NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING

(Open to the Public)
Monday, August 10, 2026
6:00 PM

Members of the Aurora City Council will participate in the August 10, 2026 Council Meeting.

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- **Public Invited to be Heard:** One (1) hour is dedicated to public comment on items not listed on the agenda at the beginning and at the end of every regular council meeting. Individuals may register to speak in one of the following manners:

    1. Sign up online beginning at 8 AM on the Friday before the meeting through 1 PM on the day of the council meeting; or
    2. Sign up in person by handing a completed speaker slip to the city clerk in the Paul Tauer Aurora City Council Chamber on the day of the council meeting beginning at 5 PM and up until the time the last individual finishes speaking during the first Public Invited to be Heard session. Verified Aurora residents who sign up before 5:45 PM are given priority and placed before non-resident speakers.

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City of Aurora, Colorado

Monday, August 10, 2026

AURORA URBAN RENEWAL AUTHORITY (AURA)

(Open to the Public)

AURORA ROOM

4:00 PM

STUDY SESSION

(Open to the Public via live stream in the Paul Tauer Aurora City Council Chamber)

AURORA ROOM

4:20 PM

REGULAR MEETING OF THE AURORA CITY COUNCIL

(Open to the Public)

PAUL TAUER AURORA CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER

6:00 PM

AGENDA

Regular Meeting of the Aurora City Council

Monday, August 10, 2026, 6:00 p.m.
Paul Tauer Aurora City Council Chamber
15151 E Alameda Parkway
Aurora, CO 80012

The City Council may at any time vote to enter Executive Session to receive legal advice from the City Attorney for any item that is listed on the City Council agenda below. (C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(b))

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Sponsor: Gianina Horton, Council Member

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Waiver of consideration is requested because Arapahoe County wants the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) executed within 60 days of the notice of award

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Sponsor: Amy Wiles, Council Member

Jason Batchelor, City Manager / Rachel Allen, Deputy City Attorney

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Sponsor: Curtis Gardner, Council Member

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11.b **Finalizing of Ordinances**

Ordinances approved unanimously at first reading.

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Sponsor: Amy Wiles, Council Member

Jason Batchelor, City Manager / Rachel Allen, Deputy City Attorney

14. FINALIZING OF ORDINANCES

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Sponsor: Alli Jackson, Council Member

Kadee Rodriguez, City Clerk / Peter Schulte, City Attorney

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(non-agenda related issues only)

20. ADJOURNMENT

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Aurora City Council

Monday, July 27, 2026

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

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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

3. INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Coffman led in prayer for the July 27, 2026 meeting.

Mayor Coffman read a land acknowledgment.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

(All Standing)

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION UPDATE

Mayor Coffman provided an update on the Executive Session, stating labor and contract negotiations were discussed.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

6.a July 13, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Moved by: Alison Coombs

Second by: Angela Lawson

Does Council wish to approve the minutes of the July 13,2026 meeting?

Voting Aye: (8): Mayor Coffman, Robert Andrews, Alison Coombs, Stephanie Hancock, Gianina Horton, Alli Jackson, Angela Lawson, and Amy Wiles

Absent: (2): Françoise Bergan, and Curtis Gardner

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7. PROCLAMATIONS OR CEREMONIES

8. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by: Stephanie Hancock

Second by: Alison Coombs

Does Council wish to adopt the agenda as presented?

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

Absent: (2): Françoise Bergan, and Curtis Gardner

9. PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD

(non-agenda related issues only)

City Attorney Schulte read a decorum statement. 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: Amy Wiles

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

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

Absent: (2): Françoise Bergan, and Curtis Gardner

10.a Motions

10.a.1 2026 Community Investment Financing Program Round 1

Bianca Lopez, Housing and Development Supervisor, Housing and Community Services / Andrea Wood, Assistant City Attorney

10.b Planning Matters

10.c Appointments to Boards and Commissions

10.c.1 Consideration to Reappoint Two (2) Members to the Historic Preservation Commission

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

10.c.2 Consideration to Appoint One (1) Member to the Election Commission

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

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: Stephanie Hancock

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

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

Absent: (2): Françoise Bergan, and Curtis Gardner

11.a Resolutions

11.a.1 Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Adams County for the 2026 Coordinated Election

R2026-85 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, APPROVING THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN ADAMS COUNTY AND THE CITY OF AURORA FOR THE COORDINATED ELECTION TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 3, 2026

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

11.a.2 Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Arapahoe County for the 2026 Coordinated Election

R2026-86 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, APPROVING THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN ARAPAHOE COUNTY AND THE CITY OF AURORA FOR THE COORDINATED ELECTION TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 3, 2026

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

11.a.3 Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Douglas County for the 2026 Coordinated Election

R2026-87 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, APPROVING THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN DOUGLAS COUNTY AND THE CITY OF AURORA FOR THE COORDINATED ELECTION TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 3, 2026

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

11.a.4 Wild Horse Dam Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

R2026-88 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, EXPRESSING THE AURORA CITY COUNCIL'S APPROVAL OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF AURORA, ACTING BY AND THROUGH ITS UTILITY ENTERPRISE AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF PREPARING AN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR THE WILD HORSE DAM MINERAL MATERIALS DISPOSAL PROJECT

Waiver of reconsideration is requested due to the timing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and enabling Aurora Water to move more quickly through the permit and NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act) processes.

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

11.a.5 Aurora Cultural Arts District Boundaries

R2026-89 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, EXPRESSING SUPPORT OF THE EXPANDED BOUNDARIES OF THE AURORA CULTURAL ARTS DISTRICT

Aaron Vega, Project Manager, Library and Cultural Services / Britt Wirth, Assistant City Attorney

11.a.6 Boston Street Triangle - Direct Sale to Logical, Potential Purchaser

R2026-90 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, APPROVING THE CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN CITY-OWNED PROPERTY IN ADAMS COUNTY TO AURORA PUBLIC SCHOOLS AS THE LOGICAL POTENTIAL PURCHASER

Waiver of reconsideration is requested to allow for transfer to take place as soon as possible so that Aurora Public Schools (APS) may timely proceed with their project improvements.

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

11.a.7 Windler Tract F - Direct Sale to Logical, Potential Purchaser

R2026-91 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, APPROVING THE CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN CITY-OWNED PROPERTY IN ADAMS COUNTY TO GVP WINDLER, LLC AS THE LOGICAL POTENTIAL PURCHASER

Waiver of reconsideration is requested to allow for developers plan approvals and closing date deadlines.

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

11.a.8 Stanley Tract A - Direct Sale to Logical, Potential Purchaser

R2026-92 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, REPLACING RESOLUTION NO. R2024-62 AND APPROVING THE CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN CITY-OWNED PROPERTY CONTAINING 0.9129 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, TO STANLEY MARKETPLACE JV, LLC AS A DIRECT SALE TO THE LOGICAL POTENTIAL PURCHASER

Waiver of reconsideration is requested in order to meet their closing deadline.

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

11.b Finalizing of Ordinances

Ordinances approved unanimously at first reading.

11.b.1 2026 Information Technology (IT) Lease Purchase Authority

2026-33 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY OFFICER TO ACQUIRE CERTAIN TANGIBLE AND INTANGIBLE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROPERTY, EITHER BY PURCHASE OR PURSUANT TO THE TERMS OF LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENTS TO BE ENTERED INTO BETWEEN THE CITY, AS LESSEE, AND LEASE INVESTORS, VENDORS OR THE AURORA CAPITAL LEASING CORPORATION, EACH AS LESSOR, AUTHORIZING OFFICIALS OF THE CITY TO TAKE ALL ACTION NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY

Scott Newman, Chief Information Officer, Information Technology / Hanosky Hernandez, Senior Assistant City Attorney

12. <u>PUBLIC HEARINGS</u>

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Public hearings with or without related ordinances.

13. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

13.a Clarifying Membership Requirements for the Oil and Gas Advisory Committee

2026-32 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, AMENDING CHAPTER 106 OF THE AURORA CITY CODE REGARDING MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS FOR THE AURORA OIL AND GAS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Jeffrey Moore, Manager of Energy and Environment Division, Planning and Business Development / David Scott, Senior Assistant City Attorney

Staff gave a brief presentation on the item.

MPT Coombs stated there is a slight imbalance toward people that do not need to be residents of Aurora as written. She asked for clarification that some of the industry representatives should be residents, as it was concerning to see that imbalance.

CM Hancock commented to require them to live in Aurora as well as have a business stake in the city seemed very unusual and she did not know if that was consistent with any other city. She added this has been unnecessarily delayed and they should move forward.

Moved by: Stephanie Hancock

Second by: Angela Lawson

Does the Council wish to support the approval of the Clarifying Membership Requirements for the Oil and Gas Advisory Committee ordinance?

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

Absent: (2): Françoise Bergan, and Curtis Gardner

13.b DUAL LISTED: A Charter Amendment Concerning Timing of Municipal Elections and Transitional Extension of Terms of Office

2026-41 AN ORDINANCE SUBMITTING TO A VOTE OF THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, AT A COORDINATED ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 3, 2026, A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SECTION 4 OF ARTICLE II OF THE CITY CHARTER CONCERNING MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS TO DIRECT THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS SHALL BE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS AND PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SECTION 5 OF ARTICLE III TO PROVIDE FOR ONETIME SHORTENED TERMS OF OFFICE TO FACILITATE THE TRANSITION TO REGULAR ELECTIONS OCCURING IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS

Sponsor: Alli Jackson, Council Member

Kadee Rodriguez, City Clerk / Peter Schulte, City Attorney

CM Jackson expressed the intent behind this is to increase voter turnout in their local government elections. She said they want to make the voting process more effective and efficient for their voters and reach more people whose voices should rightfully be heard by the government.

P. Schulte explained that if this passes, it would be a ballot initiative to appear on the November ballot as a yes or no question this year for consideration by the electorate in Aurora. He stated it would begin in even year elections in 2030 and would be consistent with the staggering of the elections of the City Council and At-large members. He said in 2027, the terms will be shortened from 4 to 3 years, where they will be up for re-election in 2030 to be the first year of the even-year elections, and the terms of the Mayor and Council Members in 2029 should also be 3 years, with the next election for them being in 2032. He noted they also stated in the charter it counts for term limits and allows for this one time changing of the amount of terms to be able to switch to an even-year election.

Council heard public testimony on the agenda-related item.

CM Jackson asked for clarification on the term limits and when they go into effect based off of public discussion about 3-year terms.

P. Schulte explained those elected last year would be up for re-election in 2029, so they will have their 4-year term, but if this passes by the voters, they will run for re-election for a 3-year term in 2029 instead, and the third term will be elected in 2032. Therefore, if they are re-elected, they would be shortening their term by one year, the same as the Council Members and the Mayor who are next year, with even year elections starting in 2030. He expressed this to align those and keep the elections staggered.

CM Horton voiced concerns of getting lost in the sauce about this particular effort. She said all of those sitting on the dais were voted by a couple thousand people, but they represent tens of thousands across the city, and this is an opportunity to ask the voters how to restore that civic ownership and engagement and focus on why municipal elections and government is so critical in the connectedness that people have.

MPT Coombs talked about the opportunity of coalition building this creates. She noted there was a lot of commentary about them being overshadowed by federal, state, and county candidates and that Aurora's election and campaign costs are going to skyrocket, but that ignores the opportunity to build relationships through campaigns, as when they are working together with state, federal, and local partners they are more successful.

Mayor Coffman rose in opposition, as he felt this would bury nonpartisan races to the bottom of a fairly long ballot and there will be a significant drop-off by the time they get there, as well as dramatically raise the cost of campaigning for local nonpartisan races.

Moved by: Alison Coombs

Second by: Alli Jackson

Does the Council wish to support the approval of the DUAL LISTED: A Charter Amendment Concerning Timing of Municipal Elections and Transitional Extension of Terms of Office?

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

Voting Nay: (2): Stephanie Hancock, and Angela Lawson

Absent: (2): Françoise Bergan, and Curtis Gardner

13.c DUAL LISTED: Amendment to Chapter 134 of the City Code

2026-42 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, AMENDING CHAPTER 134, ARTICLE XI OF THE CITY CODE PERTAINING TO AUTOMATED VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION SYSTEMS

Jason Pray, Lieutenant, Police / Mandy MacDonald, Senior Assistant City Attorney

Lieutenant Pray gave a brief presentation on the item.

CM Jackson asked if there would be a situation where they would need to cross-reference the owner of the car to the driver in regard to the updated photograph of the license plate and not the operator. She stated she was having trouble understanding the apparatus used to take the picture and if it is stationary or not.

Lieutenant Pray explained the device is mobile because they have a technician who is able to move them around to different spots in the city, but when set in place, it is stationary and generally put on the side of the road. He stated there are stipulations on warnings that are supposed to be put a certain distance away from it and where they can place them, as well as analytical work based off of their crash data that goes into it.

P. Schulte explained since these are civil in nature, the statute basically says they do not care who the operator is and only about the registered owner and puts the onus on the registered owner to go back to the person driving their car to deal with that.

J. Batchelor added part of the rationale was around the concerns of taking pictures of people and that those pictures being used for other things.

CM Jackson asked if this was for any traffic violation or only speeding.

Lieutenant Pray answered only speeding.

Moved by: Alison Coombs

Second by: Angela Lawson

Does the Council wish to support the approval of the DUAL LISTED: Ordinance to amend Chapter 134 of the City Code?

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

Absent: (2): Françoise Bergan, and Curtis Gardner

14. FINALIZING OF ORDINANCES

Ordinances not approved unanimously at first reading.

15. ANNEXATIONS

Moved by: Alison Coombs

Second by: Angela Lawson

Does Council wish to suspend the Council Rules to vote on all annexation items together?

*Requires 2/3 vote of council members in attendance

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

Moved by: Angela Lawson

Second by: Stephanie Hancock

Does Council wish to approve all annexation items (Items 15.a. - 15.j.)?

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

Absent: (2): Françoise Bergan, and Curtis Gardner

15.a 161 and 121 Gun Club Road Annexation (Finalizing of Ordinance)

2026-34 AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING TWO PARCELS OF LAND LOCATED IN THE SOUTH HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 12, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 66 WEST OF THE 6TH PRINCIPLE MERIDIAN, ARAPAHOE COUNTY, COLORADO, (161 AND 121 GUN CLUB ANNEXATION) 20.491 ACRES

Justin Andrews, Project Manager, Development Services / Brian Rulla, Senior Assistant City Attorney

15.b 161 & 121 S Gun Club Road – Zoning Map Amendment (Finalizing of Ordinance)

2026-35 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, INITIALLY ZONING TWO PARCELS OF LAND MEASURING 20.49 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, LOCATED SOUTHWEST OF THE INTERSECTION OF EAST BAYAUD AVENUE ALIGNMENT AND SOUTH GUN CLUB ROAD TO MIXED-USE REGIONAL (MU-R) AND AMENDING THE ZONING MAP ACCORDINGLY (161 & 121 S GUN CLUB ROAD ZONING MAP AMENDMENT)

Stephen Gubrud, Planner II, Planning and Business Development / Lena McClelland, Senior Assistant City Attorney

15.c 161 and 121 Gun Club Road Annexation Agreement

Justin Andrews, Project Manager, Development Services / Brian Rulla, Assistant City Attorney

15.d 222 Gun Club Road Annexation (Finalizing of Ordinance)

2026-36 AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING THREE PARCELS OF LAND LOCATED IN THE SW 1/4 SECTION 7, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 65 WEST OF THE 6TH P.M. AND THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE SE 1/4 SECTION 12, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 66 WEST OF THE 6TH P.M., COUNTY OF ARAPAHOE, STATE OF COLORADO, (222 GUN CLUB ANNEXATION) 46.6 ACRES

Justin Andrews, Project Manager, Development Services / Brian Rulla, Senior Assistant City Attorney

15.e 222 S Gun Club Road – Zoning Map Amendment I (Finalizing of Ordinance)

2026-37 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, INITIALLY ZONING A PARCEL OF LAND MEASURING APPROXIMATELY 10 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, LOCATED WEST OF SOUTH GUN CLUB ROAD BETWEEN EAST ALAMEDA AVENUE AND FUTURE EAST BAYAUD AVENUE TO MIXED-USE REGIONAL (MU-R) AND AMENDING THE ZONING MAP ACCORDINGLY (222 S GUN CLUB ROAD ZONING MAP AMENDMENT I)

Stephen Gubrud, Planner II, Planning and Business Development / Lena McClelland, Assistant City Attorney

15.f 222 S Gun Club Road – Zoning Map Amendment II (Finalizing of Ordinance)

2026-38 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, INITIALLY ZONING A PARCEL OF LAND MEASURING 35.7 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, LOCATED AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE INTERSECTION OF SOUTH GUN CLUB ROAD AND EAST ALAMEDA AVENUE TO MEDIUM DENSITY MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (R-3) AND AMENDING THE ZONING MAP ACCORDINGLY (222 S GUN CLUB ROAD ZONING MAP AMENDMENT II)

Stephen Gubrud, Planner II, Planning and Business Development / Lena McClelland, Senior Assistant City Attorney

15.g 222 Gun Club Road Annexation Agreement

Justin Andrews, Project Manager, Development Services / Brian Rulla, Assistant City Attorney

15.h Valley Head Annexation (Finalizing of Ordinance)

2026-39 AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING A PARCEL OF LAND BEING A PORTION OF THE EAST HALF OF SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 3 SOUTH, RANGE 65 WEST OF THE SIXTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, COUNTY OF ADAMS, STATE OF COLORADO, (VALLEY HEAD ANNEXATION) 165 ACRES

Justin Andrews, Project Manager, Development Services / Brian Rulla, Senior Assistant City Attorney

15.i E 56th Ave and Valley Head St Annexation – Zoning Map Amendment (Finalizing of Ordinance)

2026-40 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, INITIALLY ZONING A PARCEL OF LAND MEASURING 165 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, LOCATED NORTH OF THE INTERSECTION OF EAST 56TH AVENUE AND VALLEYHEAD STREET TO AIRPORT DISTRICT (AD) AND AMENDING THE ZONING MAP ACCORDINGLY (VALLEYHEAD ZONING MAP AMENDMENT)

Stephen Gubrud, Planner II, Planning and Business Development / Lena McClelland, Senior Assistant City Attorney

15.j Valley Head Annexation Agreement

Justin Andrews, Project Manager, Development Services / Brian Rulla, Assistant City Attorney

16. <u>RECONSIDERATIONS AND CALL UPS</u>

16.a All in One Harmony Commercial – Conditional Use (Public Hearing)

A PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF A CALL UP BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, TO REVIEW A CONDITIONAL

USE FOR A MOTOR VEHICLE FUEL DISPENSING STATION WITHIN THE MU-C ZONE DISTRICT AND SITE PLAN APPLICATION

Ani Karabashian, Planner II, Planning and Business Development / Lena McClelland, Senior Assistant City Attorney

Outside Speakers: Manraj Signh, Nick Investments LLC / Terence Hoaglund, Registered Landscape Architect (RLA), Vignette Studio

Mayor Coffman was disqualified from voting, as the property owner reached out to him for discussion and advice.

CM Wiles recused herself from the item, as she met with some of the people and signed the petition before she was elected.

P. Schulte also recused himself because his Aurora home is in Harmony.

MPT Coombs opened the public hearing.

Staff gave a presentation on the item.

The applicant gave a presentation on the item.

Council heard public testimony on the agenda related item.

CM Medina thanked everyone for their comments. He shared there are about six gas stations within a 2 mile radius of his house, and it is not a place his children ever thought to go hangout, but the community voiced what they want, and they should be the leaders of what they want in their community.

CM Andrews asked what changes they have implemented, or concessions they have made to the community to embrace some of those changes after they met with the community.

The applicant responded they changed being open 24/7 to 4 a.m. to 11 p.m. He said the community wanted them to open at 8 or 9 a.m., but that did not work, as they have people work at 5 a.m. and a lot of people coming to their store for breakfast. He added they also made a good neighbor agreement, so there is direct contact if there are any issues, and those concerns can be addressed pretty quickly.

CM Andrews commented he did not think the bar was never calling a customer back, and felt people need a little bit more engagement. He asked if they felt satisfied after meeting with the community that they would support the effort of opening the store.

The applicant answered yes, from where they started to where they ended up, but there are always going to be some people opposed. He added it is always tough to have any level of change happen, but they are on the other side of Alameda, and the closest house is over 500 feet. He added Alameda is projected to have around 30,000 cars a day in that particular part. He said they are very cognizant of the

Harmony residents and what they want. He noted at the first neighborhood meeting they had around 40 residents in attendance, but there were only 6 or 7 at the subsequent meeting. He stated they want to be good stewards and support the neighborhood, and they made sure the lighting did not get any further than Powhaton to the west and only in one lane of Alameda on the north; however, Alameda has streetlights already that are much brighter. He added they never filed for bankruptcy, do not have any liens on their property, and some of the businesses mentioned were not theirs.

CM Jackson liked they were invested in the community and small business owned. She asked how many All in Ones they have opened.

The applicant clarified that a lot of the stores mentioned were sold when he was in high school and his dad was running them. He said they built the Murphy Creek store in 2013, sold that, then built the one on Tower, which is going under renovation this year, and then built the Parker store that they sold. He said from that point on, they built the one of 56 and just opened up one near the Airport, but the new design at this location is completely different and he felt it would be the best looking gas station in Colorado. He noted they have built five All in Ones and currently own three, and they have more planned.

CM Lawson expressed they talk a lot about investment in community, but she felt investment in community meant long term, and it seems they do a lot of buying and selling.

The applicant responded those were not under his leadership, and a lot of the stores they sold do not fit the mold of what he is trying to build today, as they were completely outdated. He voiced he wants to be the reason Aurora grows, and he feels as though he is one of the few local developers spending the money they make on the stores to reinvest back to build more stores.

CM Lawson asked what investment they are making into the Harmony neighborhood.

The applicant did not believe anything has been proposed for that, but they were not opposed to it. He noted other popular gas stations developers have thousands of people on staff to help them build and design gas stations, and this applicant only has three.

CM Lawson inquired why there is a need for the liquor store.

The applicant answered there are 30,000 homes and currently only one liquor store, it is another stream of revenue, and eventually gas stations are going to have liquor, so he is just a little bit ahead of the curve. He reiterated this would not be a liquor store in a rough part of town and would be well lit and very nicely designed, and he wants to maintain a high standard and image. He expressed if they gave him a chance, he would prove it to them.

CM Lawson asked staff if the residents there today were not allowed to appeal because they were not adjacent to this.

Staff answered yes.

CM Horton commended the applicant for the good neighbor agreement. She asked how they are going to maintain that good neighbor agreement consistently if this passes and abide by it with integrity for the residents.

The applicant answered he was willing to commit to whatever they need him to. He added he wants to maintain a good standard, remove graffiti or trash within 48 hours, address any concerns they may have, and APD will have access to their 24/7 HD cameras and license plate readers any time they need.

CM Horton asked the applicant to describe his current experience around graffiti, trash, and crime at his other locations.

The applicant answered they rarely have graffiti, trash depends on the area, and they have never had any robberies or break-ins. He added their staff is trained to handle those situations and live in the neighborhood, so they know a lot of the neighbors. He said if they do get individuals that cause problems, they ban them from the store.

CM Horton inquired about APD's response time for that area currently.

J. Batchelor stated it would depend on the priority of the call.

CM Horton asked about the idea or concept for the restaurant.

The applicant responded in their previous two locations, they partnered with a local to open up their own restaurant, one Mexican restaurant and one Mediterranean restaurant, but for this location they are still in negotiations. He pointed out this gas station would provide the closest gas station to the people living in Watkins as well.

CM Horton asked staff to speak to the way the site plan is currently designed and built and what he city planned for the area and how it will impact residents, as some residents voiced the way the infrastructure is being built out on the two main roads could have traffic going more into the neighborhood.

Staff responded there is an in access only on the east side of the road, the southern access is a full movement access, the accesses on Alameda is a right in, right out, and the access on Powhaton is a right in, right out, as well as another access drive aisle just to the east that will be a full movement, and just to the south on Powhaton there will be another full movement drive aisle. He noted the accesses would allow people to not have to drive through the neighborhood.

MPT Coombs asked if the drive aisles were one or two lanes, as she has seen issues if someone parks on the drive aisle. She asked if they were wide enough to address that potential issue.

Staff answered yes, they should be wide enough to address that issue.

CM Hancock inquired if there was direct access from Powhaton into the gas station area.

Staff answered they would have to go into the drive aisles, as there is no access on Powhaton or Alameda directly.

CM Hancock asked if there would be traffic signals to mitigate the traffic.

