officer Involved Shootings

R2026-53 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, EXPRESSING THE AURORA CITY COUNCIL'S POSITION RESPECTING OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTINGS BY THE AURORA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Waiver of reconsideration made at the request of City Council so the resolution is effective immediately.

Sponsor: Rob Andrews, Council Member

Jason Batchelor, City Manager / Pete Schulte, City Attorney

Moved by: Alli Jackson

Second by: Amy Wiles

Does Council wish to substitute the resolution in the agenda packet with the amended resolution?

CM Jackson thanked CM Andrews for his collaboration on the resolution and read the substitution to the resolution.

CM Bergan said she was shocked about the substitute resolution because she had a conversation with CM Andrews before the last Study Session about the resolution and he was good with it. She reiterated at the Study Session that she would not support the resolution as is and would like to offer a more balanced approach to the officer involved shooting resolution and CM Andrews agreed to work with her. She added that CM Andrews called her last week and told her he would accept her resolution completely as is, except for one minor change that she was okay with. She noted he told her he would not accept any other amendments, and she was disappointed that she was lied to when she was trying to work across the aisle.

CM Jackson stated there were more than two people on the City Council and other people had conversations with CM Andrews as well.

CM Horton asked if this was the time to make any amendments to the language.

P. Schulte answered no, that would be during the second phase.

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

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

Council heard public comment on the agenda related item.

Moved by: Alison Coombs

Second by: Ruben Medina

CM Horton asked for a friendly amendment to add "racial and ethnic disparities in policing" in the 4th whereas statement, as that is more aligned with the criminal justice space in which they understand Hispanic and Latino is considered an ethnicity and not a race.

CM Jackson and CM Andrews accepted the friendly amendment.

CM Gardner proposed a friendly amendment for the 6th whereas clause to make it "City Attorney and City Council have the obligation to protect" instead of just saying "City Attorney has the obligation to protect", as they have the same judiciary duty.

CM Jackson and CM Andrews accepted the friendly amendment.

CM Gardner was disappointed this argument has become very one side or the other, but there is nuance, particularly in the matters this resolution deals with. He said as a human and leader, what has happened is tragic and he felt bad for family members regardless of the circumstances, while also knowing some officer involved shootings are deemed justified, but City Council does not have a role in the day to day litigation of these matters. He stated it was disappointing that some people have framed supporting this as being anti-police, as he did not feel it was anti-police, but an acknowledgement there is hurt and pain in their community. He voiced he has a long history of being supportive of the police department, but there are things that have happened that had an impact on people in the community and it is appropriate to acknowledge that.

MPT Coombs thanked CM Andrews for bringing the resolution forward. She said the resolution that has resulted from conversations he chose to engage in with both sides of the aisle resulted in empathy for the impact on families of people killed and the officers. She noted he faced two opposing approaches and brought the two together. She thanked CM Bergan for the time she spent with him to advocate for the things she found important in the resolution and CM Jackson and other colleagues for coming back to CM Andrews and saying they want to make sure they do not completely de-center the families who do not

have the institutional power the police have on multiple levels. She appreciated CM Gardner recognizing the resolution for what it is, which is they can have empathy without undermining their government.

CM Hancock voiced this turned out to be a really contentious issue for reasons she is still trying to grapple with. She appreciated CM Andrews effort. She has heard over and over tonight that doing this does not mean anything and it is not enough. She asked when it was going to be enough. She said she believes in the proper role of government, which is ensuring laws are followed and the people who serve the city are held accountable if they do wrong. She noted that when Kilyn Lewis died, Council all stood up and said they were supportive and their hearts went out to the families but did not know if codifying this in a resolution was in their best interest or the proper role of government. She added this will not satisfy people or give them what they want, because the rhetoric and dialogue back and forth has been so contentious and volatile.

Does Council wish to approve the substituted resolution with the following friendly amendments?

Friendly amendments:

- 4th whereas statement - "racial **and ethnic** disparities...."
- 6th whereas statement - "City Attorney **and City Council have** the obligation to protect..."

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

Voting Nay: (4): Françoise Bergan, Stephanie Hancock, and Angela Lawson

11.b Finalizing of Ordinances

Ordinances approved unanimously at first reading.