Staff responded there is not a signal at Alameda or Powhaton at the moment, but once warranted, they will build a signal, and the development is paying escrow for that signal.

The applicant added his site alone has three traffic signals.

CM Lawson asked if the backup addresses a lot of the concerns and does it meet the zoning code.

Staff responded with the site plan, there are no adjustments or variances being requested, so they have met all the requirements for the site layout, access, and stormwater detention.

CM Lawson asked if they deny this could they be sued.

The deputy city attorney answered yes.

CM Jackson asked why they had no electrical charging stations in their plan.

The applicant felt a lot of people charge their cars at home. He noted they included chargers at previous locations, but they do not get much use.

MPT Coombs asked what businesses have located adjacent to their previous developments, as they mentioned this would bring more development.

The applicant answered at the Tower Road store, they sold the existing land to hotels, and the relocation at 56 is currently vacant, but will be affordable housing. He noted different parts of the city will have different needs, wants, and desires from the residents. He said they feel confident about this area. He explained that for development to come in, they need anchors, and a gas station is a major traffic generator and good tenant.

MPT Coombs inquired if they have not had any break-ins or robberies at all at any of the gas stations they have owned since he took over the business.

The applicant answered yes.

MPT Coombs inquired what happens if APD is not quick to respond to the panic button.

The applicant answered they would be at APD’s mercy to get to them as soon as they can after hitting the panic alarm.

MPT Coombs asked the applicant to elaborate on their state of the art technology regarding environmental air quality impact and odor mitigation.

The applicant expressed they have double wall fuel lines to tanks, leak detection with interstitial monitoring, double wall spill buckets, and vapor recovery. He explained when a customer pumps gas into their car, there are vapors that can be released at the car, but it would have to be a car older than 2005.

MPT Coombs inquired if they have anything monitoring the air quality, odor, and other impacts immediately around their stations.

The applicant stated there have not been any spills at all at any of their locations, and there is no real easy way to inspect for emissions from an air quality standpoint. He said Colorado enforces air quality and does checks through CDPHE, but there is no real regulation for emission at the pumps, as car vacuum canisters have been deemed enough at this time. He did not feel the residents would smell any odors or have any impacts.

MPT Coombs closed the public hearing.

CM Medina still did not see how a gas station added with a liquor store would help that community at all.

MPT Coombs agreed the adverse impacts have not been mitigated to the degree practicable, as they heard from the community specific concerns that have not been addressed and mitigated, specifically regarding the impact to the neighbor directly.

CM Hancock was concerned with the precedent they were setting here, as she remembered another case with a restaurant where she raised objection based on similar and was outvoted. She noted this was inconsistent with what they have previously done.

MPT Coombs responded that Council Members consistently applying a standard does not set a bad precedent, and most of the members currently voting on this item were not present to work on that, so they could not exactly compare the two.

CM Lawson felt adverse impacts were subjective. She asked if Council could be subjective on what an adverse impact is for this particular question.

Staff answered this conditional use is the more discretionary decision and the criteria are more subjective in nature. He said they have gone through the process, and the Planning Commission submitted their review of that, and now Council has the opportunity to make the same review.

CM Lawson pointed out she has been on Council for almost 11 years and has never seen where they been given that threshold, and she wished she could have known about some things that were going on in her ward previously where she could have voted a little different on things.

MPT Coombs stated a number of times Council members have used their own interpretation of an adverse impact, but it seldom prevailed among the body.

CM Jackson was struggling with some of the factual information in the presentation contradicting a simple Google search, as well as community concerns this would directly impact residents. She agreed with concerns on adverse impacts and not being properly mitigated to the degree of practicable, so she was opposed.

Moved by: Stephanie Hancock

Second by: Angela Lawson

Does the City Council wish to support the approval of a conditional use for a Motor Vehicle Fuel Dispensing Station within the MU-C zone district with the condition the applicant shall substantially comply with the operations outlined in the letter of introduction of record, and that significant changes to the business operations may be approved administratively if they do not establish a new use or expansion of use that is not permitted by zoning?

Voting Aye: (3): Stephanie Hancock, Gianina Horton, and Angela Lawson

Voting Nay: (4): Robert Andrews, Alison Coombs, Alli Jackson, and Ruben Medina

Absent: (2): Françoise Bergan, and Curtis Gardner

16.b All in One Harmony Commercial – Site Plan (Public Hearing)

A PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF A CALL UP BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, TO REVIEW A SITE PLAN FOR A CONDITIONAL USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE FUEL DISPENSING STATION WITHIN THE MU-C ZONE DISTRICT

Ani Karabashian, Planner II, Planning and Business Development / Lena McClelland, Senior Assistant City Attorney

Outside Speakers: Manraj Signh, Nick Investments LLC / Terence Hoaglund, Registered Landscape Architect (RLA), Vignette Studio

MPT opened the public hearing.

Staff gave a presentation on the item.

The applicant gave a presentation on the item.

Council heard public testimony on the agenda related item.

MPT Coombs closed the public hearing.

CM Hancock asked if they were subject to litigation since they did not approve 16.a.

The deputy city attorney responded the logically consistent options would be deny it or remand back and the process will recycle.

Moved by: Ruben Medina

Second by: Gianina Horton

Does council wish to send the site plan back to Planning and Zoning Commission to make recommendations?

Voting Aye: (7): Robert Andrews, Alison Coombs, Stephanie Hancock, Gianina Horton, Alli Jackson, Angela Lawson, and Ruben Medina

Absent: (2): Françoise Bergan, and Curtis Gardner

17. GENERAL BUSINESS

18. REPORTS

18.a Mayor

Mayor Coffman thanked all those involved in the Korean War Memorial, as well as all those involved in the 7/20 event. He asked people to follow him on Facebook for updates.

18.b Council

MPT Coombs congratulated all the kids in Aurora's recreation programs on their final t-ball and baseball games, as well as the community for coming together for the Day of Resilience in memory of the 7/20 Memorial. She also thanked Mayor Coffman and CM Horton for attending the midnight vigil on 7/19 into 7/20 in memory, as well as many city staff and first responders. She expressed they had their at-large town hall last week, where they had interesting conversations about water, land use, and heard from the Forestry Division, who have a major initiative taking place for people having trees that need to be looked at or pruned. She shared the at-large council members are currently worked to identify a date for the September Town Hall to hear about the budget.

CM Jackson reported she toured the Sage Ridge Transitional and Alcohol and Drug Rehab Facility with CM Horton, where they met some great state and local level nonprofits going on regarding transitional housing. She shared at the at-large town hall, she learned if someone wants to irrigate their lawn and purchase parts for that, the Forestry Program has a reimbursement for those parts. She pointed out trees do not apply to their drought restriction and encouraged people to water their trees, preferably with a drip irrigation system. She participated in the 7/20 Memorial 5k race, and it was great to see the community still taking the pain and trauma of that incident and turning it into something productive.

CM Horton expressed she did the tour of Sage Ridge and met some representatives from the Department of Local Affairs. She stated last Wednesday, was the Aurora

Youth and Families Night at Moorhead Recreation Center and gave multiple shoutouts, including CM Lawson for her partnership and making sure they got the families and youth there, SM Energy for sponsoring the food, the organizations that tabled and hosted events, Aurora Parks Recreation Open Space, Moorhead staff, and the Aurora youth and families. She thanked Aurora Urban Canopy, UDO, and Aurora Rise for their presentations at her Ward 1 Meeting, as well as Fire station 3 for housing them. She stated they will have Commander Shipley, Captain Bennett, and a CCGRC at the August Ward 1 Meeting. She also attended the midnight vigil.

CM Wiles participated in a trash pickup with Nelson Holland, walked the Heroes 5k for the 7/20 Memorial Foundation, where she was impressed with the local scholarship recipient, volunteered at the Special Olympics, and went to Camp Spark. She called out Lieutenant Kat Hancock, Firefighter Kristina Topp, Captain Valerie Marshall, and every single firefighter and support staff who showed up to that camp successful. She stated the girls there were learning life lessons and firefighter skills, and she highly recommended it. She also went to Soccer City in Ward 2 for the Denver Summit Watch Party. She announced her Ward Meeting is on August 8th, at the Reserve in Green Valley Ranch, and there is a Board and Commission Convention Event on August 6th, at the Municipal Center from 6-7:30 p.m.

CM Medina also participated in the 7/20 run, went to the Camp Spark orientation, and went to the Korean War Memorial.

CM Hancock attended the BRMAC Open House at Buckley Space Force Base and went behind the gate to see all the things they do out there, the flight line, and the aircraft. She also attended Camp Spark and encouraged people to sign their daughters up for that next year, the Korean War Memorial Ceremony, and the PMI opening. She announced they will be having Music at the Movies later on this week, showing Sponge Bob Square Pants, at Meadow Hills Pool.

CM Lawson thanked CM Horton for their partnership for the Aurora Youth and Families Night. She said the kids had a blast and their families got a lot of resources, which was the main goal, and she wished to have one again. She announced her Ward 5 Town Halls for August will be on the 18th, at 6:30 p.m., at Mission Viejo, and on the 29th, at 10 a.m., at Heather Gardens, where they will be doing a retail update and discussing planning and development.

CM Andrews had no report.

19. PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD

(non-agenda related issues only)

Council heard public comment on non-agenda related matters.

20. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Coffman adjourned the regular meeting of City Council.

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.

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MIKE COFFMAN, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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KADEE RODRIGUEZ, CITY CLERK

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CITY OF AURORA
Council Agenda Commentary

Item Title: Consideration to Appoint Two (2) Members and Reappoint One (1) Member to the Aurora Youth Commission
Item Initiator: Cecilia Zapata, Deputy City Clerk
Staff Source/Legal Source: Cecilia Zapata, Deputy City Clerk / Andrea Wood, Assistant City Attorney
Outside Speaker: N/A
Strategic Outcome: Connected and Engaged: Providing programming, learning resources, and amenities that reflect the rich history and contributions of our vibrant communities.

COUNCIL MEETING DATES:

Study Session: 7/27/2026

Regular Meeting: 8/10/2026

2nd Regular Meeting (if applicable): N/A

Item requires a Public Hearing: ☐ Yes ☒ No

ITEM DETAILS *(Click in highlighted area below bullet point list to enter applicable information.)*

- Waiver of reconsideration requested, and if so, why
- Sponsor name
- Staff source name and title / Legal source name and title
- Outside speaker name and organization
- Estimated time: (For Study Session items only indicate combined time needed for presentation and discussion)

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

ACTIONS(S) PROPOSED *(Check all appropriate actions)*

☐ Approve Item and Move Forward to Study Session

☒ Approve Item and Move Forward to Regular Meeting

☐ Information Only

☐ Approve Item with Waiver of Reconsideration
Reason for waiver is described in the Item Details field above.

☐ Approve Item as Proposed at Policy Committee

☐ Approve Item as Proposed at Study Session

☐ Approve Item as Proposed at Regular Meeting

PREVIOUS ACTIONS OR REVIEWS:

Policy Committee Name: N/A

Policy Committee Date: N/A

Action Taken/Follow-up: ***(Check all that apply)***

☐ Recommends Approval ☐ Does Not Recommend Approval

☐ Forwarded Without Recommendation ☐ Minutes Not Available

☐ Minutes Attached

HISTORY *(Dates reviewed by City council, Policy Committees, Boards and Commissions, or Staff. Summarize pertinent comments. ATTACH MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS, POLICY COMMITTEES AND BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.)*

The Aurora Youth Commission's role is to advise City Council, the City Manager and the Director of the Department of Parks, Recreation & Open Space regarding the interests of youth in Aurora. The Commission's mission is to better the well-being of Aurora's youth through representation, service and action.

The Aurora Youth Commission consists of twenty-two (22) members; sixteen (16) members between the ages of 14-20, and six (6) members must be twenty-one years of age or older. The term length is two (2) years, and members may serve up to four (4) consecutive terms. All eligible applications received within the last year are forwarded to the Commission to be considered for interviews.

ITEM SUMMARY *(Brief description of item, discussion, key points, recommendations, etc.)*

The Aurora Youth Commission currently has two (2) youth member vacancies, five (5) upcoming youth member vacancies, and one (1) upcoming adult vacancy. The Commission received four (4) applications and interviews were conducted on July 1, 2026 and July 8, 2026 for the youth and adult vacancies.

Among the applicants were:
Job Diaz Villegas – (Youth)
Misha Rai – (Youth)
Bobby Click – (Adult)
Megan Zitek – (Adult)

Upon conducting interviews, the Aurora Youth Commission respectfully recommends the reappointment and appointment of the following candidates:

Misha Rai (Youth) – 2nd term beginning 8/1/2026 and ending on 7/31/2028

Job Diaz Villegas (Youth) – 1st term beginning 8/1/2026 and ending on 7/31/2028

Bobby Click (Adult) – 1st term begging 8/1/2026 and ending on 7/31/2028

FISCAL IMPACT

Select all that apply. (If no fiscal impact, click that box and skip to "Questions for Council")

☐ Revenue Impact ☐ Budgeted Expenditure Impact ☐ Non-Budgeted Expenditure Impact
☐ Workload Impact ☒ No Fiscal Impact

REVENUE IMPACT
Provide the revenue impact or N/A if no impact. (What is the estimated impact on revenue? What funds would be impacted? Provide additional detail as necessary.)

N/A

BUDGETED EXPENDITURE IMPACT
Provide the budgeted expenditure impact or N/A if no impact. (List Org/Account # and fund. What is the amount of budget to be used? Does this shift existing budget away from existing programs/services? Provide additional detail as necessary.)

N/A

NON-BUDGETED EXPENDITURE IMPACT

Provide the non-budgeted expenditure impact or N/A if no impact. (Provide information on non-budgeted costs. Include Personal Services, Supplies and Services, Interfund Charges, and Capital needs. Provide additional detail as necessary.)

N/A

WORKLOAD IMPACT

Provide the workload impact or N/A if no impact. (Will more staff be needed or is the change absorbable? If new FTE(s) are needed, provide numbers and types of positions, and a duty summary. Provide additional detail as necessary.)

N/A

QUESTIONS FOR COUNCIL

Does Council wish to support the reappointment of Misha Rai (youth) and the appointment of Bobbly Click (adult) and Job Diaz Villegas (youth) to the Aurora Youth Commission?

LEGAL COMMENTS

All boards and commissions shall be appointed by City Council. (City Charter, art III, sec. 3-11 and art. IX, sec. 9-1). The Aurora Youth Commission shall consist of twenty-two (22) voting members. Of the voting members, sixteen (16) members shall be ages 14 through 20. Six (6) voting members shall be adults of the age of 21 or over. The composition of the Commission shall represent school districts, private schools, and home school participation to the extent possible through the nomination process. Commission members must be residents of the City, except that any student currently enrolled in a secondary school within the City is a qualified member regardless of their city of residence. Each Commissioner serves a two-year term. (City Code § 2-902). Each commissioner may serve a maximum of four consecutive terms. (Resolution R2025-78). (Wood)

MEMORANDUM

City of Aurora

AuroraGov.org

To: Mayor Coffman and Members of City Council

From: David Wagner, Staff Liaison/Supervisor of Youth Services, Aurora Youth Commission

Through: Cecilia Zapata, Deputy City Clerk
Brian Green, Director, Parks, Recreation and Open Space Department
Wynter Stieger, Acting Recreation Services Manager, Recreation Division, PROS
Donna Hunt, Superintendent of Youth Services, Recreation Programs, PROS

Date: July 9, 2026

Subject: New Appointment to the Aurora Youth Commission

Board or Commission Name: Aurora Youth Commission
Number of Vacancies: 2 youth, 5 upcoming youth, 1 upcoming adult

Interview Information

Date of Interviews: July 1, 2026 and July 8, 2026
Applicant Names: Job Diaz Villegas, Bobby Click, Misha Rai, Megan Zitek
Applicants Interviewed: 1 adult, 1 youth, 1 youth reappointment

Recommendation

Suggested Appointment: Job Diaz Villegas

Summary: The candidate is a sophomore at Vista Peak with a strong interest in addressing food insecurity and homelessness in Aurora. They volunteer with Hope Starts Here Food Bank, assisting with food distribution and translation, and have participated in the Youth Civic Engagement Academy. They hope to strengthen collaboration among local food banks to expand community impact and expressed a commitment to serving a full two-year term on the Aurora Youth Commission.

The Aurora Youth Commission strongly supports the appointment of Job Diaz Villegas as a Youth Member to the term beginning 8/1/2026 ending on 7/31/2028 on the Aurora Youth Commission.

Suggested Appointment: Bobby Click

Summary: Bobby is a seven-year Aurora resident with a background in youth sports, community engagement, and law. He brings experience in positive coaching, conflict de-escalation, and youth leadership, along with a strong record of volunteer service through coaching, food bank volunteering, and organ donation advocacy. He describes himself as an empathetic, relationship-focused leader committed to serving the community.

The Aurora Youth Commission strongly supports the appointment of Bobby Click as an Adult Member to complete the term beginning 8/1/2026 ending 7/31/2028 on the Aurora Youth Commission.

Suggested reappointment: Misha Rai

Summary: Misha has been an engaged member of the Aurora Youth Commission for the past two years, during which she has taken on an active and consistent role in supporting the Commission's work. She regularly attends meetings and contributes to discussions and planning efforts. Over her tenure, she has also been involved in a variety of community-based initiatives, including park clean-up projects and the Fill the Bus donation drive awe well as serving on the executive board. Through her participation, she has demonstrated reliability, commitment to youth and community engagement, and a willingness to step in and support key Commission events and service projects.

The Aurora Youth Commission strongly supports the reappointment of Misha Rai as an Youth Member to be appointed to the term beginning 8/1/2026 ending on 7/31/2028 on the Aurora Youth Commission.

Aurora Youth Commission

Applicant Package - Ward VI

Aurora Youth Commission - Ward VI

Term 01 Aug 2024 - 31 Jul 2026
Positions Available 7

Number of applicants in this package 1

- Click, Bobby

Received: 06/26/2026
Ward VI Resident and Registered Voter
Arapahoe County
Vetted: 06/30/2026
Marcus Bond

Name: Click, Bobby

Address: [redacted]

Email: [redacted]

Board Name: Aurora Youth Commission

Date of Birth:
[redacted]

Home Phone Number:
[redacted]

Work Phone Number:
[redacted]

How long have you lived in Aurora?:
7 years

Are you registered to vote?:

Yes

Years of Education Completed:
19

Degree(s) Received:
BA; JD

College(s) Attended:
University of Alabama

Employer Name:
EM Sport Safety

Employer Address:
2373 Central Park Blvd Unit 100, Denver, CO 80238

Current Position:
Executive Director

Years with Current Employer:
3

Work Experience:
Attorney (licensed): ~15 years Legal practice (public defender, litigation): several years U.S. Center for SafeSport: executive leadership Executive Director / consultant / independent investigator: several additional years in leadership

Certification(s):
Law liscense

How are you involved in your community?:
I believe the best way to serve a community is to be an active part of it. I volunteer with the Donor Alliance to help promote organ and tissue donation, volunteer at my local food bank, and coach youth sports in my community. I have also served in volunteer leadership roles with nonprofit and amateur sports organizations focused on improving governance and creating safer environments for young athletes. As a living liver donor, a husband, and a father, I care deeply about giving back and helping build a community where families can thrive.

List your interests and activities.:

Outside of work, I enjoy spending time with my wife and two sons, coaching and watching youth sports, hiking and exploring Colorado, traveling, reading, and following college football. I enjoy volunteering in the community, supporting organ donation awareness, and staying involved in initiatives that strengthen youth sports, public service, and nonprofit leadership.

Do you presently serve in any other appointed position on a board, commission or committee?:

No

If yes, enter the board name and position:
N/A

Are you currently a member and seeking reappointment on the board you are applying for?:

No

Why do you desire this appointment?:
I would like to serve on the Youth Commission because I believe every young person deserves the opportunity to grow up in a safe, supportive, and inclusive environment. Throughout my career as an attorney, investigator, and nonprofit leader, I have worked extensively with youth-serving organizations to strengthen safety, accountability, and governance. Those experiences have given me a deep appreciation for the challenges young people face and the importance of ensuring their voices are heard. As a father, youth sports coach, and community volunteer, I care deeply about creating opportunities for young people to succeed. I would welcome the opportunity to contribute my professional experience while listening to and learning from Aurora's youth. I believe strong communities are built by investing in young people, and I would be honored to help support that mission through the Youth Commission.

How much time do you anticipate being able to spend on this appointment each month?:
10-15 hours

Do you have any conflicts of interest that should be disclosed?:

No

If yes, please explain:
N/A

Reference 1: Full Name, Phone Number and Address:
Name: Hannah Hinton [redacted]

Reference 2: Full Name, Phone Number and Address:
Name: Ryan Lipes [redacted]

Reference 3: Full Name, Phone Number and Address:
Name: Mark Flynn [redacted]

How did you hear about us?:

Word of Mouth

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Bobby Click

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Attachments

- Bobby Click CV (Nonprofit).pdf



Bobby Click

Nonprofit Leader & Sports Executive

Contact Details

[redacted]

Core Skills

- Organizational Strategy and Growth Leadership
- International Governance and Cross-Border Stakeholder Engagement
- Cross-Sector Partnerships (Nonprofit, Corporate, Foundation)
- Business Model Development and Revenue Strategy
- Enterprise Risk Management and Governance
- Regulatory Compliance and Organizational Accountability
- Executive Leadership and Team Development
- Operational Scaling and Systems Implementation
- Stakeholder Engagement and External Relations
- Strategic Communications and Thought Leadership

Professional Profile

Executive leader with more than 15 years of experience across nonprofit, regulatory, and sport organizations, with a focus on Olympic and Paralympic movement governance, athlete-centered systems, organizational growth, and public trust.

Proven record building and scaling national operations, leading multidisciplinary teams of more than 65 professionals, strengthening governance and compliance frameworks, and aligning people, processes, and resources to achieve strategic objectives.

Trusted advisor to boards of directors, CEOs, and executive leadership teams on organizational strategy, board governance, risk management, sport safety, stakeholder engagement, nonprofit operations, and long-term sustainability.

Currently serves as Executive Director of Sport Safety-EM and in an executive leadership role with the International Quadball Association. Previously served as Vice President of Response & Resolution for the U.S. Center for SafeSport, where he helped build and scale one of the largest athlete protection and misconduct response systems in the United States, working closely with national governing bodies, the USOPC, and stakeholders across the Olympic and Paralympic movement.

Executive Leadership Highlights

• Led a national operational division of more than 65 professionals within a highly regulated, high-volume environment involving complex compliance, risk management, stakeholder coordination, and public trust. Oversaw large-scale intake, investigative, and resolution operations supporting thousands of matters annually across a national network of affiliated organizations.

• Extensive experience overseeing enterprise-scale operational systems, strategic planning initiatives, organizational growth efforts, and performance management frameworks. Designed and implemented scalable operational processes, reporting structures, and quality-control systems that improved efficiency, accountability, and organizational responsiveness during periods of rapid growth.

• Trusted advisor to boards of directors, executive leadership teams, regulators, legal counsel, and external stakeholders on matters involving governance, enterprise risk, compliance, organizational strategy, and institutional accountability.

• Proven track record leading mission-driven organizations centered on public trust, accountability, education, prevention, and community impact. Experienced building collaborative, high-performing cultures focused on transparency, stakeholder engagement, operational excellence, and continuous improvement.

• Experienced public speaker and organizational representative regularly engaged with nonprofit leaders, governing bodies, hospitals, universities, community organizations, media representatives, and national and international stakeholders.

• Deep experience across the Olympic and Paralympic movement, including work with national governing bodies, athlete safety systems, governance frameworks, organizational risk, and stakeholder trust.

Career Summary

Nov 2023 – Present **Sport Safety – EM, Denver, Colorado**
Executive Director

Sport Safety is a consulting firm that supports sports organizations and other youth-serving and regulated entities in addressing complex safety, compliance, and misconduct concerns. The firm delivers investigative services, training and education programs, and policy review and development, with a focus on preventing harm, strengthening governance, and promoting accountability across organizational settings.

Key Responsibilities

- Founded and scaled a consulting organization serving national and international clients across the nonprofit, sport, and regulated sectors, delivering services in investigations, compliance, training, and governance.
- Developed and expanded revenue-generating service lines, including advisory engagements, training programs, and policy development, supporting organizational growth and sustainability.
- Built strategic partnerships with national and international governing bodies, nonprofits, and institutional stakeholders.
- Advised executive leadership and boards on governance, enterprise risk, and organizational strategy, supporting decision-making in high-risk and high-visibility environments.
- Led complex organizational response efforts involving significant compliance, operational, and reputational considerations.
- Designed and delivered training and education programs reaching thousands of stakeholders, strengthening organizational accountability and prevention systems.
- Positioned the organization as a trusted partner and thought leader through national presentations, cross-sector collaboration, and repeat client engagements.
- Partner directly with boards of directors and executive leadership to align strategy, governance, and organizational priorities.

May 2019 - Aug 2023 **U.S. Center for SafeSport, Denver, Colorado**
Vice President, Response & Resolution

Led a national operations division responsible for intake, investigation, adjudication support, and resolution across the Olympic and Paralympic movement. Directed a team of 65+ professionals managing thousands of reports annually in a high-risk, high-visibility regulatory environment. Played a key leadership role in scaling the organization's operational capacity, strengthening systems, and supporting the Center's rapid national growth.

Key Responsibilities

- Led and scaled a national division of 65+ staff, overseeing high-volume operations involving complex legal, compliance, and institutional risk.
- Directed the resolution of thousands of matters involving allegations of misconduct, coordinating with law enforcement, outside counsel, and national governing bodies.
- Designed and implemented operational systems governing intake, case management, timelines, and quality control, significantly improving efficiency and scalability.
- Developed performance metrics, reporting frameworks, and management systems to support executive decision-making and organizational accountability.
- Advised executive leadership on enterprise risk, legal exposure, and compliance strategy across a national network of affiliated organizations.
- Played a central role in building and institutionalizing policies and frameworks now used across the U.S. and internationally to safeguard athletes.
- Built and developed high-performing teams, establishing structure, training, and leadership pathways to support sustained organizational growth.
- Contributed to policies and frameworks referenced and applied in international sport and safeguarding contexts.

Aug 2017 - May 2019 **Scott Sullivan Streetman & Fox, Birmingham, Alabama**
Attorney

Managed complex civil litigation matters from initial intake through trial, coordinating case strategy, discovery, expert witness development, and trial preparation. Worked closely with multi-attorney teams and litigation staff to handle high-exposure cases involving institutional liability and allegations of abuse, ensuring effective case management and strategic alignment across the legal team. Conducted depositions, evidentiary hearings, and jury trials in both state and federal courts, and developed litigation strategies that balanced risk management considerations, settlement negotiations, and trial advocacy to achieve favorable outcomes for clients.

Aug 2015 - Aug 2017 **Parkman White, Birmingham, Alabama**
Attorney

Developed and implemented litigation strategies for commercial and individual clients across a range of civil and criminal matters, with particular focus on cases involving allegations of sexual or physical abuse. Managed cases through all phases of litigation, including investigation, discovery, motion practice, and trial preparation, while coordinating with attorneys, investigators, and support staff to ensure effective case progression. Represented clients in municipal, state, and federal courts throughout Alabama, conducting hearings, depositions, and trial proceedings. Handled complex and high-risk matters requiring careful evidentiary analysis, strategic negotiation, and courtroom advocacy.

Nov 2014 - Aug 2015 **Carr Allison, Birmingham, Alabama**
Attorney

Provided expert legal counsel to firm clients on civil matters, specializing in leading mediation and settlement negotiations to achieve favorable outcomes. Represented clients in contested litigation, demonstrating proficiency in drafting motions and pleadings, conducting and responding to discovery, negotiating settlements, and advocating for clients at hearings and trials.

Dec 2011 - Dec 2014 **Tuscaloosa County Public Defender's Office, Tuscaloosa, Alabama**
Assistant Public Defender

Provided legal representation to individuals charged with various criminal offenses, with a notable focus on cases involving sexual offenses, including rape and sexual assault of a child. Engaged in comprehensive litigation, discovery, settlement negotiations, and pre-trial/trial activities for criminal cases ranging from misdemeanors to capital-level offenses. Represented a diverse client portfolio in jury trials, bench trials, hearings, and appeals throughout Tuscaloosa County.

Education

- **Juris Doctor** | University of Alabama School of Law | Graduated cum laude. Served as a masthead member of the Journal of the Legal Profession and received multiple prestigious awards, including membership in the Bench and Bar Legal Honor Society, recognition from the Public Service Institute, and induction into the esteemed Order of the Samaritan.
- **Bachelor of Arts** | University of Alabama

Additional Areas of Expertise

Nonprofit and Organizational Management

Strategic Planning and Organizational Execution: Lead development and execution of strategic initiatives that align organizational priorities, financial resources, and program delivery to achieve mission-driven outcomes. Experienced in assessing organizational needs, identifying growth opportunities, and translating strategic objectives into operational plans that strengthen performance, accountability, and long-term sustainability.

*Fundraising and Partnership Development***:** Experience developing revenue-generating services, cultivating strategic partnerships, supporting sponsorship and grant opportunities, and building mission-aligned relationships with national governing bodies, nonprofits, institutional partners, and sport stakeholders.

Financial Management: Experience supporting financial oversight within mission-driven organizations, including budgeting, forecasting, financial reporting, and responsible stewardship of organizational resources. Contributed to financial planning and operational alignment within an organization managing approximately $14 million in annual program resources. Work collaboratively with executive leadership and boards to support strategic financial decision-making while maintaining compliance with regulatory requirements, grant conditions, and donor expectations.

International Governance and Leadership (International Quadball Association):
Serve as Executive Director of the International Quadball Association, leading governance, strategic planning, and organizational development across a globally distributed membership. Partner with international stakeholders, national federations, and organizational leaders to strengthen governance frameworks, support cross-border collaboration, and guide long-term growth and sustainability. Advise on policy development, compliance, and dispute resolution within a multi-jurisdictional environment, navigating complex regulatory, cultural, and operational considerations.

Speaking and Training

Regularly invited to present to nonprofit leaders, sport governing bodies, universities, and international organizations on topics related to safeguarding, governance, misconduct prevention, and organizational accountability. Delivered more than 100 workshops and trainings designed to help organizations strengthen policies, improve response to allegations, and create safer environments for youth and athletes.

Aurora Youth Commission

Applicant Package - Ward II

Aurora Youth Commission - Ward II

Term 01 Aug 2024 - 31 Jul 2026
Positions Available 7

Number of applicants in this package 1

- Diaz Villegas, Job

Received: 06/25/2026
Ward II Student and Aurora High School
Arapahoe County
Vetted: 06/25/2026
Marcus Bond

Name: Diaz Villegas, Job

Address: [redacted]

Email: [redacted]

Board Name: Aurora Youth Commission

Date of Birth:
[redacted]

Home Phone Number:
[redacted]

Work Phone Number:
[redacted]

How long have you lived in Aurora?:
I was born in Aurora and have lived in the city all my life. I currently attend an APS high school (Vista Peak Preparatory)

Are you registered to vote?:

No

Years of Education Completed:
11 years or so (Entering 26-27 as Sophomore this year)

Degree(s) Received:
None (Yet)

College(s) Attended:
None (Yet)

Employer Name:
None

Employer Address:
N/A

Current Position:
N/A

Years with Current Employer:
N/A

Work Experience:
Employment experience N/A

Certification(s):
No official certifications (yet)

How are you involved in your community?:
I have previously engaged in AYCEA (Aurora Youth Civic Engagement Academy) in its first iteration. I have volunteered at the Hope Starts here Food Bank in Centennial, CO, and completed the DOD (now DOW) Stop the Bleed course, courteously executed by an operative in the Aurora Fire Department.

List your interests and activities.:
Vexillology/Vexillography, Sketching/Drawing (to a lesser degree), History, Foreign Policy assesment, and general sociology-related themes in regards to ideological movements, historical hypocrisy among certain countries, and so on.

Do you presently serve in any other appointed position on a board, commission or committee?:

No

If yes, enter the board name and position:
N/A

Are you currently a member and seeking reappointment on the board you are applying for?:

No

Why do you desire this appointment?:
To engage with the Aurora Municipal Bodies in whatever way and form I reasonably can, in the situation I'm in. As a Hispanic student in APS (VPP incoming sophomore), I haven't had the proper platform to speak to certain issues, ideas, and policies that I am yet to actually know how they impact me and how they can impact my fellow students, friends, teachers, and staff. Integrating myself into this Youth Commission would enable me to not only engage first-hand with some of the premier decision makers that impact and affect our schools, but can also give me the opportunity to share my piece and perspectives on how these policies, ideas, and initiatives affect us, as a student body, a graduating class, and as a community.

How much time do you anticipate being able to spend on this appointment each month?:
As much as needed (Not employed, have free time)

Do you have any conflicts of interest that should be disclosed?:

No

If yes, please explain:
N/A

Reference 1: Full Name, Phone Number and Address:
Elizabeth Gallegos[redacted]

Reference 2: Full Name, Phone Number and Address:
Dr. Robin Waterman [redacted]

Reference 3: Full Name, Phone Number and Address:
Evelyn Montes[redacted]

How did you hear about us?:

Word of Mouth

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Job Diaz Villegas

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Attachments

- report.pdf

Aurora Youth Commission

Applicant Package - Ward IV

Aurora Youth Commission - Ward IV

Term 01 Aug 2026 - 31 Jul 2028
Positions Available 7

Number of applicants in this package 1

- Rai, Misha

Received: 07/01/2026
Ward IV Resident & Aurora Student
Arapahoe County
Vetted: 07/06/2026
Marcus Bond

Name: Rai, Misha

Address: [redacted]

Email: [redacted]

Board Name: Aurora Youth Commission

Date of Birth:
[redacted]

Home Phone Number:
[redacted]

Work Phone Number:
[redacted]

How long have you lived in Aurora?:
10 years

Are you registered to vote?:

No

Years of Education Completed:
13

Degree(s) Received:
N/A

College(s) Attended:
N/A

Employer Name:
City of Aurora

Employer Address:
15151 E. Alameda Parkway, Aurora, CO 80012

Current Position:
Lifeguard

Years with Current Employer:
1.5

Work Experience:
Lifeguard

Certification(s):
CPR

How are you involved in your community?:
Food pantry volunteering, Colfax 5 K Marathon running to donate money to various children's hospitals, and food drives. Volunteering at local events hosted at Cherry Creek High School, feeder schools like our annual school fundraising to the organization Bags of Fun, and events at Cherry Creek Reservoir, such as the Chili Cheeks race.

List your interests and activities.:
Student government, puzzles, baking, painting, music, volunteering

Do you presently serve in any other appointed position on a board, commission or committee?:

Yes

If yes, enter the board name and position:
Aurora Youth Commission, Vice Chairwoman

Are you currently a member and seeking reappointment on the board you are applying for?:

Yes

Why do you desire this appointment?:
I have been inspired and motivated by the work we did on the commission the previous year and wish to continue positively supporting my community through future projects with the City of Aurora. During the past two years, I have been able to foster connections with people from across the city through this commission, while simultaneously developing my own leadership skills through intricate planning and execution of community service events.

How much time do you anticipate being able to spend on this appointment each month?:
5-10 hours

Do you have any conflicts of interest that should be disclosed?:

No

If yes, please explain:
N/A

Reference 1: Full Name, Phone Number and Address:
Chris Win, [redacted]

Reference 2: Full Name, Phone Number and Address:
Kathryn Rothe,[redacted]

Reference 3: Full Name, Phone Number and Address:
Mhari Doyle, [redacted]

How did you hear about us?:

Board Member or Board Staff Liaison;Word of Mouth

By clicking APPLY and submitting this application, I certify that the forgoing information is true and correct:
Misha Rai

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Aurora Youth Commission

Applicant Package - Ward VI

Aurora Youth Commission - Ward VI

Term 01 Aug 2026 - 31 Jul 2028
Positions Available 7

Number of applicants in this package 1

- Zitek, Megan

Received: 07/06/2026
Ward VI Resident and Registered Voter
Arapahoe County
Vetted: 07/07/2026
Marcus Bond

Name: Zitek, Megan

Address: [redacted]

Email: [redacted]

Board Name: Aurora Youth Commission

Date of Birth:
[redacted]

Home Phone Number:
[redacted]

Work Phone Number:
[redacted]

How long have you lived in Aurora?:
13 years

Are you registered to vote?:

Yes

Years of Education Completed:
Masters+

Degree(s) Received:
BA History (Education) MA Curriculum and Instruction Principal Certificate

College(s) Attended:
CSU CU Denver Regis University

Employer Name:
Cherry Creek Schools

Employer Address:
4610 S. Ulster St., Suite 1001, Denver, CO 80237

Current Position:
Assistant Principal

Years with Current Employer:
26

Work Experience:
18 years middle school teacher (reading and social studies) 2 years Coordinator of Student Achievement (middle school) 5 years Assistant Principal (middle and elementary school)

Certification(s):
Teacher License Principal License

How are you involved in your community?:
I have worked extensively within my school communities by partnering with families and students for 26 years.

List your interests and activities.:
Hiking, biking, canoeing, camping, strength training, DIY, gardening, reading, attending local events.

Do you presently serve in any other appointed position on a board, commission or committee?:

No

If yes, enter the board name and position:
N/A

Are you currently a member and seeking reappointment on the board you are applying for?:

No

Why do you desire this appointment?:
As my children are now out of the house, I would like to join the youth commission to stay connected and support them. I have wanted to do some local work and thought that with my extensive work in education, this commission specifically would be something that I could support. I believe it is imperative that we listen to youth voice when determining what activities should be available. I would love to have this opportunity to serve my community.

How much time do you anticipate being able to spend on this appointment each month?:
Since this would be new for me, I am unsure of the time commitment. However, I do have a lot of time available.

Do you have any conflicts of interest that should be disclosed?:

No

If yes, please explain:
N/A

Reference 1: Full Name, Phone Number and Address:
Nancy Lopez-Williams [redacted]

Reference 2: Full Name, Phone Number and Address:
Dee Hallman[redacted]

Reference 3: Full Name, Phone Number and Address:
Brad Weinhold[redacted]

How did you hear about us?:

Other

By clicking APPLY and submitting this application, I certify that the forgoing information is true and correct:
Megan Elizabeth Zitek

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CITY OF AURORA
Council Agenda Commentary

Item Title: Consideration to Reappoint One (1) Member to the Board of Adjustment and Appeals
Item Initiator: Cecilia Zapata, Deputy City Clerk
Staff Source/Legal Source: Cecilia Zapata, Deputy City Clerk / Andrea Wood, Assistant City Attorney
Outside Speaker: N/A
Strategic Outcome: Connected and Engaged: Providing programming, learning resources, and amenities that reflect the rich history and contributions of our vibrant communities.

COUNCIL MEETING DATES:

Study Session: 7/27/2026

Regular Meeting: 8/10/2026

2nd Regular Meeting (if applicable): N/A

Item requires a Public Hearing: ☐ Yes ☒ No

ITEM DETAILS *(Click in highlighted area below bullet point list to enter applicable information.)*

- Waiver of reconsideration requested, and if so, why
- Sponsor name
- Staff source name and title / Legal source name and title
- Outside speaker name and organization
- Estimated time: (For Study Session items only indicate combined time needed for presentation and discussion)

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

ACTIONS(S) PROPOSED *(Check all appropriate actions)*

☐ Approve Item and Move Forward to Study Session

☒ Approve Item and Move Forward to Regular Meeting

☐ Information Only

☐ Approve Item with Waiver of Reconsideration
Reason for waiver is described in the Item Details field above.

☐ Approve Item as Proposed at Policy Committee

☐ Approve Item as Proposed at Study Session

☐ Approve Item as Proposed at Regular Meeting

PREVIOUS ACTIONS OR REVIEWS:

Policy Committee Name: N/A

Policy Committee Date: N/A

Action Taken/Follow-up: ***(Check all that apply)***

☐ Recommends Approval ☐ Does Not Recommend Approval

☐ Forwarded Without Recommendation ☐ Minutes Not Available

☐ Minutes Attached

HISTORY *(Dates reviewed by City council, Policy Committees, Boards and Commissions, or Staff. Summarize pertinent comments. ATTACH MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS, POLICY COMMITTEES AND BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.)*

The purpose of the Board of Adjustment and Appeals (BOAA) is to review and rule on applications for variances and waivers from the zoning provisions within the City Code. The Board of Adjustment and Appeals is granted its powers in Section146-5.1.3 B of the City Code. (The Unified Development Ordinance). The Board has the power to consider and to grant hardship variances and single-family dwelling variances, and to hear appeals of the director's decision on administrative adjustments. Additionally, it has the power to hear and grant variances regarding matters arising from enforcement of provisions of Article XV of Chapter 22, Chapter 90 and Chapter 146 of the Aurora City Code.

The Board of Adjustment and Appeals consists of seven (7) members appointed by city council. The term length is three (3) years and members may serve up to three (3) terms. All eligible applications received within the last year are forwarded to the Board to be considered for interviews.

ITEM SUMMARY *(Brief description of item, discussion, key points, recommendations, etc.)*

The Board of Adjustment and Appeals currently has one (1) vacancy and three (3) upcoming vacancies. The Commission received 2 applications and an interview was conducted on June 16, 2026.

Among the applicants were:
Bernadette Fleming
Karalynn Michaels

The Board of Adjustment and Appeals respectfully recommends the reappointment of the following candidate:

Bernadette Fleming – 2nd term beginning 9/1/2026 and ending on 8/31/2029

FISCAL IMPACT

Select all that apply. (If no fiscal impact, click that box and skip to "Questions for Council")

☐ Revenue Impact ☐ Budgeted Expenditure Impact ☐ Non-Budgeted Expenditure Impact
☐ Workload Impact ☒ No Fiscal Impact

REVENUE IMPACT
Provide the revenue impact or N/A if no impact. (What is the estimated impact on revenue? What funds would be impacted? Provide additional detail as necessary.)

N/A

BUDGETED EXPENDITURE IMPACT
Provide the budgeted expenditure impact or N/A if no impact. (List Org/Account # and fund. What is the amount of budget to be used? Does this shift existing budget away from existing programs/services? Provide additional detail as necessary.)

N/A

NON-BUDGETED EXPENDITURE IMPACT
Provide the non-budgeted expenditure impact or N/A if no impact. (Provide information on non-budgeted costs. Include Personal Services, Supplies and Services, Interfund Charges, and Capital needs. Provide additional detail as necessary.)

N/A

WORKLOAD IMPACT

Provide the workload impact or N/A if no impact. (Will more staff be needed or is the change absorbable? If new FTE(s) are needed, provide numbers and types of positions, and a duty summary. Provide additional detail as necessary.)

N/A

QUESTIONS FOR COUNCIL

Does Council wish to reappoint Bernadette Fleming to the Board of Adjustment and Appeals?

LEGAL COMMENTS

All boards and commissions shall be appointed by City Council. (City Charter, art III, sec. 3-11 and art. IX, sec. 9-1) Pursuant to UDO § 146-5-1-1-A-1 City Council shall appoint seven members to the BOAA. The members must be registered electors and residents of the City for at least one year immediately preceding the date of their appointment and shall not hold office or position in the City administration. (City Code § 106-91 and UDO § 146-5.1.3.A.2) Each member serves a three-year term, and members may only serve three consecutive terms. (City Code § 2-772 and UDO § 146-5.1.3.A.5) (Wood)

MEMORANDUM

City of Aurora

AuroraGov.org

To: Mayor Coffman and Members of City Council

From: Andris Berzins, Chair, Board of Adjustment and Appeals

Through: Jeannine Rustad, Director, Planning and Business Development

Date: June 16, 2026

Subject: Consideration to Reappoint a Member to the Board of Adjustment Appeals

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Board or Commission Name: Board of Adjustment and Appeals

Number of Vacancies: 1

Interview Information

Date of Interviews: June 16, 2026

Applicant Names: Bernadette Fleming, Karalynn Michaels

Applicants Interviewed: Bernadette Fleming

Summary

Summary of suggested appointment(s):

Bernadette Fleming, Ward III - The Board of Adjustment and Appeals supports the reappointment of Bernadette Fleming as a board member. Fleming has been an active and engaged member of the Board of Adjustment and Appeals since March 24, 2025.

Recommendation

The Board of Adjustment and Appeals strongly supports the appointment of Bernadette Fleming as a member on the Board of Adjustment and Appeals to serve the term beginning 9/1/2026 and ending on 8/31/2029.

Board Of Adjustment And Appeals

Applicant Package - Ward III

Board Of Adjustment And Appeals - Ward III

Term 01 Sep 2025 - 31 Aug 2028
Positions Available 4

Number of applicants in this package 1

- Fleming, Bernadette

Received: 5/15/2026
Ward III Resident and Registered Voter
Arapahoe County
Vetted: 5/18/2026

Marcus Bond

Name: Fleming, Bernadette

Address: [redacted]

Email: [redacted]

Board Name: Board of Adjustment and Appeals

Date of Birth:
[redacted]

Home Phone Number:
[redacted]

Work Phone Number:
[redacted]

How long have you lived in Aurora?:
30 years

Are you registered to vote?:

Yes

Years of Education Completed:
college

Degree(s) Received:
BS Accounting

College(s) Attended:
WGU

Employer Name:
NewRez

Employer Address:
6200 S. Quebec St Greenwood Village, CO 80111

Current Position:
Supervisor

Years with Current Employer:
2

Work Experience:
management, customer service

Certification(s):
n/a

How are you involved in your community?:
I am involved. I volunteer regularly at two skilled nursing facilities. I am the treasurer of First Village East HOA, and involved in SVDP at my church.

List your interests and activities.:
n/a

Do you presently serve in any other appointed position on a board, commission or committee?:

Yes

If yes, enter the board name and position:

Currently on the board of adjustment and appeals

Are you currently a member and seeking reappointment on the board you are applying for?:

Yes

Why do you desire this appointment?:
Have served on this board and find its a good way to learn about city code and it fits into my schedule since the meeting can also be done remotely.

How much time do you anticipate being able to spend on this appointment each month?:
3

Do you have any conflicts of interest that should be disclosed?:

No

If yes, please explain:
n/a

Reference 1: Full Name, Phone Number and Address:
Shamsi Rategh[redacted]

Reference 2: Full Name, Phone Number and Address:
Marjorie McCarty [redacted]

Reference 3: Full Name, Phone Number and Address:
Lourdes Nixon [redacted]

How did you hear about us?:

Other

By clicking APPLY and submitting this application, I certify that the forgoing information is true and correct:
Bernadette Fleming

Time of Submission: 05/15/26 4:52:23 PM

Board Of Adjustment And Appeals

Applicant Package - Ward III

Board Of Adjustment And Appeals - Ward III

Term 01 Sep 2025 - 31 Aug 2028
Positions Available 4

Number of applicants in this package 1

- michaels, Karalynn

Received: 06/17/2026
Ward III Resident and Registered Voter
Arapahoe County
Vetted: 06/17/2026
Marcus Bond

Name: michaels, Karalynn

Address: [redacted]

Email: [redacted]

Board Name: Board of Adjustment and Appeals

Date of Birth:
[redacted]

Home Phone Number:
[redacted]

Work Phone Number:
[redacted]

How long have you lived in Aurora?:
My whole life

Are you registered to vote?:

Yes

Years of Education Completed:
All

Degree(s) Received:
business management, and medical office skills

College(s) Attended:
Pickens technical college

Employer Name:
Dollar tree stores

Employer Address:
13686 E. Alameda Avenue, Unit A, Aurora, CO 80012

Current Position:
cashier, sales floor

Years with Current Employer:
2

Work Experience:
stocking, cashier

Certification(s):
businesses management, outward bound

How are you involved in your community?:
very involved

List your interests and activities.:
basketball, swimming, public library, homeless outreach

Do you presently serve in any other appointed position on a board, commission or committee?:

No

If yes, enter the board name and position:
n/a

Are you currently a member and seeking reappointment on the board you are applying for?:

No

Why do you desire this appointment?:
very interested in the city's public interest, and speaking up for what i'm very passionate about

How much time do you anticipate being able to spend on this appointment each month?:
as much as it takes

Do you have any conflicts of interest that should be disclosed?:

No

If yes, please explain:
n/a

Reference 1: Full Name, Phone Number and Address:
manager for dollar tree- [redacted]

Reference 2: Full Name, Phone Number and Address:
Robert holder-[redacted]

Reference 3: Full Name, Phone Number and Address:
[redacted]

How did you hear about us?:

Other

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Karalynn michaels

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CITY OF AURORA
Council Agenda Commentary

Item Title: Consideration to Appoint One (1) Member to the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Advisory Board
Item Initiator: Cecilia Zapata, Deputy City Clerk
Staff Source/Legal Source: Cecilia Zapata, Deputy City Clerk / Andrea Wood, Assistant City Attorney
Outside Speaker: N/A
Strategic Outcome: Connected and Engaged: Providing programming, learning resources, and amenities that reflect the rich history and contributions of our vibrant communities.