11.b.1 Painted Prairie Metropolitan District Nos. 1-9 Service Plan Amendment

2026-09 FOR AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, APPROVING THE SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED CONSOLIDATED SERVICE PLAN FOR PAINTED PRAIRIE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NOS. 1-9

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

11.b.2 Painted Prairie Metropolitan District Nos. 10-12 Service Plan Amendment

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2026-10 FOR AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, APPROVING THE AMENDED AND RESTATED CONSOLIDATED SERVICE PLAN FOR PAINTED PRAIRIE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NOS. 10-12

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

12. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public hearings with or without related ordinances.

13. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

13.a Amendment to Section 2-812 of the Aurora City Code with Regard to the Commission for Older Adults

2026-16 FOR AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, AMENDING SECTION 2-812 OF THE AURORA CITY CODE WITH REGARD TO THE COMMISSION FOR OLDER ADULTS

Kris Ryan, Recreation and Golf Deputy Director, Parks, Recreation and Open Space / Andrea Wood, Assistant City Attorney

Staff gave a brief presentation on the item.

Moved by: Alison Coombs

Second by: Amy Wiles

MPT Coombs thanked staff for tracking these seemingly small and random changes that result from the bigger decisions they make as a Council and ensuring they follow up on those items.

Does Council wish to support the Ordinance to allow members of the Commission for Older Adults to serve up to three (3) consecutive three-year terms?

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

13.b Update to Aurora Public Library Ordinance

2026-17 FOR AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, AMENDING SECTION 2-297 OF THE AURORA CITY CODE CONCERNING MEMBERS OF THE LIBRARY BOARD

Ginger White Brunetti, Director of Library and Cultural Services / Andrea Wood, Assistant City Attorney

Staff gave a brief presentation on the item.

Moved by: Alison Coombs

Second by: Gianina Horton

MPT Coombs again thanked staff for taking care of things Council did not take care of when they passed the resolution.

CM Bergan asked if they were talking about adding non-residents to the board that are part of unincorporated Arapahoe County.

Staff answered this aligns with the resolution they passed in 2025, allowing for people who live or work in Aurora, including unincorporated Aurora, to be part of the Library Board.

Does the Council wish to approve this ordinance?

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. 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 thanked Library and Cultural Services for putting on the best Aurora scholars program he has seen in the history of the city, and he thanked CM Jackson for attending one of the sessions. He stated that he, CM Horton, and MPT Coombs were at the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) groundbreaking ceremony, and he talked about the differences in Aurora's approach compared to Denver's.

18.b Council

MPT Coombs attended the opening of the Mosaic of Cultures Aurora's Filipino Community Exhibit with the mayor at the Aurora History Museum and read a proclamation for Aurora's 135th birthday, and attended the Colfax BRT groundbreaking. She met with community members on ideas about a rental registry and licensing program, and the Rules Committee had their first open discussion session on decorum, where they talked about the importance of acknowledgement, and how Council can engage with community in a welcome and open way. She stated she, the mayor, and Deputy City Manager Perry conducted the first group of Downtown Development Authority Board interviews, and have one more round of six interviews tomorrow. She noted they received community feedback already on that, including the amount of notice for the interviews. She assured they went through the

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conversation about who they chose to interview very thoughtfully, and the interviews will be published on the DDA website, where people can review them and provide additional feedback. MPT Coombs also gave a city proclamation recognizing Buddha Jayanti Day to the Colorado Buddhist Association and in partnership with the Nepali community. She expressed they have to continue to have personal accountability and reflection and the ability to correct when they make mistakes and have grace for each other to be able to do so.

CM Jackson attended her first Arapahoe County Justice Coordinating Committee, worked with CM Andrews and a group of residents on Beeler St in Ward 1, who have come together over issues of public safety and traffic safety, and attended an Aurora Scholars Ceremony and gave a shoutout to staff for putting that on.