COUNCIL MEETING DATES:

Study Session: 7/27/2026

Regular Meeting: 8/10/2026

2nd Regular Meeting (if applicable): N/A

Item requires a Public Hearing: ☐ Yes ☒ No

ITEM DETAILS *(Click in highlighted area below bullet point list to enter applicable information.)*

- Waiver of reconsideration requested, and if so, why
- Sponsor name
- Staff source name and title / Legal source name and title
- Outside speaker name and organization
- Estimated time: (For Study Session items only indicate combined time needed for presentation and discussion)

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

ACTIONS(S) PROPOSED *(Check all appropriate actions)*

☐ Approve Item and Move Forward to Study Session

☒ Approve Item and Move Forward to Regular Meeting

☐ Information Only

☐ Approve Item with Waiver of Reconsideration
Reason for waiver is described in the Item Details field above.

☐ Approve Item as Proposed at Policy Committee

☐ Approve Item as Proposed at Study Session

☐ Approve Item as Proposed at Regular Meeting

PREVIOUS ACTIONS OR REVIEWS:

Policy Committee Name: N/A

Policy Committee Date: N/A

Action Taken/Follow-up: ***(Check all that apply)***

☐ Recommends Approval ☐ Does Not Recommend Approval

☐ Forwarded Without Recommendation ☐ Minutes Not Available

☐ Minutes Attached

HISTORY *(Dates reviewed by City council, Policy Committees, Boards and Commissions, or Staff. Summarize pertinent comments. ATTACH MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS, POLICY COMMITTEES AND BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.)*

The purpose of the Parks, Recreation, Open Space Advisory Board shall include, but is not limited to:

- Advise the City Council on such matters as shall pertain to the planning, regulation, maintenance, repair, and operation of City-owned and controlled golf courses and the play thereon.

- Serve as advocates for open space within the City; advise the City Council on matters pertaining to open space; recommend criteria for lands appropriate for open space consideration and recommend appropriate properties; build awareness in the community for the open space concept.

- Advise the Council upon such matters as shall pertain to the planning or regulation of City-owned and controlled parks, open space, golf courses, recreational areas, and facilities and recreational programs, both within and without the corporate bounds of the City.

The Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Advisory Board consists of fifteen (15) members appointed by City Council. The term length is three (3) years and members may serve up to three (3) consecutive terms. All eligible applications received within the last year are forwarded to the Board to be considered for interviews.

ITEM SUMMARY *(Brief description of item, discussion, key points, recommendations, etc.)*

The Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Advisory Board currently has one (1) vacancy. The Board received one (1) application and an interview was conducted on May 11, 2026.

The applicant was:
Sarah Henning

After conducting the interview, the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Advisory Board respectfully recommends the appointment of the following candidate:

Sarah Henning: 1st term beginning 1/1/2026 and ending on 12/31/2027

FISCAL IMPACT

Select all that apply. (If no fiscal impact, click that box and skip to "Questions for Council")

☐ Revenue Impact ☐ Budgeted Expenditure Impact ☐ Non-Budgeted Expenditure Impact
☐ Workload Impact ☒ No Fiscal Impact

REVENUE IMPACT
Provide the revenue impact or N/A if no impact. (What is the estimated impact on revenue? What funds would be impacted? Provide additional detail as necessary.)

N/A

BUDGETED EXPENDITURE IMPACT
Provide the budgeted expenditure impact or N/A if no impact. (List Org/Account # and fund. What is the amount of budget to be used? Does this shift existing budget away from existing programs/services? Provide additional detail as necessary.)

N/A

NON-BUDGETED EXPENDITURE IMPACT

Provide the non-budgeted expenditure impact or N/A if no impact. (Provide information on non-budgeted costs. Include Personal Services, Supplies and Services, Interfund Charges, and Capital needs. Provide additional detail as necessary.)

N/A

WORKLOAD IMPACT

Provide the workload impact or N/A if no impact. (Will more staff be needed or is the change absorbable? If new FTE(s) are needed, provide numbers and types of positions, and a duty summary. Provide additional detail as necessary.)

N/A

QUESTIONS FOR COUNCIL

Does council wish to appoint Sarah Henning to the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Advisory Board?

LEGAL COMMENTS

When a vacancy exists in the membership of a City board, commission, committee or authority, City Council shall appoint a member in accordance with the provisions of the City Council's current resolution regarding appointments to boards and commissions. All vacancies shall be filled within thirty days of the effective date of the vacancy or as expeditiously as possible thereafter. (City Code § 2-770) (Wood)

MEMORANDUM

City of Aurora

AuroraGov.org

To: Mayor Coffman and Members of City Council

From: Dennis Roy, Chair, Parks, Recreation & Open Space Advisory Board

Through: Brian Green, Director of Parks, Recreation & Open Space Department &
Cecilia Zapata, Deputy City Clerk

Date: June 19, 2026

Subject: New Appointments to the Parks Recreation & Open Space Advisory Board

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Board or Commission Name: Parks, Recreation & Open Space Advisory Board

Number of Vacancies: 1

Interview Information

Date of Interview(s): May 11, 2026

Applicant Name(s): Sarah Henning

Applicants Interviewed: Sarah Henning

Recommendation

Suggested Appointment(s):

Summary:

Sarah Henning – Ward IV – Sarah Henning is seeking appointment to the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Advisory Board and brings a strong record of community involvement, including volunteer work with homeless and low-income families. Professionally, she has a background in accounting, financial administration, and operations management, with experience in accounts payable/receivable, budgeting, inventory management, and compliance oversight. During an interview and in her application, she expressed a strong commitment to serving the City of Aurora, noting her flexible schedule and willingness to dedicate the time necessary to effectively fulfill the responsibilities of the board.

The Parks, Recreation and Open Space Advisory Board respectfully recommends that Sarah Henning be appointed to the Parks Recreation & Open Space Advisory Board.

Parks, Recreation, And Open Space Advisory Board

Applicant Package - Ward IV

Parks, Recreation, And Open Space Advisory Board - Ward IV

Term 01 Jan 2026 - 31 Dec 2028

Positions Available 1

Number of applicants in this package 1

- Henning, Sarah

Received: 2/26/2026
Ward IV Resident and Not a Registered Voter
Arapahoe County
Vetted: 2/27/2026

Marcus Bond

Name: Henning, Sarah

Address: [redacted]

Email: [redacted]

Board Name: Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Advisory Board

Date of Birth:
[redacted]

Home Phone Number:
[redacted]

Work Phone Number:
[redacted]

How long have you lived in Aurora?:
2 years

Are you registered to vote?:

Yes

Years of Education Completed:
14

Degree(s) Received:
REC 33 Real Estate, Associates in Accounting

College(s) Attended:
Colorado Real Estate College, University of Northern Texas

Employer Name:
Self employed

Employer Address:
11295 E. Baltic Place, Aurora, CO 80014

Current Position:
Promotions and Self Care Awareness

Years with Current Employer:
4

Work Experience:
Accounting- Accounts Payable and Receivable, Full Cycle Accounting, Legal Aide

Certification(s):
REC 33, Accounting Certificate

How are you involved in your community?:
I volunteer with the homeless and low-income families, I also participate in my local church and help where needed there as well.

List your interests and activities.:
Sports, outdoors and anything Colorado! Born and raised, I love my state and have lived in many different cities and areas within Colorado.

Do you presently serve in any other appointed position on a board, commission or committee?:

No

If yes, enter the board name and position:
na

Are you currently a member and seeking reappointment on the board you are applying for?:

No

Why do you desire this appointment?:
I formerly served on the Economic Development Commission in the the city of Golden and absolutely loved representing where I grew up and lived. I am now a proud citizen of Aurora and would love the opportunity to serve the city the same way I did in Golden.

How much time do you anticipate being able to spend on this appointment each month?:
As mush as needed. I have a pretty open schedule and this will take president over other things that may come my way.

Do you have any conflicts of interest that should be disclosed?:

No

If yes, please explain:
na

Reference 1: Full Name, Phone Number and Address:
Nicholas Garner [redacted]

Reference 2: Full Name, Phone Number and Address:
Lauren Gardella [redacted]

Reference 3: Full Name, Phone Number and Address:
Marci Garlock [redacted]

How did you hear about us?:

Other

By clicking APPLY and submitting this application, I certify that the forgoing information is true and correct:
Sarah Kathleen Henning

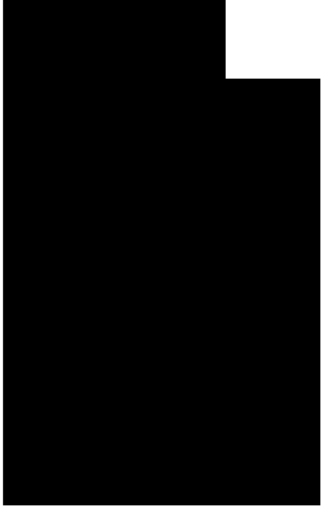
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Attachments

- Sarah Henning Resume 01.09.26.pdf

Sarah Henning

Detail-oriented financial professional with over 4 years of dedicated experience in Accounts Payable and Receivable, complemented by recent leadership as a Kitchen Manager. I am an expert in invoice processing, three-way matching, and account reconciliation. My skills are backed by my proven ability to manage high-volume data entry with extreme accuracy while overseeing complex inventory and vendor ordering systems



Jefferson County Public Schools — *Kitchen Manager* 2022 - 2024

Oversaw daily cafeteria operations, managing staff, food prep (cooking, baking), inventory, ordering, and ensuring compliance with health/safety standards (like ServSafe), all while promoting positive school community relations and supporting student nutrition goals, with responsibilities including staff training

- **Inventory & Procurement**: Managed weekly food and supply procurement, maintaining precise inventory levels to minimize waste and ensure 100% stock availability.
- **Invoice Verification**: Performed regular audits of vendor deliveries, matching physical shipments to digital invoices to ensure billing accuracy.
- **Budget Compliance**: Monitored food costs and labor hours to meet strict district business requirements and fiscal targets.
- **Data Integrity**: Maintained accurate digital records for daily meal counts, production sheets, and inventory logs in accordance with state and federal regulations

Colorado & Denver Bar Associations — *AR / AP Clerk* 2016 - 2018

Managed the company's money flow by handling incoming customer payments (Accounts Receivable - AR) and outgoing vendor bills (Accounts Payable - AP), involving invoice processing, data entry, payment runs, account reconciliation, resolving discrepancies, and maintaining financial records, all while ensuring accuracy and compliance with financial policies, requiring strong attention to detail and organizational skills

- **Invoice Processing**: Processed high volumes of vendor invoices (AP) and customer payments (AR).
- **Discrepancy Resolution**: Expertly resolved billing issues by reconciling vendor statements against the General Ledger, safeguarding data accuracy.
- **Compliance**: Maintained rigorous financial records and documentation, ensuring audit readiness and adherence to internal control policies.
- **Data Entry**: Utilized 10-key numeric skills for rapid and accurate data entry, supporting timely financial reporting

Clinica Family Medicine — *AP Data Entry Specialist* 2013 - 2015

Accurately processed financial transactions, mainly vendor invoices, by entering data into accounting systems, verifying details against purchase orders, resolving discrepancies, and ensuring proper approvals.

- **Three-Way Matching**: Verified invoice details against purchase orders (POs) and receiving documents to ensure **100% accuracy** and proper approvals.
- **Month-End Support**: Supported month-end close activities by ensuring all entries were processed and records organized for **audit readiness**.
- **Discrepancy Resolution**: Proactively resolved vendor discrepancies.

High Volume Data Entry

General Ledger

Reconciliation

Bank & IRS Audits

Tax Filings

AR & AP

Month End Close

Cash Receipts

Vendor Profile Maintenance

Inventory Management

Records Management

CITY OF AURORA
Council Agenda Commentary

Item Title: Aurora Regional Navigation Campus (Resolution)
Item Initiator: Gianina Horton, Council Member
Staff Source/Legal Source: Stephanie Keiper, Manager of Homelessness and Behavioral Health, Housing and Community Services / Andrea Wood, Assistant City Attorney
Outside Speaker: N/A
Strategic Outcome: Well-Managed: High performing organization, committed to great customer service, innovation, continuous improvement, fiscal stewardship, and maintaining critical infrastructure.

COUNCIL MEETING DATES:

Study Session: 7/27/2026

Regular Meeting: 8/10/2026

2nd Regular Meeting (if applicable): N/A

Item requires a Public Hearing: ☐ Yes ☒ No

ITEM DETAILS *(Click in highlighted area below bullet point list to enter applicable information.)*

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- Sponsor name
- Staff source name and title / Legal source name and title
- Outside speaker name and organization
- Estimated time: (For Study Session items only indicate combined time needed for presentation and discussion)

Sponsor: Gianina Horton, Council Member
Stephanie Keiper, Manager of Homelessness and Behavioral Health, Housing and Community Services / Andrea Wood, Assistant City Attorney
Estimated time: 20 mins

ACTIONS(S) PROPOSED *(Check all appropriate actions)*

☐ Approve Item and Move Forward to Study Session

☒ Approve Item and Move Forward to Regular Meeting

☐ Information Only

☐ Approve Item with Waiver of Reconsideration
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☐ Approve Item as Proposed at Policy Committee

☐ Approve Item as Proposed at Study Session

☐ Approve Item as Proposed at Regular Meeting

PREVIOUS ACTIONS OR REVIEWS:

Policy Committee Name: Housing, Neighborhood Services & Redevelopment

Policy Committee Date: 6/17/2026

Action Taken/Follow-up: ***(Check all that apply)***

☒ Recommends Approval ☐ Does Not Recommend Approval

☐ Forwarded Without Recommendation ☐ Minutes Not Available

☐ Minutes Attached

HISTORY *(Dates reviewed by City council, Policy Committees, Boards and Commissions, or Staff. Summarize pertinent comments. ATTACH MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS, POLICY COMMITTEES AND BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.)*

The city purchased the Aurora Regional Navigation Campus (ARNC) in 2024 and began renovations in 2025. The ARNC opened in November of 2025. The ARNC is owned by the City of Aurora and operated by Advance Pathways. Advance Pathways was selected as the operator of the campus to run all day to day operations of the facility.

ITEM SUMMARY *(Brief description of item, discussion, key points, recommendations, etc.)*

Council Member Horton has initiated a discussion regarding a resolution for the expectations for Advance Pathways as it operates the Aurora Regional Navigation Center. The purpose of this Resolution is to establish performance metrics, accountability standards, and reporting expectations for the ARNC to ensure measurable progress toward successful guest outcomes and responsible program administration. These expectations fall into several categories including but not limited to intake and case management, staff and training, reporting, and financial accountability. Those expectations are reflected in the attached proposed resolution.

FISCAL IMPACT

Select all that apply. (If no fiscal impact, click that box and skip to "Questions for Council")

☐ Revenue Impact ☐ Budgeted Expenditure Impact ☐ Non-Budgeted Expenditure Impact
☐ Workload Impact ☒ No Fiscal Impact

REVENUE IMPACT
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N/A

BUDGETED EXPENDITURE IMPACT
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N/A

NON-BUDGETED EXPENDITURE IMPACT
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N/A

WORKLOAD IMPACT
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N/A

QUESTIONS FOR COUNCIL

Does Council approve the item to move forward to City Council meeting?

LEGAL COMMENTS

City Council shall act only by ordinance, resolution or motion. All legislative enactments must be in the form of an ordinance; all actions, except as herein provided, may be in the form of resolutions or motions. (Article 5-1 Aurora City Charter). A resolution may be used for a statement of policy or other matters which are not required to be adopted by ordinance as long as it doesn't include international issues or concerns (Section F, Paragraph 2, Rules of Order and Procedure for the Aurora City Council). (Wood)

RESOLUTION NO. R2026- ____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, ESTABLISHING ACCOUNTABILITY METRICS AND PERFORMANCE EXPECTATIONS FOR THE AURORA REGIONAL NAVIGATION CAMPUS

WHEREAS, the City of Aurora has invested in the Aurora Regional Navigation Campus (ARNC) to provide shelter, stabilization, and pathways to permanent housing; and

WHEREAS, the City Council seeks to ensure that ARNC operations are effective, accountable, and aligned with best practices in sheltering, case management, and housing navigation; and

WHEREAS, clear performance metrics, reporting requirements, and operational expectations are necessary to evaluate outcomes and ensure continuous improvement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, THAT:

Section 1. **Purpose**

The purpose of this Resolution is to establish performance metrics, accountability standards, and reporting expectations for the ARNC to ensure measurable progress toward successful resident outcomes and responsible program administration.

Section 2. **Intake, Case Management, and Referral Standards**

The ARNC operator shall:

a. Maintain the capacity to provide case management (including navigation services, and employment programming) or, if such capacity is limited, maintain formalized and direct partnerships with external providers capable of delivering such services, including those administering housing voucher programs. Case management includes but is not limited to assisting with housing, navigation to community resources, workforce development, and substance/mental health coaching services.

b. Demonstrate that partnerships are institutionally embedded, documented, and operationally reliable.

c. Maintain active coordination with street outreach providers, including City teams

d. Facilitate access to community resources, natural supports, and on-site service providers.

e. Coordinate with city staff to provide the following data.

Track and report:

- The number of residents enrolled to Metro Denver Coordinated Entry System (OneHome);
- The number of residents that are in the community queue, priority queue, and how many residents are matched as defined in the OneHome system.

Section 3. **On-Site Programming and Services**

The ARNC operator shall provide and maintain:

a. A minimum number of medical respite beds for homeless adults, staffed and paid for by qualified providers, with the intent of designating fifteen (15) to twenty (20) by July 1, 2027.

b. Operator will provide a recommendation for how to operate bridge housing for households with accepted matches to permanent housing placements by July 1, 2027.

Track and report:

a. Provide, quarterly the number and percentage of clients engaged in case management, navigation services, and employment services. Case management notes shall be captured in the HMIS system.

b. Provide quarterly, a list, number, and type of partnerships with housing and service providers, including Aurora@Home, the Metro Denver Continuum of Care lead agency (Metro Denver Homeless Initiative), and other relevant entities.

c. Provide quarterly, a list, number, type of service and frequency of on-site service delivery through community partners to reduce barriers to access and avoid duplication of services.

Section 4. **Staffing and Training Requirements**

The ARNC operator shall:

a. Ensure all staff complete training in:
   - Conflict resolution
   - Crisis prevention and de-escalation
   - Trauma-informed care
   - Additional training as needed

b. Maintain a harm-reduction approach to service delivery in Tiers 1 and 2 which includes conversations about substance use disorder recovery, disease prevention, and the consequences of risky behaviors. Tier 3 will be an abstinence-based phase.

c. Establish and maintain training schedules for new and existing staff consistent with operator agreements

d. Provide working conditions that promote staff retention, engagement, and professional development

Section 5. **Safety and Operational Protocols**

The ARNC operator shall:

a. Track and document guest complaints, including repeated concerns and corrective actions.

b. Maintain clearly defined and accessible safety protocols, including procedures for illness outbreaks.

Section 6. **Performance Evaluation and Data Reporting**

The ARNC operator shall:

a. Ensure appropriate program staff are trained in the use of HMIS

Track and report:

a. Provide performance metrics including:
   - Case management ratios (target of 1:30 for emergency shelter and 1:15 for transitional housing).
   - Navigation services ratios

b. The metrics listed in this section and in those listed above should be analyzed on a quarterly basis and recommendations should be provided to the HoRNs committee to demonstrate continuous quality improvement strategies.

Section 7. **Community Engagement and Good Neighbor Practices**

The ARNC operator shall:

a. Track and respond to community complaints consistent with any Good Neighbor Agreement.

b. Establish or maintain a governing board consistent with the operator agreement. The city asks the board to consider providing the public 48-hour notice of meetings and board minutes when requested.

c. Seek regular feedback from shelter residents, as well as neighborhood and business stakeholders.

d. Participate in a co-leadership role on the Good Neighbor Advisory Committee.

e. In coordination with the City & County of Denver and City of Aurora staff, provide active outreach in reasonable surrounding areas, including the ARNC perimeter and 40th Street corridor to mitigate any impacts of unhoused individuals to the surrounding community.

Section 8. **Financial Accountability and Reporting**

The ARNC operator shall:

a. Comply with all financial requirements in the operator agreement.

b. Provide quarterly financial summaries, including expenditure by category.

c. Provide advance notice (no less than two months when feasible in emergent situations) to the City if any requirement is anticipated not to be met, including corrective action plans.

d. Provide an annual auditable financial report detailing revenues, expenditures, account balances, and program sustainability.

Section 9. **Implementation and Reporting Timeline**

As the City provides a functional facility that meets health and safety standards to support offering the intended services, the ARNC operator shall:

a. Demonstrate quarterly progress toward the standards set forth in this Resolution.

b. Provide a comprehensive update to the City Council six (6) months following adoption of this Resolution.

c. Provide ongoing updates at regular intervals as requested by the City.

Section 10. All resolutions or parts of resolutions of the City in conflict herewith are hereby rescinded.

RESOLVED AND PASSED this _____ day of _____, 2026.

_____
MIKE COFFMAN, Mayor

ATTEST:

_____
KADEE RODRIGUEZ, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

PETER A. SCHULTE, CITY ATTORNEY

By: Andrea Wood
ANDREA WOOD, Assistant City Attorney

CITY OF AURORA
Council Agenda Commentary

Item Title: Naming Recommendation for the Community Park Surrounding Central Recreation Center (Resolution)
Item Initiator: Nicole Ankeney, Manager of Planning, Design and Construction, Parks, Recreation, and Open Space
Staff Source/Legal Source: Scott Hammons, Planner, Parks, Recreation, and Open Space / Britt Wirth, Assistant City Attorney
Outside Speaker: N/A
Strategic Outcome: Healthy: Connecting natural and built environments with multimodal networks, ensuring access to parks and recreation, and preserving sustainable water supplies.

COUNCIL MEETING DATES:

Study Session: 7/27/2026

Regular Meeting: 8/10/2026

2nd Regular Meeting (if applicable): N/A

Item requires a Public Hearing: ☐ Yes ☒ No

ITEM DETAILS *(Click in highlighted area below bullet point list to enter applicable information.)*

- Waiver of reconsideration requested, and if so, why
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- Staff source name and title / Legal source name and title
- Outside speaker name and organization
- Estimated time: (For Study Session items only indicate combined time needed for presentation and discussion)

Scott Hammons, Planner, Parks, Recreation, and Open Space / Britt Wirth, Assistant City Attorney
Estimated time: 5 mins

ACTIONS(S) PROPOSED *(Check all appropriate actions)*

☐ Approve Item and Move Forward to Study Session

☒ Approve Item and Move Forward to Regular Meeting

☐ Information Only

☐ Approve Item with Waiver of Reconsideration
Reason for waiver is described in the Item Details field above.

☐ Approve Item as Proposed at Policy Committee

☐ Approve Item as Proposed at Study Session

☐ Approve Item as Proposed at Regular Meeting

PREVIOUS ACTIONS OR REVIEWS:

Policy Committee Name: Parks, Foundations & Quality of Life

Policy Committee Date: 6/26/2026

Action Taken/Follow-up: ***(Check all that apply)***

☒ Recommends Approval

☐ Does Not Recommend Approval

☐ Forwarded Without Recommendation

☐ Minutes Not Available

☒ Minutes Attached

HISTORY *(Dates reviewed by City council, Policy Committees, Boards and Commissions, or Staff. Summarize pertinent comments. ATTACH MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS, POLICY COMMITTEES AND BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.)*

Scott Hammons, PROS Planner, presented a proposed park name for a community park surrounding the central rec center to the Parks, Recreation & Open Space Advisory Board on May 20, 2026. The Board unanimously approved forwarding the proposed name to the City Manager's Office for City Council's consideration.

ITEM SUMMARY *(Brief description of item, discussion, key points, recommendations, etc.)*

PROS will be constructing a community park on the property surrounding the Central Recreation Center. Because this park is city-owned, it must be officially named. Resolution No. R93-37 sets forth a policy and procedure for naming city-owned parks. A park name may be submitted by a city board or commission, through the City Manager's Office to City Council for approval. PROS has coordinated with the developer regarding potential park names. Agreement was reached to forward the name Sasquatch for consideration by the Parks, Recreation & Open Space Advisory Board. The name Sasquatch Park is named after the legendary Bigfoot creature from mountain folklore, inspiring kids to explore nature, use their imagination and have fun outdoors.The Parks & Recreation Advisory Board approved submitting the name Sasquatch Park through the City Manager's office for final consideration by City Council.

FISCAL IMPACT

Select all that apply. (If no fiscal impact, click that box and skip to "Questions for Council")

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REVENUE IMPACT
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WORKLOAD IMPACT
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QUESTIONS FOR COUNCIL

Does City Council wish to consider Sasquatch Park as the name for the community park surrounding the Central Recreation Center moving the item to regular session?

LEGAL COMMENTS

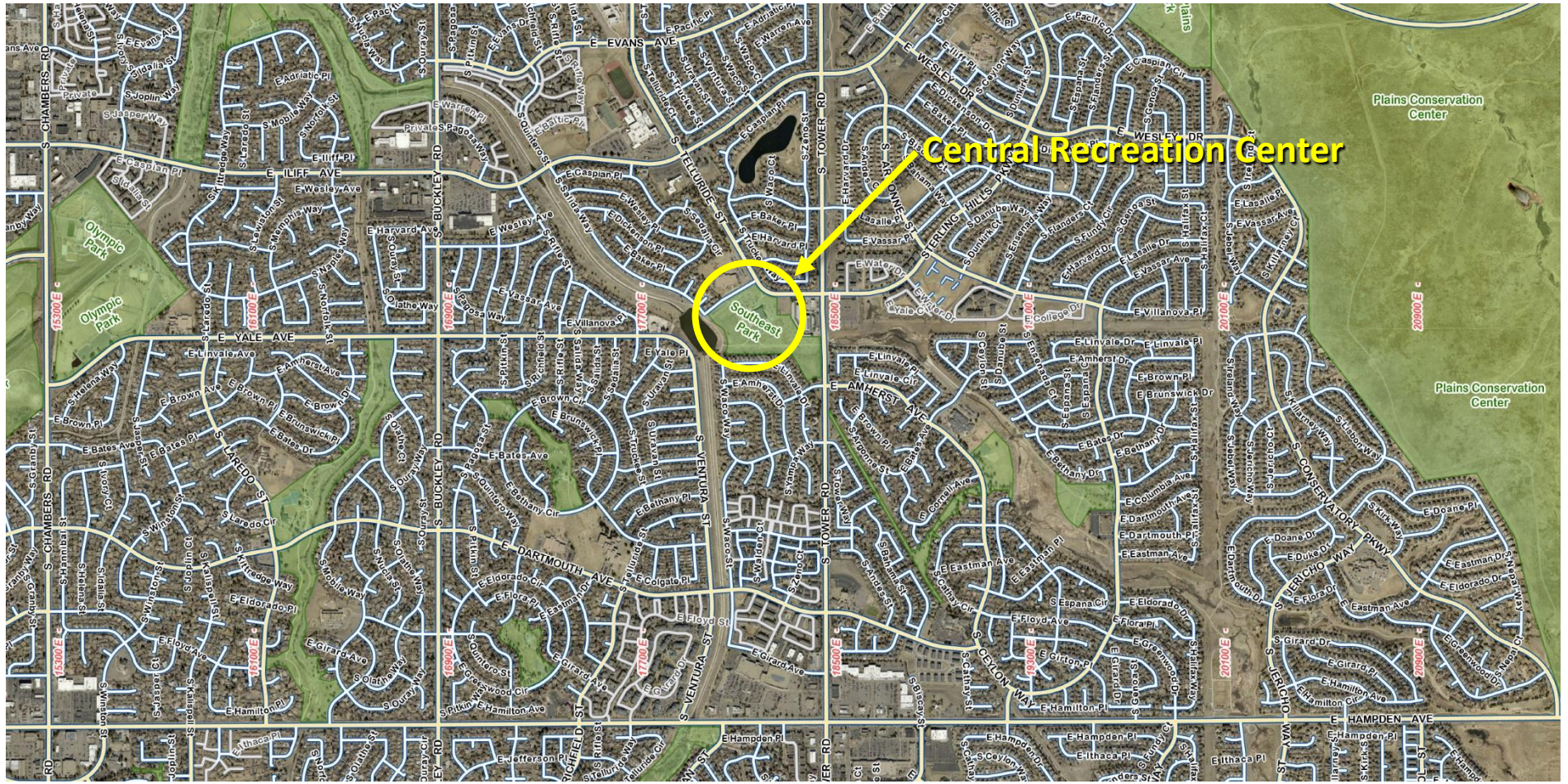
Names for City-owned parks and public facilities shall be submitted to the City Council for approval through the Office of the City Manager (Resolution R93-37). City Council shall act only by ordinance, resolution, or motion (City Charter, art. V, § 5-1). Council may approve the name of a park by resolution. (Resolution R93-37) (Wirth)

Naming Recommendation for the Community Park Surrounding Central Recreation Center



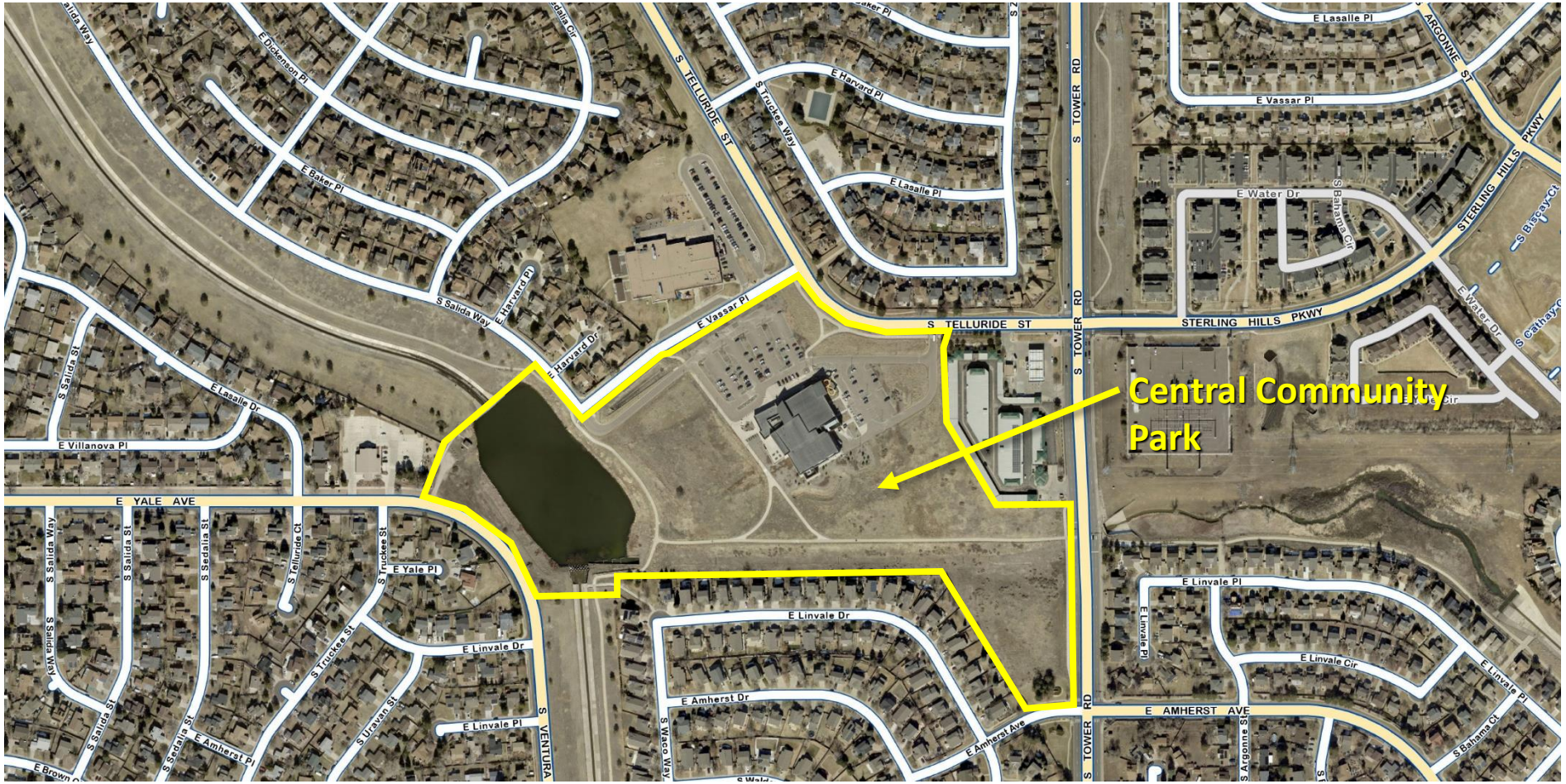
Community Park Context

Map



Community Park Context

Site Location: 18150 E. Vassar Place



Community Park Context

Master Planning Process

- **New Ward V Community Park – Master Plan approved by City Council in 2025**
- Playgrounds for all ages and abilities, including a boulder wall
- Concrete paths connecting the park, recreation center and regional trails.
- Lighted pickleball, tennis, and basketball courts.
- Picnic areas with shade structures.
- Partnership with Aurora Water to remove pond and create new wetland areas
- **Project is part of Build Up Aurora**



LEGEND

1. GRASS PLAY FIELD
2. PLAYGROUND
3. BOULDERING
4. PICNIC SHELTER
5. RESTROOM
6. REALIGNED CHANNEL
7. REALIGNED CONCRETE TRAIL
8. CASCADING DROP STRUCTURE
9. POOLS ALONG CHANNEL
10. WETLAND AREAS
11. LANDSCAPE BERMS
12. LIGHTED PICKLEBALL COURTS
13. LIGHTED BASKETBALL COURTS
14. LIGHTING TENNIS COURTS
15. LARGE GROUP PAVILLION
16. ENTRY GATEWAY
17. PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE
18. CHANNEL OVERLOOK
19. CLIMBING WALL OR SLOPED PLAY FEATURE
20. SCULPTURE
21. REMOVE EXISTING DAM & PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE
22. POTENTIAL FUTURE PARKING (53 SPACES)



PARK NAMING POLICY

- The City Naming Policy (Resolution R93-37) outlines the procedures regarding the naming of city-owned parks.
- Geographic Markers vs. People or Places
  - Facilities proposed to be named after individuals or places need approval from the Historic Commission, in additional to full Council approval.
  - Facilities proposed to be named after geographical markers do not require Historic Commission approval before being submitted to Policy Committee and Council.
- A name can be submitted by the Parks, Recreation & Open Space Advisory Board, through the City Manager's Office to City Council for approval.

Name Selection Process

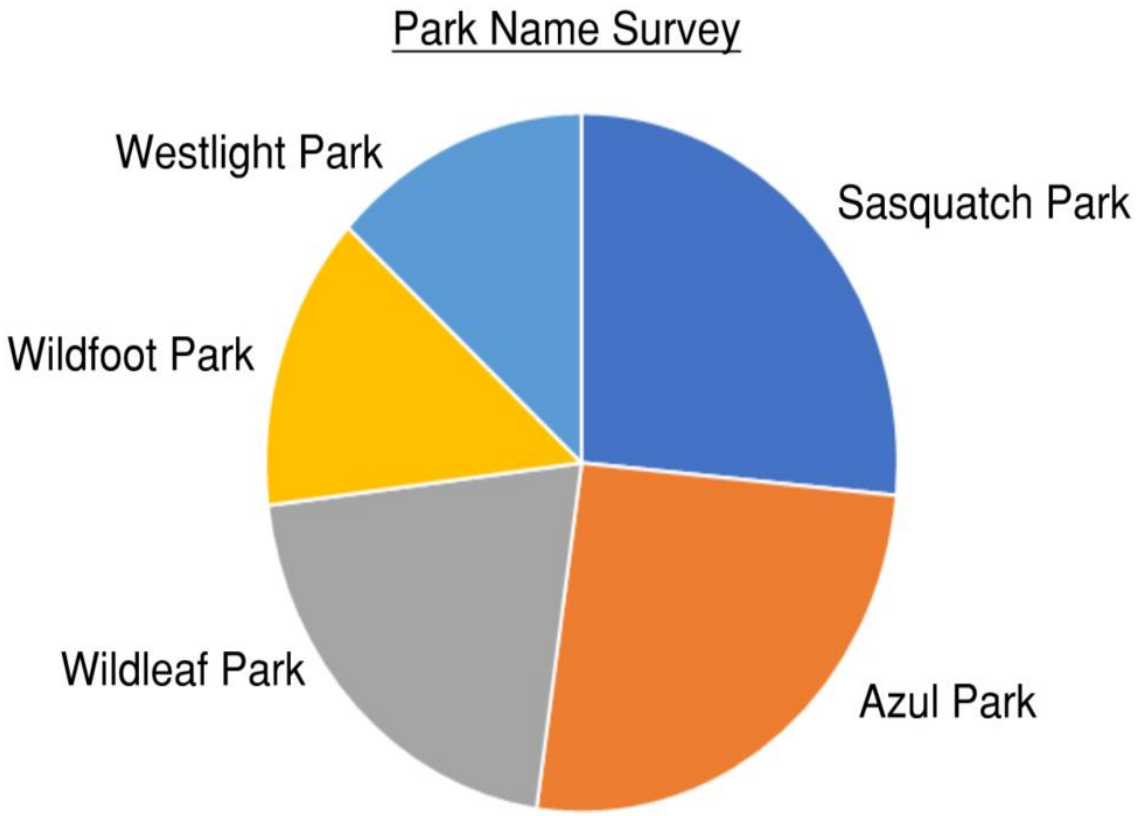
- PROS staff analyzed name options that followed City Policy. A list of 10 names was presented to the students at Vassar Elementary.

- The top 5 names chosen by the students were then taken to the public to select the winner via a poll.



Name Selection Process

- We received 438 responses. The results of the survey are as follows:
  - Sasquatch Park - 116
  - Azul Park – 113
  - Wildleaf Park – 91
  - Wildfoot Park – 60
  - Westlight Park – 58

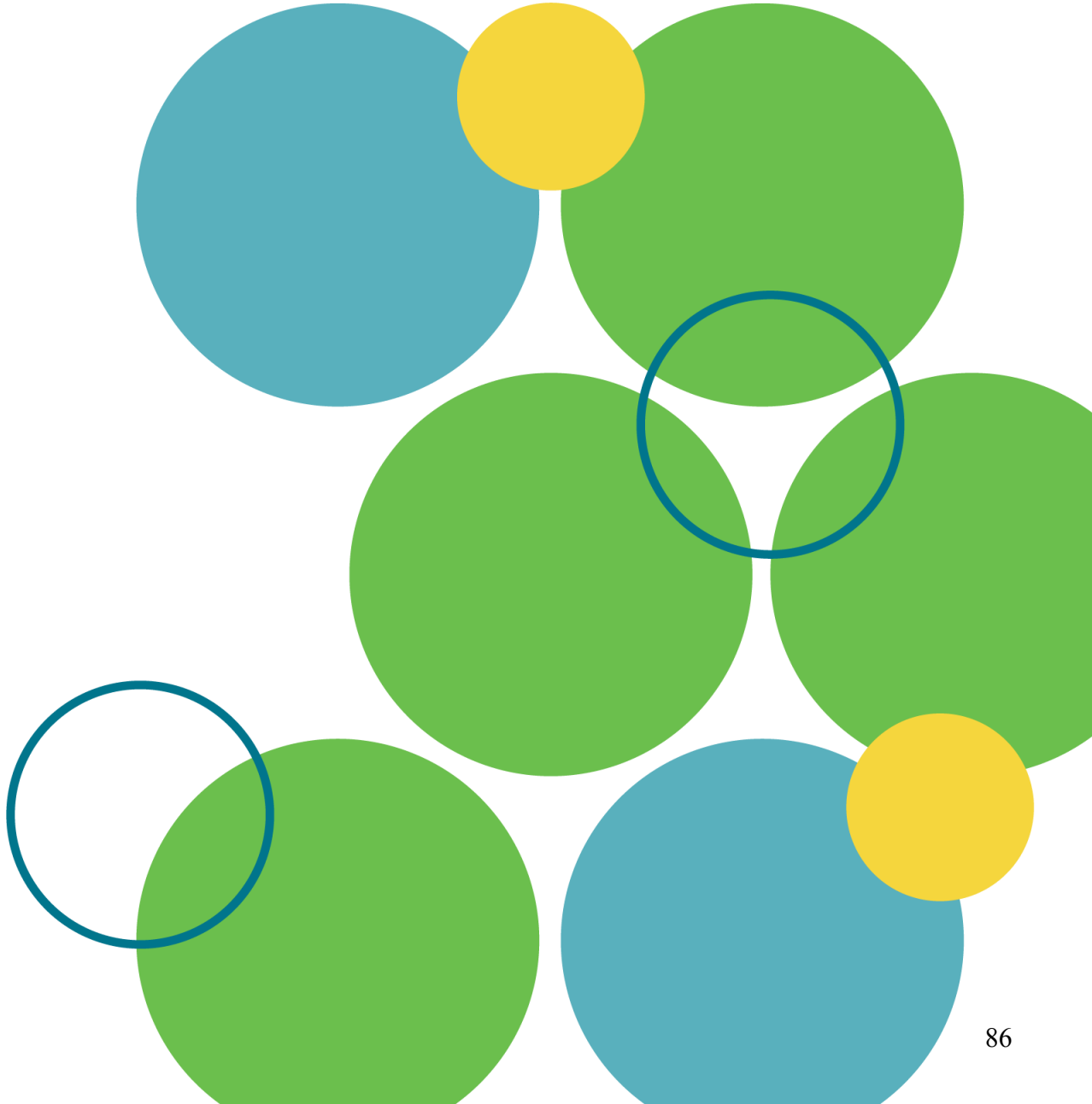


PROPOSED NAME

- The name Sasquatch Park is submitted for your consideration.
- Sasquatch Park - Named after the legendary Bigfoot creature from mountain folklore, inspiring kids to explore nature, use their imagination and have fun outdoors.

QUESTION

Does the committee wish to advance Sasquatch Park as the park name for City Council's consideration?



RESOLUTION NO. R2026- ____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, EXPRESSING THE AURORA CITY COUNCIL'S APPROVAL OF NAMING A COMMUNITY PARK SURROUNDING THE CENTRAL RECREATION CENTER AS "SASQUATCH PARK."

WHEREAS, the City has Resolution R93-37 pertaining to a City policy for naming City-owned parks, public properties, and public facilities; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution R93-37, names for City-owned parks, public properties, and public facilities can be named for a geographic location or named to commemorate an event or a person; and

WHEREAS, proposed names for a geographic location can be submitted by a person, group, City staff, or a board or commission through the Office of the City Manager to the City Council for the Council's review and approval; and

WHEREAS, the property surrounding the Central Recreation Center, a new unnamed community park ("unnamed park"), is being constructed; and

WHEREAS, the unnamed park is being built by the City and will be maintained by the City; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board has submitted a request to the City Manager's office that the unnamed park be named "Sasquatch Park"; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager's Office is submitting the proposed name "Sasquatch Park" for the unnamed park to the City Council for its consideration and approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, THAT:

Section 1. The City Council approves the name "Sasquatch Park" for the unnamed community park surrounding the Central Recreation Center.

Section 2. All Resolutions or parts of resolutions of the City in conflict herewith are hereby rescinded.

RESOLVED AND PASSED this _____ day of _____, 2026.

_____
MIKE COFFMAN, Mayor

ATTEST:

_____
KADEE RODRIGUEZ, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
PETER A. SCHULTE, CITY ATTORNEY

By: Britt M. Wirth RLA
Britt M. Wirth, Assistant City Attorney

CITY OF AURORA
Council Agenda Commentary

Item Title: Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Arapahoe County for Inspiration Trail Connection Grant Project
Item Initiator: Abigail Scheuermann, Planner I, Parks, Recreation and Open Space
Staff Source/Legal Source: Nicole Ankeney, Manager of Planning, Design, and Construction, Parks, Recreation and Open Space / Britt Wirth, Assistant City Attorney
Outside Speaker: n/a
Council Goal: 2012: 4.0--Create a superior quality of life for residents making the city a desirable place to live and work

COUNCIL MEETING DATES:

Study Session: n/a

Regular Meeting: 8/10/2026

2nd Regular Meeting (if applicable): N/A

Item requires a Public Hearing: ☐ Yes ☒ No

ITEM DETAILS *(Click in highlighted area below bullet point list to enter applicable information.)*

- Agenda long title
- Waiver of reconsideration requested, and if so, why
- Sponsor name
- Staff source name and title / Legal source name and title
- Outside speaker name and organization
- Estimated time (For Study Session items only, indicate combined time needed for presentation and discussion)

R2026- 95 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 AND ARAPAHOE COUNTY, COLORADO, FOR THE INSPIRATION TRAIL CONNECTION GRANT PROJECT
Waiver of consideration is requested because Arapahoe County wants the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) executed within 60 days of the notice of award (Due date is 9/14/26).
Nicole Ankeney, Manager of Planning, Design and Construction, Parks, Recreation and Open Space / Britt Wirth, Assistant City Attorney

ACTIONS(S) PROPOSED *(Check all appropriate actions)*

☐ Approve Item and Move Forward to Study Session

☐ Approve Item as Proposed at Study Session

☐ Approve Item and Move Forward to Regular Meeting

☒ Approve Item as Proposed at Regular Meeting

☐ Information Only

☒ Approve Item with Waiver of Reconsideration
Reason for waiver is described in the Item Details field above.

PREVIOUS ACTIONS OR REVIEWS:

Policy Committee Name: N/A

Policy Committee Date: N/A

Action Taken/Follow-up: ***(Check all that apply)***

☐ Recommends Approval

☐ Does Not Recommend Approval

☐ Forwarded Without Recommendation

☐ Minutes Not Available

☐ Minutes Attached

HISTORY *(Dates reviewed by City council, Policy Committees, Boards and Commissions, or Staff. Summarize pertinent comments. ATTACH MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS, POLICY COMMITTEES AND BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.)*

N/A

ITEM SUMMARY *(Brief description of item, discussion, key points, recommendations, etc.)*

This project proposes the construction of a new trail segment to connect the Creekside Eagle Bend and Inspiration neighborhoods and provide a continuous link in the City of Aurora Trail System between Douglas County and Arapahoe County. It will be completed by the City of Aurora Parks, Recreation and Open Space Department (PROS). The goal of this project is to close a critical gap between trail segments and to ensure the trail remains a safe, accessible, and well-maintained community resource. The project will enhance mobility, promote active transportation, and improve overall quality of life for residents. Additionally, the completed trail will strengthen regional connectivity, supporting seamless travel across jurisdictional boundaries and encouraging greater use of an existing trail.

In April 2026 the City of Aurora Parks, Recreation and Open Space Department applied for a standard grant from Arapahoe County Open Spaces in the amount of $250,000. The grant request is required to be approved by resolution subject to the execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the County and the City. This grant solidifies funding for the proposed renovation and allows this design effort to become a reality.

The IGA outlines the roles and responsibilities of the parties, the use and dispersement of grant funds, reporting requirements, and maintenance requirements. Upon completion of the work and the handover of the project from the contractor to the City, the Inspiration Trail Connection will be reinstated into the regular maintenance schedule of the Aurora Parks, Recreation and Open Space Department.

STAFF RECOMMENDS APPROVING THE IGA WITH ARAPAHOE COUNTY OPEN SPACES. This will allow use of grant funding in the construction of the Inspiration Trail Connection.

STAFF REQUESTS A WAIVER OF RECONSIDERATION. The waiver of reconsideration will facilitate approval of the IGA which Arapahoe County wants executed within 60 days of the notice of award (Due date is 9/14/2026).

FISCAL IMPACT

Select all that apply. (If no fiscal impact, click that box and skip to "Questions for Council")

☒ Revenue Impact ☒ Budgeted Expenditure Impact ☐ Non-Budgeted Expenditure Impact
☐ Workload Impact ☐ No Fiscal Impact

REVENUE IMPACT
Provide the revenue impact or N/A if no impact. (What is the estimated impact on revenue? What funds would be impacted? Provide additional detail as necessary.)

Arapahoe County Open Spaces grant: $250,000

BUDGETED EXPENDITURE IMPACT

Provide the budgeted expenditure impact or N/A if no impact. (List Org/Account # and fund. What is the amount of budget to be used? Does this shift existing budget away from existing programs/services? Provide additional detail as necessary.)

Grant Match Funds: $250,000

The total project budget with the grant and grant match is $360,800. PROS is utilizing funds allocated in PRJ-62700 for match funding.

NON-BUDGETED EXPENDITURE IMPACT

Provide the non-budgeted expenditure impact or N/A if no impact. (Provide information on non-budgeted costs. Include Personal Services, Supplies and Services, Interfund Charges, and Capital needs. Provide additional detail as necessary.)

N/A

WORKLOAD IMPACT

Provide the workload impact or N/A if no impact. (Will more staff be needed or is the change absorbable? If new FTE(s) are needed, provide numbers and types of positions, and a duty summary. Provide additional detail as necessary.)