CM Horton thanked LaRonda and Veronica, mothers of sons who were shot and killed, for coming to the Council meetings and showing the strength of what it means to advocate for their loved ones. She noted that Aurora Mental Health and Recovery had to cut over a hundred jobs due to the social safety nets the government continues to strip away, and said she would continue to brainstorm ways they can support all those seeking employment and want to serve in that capacity. She participated in a luncheon around the Businesses for the Arts, Arbor Day celebration in Ward 1 with Mayor Coffman, Greater Wayside Community Temple town hall, Emmanuel Christian Center food drive, Colfax Bus Rapid Transit Groundbreaking Ceremony, Colorado Prayer Luncheon, a student presentation around global affairs and issues at Aurora Central High School, and met with Spirit of Aurora, and did a Council update with members living in Heather Gardens. She shared upcoming events, including a Know Your Rights training on May 7th, at 6 p.m., at the ABC Community Hub, that anyone can attend, Council Spring Workshop on May 9th, and State of the City on May 12th. She noted she will be traveling to Miami through an organization that helped her as a candidate, with the focus being around land use and transportation. She announced the Ward 1 Town Hall for May has been moved up one week to May 21st, at the MLK Library. She stated the City Council Aide job description is live and she encouraged people to apply.

CM Wiles reported that she attended the Heather Gardens Community Meeting, the Boys and Girls fundraiser, the African Leadership Group's Know Your Rights Seminar, and the Arapahoe County Rain Barrel Class. She held a meeting for the Painted Prairie residents to talk about their FRIA move and thanked the residents who showed up and made their voices heard. She also attended a civic engagement group. She thanked the one council aide support they currently have, who is doing the work of multiple people and doing amazing, as well as other staff who are there late at night working. She expressed it is unfortunate Aurora Mental Health had to make cuts, as May is Mental Health Awareness Month and the theme is more good days together. She reminded people who are struggling to please keep reaching out because more good days can only happen if they work together. She asked them to reach out the mental health line, 988, or call her if they want to talk.

CM Medina announced his town hall is May 12th, at the Central Library, from 6:30 to 8 p.m., where they will discuss the consent decree and transportation and safety. He

shared that he went to the re-grand opening of the Support, Inc. Group, who works with adults with intellectual and development disabilities.

CM Hancock attended one of the final reports on the Build Up Aurora work in the Infrastructure Task Force Committee Meeting, CCA College Beyond Walls, visited Spalding Rehabilitation Center as a member of the HCA Health One Board, and attended the Colorado Association of Black Professional Engineers and Scientists (CABPES)'s 44th Annual Gala Event and Student Awards Banquet. She was disturbed at the amount of vitriol and meanness thrown at a person in the gallery tonight, which colors why people do not want to come to the Chamber to share things. She expressed that if you want grace, you give grace. She added her commitment is to always be responsive to constituents, and she would be glad to help anyone who needs it if she is able.

CM Lawson explained Sagebrush Park Playground in Ward 5 was decommissioned in April 4th, because the playground equipment was dangerous. She apologized for the miscommunication on that, as she did not know when the park was going to be decommissioned. She announced they would be having a popup meeting with an ice-cream truck on June 3rd, at the Sagebrush Pavilion, to get ideas from the residents living in and around the park. She directed people to www.auroragov.org/sagebrush for more information. She stated the 2026 State Legislative Session wraps up on May 13th, and there are currently 228 bills remaining unresolved, with several major proposals just introduced or awaiting introduction. She shared some major late session bills surrounding transportation, healthcare, and AI have been released, including HB26-1430, Transportation Funding Adjustments, SB26-187, Establishing a Commission on Medicaid, SB26-188, Residential Treatment for Members in Colorado Department of Human Service Custody, and SB26-189, Automated Decision Making Technology.

CM Bergan expressed her previous statement on the resolution was about honesty and that she takes it seriously if someone gives their word. She felt it was disrespectful and that CM Andrews could have let her know he was going to make changes. She had the Aurora Economic Development Executive Committee and a subcommittee meeting following that, the Management and Finance Policy Committee Meeting, the Infrastructure Task Force Meeting, Planning and Economic Development Meeting, and several meetings with staff on different issues. She attended the Kentucky Derby at Southlands. She followed up with one constituent regarding the access road to the Aurora Reservoir and will follow up with Mr. Cole tomorrow. She also reached out the management on the issue and is trying to put together some sort of outreach to the Tollgate Crossing residents on this particular issue. She expressed she was sorry to hear about Aurora Mental Health and all the positions they had to cut.

CM Andrews and CM Gardner had no report.

19. PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD

(non-agenda related issues only)

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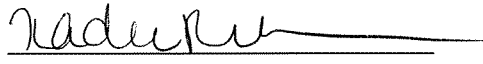
20. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Coffman adjourned the regular meeting of City Council.


MIKE COFFMAN, MAYOR

ATTEST:




KADEE RODRIGUEZ, CITY CLERK