N/A

QUESTIONS FOR COUNCIL

Does Council wish to approve the IGA with Arapahoe County Open Spaces for the use of standard grant funds in the amount of $250,000 for the construction of the Inspiration Trail Connection?

LEGAL COMMENTS

Arapahoe County, Colorado, requires that the City Council adopt and approve the intergovernmental agreement ("IGA") with Arapahoe County Open Space to allocate standard grant funds for the construction of the Inspiration Trail Connection. The Council may, by resolution, enter into contracts or agreements with other governmental units or special districts. Upon authorization by a majority vote of the members of the Council voting thereon, the Mayor shall execute all intergovernmental agreements to which the City is a party. (City Code, Section 2-31) (Wirth)

RESOLUTION NO. R2026- ____

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 AND ARAPAHOE COUNTY, COLORADO, FOR THE INSPIRATION TRAIL CONNECTION GRANT PROJECT.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Colo. Const. art XIV, § 18, and C.R.S. § 29-1-203, as amended, the Parties are authorized to cooperate and contract with one another to provide any function, service, or facility lawfully authorized to each; and

WHEREAS, on November 2, 2021, the Arapahoe County ("County") voters permanently reauthorized, until repeal, a countywide sales and use tax to be deposited in the County Open Space Fund to be used for specified open space purposes as set forth in County Resolution No. 21-263 ("Open Space Resolution"); and

WHEREAS, the Open Space Resolution authorizes the County to award discretionary grants from its Open Space Fund to municipalities and special districts, as more fully set forth in the Open Space Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the City of Aurora, Colorado ("City") submitted a proposal to the County for the construction of the Inspiration Trail Connection using grant funds from the County Open Space Fund; and

WHEREAS, on July 14, 2026, the County approved the City's grant proposal and authorized a grant to cover 69% of the cost, up to $250,000, for the Inspiration Trail Connection Project ("Grant Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Grant Project is contingent upon the City contributing the remaining 31%, up to $110,800, for the Grant Project; and

WHEREAS, the Parties mutually agree that the Grant Project is in the best interest of their shared residents; and

WHEREAS, Aurora City Code Section 2-31 provides that upon authorization by a majority vote of the members of council voting thereon, the Mayor shall execute all intergovernmental agreements to which the City is a party.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, THAT:

Section 1. The Intergovernmental Agreement presented with this Resolution between the City and County, regarding the Inspiration Trail Connection Grant Project, is hereby approved.

Section 2. The Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the attached agreement in substantially the form presented at this meeting with such technical additions, deletions, and variations as may be deemed necessary or appropriate by the City Attorney.

Section 3. All resolutions or parts of resolutions of the City in conflict herewith are hereby rescinded.

Section 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately without reconsideration.

RESOLVED AND PASSED this _____ day of _____, 2026.

_____
MIKE COFFMAN, Mayor

ATTEST:

_____
KADEE RODRIGUEZ, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

PETER A. SCHULTE, CITY ATTORNEY

By: Britt M. Wirth BMW
BRITT M. WIRTH, Assistant City Attorney

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT REGARDING
2026 GRANT OF ARAPAHOE COUNTY OPEN SPACE PROGRAM FUNDS
PROJECT NAME: INSPIRATION TRAIL CONNECTION

This Intergovernmental Agreement ("Agreement") is made and entered into by and between **THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF ARAPAHOE, STATE OF COLORADO** ("County"), and the **CITY OF AURORA,** a municipality and political subdivision of the State of Colorado ("Grantee") (collectively "Parties" and individually a "Party").

RECITALS

A. On November 2, 2021, the voters of the County permanently reauthorized, until repeal, a countywide sales and use tax to be deposited in the County Open Space Fund and used for specified open space purposes as set forth in County Resolution No. 21-263 ("Open Space Resolution").

B. The Open Space Resolution authorizes the County to award discretionary grants from its Open Space Fund to municipalities and special districts, as more fully set forth in the Open Space Resolution.

C. On July 14, 2026, the County approved by resolution the Grantee's grant proposal for the Inspiration Trail Connection ("Grant Project"), which is attached as Exhibit A, subject to the execution of an intergovernmental agreement.

D. This Agreement is authorized by Article XIV, Section 18 of the Colorado Constitution and C.R.S. § 29-1-203.

AGREEMENT

NOW, THEREFORE, the County and the Grantee agree as follows:

1. Amount of Grant. The County awards the Grantee up to 69% of the total Grant Project cost, not to exceed $250,000 ("Grant Funds"), from the County Open Space Fund. The County's contribution of the Grant Funds is contingent upon the Grantee contributing the remaining 31% share of the total Grant Project cost. The Grantee is responsible for any Grant Project costs in excess of the Grant Funds.

2. Use of Grant Funds. The Grantee agrees that it shall only use the Grant Funds for the Grant Project as described in Exhibit A.

3. Disbursement of Grant Funds. The County shall pay the Grant Funds via ACH transfer to the Grantee on a reimbursement basis upon receipt of the approved status report and documentation of expenditures as required by this Agreement and no more often than bi-annually. No more than 75% of the Grant Funds will be reimbursed prior to the final report

approval. The final 25% of Grant Funds will be reimbursed following the Grant Project inspection and review and approval of the final report and Grant Project deliverables.

4. Time for Use of Grant Funds. The Grantee agrees that the Grant Project will be completed and the Grant Funds will be expended no later than September 30, 2028, unless the County agrees in writing to a longer period of time. The Grantee understands and agrees that, if the Grant Project cannot be completed by the deadline above or by the end of the agreed-upon extension, the County may terminate the grant and this Agreement.

5. Interest on Grant Funds. The Grantee further agrees that, after receipt of the Grant Funds, the Grantee will use any interest earned on the Grant Funds only for the Grant Project.

6. Administration of Grant Project. The Grantee shall be responsible for the direct supervision and administration of the Grant Project. The County shall not be liable or responsible for any cost overruns on the Grant Project, nor shall the County have any duty or obligation to provide any additional funding for the Grant Project if the Grant Project cannot be completed as described in Exhibit A. The Grantee also agrees to comply with all local, state, and federal requirements while completing the Grant Project unless specifically waived.

7. Grant Project Site Visits. Upon 24 hours' written notice to the Grantee, the Grantee agrees to allow the County to make site visits before, during, at the completion of, and/or after the completion of the Grant Project.

8. Acknowledgement of County by Grantee. The Grantee agrees to acknowledge the County as a contributor to the Grant Project in all publications, news releases, and other publicity issued by the Grantee related to the Grant Project and agrees to allow the County to do the same. If any events are planned in regard to the Grant Project, the County shall be acknowledged as a contributor in the invitation to such events. The Grantee shall cooperate with the County in preparing public information pieces, providing photos of the Grant Project from time to time, and providing access to the Grant Project for publicity purposes. Event information, event materials, and press release information related to the Grant Project must be sent to the County Grants Program Administrator for review and filing.

9. Required Sign at Grant Project Site. The County agrees to provide a standard sign for the Grant Project. The Grantee agrees to erect and permanently maintain at least one County sign or a Grantee sign as described below in a publicly visible area in recognition of the grant from the Arapahoe County Open Space Program. The sign shall be erected prior to the completion of the Grant Project or its public opening, whichever is earlier. If the Grantee wishes to use its own sign and design, the Grantee must submit the design and wording to the County Grants Program Administrator for approval prior to manufacture and/or installation of such sign.

10. Report Requirements. On or before January 31 and July 31 annually, the Grantee agrees to provide the County with Grant Project Progress Reports that conform to the format provided by the County. Each Grant Project Progress Report shall include supporting financial documentation as requested in the form provided. Upon completion of the Grant

Project, the Grantee also agrees to submit to the County a Final Report that conforms to the format provided by the County; a final spreadsheet comparing the original budget to actual expenses that demonstrates Grant Funds were used in compliance with the Open Space Resolution; supporting financial documentation as requested in the County report form; and high-resolution photographs of the progress and finished results of the Grant Project. The Final Report shall be submitted within three months of Grant Project completion, unless the County agrees in writing to a longer period of time. The County shall be allowed to use information and images from these reports in publications, public information updates, and on the County's website.

11. Failure to Submit Required Reports. Upon written notice from the County's Open Space Grants Program Administrator informing the Grantee that it has failed to submit any required status report and/or final report, the Grantee shall submit such reports to the County's Open Space Grants Program Administrator within 30 days, and, if it fails to do so, the Grantee shall be deemed to be in violation of this Agreement.

12. Record-Keeping Requirements. The Grantee shall maintain a complete set of books and records documenting its use of the Grant Funds and its supervision and administration of the Grant Project. The County or any of its duly authorized representatives shall have reasonable access to any books, documents, papers, and records of the Grantee that are pertinent to the Grant Project for the purpose of making an audit, examination, or excerpts. The Grantee shall keep all books, documents, papers, and records pertinent to the Grant Project for a minimum of three years from the Grant Project completion date.

13. Changes to Grant Project. The Grantee agrees and understands that it must complete the Grant Project as it is described in Exhibit A; the Grant Project may not be changed without the County's prior written approval. Proposed changes must be formally requested using the applicable Grant Project Modification Form provided by the County. Changes may not begin until the County has issued a written approval, which may also require the execution of an amendment to this Agreement.

14. Maintenance. The Grantee agrees to assume responsibility for continuous maintenance and public safety of open space lands, parks, trails, recreation facilities, amenities, signage, and other projects funded by the Grant Funds for the useful life of the Grant Project and in accordance with applicable product warranties and/or the generally accepted standards in the parks and recreation community.

15. Change in Use. If the Grantee wishes to dispose of or sell the property purchased with the Grant Funds or if the Grantee wishes to use the Grant Project or property improved or purchased with the Grant Funds for purposes other than the purposes specified in Exhibit A, the Grantee shall provide written notice to the County. The Grantee shall obtain the County's written consent and shall present the proposed disposition, sale, or change in use in a public hearing and receive approval from its governing body prior to proceeding with such disposition, sale, or change in use. The County, in its sole discretion, may require the Grantee to make a partial or full refund to the County based on the amount of the Grant

Funds, the value of the Grant Project, or the value of the property purchased with the Grant Funds at the time of disposition, sale, or change in use.

16. Reimbursement of Grant Funds. The Grantee understands and agrees that the County may require the Grantee to reimburse the County if any portion of the Grant Funds is not used in accordance with its approved grant proposal and this Agreement.

17. Failure to Comply. Failure to comply with this Agreement shall result in default, and the County in its sole discretion may determine the Grantee is ineligible for any future grants until the violation is remedied or until such other time.

18. Remedies. The rights and remedies of the County as set forth in this Agreement shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights or remedies provided by law.

19. No Waiver of Rights. A waiver by either Party of the breach of any term or provision of this Agreement shall not operate or be construed as a waiver of any subsequent breach by either Party.

20. Relationship of the Parties. The Parties acknowledge and agree that each is a sovereign governmental entity acting pursuant to its lawful authority. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to create an agency, partnership, joint venture, employment relationship, or independent contractor relationship between the Parties. The Grantee's receipt and use of grant funds is undertaken solely in furtherance of its governmental purposes and responsibilities, and neither Party shall have the authority to bind or obligate the other except as expressly provided in this Agreement.

21. No Third-Party Beneficiaries. Nothing in this Agreement shall give or allow any claim or right of action whatsoever by any third party, including, but not limited to, any agents or contractors of the Grantee.

22. Severability. The invalidity or unenforceability of any portion of this Agreement shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other portion or provision. Any invalid or unenforceable portion or provision shall be deemed severed from this Agreement and, in such event, the Parties shall negotiate in good faith to replace such invalidated provision in order to carry out the intent of the Parties in entering into this Agreement.

23. Written Amendment Required. Except when the County issues a written approval permitted under another provision of this Agreement, this Agreement may be amended, modified, or changed, in whole or in part, only by written agreement duly authorized and executed by the Parties.

24. Applicable Law and Venue. This Agreement shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Colorado. The venue for any legal action arising out of this Agreement shall be in Arapahoe County District Court, pursuant to the appropriate rules of civil procedure.

25. Notices. Notices under this Agreement shall be sent to:

COUNTY: Arapahoe County Open Spaces
Grants Program Administrator
6934 S. Lima St., Unit A
Centennial, CO 80112
askopenspaces@arapahoegov.com

and

Arapahoe County Attorney
5334 South Prince Street
Littleton, CO 80120-1136
attorney@arapahoegov.com

GRANTEE: City of Aurora
15151 E. Alameda Parkway
Aurora, CO 80012
parks@auroragov.org

26. Incorporation of Exhibits. Unless otherwise stated in this Agreement, any exhibits, applications, resolutions, or other documents referenced in this Agreement shall be incorporated by reference into this Agreement for all purposes. In the event of any conflicts between this Agreement and any attached documents, this Agreement shall control.

27. Section Headings. The headings for any section of this Agreement are only for the convenience and reference of the Parties and are not intended in any way to define, limit, or describe the scope or intent of this Agreement.

28. Assignment. The rights, or any parts of this Agreement, granted to the Parties in this Agreement may be assigned only with the prior written consent of the non-assigning Party.

29. Extent of Agreement. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement of the Parties related to the Grant Project. The Parties agree that there have been no representations made regarding the subject matter of this Agreement other than those, if any, contained in this Agreement, and the various promises and covenants contained in this Agreement are mutually agreed upon and are in consideration of one another.

30. Signatures. The signatories to this Agreement represent that they are fully authorized to execute this Agreement and bind their respective entities.

31. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in multiple counterparts, each of which will be deemed to be an original and all of which taken together will constitute one and the same agreement.

32. Effective Date. This Agreement will become effective on the date of the County's signature ("Effective Date").

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the County and the Grantee have executed this Agreement as of the Effective Date.

ATTEST:

By: _____
Name:
Title:

CITY OF AURORA

By: _____
Name:
Title:
Date: _____

COUNTY OF ARAPAHOE
STATE OF COLORADO

By: _____
Margina Pingenot, Director, Open Spaces
Pursuant to Resolution No. 26-056

Date: _____

EXHIBIT A

Inspiration Trail Connection

2026 Standard and Small Grant Application

City of Aurora

Ms. Nicole Ankeney

15151 E. Alameda Pkwy. Ste. 3600
Aurora, CO 80012

nankeney@auroragov.org
O: 303-326-8947

Application Form

Application Summary

Primary Contact Information*

Please provide information for the primary contact for this project in the following format.
Agency:
Name:
Title:
Telephone:
Email:

City of Aurora Parks, Recreation & Open Space
Abigail Scheuermann
Planner
303-739-7169
ahscheue@auroragov.org

Grant Category*

Select One:

- **Standard Grant:** $150,001 - $600,000, requiring a minimum of 25% total project cost cash match
- **Small Grant:** $1,000 - $150,000, requiring a minimum of 10% total project cost cash match

Standard Grant

Project Type*

Select One:

- **Trail Project:** Trail/trailhead construction or improvement, including stream/road crossings and trailhead amenities (such as parking or shelters); on-street trails and sidepaths for the purposes of (a) connecting an isolated neighborhood or activity center to a park, trail, open space, or school, and (b) connecting to a trail system included in a regional, County, or special district planning document
- **Site Improvement Project:** New construction, improvement, repair, or replacement of outdoor recreation facilities or amenities (such as playgrounds, shelters, sports fields, restrooms, or interior trail connections)
- **Environmental/Cultural Education Project:** Eligible projects include outreach materials (such as printed materials, video, or displays), installations (such as signage), or associated outdoor amenities (such as shelters or native landscaping)
- **Acquisition Project:** Eligible projects include fee simple acquisition of land for public open space, parks, or trails; or acquisition of a trail or conservation easement. *Additional application materials are required. Contact grants program staff to discuss projects in advance.*
- **Other Project:** Other allowable projects include stream/habitat restoration, natural re-vegetation, and water quality improvement. *Contact grants program staff to discuss projects in advance.*

Trail Project

Project Title*
Inspiration Trail Connection

Project Address*
End of Cul-De-Sac at S Coolidge Way in the Creekside Eagle Bend Subdivision. Adjacent to 8191 S Coolidge Way, Aurora, Colorado 80016.

Project Location*
Select a Jurisdiction or Unincorporated Arapahoe County:

Aurora

Grant Request Amount*
$250,000.00

Cash Match Amount*
$110,800.00

Total Project Amount*
Total project amount includes grant request and cash match only. Please do not include in-kind match.

$360,800.00

Cash Match Percentage*
Calculate cash match as % of total project cost.

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Project Partners
List partner agencies if applicable.

Executive Summary*
Provide a brief summary highlighting key points of your proposal, such as project description, goals, need, partnerships, etc.

This project proposes the construction of a new trail segment to connect the Creekside Eagle Bend and Inspiration neighborhoods and provide a continuous link in the city of Aurora Trail System between Douglas

County and Arapahoe County. It will be completed by the city of Aurora Parks, Recreation & Open Space Department (PROS). The trail has been highly requested by residents, reflecting a strong desire for improved connection to local and regional trails for pedestrian and bicycle access.

PROS and the Inspiration Metro District agreed to complete a trail connection between the Inspiration and Creekside Eagle Bend subdivisions in order to provide safe access to the Piney Creek Regional Trail. Inspiration Metro District agreed to complete a portion of this trail within Douglas County. PROS would be responsible for completing the portion in the Creekside Eagle Bend Subdivision. At the time, the proposed trail alignment was going to cross two parcels: one owned by the Creekside Eagle Bend Homeowners Association and the other by Xcel Energy. PROS intended to construct the trail through an easement on the HOA property. Although the 2020 HOA Board initially supported the decision, once construction documents were completed, newly elected board members expressed concerns regarding liability with an additional trail segment being constructed on their property. PROS staff identified an alternative route through the adjacent Xcel Energy parcel; however, this route was abandoned due to concerns regarding cost. PROS determined the best option for construction was to acquire the property from the HOA and construct the trail in the originally approved alignment. During these ongoing discussions between PROS and the HOA, Inspiration completed their portion, leaving a gap where the trail would continue to the Piney Creek Regional Trail. This missing link currently limits connectivity between the two neighborhoods and restricts access to the broader regional trail system spanning both counties. Completion of this project will close this gap and provide a safe, accessible, and compliant trail connection that meets current design standards.

The project will enhance mobility, promote active transportation, and improve overall quality of life for residents. Additionally, the completed trail will strengthen regional connectivity, supporting seamless travel across jurisdictional boundaries and encouraging greater use of the existing trail network.

Minimum Qualifications and Eligibility

Eligibility Question 1*

Please list your agency's ongoing Arapahoe County Open Spaces grant projects.

Murphy Creek Trail
Utah Park Tennis Courts
Side Creek
Laredo Highline Access and Awareness Improvements
Triple Creek Trailhead Site Improvements
Laredo Elementary Outdoor Classroom & Crossing (Agreement Execution Underway)
Granby Ditch Open Space & Overlook (Agreement Execution Underway)

Eligibility Question 2*

How does this project align with the Arapahoe County Open Spaces Master Plan, Arapahoe County Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan, an agency master plan, or other approved planning documents?
Please refer to the current Arapahoe County Open Spaces Master Plan adopted in June 2021. Plans are available on the ACOS website.

A key goal identified in the Arapahoe County Open Space Master Plan is to "Establish an interconnected network of open space, parks and trails". Completion of the Inspiration Trail connector will help advance that goal by ensuring safe connections to the regional trail system are provided for city of Aurora and Arapahoe County Residents.

In the Arapahoe County Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan, one of the stated goals is providing a high quality, connected and accessible bike and pedestrian network that is integrated with the regional system. The current gap between the Creekside Eagle Bend and Inspiration communities' limits connectivity to the Piney Creek trail system. In addressing this issue, internal pedestrian connections will be integrated into the larger regional trail system. This addresses a major goal in Arapahoe County.

A guiding principle of the city of Aurora's Our Parks, Our Places Master Plan is to strengthen connectivity to PROS assets. This involves ensuring equitable access is provided throughout the PROS system for all community members. Closing trail gaps and providing ADA accessible connections is a major part of this goal.

Eligibility Question 3*

How does this project address specific objectives in the Arapahoe County Open Space Resolution #21-263?
Please note that this resolution replaces the previous Open Space Resolutions #030381/110637. The resolution is available on the ACOS website.

Resolution #21-263 calls for funds to be spent to provide, maintain and improve neighborhood parks, open space, sports fields, picnic facilities, and biking, walking and multi-use trails. Completion of the Inspiration Trail Connector meets this objective by closing a critical gap in the city of Aurora Trail System. Providing the connection will allow residents to more easily access the regional trail system in Arapahoe County.

Certification and Authorized Signature Form*

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Project Timeline

Project Timeline Form*

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Project Budget

Budget Narrative*

Provide a clear and concise budget narrative. Include details about expenses in each budget category, justification for any unusual line items, and an explanation of how you arrived at these estimates. Include amount and sources of matching funds.

The city of Aurora is contributing a $110,800 match to this project. This funding has been secured and is available in the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Department capital budget. The Summary Budget Form summarizes our request for $250,000. All grant funds will be exclusively used in Arapahoe County. Although 23% of the trail will be constructed in Douglas County, at an approximate cost of $69,200, these costs are not included in our match or our budget narrative. The expense worksheet breaks down the construction categories demonstrating how the grant funds will be allocated. See below for a summary of work items to be completed using Arapahoe County grant funds.

Groundwork ($133,500): Site preparation and Demo, Earthwork/Grading/Topsoil, Erosion Control and Fencing, & Traffic Control.

Hardscape ($92,500): Concrete Trail, Ramps, Curbs, Asphalt and Road Base.

Site Work ($4,000): Reset signs, survey marker, trash receptacle, gravel, manhole, new signs and delineators.

Landscape ($20,000): Seeding and Erosion Control Blanket.

Budget Forms*

Please attach completed Summary Budget Form and Detailed Expense Budget Form as a single PDF document. *Forms are available on the ACOS website.*

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Applicant_BudgetForms_Updated.pdf

Project Narrative

Question 1*

Describe the project goals, scope, and expected results. Describe project elements, including useful life. Discuss the current condition of the project site and the improvements that are proposed. Discuss how this project improves access to the outdoors, connectivity, and/or educational opportunities; expands transportation options; and/or addresses food insecurity.

The goal of the project is to construct a new trail segment that closes a critical gap between the Creekside Eagle Bend and Inspiration neighborhoods. This project will help develop a more continuous connection to the Piney Creek Regional Trail system. The project scope includes construction of a safe, ADA-compliant connection that meets city of Aurora design standards for trails. We expect this project will improve mobility, increase access to trail systems, and provide for enhanced opportunity for active transportation in the city of Aurora. The project will also strengthen regional connectivity between Douglas and Arapahoe County, encouraging greater use of the existing trail network and supporting long-term community health and quality of life.

Key project elements include the construction of a multi-use trail connection. The trail will be concrete and 10 feet in width. The portion of the trail constructed in Arapahoe County will be approximately 715 feet in length. In order to complete the connection, an additional 205 feet of trail will be constructed in Douglas County. Grant and match funds will be used exclusively in Arapahoe County. The City will use separate funds to complete the connection in Douglas County. From South Coolidge way, two "legs" of the trail will be provided. The segment on the western side is slightly above the ADA standard 5% longitudinal grade; however, this leg will provide smoother access for bicycles. The other route on the east side will provide ADA access. Proposed construction work includes any necessary grading improvements, restoration and signage. The trail will connect seamlessly with the existing trail network and will meet or exceed all applicable City standards.

Currently, the project site is an undeveloped lot maintained as open space. The lot includes a detention pond for the Creekside Eagle Bend Development. There are social paths from one end of the existing Inspiration Trail to the Piney Creek Regional Trail, as well as an existing maintenance access road. The missing link in this area limits safe connection between the Creekside Eagle Bend and Inspiration neighborhoods and restricts connectivity to the Piney Creek trail system. The proposed design will close this gap and provide a compliant multi-use trail that promotes both recreational and transportation uses. The anticipated useful life of the trail connector is anticipated to be 50 years or longer. We expect the trail to be designed to provide long-term, durable recreation and transportation benefits to the surrounding neighborhoods, and the city of Aurora as a whole.

The project improves access to the outdoors by providing residents with direct and safe connections to the Inspiration and Piney Creek Trail Systems. The Piney Creek Trail system is a popular regional trail in Arapahoe County. It offers connections to other regional trails, including the High Plains Trail, Sampson Gulch Trail and the Cherry Creek Trail. The Inspiration trail network includes publicly accessible trails that are maintained by the Inspiration Metro District. A trail map of the Inspiration Trail System is provided for your reference. By eliminating a key gap, the project enhances overall connectivity between Arapahoe and Douglas County. It will expand transportation options and provide residents safe connections to parks, schools and other community centers in the area. This contributes to overall community well-being and encourages healthy activity. The trail may also provide informal education opportunities for residents by increasing their exposure to nature and supporting exploration of local trails.

Question 2*

Describe the community/neighborhood and user groups the project will serve. Discuss the type of users (children, families, seniors, sports leagues, etc.), and estimate the number of users that will benefit annually. How did you arrive at this estimate? Describe how this project will address inclusivity per Americans with Disabilities Act guidelines.

Community support letters are encouraged; include up to five in the Attachments section.

The Inspiration Trail Connector will link the Creekside Eagle Bend and Inspiration Communities to the Piney Creek Regional Trail System. These are large residential areas with a strong desire for safe and accessible trail connections to parks and open space. The trail will serve a diverse range of community members of all ages, abilities and backgrounds. The trail connection is designed to be 10 feet in width and will be able to accommodate multiple users. This includes bicyclists, skateboarders, runners, walkers, wheelchair users and families with strollers.

The project will address inclusivity per the Americans with Disabilities Act by providing accessible trail access. As mentioned above, the trail will adhere to ADA accessibility guidelines for trail design. Where the connection is made adjacent to South Coolidge Way, there will be two "legs", both of which will connect to the Piney Creek Regional Trail. The eastern trail segment will meet ADA accessibility standards for longitudinal grade and will ensure that all users can safely access the trail. This promotes inclusivity in our community and in our trail network.

The Inspiration and Creekside Eagle Bend communities alone encompass approximately 4,800 homes. While the exact figures for trail users in a year is difficult to determine, we typically assume that at least one individual from a household will use a trail system in the course of a year. Using this estimation, we can assume that the connection could have close to 4,800 users over the course of a year.

Question 3*

Discuss the need and urgency for this project. Is this part of a multiphase project? If so, describe the work already completed and plans for future phases. What opportunities will be lost if this project or phase is not funded now?

The need for this project is clear and urgent. The connection will close a gap between two neighborhoods and provide residents safe access to the larger regional trail system. Current routes are either inaccessible or require significant added time for community members to enjoy the trail system. This ultimately discourages use and causes frustration in the community. This project responds to a well-documented community need that has consistently been identified as a priority project among residents looking for improved bicycle and pedestrian connectivity. This is demonstrated in our letters of support.

As design and permitting efforts are underway, grant funding will help support the construction phase of this project. If funding is not secured, this could lead to substantial increases in project costs, require resubmittal of permits and further delay safe and efficient trail access for members of the community. Additionally, if a grant is not secured, funding from other important projects in the City may need to be redirected to this project to fulfill the City's obligation to complete the trail. In 2020, PROS agreed to complete this connection if the Inspiration Metro District constructed the southern portion of the Inspiration trail, and they completed this portion in 2023. Residents have been requesting this resource be completed for many years; and some routinely contact elected officials to ensure this project is moving forward. Delaying this connection any longer would be a major loss for residents of the Creekside Eagle Bend and Inspiration Neighborhoods, and the public at large.

In summary, this project is a critical and time-sensitive need. Securing the required funding now will allow the City to proceed with construction in a timely manner and deliver a long-awaited resource for residents.

Question 4*

Summarize any planning completed prior to submitting this grant proposal. Is design and engineering complete? Does the project necessitate a zoning change? List any permits or approvals that need to be obtained (county or city planning, stormwater, federal 404 permit, etc.) and their status.

Include any time needed for these efforts in the Project Timeline. Planning costs incurred up to 6 months prior to application submission may be eligible for inclusion in match with prior approval from grants program staff.

This project has undergone initial design and planning and is currently in the permitting phase. The project is in the third round of agency review for Civil approval. We anticipate the project will receive Civil approval in the next two months. Stormwater, Drainage and Erosion Control approval with Aurora Water and the state is required. A right-of-way permit will also be required by the city of Aurora. No federal permits are required. The city of Aurora owned parcel, where the majority of the project is located, will not require a zoning change. The proposed use is consistent with the current zoning designation and does not require additional review.

PROS has received verbal approval for construction of the trail for the portion within Douglas County. We are now preparing legal documents for a license agreement with Xcel Energy that is required for the portion of the trail within Xcel property. Construction in this property will not require a zoning change. We anticipate these approvals will be completed in approximately six months. Required approvals are consistent with a project of this scale and are not anticipated to delay construction activity.

Question 5*

Describe how the project will be completed within the required two-year timeframe. Discuss the agency's capacity to complete the project, including project management, resources, and experience implementing similar projects.
This description should match the Project Timeline.

The city of Aurora is well-equipped to finish this project in the required two-year timeframe. Design and permitting work are already in process. Securing grant funding will allow the project to move efficiently into the construction phase upon permitting approval. By initiating this process prior to grant application, the City has reduced potential permitting delays and established a clear schedule for project delivery.

The anticipated timeline includes completion of final design work and permit approval, grant award notification, Xcel license agreement execution, IGA execution, solicitation of vendors, bid awards, construction, project closeout, final report, and the project grand opening. Given the scale of the project, it is anticipated that construction will begin in January 2027 and will last approximately six months. Grand Opening is projected in September 2027.

The City has strong a strong track record of managing projects of a similar scale. Our design team is well versed in guiding trail projects through the City's permitting process. They are also experienced in working with consultants to ensure projects are kept on track and within budget. The City also has a dedicated project delivery team that manages construction oversight and inspection. This team will ensure the project meets City design standards at final installation and is ready to be opened to the public.

Question 6*

Summarize any efforts to obtain public input, disseminate information to the public, develop partnerships, and garner community support for this project. Evidence of a transparent public process will be required. List the stakeholders that are involved. Discuss any known or anticipated opposition to this project and how this will be addressed.
If applicable, include letters, petitions, or other documents evidencing opposition in the Attachments section.

The city of Aurora has worked closely with residents in this area during the acquisition, planning and design stage of this project. The City acquired the property where the trail is to be located in 2025 from the Creekside Eagle Bend Homeowners Association. Prior to City ownership of the parcel, PROS received many requests from residents to complete the Inspiration connection to allow safer access to the Piney Creek Trail System. Initially, PROS intended to construct the trail through an easement on the HOA property. This was originally supported by the HOA board; however, newly elected board officials became uncertain about the trail's impacts in regard to liability following initial design. PROS staff identified an alternative route through the adjacent Xcel Energy parcel; however, this route was abandoned due to concerns regarding project cost. The City then began to discuss the option of purchasing the property to alleviate the board's liability concerns and take over full maintenance responsibility of the parcel.

In 2024 the City engaged the Creekside Eagle Bend Homeowners Association, requesting the opportunity to purchase the property. The City presented its plan for purchase to the Subdivision at an HOA meeting in July of 2024. The City stressed the fact that purchase of the property would expedite construction of the trail connection, closing the critical gap. The City also developed a survey for community members to provide input on the purchase plan, and general comments on trail construction. We received 46 responses in total with the majority of respondents being supportive of the purchase and the connection being completed. Some residents expressed concerns about added traffic and increased activity along the trail. A few residents expressed concern that the parcel would be used for more intensive uses, such as a park. Following the HOA meeting, PROS moved forward with a purchase plan for the property. Purchase of the parcel required an HOA vote to approve the sale. This information was sent to community members in March 2025. A two-thirds majority was required for the vote to pass, and it was successful. The City acquired the property in June 2025.

To alleviate any resident concerns, PROS incorporated language into the deed which restricted approved uses on the property. The deed restrictions state that the property is only to be used as public open space for hiking and biking on trails. Any structures on site will be limited to those that support a passive recreational use, including trails, signage, educational displays and no more than two benches. In regard to added traffic concerns, while it is anticipated that the trail will be more utilized when the connection is completed, PROS does not expect traffic to increase significantly. The connection will support resident connectivity, though it is not expected to increase vehicular traffic or cause any parking related issues along South Coolidge Way. Informal social paths are already being used to access the trail. This project will simply ensure that individuals who are already walking through this area are able to do so in a safe and accessible manner. PROS has provided this information to members of the public and plan to keep residents informed of project progress and construction activity. Throughout this process, we have continued to receive feedback from community members eager for the trail to be constructed as soon as possible. We are eager to provide any information necessary to community members to ensure they are kept informed on this highly requested community asset.

Question 7*

How much of your cash match is secured? If applicable, what are your plans for securing additional funds? Describe cash and in-kind match partnerships established for this project.

Include partner support letters in the Attachments section and include cash match from partners on the Budget Forms. Grant recipients are responsible for cost overruns.

The city of Aurora will provide a $110,800 match to complete the project. These funds are fully secured in the City's Parks and Recreation budget. As the 31% cash-match is being provided by the city of Aurora, no additional external funding sources are necessary to successfully deliver this project. The City is committed to providing this resource to residents as demonstrated by this financial commitment.

No additional cash-match partners have been identified or are required for completion of the trail connection. Additionally, no in-kind contributions are being counted toward the cash match. The secured 31% match provides a stable and sufficient financial foundation for the connection project and ensures the City is able to proceed upon grant award towards trail construction.

Question 8*

Describe any scenic, historic, or cultural values associated with the project site. Will they be impacted, preserved, or restored? Discuss natural resources at the site (habitat, water, wildlife, vegetation, etc.) and impacts to these resources as a result of this project. If applicable, discuss environmental sustainability benefits of this project (energy or water conservation, water quality improvement, etc.).

The trail is adjacent to the City's Ponderosa Preserve. While this area is only accessible via a naturalist guided tour, the preserve provides 70 acres of untouched, Ponderosa pine forest. This area is important for natural resource protection and home to many species of wildlife. This includes rabbits, prairie dogs, racoons, coyotes, foxes and mule deer. There may also be raptors hunting and feeding in the area. The City does not anticipate the trail would present a conflict to migratory or nesting birds. However, the trail's proximity to the preserve may provide an opportunity for bird watching once completed.

The trail will cut through a vacant parcel and connect to the existing Inspiration trail to the south. This area is primarily identified as short-grass prairie. The City will observe the area to ensure there are limited impacts to wildlife during construction activity. Following construction, all disturbed areas will be re-seeded with native grasses for future establishment. Best management practices will be utilized during and after construction to ensure sediment does not enter Piney Creek.

Question 9*

Discuss ownership and legal access at the proposed project site. Detail any third-party rights, easements, or other encumbrances that exist and their effect on the project.

Provide supporting documentation showing ownership, legal access, and/or permission from landowner in the Attachments section.

The majority of the trail is on a parcel that is under ownership of the city of Aurora. The City has full control over this property, including the authority to design, construct and maintain the proposed trail connection. A license agreement with Xcel Energy is required for a portion of the trail proposed on property owned by Xcel. This is the final connection point to the Inspiration Trail. PROS is currently preparing legal documentation for this agreement and has engaged Xcel Energy. It is anticipated that approval from Xcel will be provided in six months. We do not expect this process to delay design, permitting or construction activity.

Question 10*

Describe long-term plans for maintaining the project. Who will be responsible for maintenance? Estimate annual costs to maintain the project site and explain how maintaining the site will affect the responsible agency's budget.

The completed project will be maintained by the city of Aurora Parks, Recreation and Open Space Department. This includes standard trail maintenance activity such as surface inspection and repair, vegetation management, trash removal and snow clearing.

The trail connection will be approximately 920 feet in length, which includes 715 feet in Arapahoe County and 205 feet in Douglas County. Given this relatively short distance, long-term cost of maintenance is considered minimal. PROS uses an average per mile cost of $9,750 per year to estimate new trail maintenance costs. Using this, we estimate the approximate added cost of the Inspiration Trail Connection to be around $1,658 per year in total. The portion of the trail in Arapahoe County specifically will cost approximately $1,268 per year. This cost will be incorporated into the City's existing maintenance budget. The trail connection will not require the addition of new maintenance staff or additional equipment. Current maintenance crews and City resources are more than capable managing this added connection. PROS Planning and Design staff have worked closely with our Operations teams to ensure the trail will meet City standards and that maintenance operations can be completed efficiently.

City maintenance staff are well-trained and are familiar with the processes required to maintain this trail segment. This experience ensures the trail will be usable year-round and will remain in good condition.

Attachments

Attachment 1: Evidence of Support from Highest Authority*

Please attach evidence of support from the agency's highest authority (official letter or resolution) as a PDF document. At a minimum, this document must include: project title, amount of grant funds requested, statement that matching funds are secured and/or efforts to secure funds are underway (include the amount of matching funds committed), and certification that the project will be open to the public or serve a public purpose upon completion. *A sample resolution is available on the ACOS website.*

Please name your file as follows: *Applicant_SupportHighestAuthority.pdf*

Applicant_SupportHighestAuthority_Updated.pdf

Attachment 2: Evidence of Community Support*

Please attach up to 5 letters of support from users, working groups, community members, volunteers, schools, etc. as a single PDF document. Letters should be specific to the project and dated within the last 6 months.

Please name your file as follows: *Applicant_CommunitySupport.pdf*

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Attachment 3: Documentation of Opposition*

Please attach documentation of opposition to the project (such as letters, petitions, articles, etc.) as a single PDF document. If there is no known opposition, please attach a page stating that this section is not applicable.

Please name your file as follows: *Applicant_Opposition.pdf*

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Attachment 4: Evidence of Commitment from Project Partners*

Please attach evidence of commitment from project partners (such as partner support letters, commitment to provide cash/in-kind match, or maintenance agreements) as a single PDF document. There is no maximum allowable number of partner support letters. If there are no partners for this project, please attach a page stating that this section is not applicable.

Please name your file as follows: *Applicant_PartnerCommitments.pdf*

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Attachment 5: Primary Project Photo*

Please attach one high resolution photo in JPG format. Please choose the photo that provides the best overall representation of your project. This photo will be used for presentations and/or publications.

Please name your file as follows: *Applicant_PrimaryPhoto.jpg*

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Attachment 6: Photos*

Please attach photos of existing conditions at the project site (including captions) as a single PDF document. Include conceptual drawings if applicable.

Please name your file as follows: *Applicant_Photos.pdf*

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Attachment 7: Maps*

Please attach a site map and a vicinity map as a single PDF document.

Please name your file as follows: *Applicant_Maps.pdf*

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Attachment 8: Site Visit Form*

Please attach a completed site visit form as a PDF document. *Forms are available on the ACOS website.*

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Attachment 9: Evidence of Property Ownership/Access*

Please attach evidence of property ownership/legal access (ArapaMAP parcel information, title commitment, etc.) as a PDF document.

Please name your file as follows: *Applicant_EvidenceofOwnership.pdf*

Applicant_EvidenceofOwnership.pdf

Attachment 10: Other Attachments

Please attach additional supporting documentation (news articles, cost estimates, etc.) as a single PDF document.

Please name your file as follows: *Applicant_OtherAttachments.pdf*

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Confirmation

Please click the "I Agree" button below to certify that your application is complete and ready to submit. Once submitted, applications are final and cannot be returned.*

I agree

File Attachment Summary

Applicant File Uploads

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ARAPAHOE COUNTY
OPEN SPACES

Certification and Authorized Signature Form

Please use this form for the Arapahoe County Open Spaces grant application.

By signing this form, I certify that:

- **The information included in this application is true to the best of my knowledge.**
- **If funded, the applicant commits to completing the proposed project.**
- **If funded, the applicant accepts responsibility for any cost overruns necessary to complete the project.**
- **If funded, the completed project will be open to the public or will otherwise serve a public purpose.**
- **If funded, the applicant agrees to maintain the completed project site or to continue its maintenance agreement with a partner agency as outlined in the application.**
- **I am authorized to sign on behalf of the applicant.**

Jason Batchelor

Authorized Signature (highest authority in agency or authorized individual)

04.02.26

Date

Jason Batchelor, City Manager

Printed Name and Title

Inspiration Trail Connection

Grant Project or Joint Project Name

ARAPAHOE COUNTY
OPEN SPACES

Project Timeline Form

Applicant: City of Aurora Parks, Recreation & Open Space Project Title: Inspiration Trail Connection

Use the sample timeline below as a guide to complete your proposed project timeline. Add or edit rows and columns as necessary to incorporate any milestones specific to your project. Timeline must be detailed, realistic, and coincide with details provided in the narrative portion of the grant application. Timeline must conclude within two years of project start date.

Task	Aug 2026	Sep 2026	Oct 2026	Nov 2026	Dec 2026	Jan 2027	Feb 2027	Mar 2027	Apr 2027	May 2027	Jul 2027
Grant Award Notification											
Xcel License Agreement Executed											
IGA Executed (Project Start Date)											
Solicitation of Vendors											
Project Bid Award(s)											
Construction											

Task	Aug 2027	Sep 2027	Oct 2027	Nov 2027	Dec 2027	Jan 2028	Feb 2028	Mar 2028	Apr 2028	May 2028	Jul 2028
Project Close Out											
Grand Opening											
Final Report											

Summary Budget Form - STANDARD Grants (25% minimum cash match)

Source of Funds	Date Funds Secured	Grant Request	Cash Match	Total Project Funds
Arapahoe County Open Spaces Grant	8/3/2026	$250,000		**$250,000**
Applicant Cash Match			$110,800	**$110,800**
Partner Cash Match/Other Funding Source (Specify)				**$0**
Partner Cash Match/Other Funding Source (Specify)				**$0**
Partner Cash Match/Other Funding Source (Specify)				**$0**
Totals		***$250,000***	***$110,800***	**$360,800**

MATCH REQUIREMENTS		
	Total Project Cost:	**$360,800.00**
	Cash Match % Required:	**25%**
	Cash Match % Budgeted:	**31%**
	Cash Match Amount Required:	**$90,200.00**
	Cash Match Amount Budgeted:	**$110,800.00**

**match fields calculate automatically*

Applicant: City of Aurora Parks, Recreation & Open Space

Project Title: Inspiration Trail Connection

** Please do not include in-kind match on the Budget Forms*

DETAILED EXPENSE WORKSHEET

	Budget Category	Line Item Detail Description	ACOS Grant	Grantee Cash Match Arapahoe County	TOTAL
1	Ground Work	Site Preparation and Demo	$24,000.00		$24,000.00
		Earthwork/Grading/Topsoil	$90,000.00	$10,300.00	$100,300.00
		Erosion Control and Fencing	$17,000.00	$11,500.00	$28,500.00
		Traffic Control	$2,500.00		$2,500.00
					$0.00
2	Hardscape	Concrete Trail, Ramps, Curbs	$76,000.00	$19,000.00	$95,000.00
		Asphalt and Road base	$16,500.00	$5,500.00	$22,000.00
					$0.00
3	Site Work	Reset signs, survey marker, trash receptacle, gravel, manhole	$2,000.00	$2,500.00	$4,500.00
		New signs and delineators	$2,000.00	$500.00	$2,500.00
					$0.00
4	Landscape	Seeding and Erosion Control Blanket	$20,000.00	$16,500.00	$36,500.00
					$0.00
5	Professional Svcs	Construction Surveying		$6,600.00	$6,600.00
		Materials Testing		$5,400.00	$5,400.00
		Permit Fees		$5,000.00	$5,000.00
					$0.00
6	Mobilization			$23,000.00	$23,000.00
					$0.00
7	Other	Project Mgmt Support (ICON Engineering)		$5,000.00	$5,000.00
					$0.00
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					$0.00
TOTALS			**$250,000.00**	**$110,800.00**	**$360,800.00**

***PROS will be funding $69,200 for work to be completed in Douglas County as well as $45,000 in contingency for the entire project.**

Applicant: City of Aurora Parks, Recreation & Open Space **Project Title: Inspiration Trail Connection** **Date: 4/23/2026**

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April 24, 2026

Arapahoe County Open Spaces
Open Space and Trails Advisory Board
6934 S Lima St, Unit A
Centennial, CO 80112

Re: Open Space Grant Application 2026

Dear Arapahoe County Open Spaces and OSTAB Members:

Please accept this letter of commitment on behalf of the City of Aurora, Colorado for support of the Inspiration Trail Connection grant application. This project will be for the construction of a trail connection located between the Creekside Eagle Bend and Inspiration subdivisions. The trail segment will provide residents with a safe, accessible connection to regional trail networks between Arapahoe and Douglas Counties.

Aurora is requesting $250,000 in grant funds from the Arapahoe County Open Space Grant Program. The project match of $110,800 is fully funded as part of the City's Adopted Budget. If awarded, the City will be responsible for any cost overruns and further certify that the project will be open to the public upon completion. Maintenance and care of the trail connection will be managed as part of our ongoing
maintenance budget.

If awarded, the City Manager is designated as the authorized signatory for the grant agreement. Grant reports will be authorized by the Director of Parks, Recreation and Open Space.

By approving this grant application for $250,000 the Arapahoe County Open Space and Trails Advisory Board will contribute to the repair of an important trail connection in the city. Thank you for your ongoing support of our parks, open space and trail system.

Sincerely,

Jason Batchelor
City Manager

March 17, 2026

Arapahoe County Open Spaces
Open Space and Trails Advisory Board
6934 S. Lima St., Unit A
Centennial, CO 80012

Re: City of Aurora Grant for Inspiration-Piney Creek Trail Connection

Dear Members of the Board:

Although you are in the (admirable) business of funding recreation and conservation projects, I'm willing to bet that this one is unique – which is why you should approve it. By funding a relatively small connector of a few hundred yards, you will unlock more than 10 additional miles of hard-surface trails and nearly five miles of soft-surface trails to complete long-planned bike and pedestrian links between Douglas County and downtown Denver, the High Plains Trail and all points in between.

At the same time, you will send a strong message to citizens who take it upon themselves to plan, finance, build and maintain open space and recreational resources for the entire community to enjoy.

But first, a little history…

The northern portion of the connector (the short section you are considering) was supposed to be built as part of the development of Creekside Eagle Bend. It wasn't. The southern portion was supposed to be built as part of the development of Inspiration. It wasn't. Instead, developers walked away from their commitments, leaving this noticeable hole in an otherwise ambitious and comprehensive trail system.

For more than a decade, residents of Inspiration worked to raise the money, hire the engineers and get the approvals (of no fewer than EIGHT governing entities) to build the southern section of the connector up to the county line – which they opened in 2023. This was an entirely volunteer effort facilitated by Inspiration's resident-led Metro District. Like the portion you are considering, the southern portion was designed and built to the high standards of the surrounding regional trail network, including being ADA accessible.

The connection will link the nearly 2,000 homes of Inspiration to the regional trail network and open Inspiration's expansive trail system to residents across Arapahoe County. It will improve safety for families in Inspiration who choose to ride or walk

to Red-Tailed Hawk Park or shop at the nearby Target. It will encourage people to get out of their cars and enjoy the significant natural resource investments all of us have made over the years. As demonstrated by the commitment of Inspiration residents, these are irreplaceable treasures we must protect and preserve.

For a relatively small investment, you can unlock significant recreational and conservation value and demonstrate your support for volunteer efforts that promote shared goals.

Thank you in advance for making the right – and hopefully easy – decision by funding the City of Aurora's request to keep the promises broken by others and fulfill the promise all of us owe future generations of Coloradans.

[*DIGITAL SIGNATURE APPLIED*]

Aaron Curtiss
23733 East Eads Drive
Aurora, CO 80016
720.281.1395

March 14, 2026

Arapahoe County Open Spaces
Open Space and Trails Advisory Board
6934 S. Lima St., Unit A
Centennial, CO 80012

Dear Arapahoe County Open Spaces and OSTAB Members,

The members of Bicycle Aurora would like to provide our support for the City of Aurora's Parks, Recreation and Open Space Department's grant request for the Trail Connection located between Creek Side Eagle Bend and Inspiration subdivisions. The connection will provide access to the Inspiration Trail, promoting a safe bicycle-pedestrian path to the regional trail networks in both Arapahoe and Douglas Counties.

Bicycle-pedestrian trails are important community assets that are regularly utilized by residents for walking, running, and bicycling. It is our understanding that this trail will be ADA accessible and will meet all applicable City design standards making the trail accessible to all trail users. The Aurora bicycle-pedestrian trail/route network connects our neighborhoods, businesses and employment centers together providing Aurora residents with safe options for recreation and commuting.

Bicycle Aurora is a group of concerned volunteer citizens and businesses interested in improving the quality of bicycle trails and routes throughout Aurora. We advocate for, and strongly support, enhancing the existing trail network in the city to better serve the bicycling community as well as other trail uses.

Our Bicycle Aurora members request that you favorably consider funding this grant application for the betterment of the Creekside Eagle Bend and Inspiration Neighborhoods, and the City of Aurora Trail System.

Sincerely,

Tom Tobiassen
Bicycle Aurora, President

March 28, 2026

To Whom It May Concern,

As the leader of the of the Hilltop Biking Club for the 55+ community, I am writing to express my strong support for the completion of the Inspiration Trail Extension. This project represents an opportunity to enhance connectivity, accessibility, and quality of life for residents throughout the Hilltop communities.

The extension will open up direct access to the Piney Creek Trail and to Denver's extensive trail system, creating seamless connections for outdoor recreation and alternative transportation. By linking our neighborhoods to this broader network, the trail will provide residents with safe and convenient options for getting outside and staying active.

Importantly, the Inspiration Trail Extension will serve a wide range of users. Bikers, walkers, and hikers of all ages and abilities will benefit from this shared community resource. Whether for daily exercise, commuting, or simply enjoying the outdoors, the trail will be a valuable asset that promotes health, wellness, and community engagement.

This project is not just about building a trail—it's about connecting people, neighborhoods, and opportunities. The entire Hilltop community stands to gain from improved access to nature, increased mobility options, and a stronger sense of connection to the larger Denver trail system.

I strongly encourage moving forward with the Inspiration Trail Extension and appreciate your consideration of its many benefits to our community.

Sincerely,

Robert Brayman
8832 S Sicily Ct
Aurora, Colorado 80016
braymanrobert@gmail.com
917-882-6489

March 24, 2026

Arapahoe County Open Spaces
Open Space and Trails Advisory Board
6934 S. Lima St., Unit A
Centennial, CO 80012

Re: Grant Request for Inspiration Trail Connection Construction

Dear Arapahoe County OSTAB Member:

Thank you for the volunteer work you do each year reviewing Arapahoe County open space grant applications and stewarding the County's open space resources. As a former OSTAB member (2004–2009), I know firsthand how much time and care goes into evaluating and ranking these requests.

I am writing in strong support of the City of Aurora Parks, Recreation and Open Space Department's grant request to construct the Inspiration Trail Connection on Arapahoe County land within Creekside Eagle Bend. Paved trails are the most used community asset in the Inspiration Metro District (IMD), yet our 10 miles of trails currently have no off-street connections to other Aurora or Arapahoe County trails. This short connecting segment will unlock regional access from IMD to the Piney Creek Trail and Aurora's broader trail system. It will connect 10 miles of existing IMD trails to the eastern regional trail network, benefiting trail users from both Aurora and Arapahoe County.

In 2022 and 2023, IMD residents invested $694,628 to build a connection from our trail system to Aurora's trails in Creekside Eagle Bend. When Creekside Eagle Bend directors withdrew their commitment to provide a trail easement, that new connection became a dead end at the Arapahoe County line. At a relatively low additional cost, this project offers exceptional value: a short segment that converts an isolated neighborhood trail into a fully integrated regional amenity for Aurora and Arapahoe County residents.

On behalf of the Inspiration Metro District, I respectfully ask that you recommend funding this grant request for the benefit of Aurora and Arapahoe County's trail system and the many users who will enjoy these new connections.

Sincerely,



Bob LeGare, Board President

Inspiration Metro District
23396 E. Glidden Drive
Aurora, Colorado 80016

April 8th, 2026

Arapahoe County Open Spaces
Open Space and Trails Advisory Board
6934 S. Lima St., Unit A
Centennial, CO 80012

Re: Grant Request for Inspiration Trail Connection Construction

Dear Members of the Board:

I am writing to express my strong support for the grant request submitted by the City of Aurora's Parks, Recreation and Open Space Department for the construction of the Inspiration Trail Connection between the Creekside Eagle Bend and Inspiration subdivisions.

This connection has been highly anticipated by residents who regularly use the existing trail system, particularly the Inspiration Trail and the Piney Creek Trail. As a long-time resident of this community since 2010, I frequently walk my dog, run, and bike along the Piney Creek Trail. It is one of my favorite trails, and it is encouraging to see it actively used by individuals and families throughout the year.

I believe the proposed connection represents a meaningful opportunity to enhance the regional trail network by providing a safe, accessible, and continuous route between neighborhoods. Expanding connectivity between these trails will improve recreational access and also strengthen the overall usability and integration of the regional trail system.

Southeast Aurora continues to experience significant growth, increasing the demand for improved connectivity and alternative transportation options. This project will help address those needs by encouraging active transportation, promoting healthier lifestyles, and creating safer, more efficient routes for residents of all ages and abilities.

Please consider funding this initiative for the improvement of the Creekside Eagle Bend and Inspiration neighborhoods, as well as for the City of Aurora trail system.

Thank you for your consideration.

Claudia Navarro

Claudia Navarro
21925 E Rowland Dr. Aurora, CO 80016

Attachment 3: Documentation of Opposition

There is no known opposition to the Inspiration Trail Connection at this time.

Attachment 4: Evidence of Commitment from Project Partners

This section is not applicable as there are no project partners.



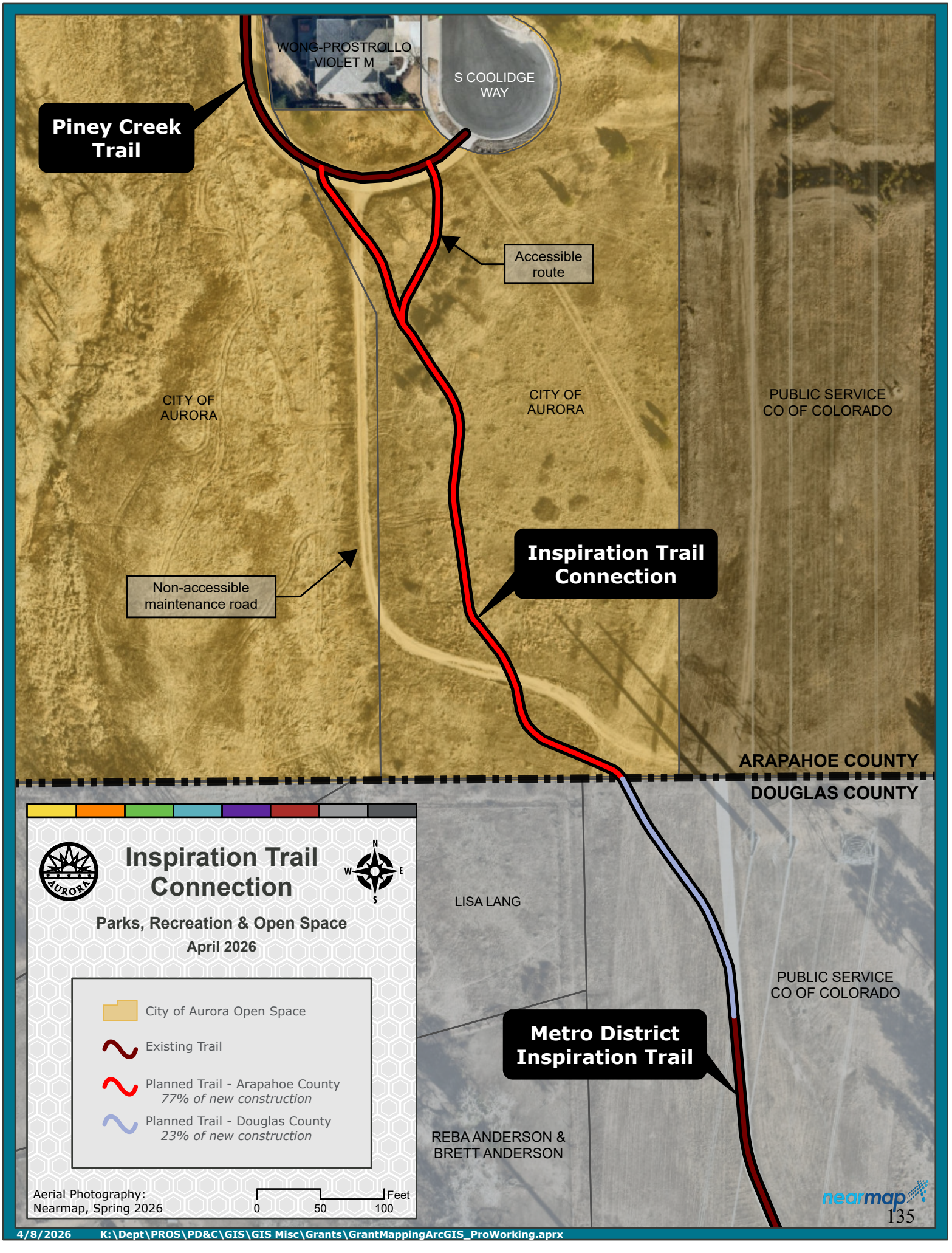


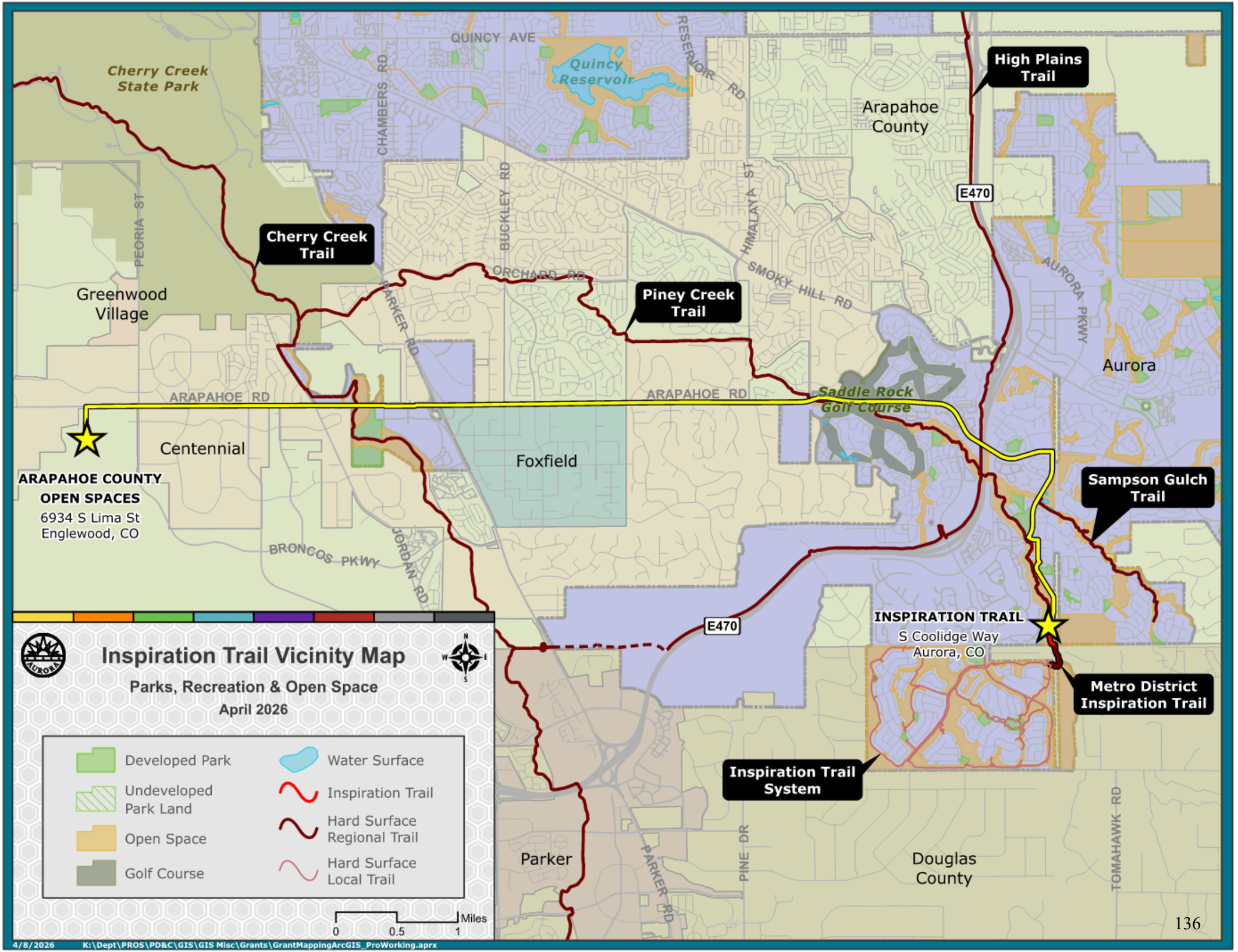



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Cherry Creek State Park
QUINCY AVE
Quincy Reservoir
RESERVOIR RD
CHAMBERS RD
BUCKLEY RD
HIMALAYA ST
SMOKY HILL RD
ORCHARD RD
PARKER RD
PEORIA ST
High Plains Trail
Arapahoe County
E470
Cherry Creek Trail
Piney Creek Trail
Greenwood Village
AURORA PKWY
Aurora
ARAPAHOE RD
ARAPAHOE RD
Saddle Rock Golf Course
Centennial
Foxfield
ARAPAHOE COUNTY OPEN SPACES
6934 S Lima St
Englewood, CO
Sampson Gulch Trail
BRONCOS PKWY
JORDAN RD
E470
INSPIRATION TRAIL
S Coolidge Way
Aurora, CO
Metro District Inspiration Trail
Inspiration Trail System
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PARKER RD
PINE DR
Douglas County
TOMAHAWK RD
Inspiration Trail Vicinity Map
Parks, Recreation & Open Space
April 2026
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ARAPAHOE COUNTY
OPEN SPACES

Site Visit Form

City of Aurora Parks, Recreation & Open Space	**2026 Standard and Small Grant Application**
Applicant	**Grant Category**
Inspiration Trail Connection	
Title of Grant Project	
Abigail Scheuermann	**ahscheue@auroragov.org | 303-739-7169**
Site Visit Representative Name	**Site Visit Representative Email and Cell Phone #** *cell # will be used to contact you on site visit day if necessary (running late, weather issues, etc.)*

1. **Please provide the project address or the closest major intersection.**

   End of Cul-De-Sac at South Coolidge Way in the Creekside Eagle Bend Subdivision. Adjacent to 8191 S. Coolidge Way, Aurora, Colorado 80016.

2. **Specify a meeting location at the project site.**

   End of Cul-De-Sac at South Coolidge Way in the Creekside Eagle Bend Subdivision.

3. **Provide any other helpful information, such as parking instructions, availability of restrooms on site or nearby, or notes about walking distance or terrain.** *Driving directions from the ACOS office (6934 S. Lima St., Centennial) are not required, but may be included if the site is difficult to find.*

   Please park in the South Coolidge Way Cul-De-Sac. There are no bathrooms on site or in the general vicinity. The lot is currently vacant. On a site visit, we would walk along a dirt maintenance road. The road is fairly steep in one section. Visitors should wear close-toed shoes.

New Search | Printer Friendly

PIN:	034230548
AIN:	2071-31-3-32-023
Situs Address:	
Situs City:	
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	View Parcel Map
Full Owner List:	City Of Aurora
Ownership Type:	Sole Ownership
Owner Address:	15151 E Alameda Pkwy
City/State/Zip:	Aurora, CO 80012-1555
Neighborhood:	Creekside Eagle Bend & Tallys Reach 7th
Neighborhood Code:	641.00
Acreage:	3.9500
Land Use:	
Legal Desc:	Tract K Blk 5 Creekside Eagle Bend Sub 1st Flg Ex M/R's

Treasurer's Tax Information

2024 Traditional Notice of Value

Sales by Tax Year And Neighborhood
2025/2026
2023/2024
2021/2022
2019/2020
2017/2018
2015/2016
2013/2014
2011/2012
2009/2010
2007/2008
2005/2006
Complete Neighborhood Sales Information History

Tax District Levies

	Total	**Building**	**Land**
2025 Appraised Value	1,975	0	1,975
2025 Assessed Value	533	0	533
		2025 Mill Levy:	103.823

Sale	**Book Page**	**Date**	**Price**	**Type**
	E504 6727	06-26-2025	340,000	
	B507 1748 *Multi Sched	05-10-2004	0	
	B327 1172 *Multi Sched	12-19-2003	0	

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	3.9500 AC	Tract

Note: Land Line data above corresponds to the initial appraised value and does not reflect subsequent appeal related adjustments, if any.

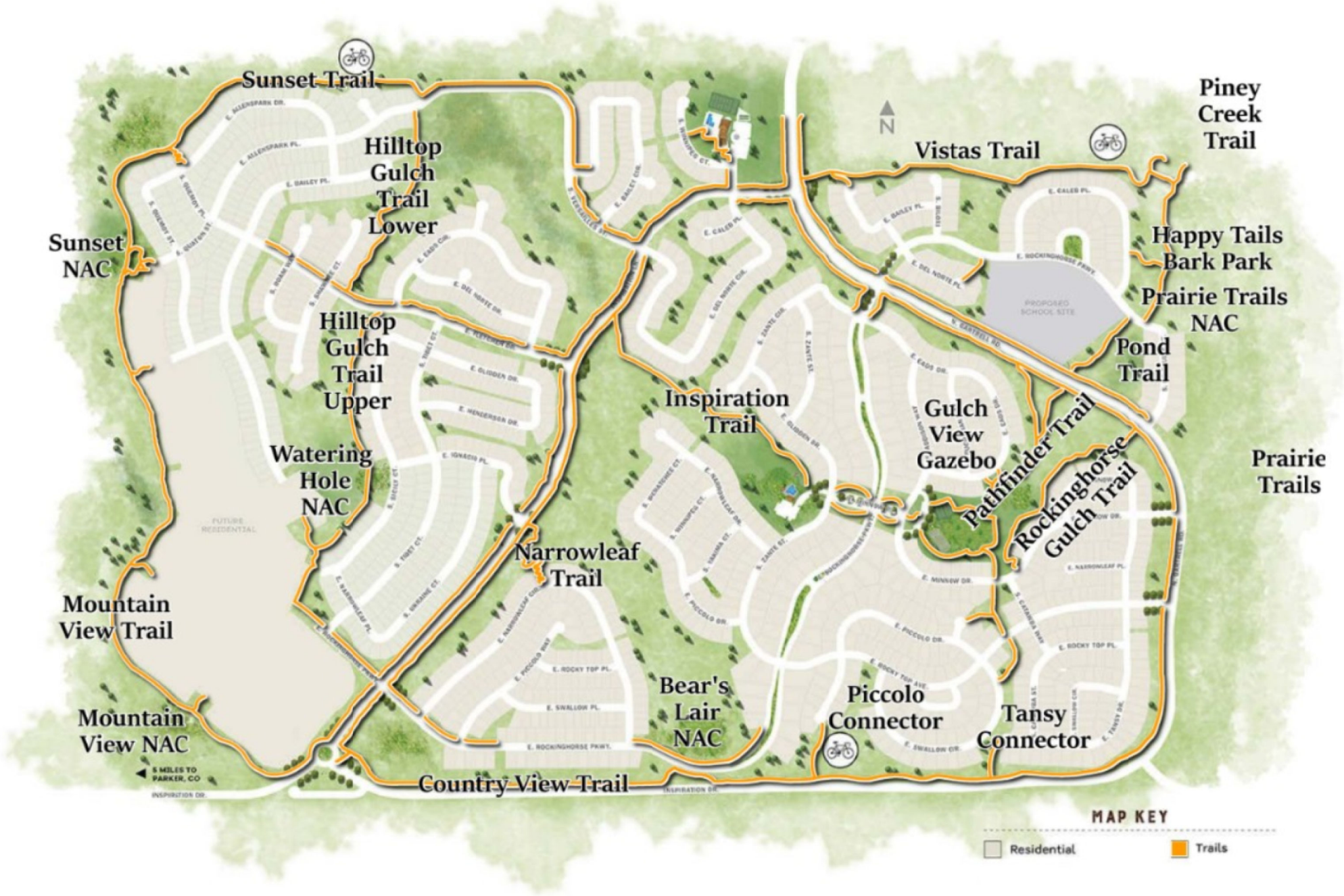
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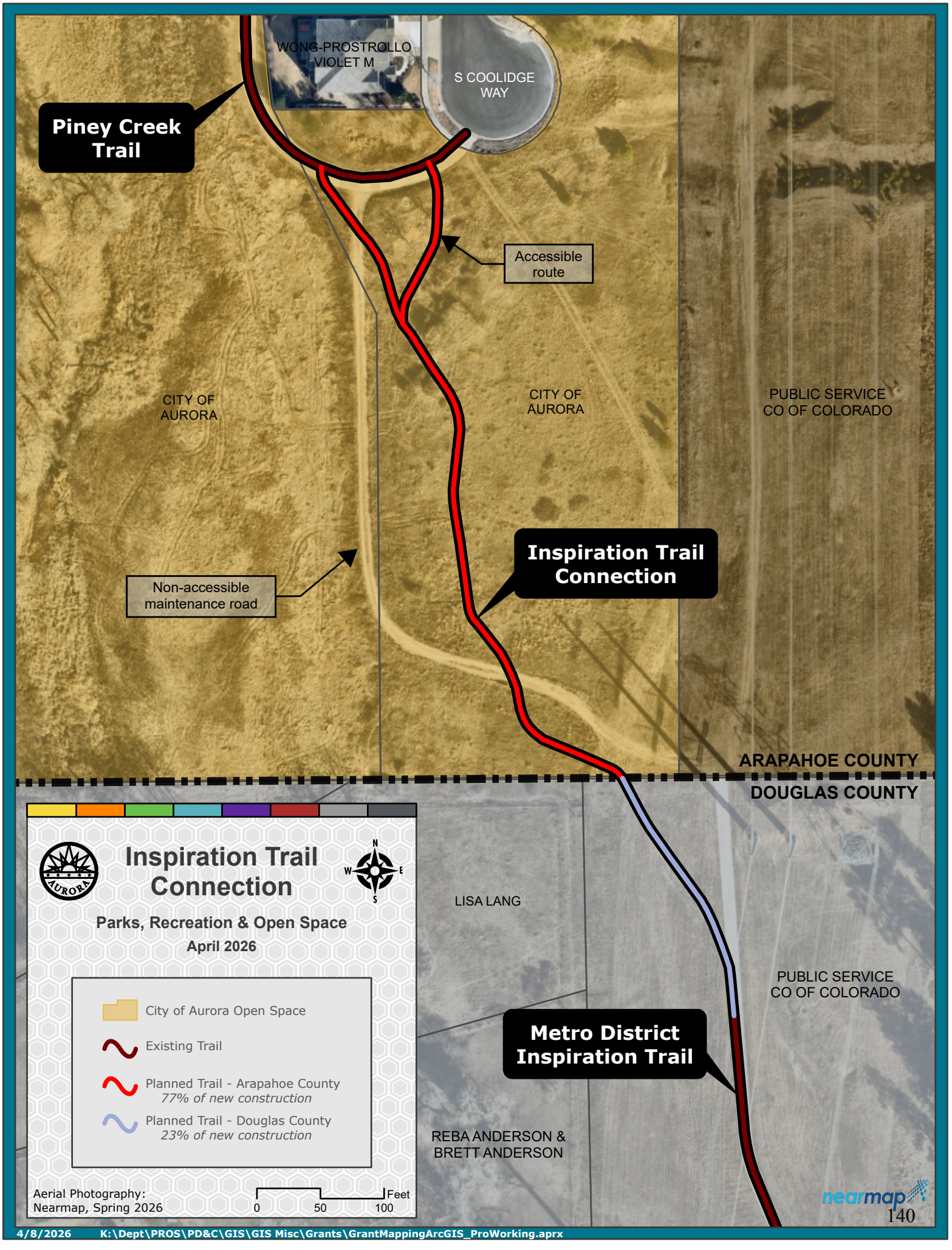
In some cases a sketch may be difficult to read. Please contact the Assessors Office for assistance. Measurements taken from the exterior of the building.

The Arapahoe County Assessors Office does not warranty the accuracy of any sketch, nor assumes any responsibility or liability to any user.

Although some parcels may have multiple buildings and photos, at this time our system is limited to 1 sketch and 1 photo per parcel number. Sorry for any inconvenience.

New Search


Sunset Trail
Hilltop Gulch Trail Lower
Sunset NAC
Hilltop Gulch Trail Upper
Watering Hole NAC
Mountain View Trail
Mountain View NAC
5 MILES TO PARKER, CO
Narrowleaf Trail
Inspiration Trail
Bear's Lair NAC
Country View Trail
Piccolo Connector
Vistas Trail
Gulch View Gazebo
Pathfinder Trail
Rockinghorse Gulch Trail
Tansy Connector
Piney Creek Trail
Happy Tails Bark Park
Prairie Trails NAC
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CITY OF AURORA
Council Agenda Commentary

Item Title: Amendment to the Strontia Springs Refurbishment Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA)
Item Initiator: Mathew Allsopp, Source of Supply Superintendent, Aurora Water
Staff Source/Legal Source: Mathew Allsopp, Source of Supply Superintendent, Aurora Water / Ian Best, Assistant City Attorney
Outside Speaker: N/A
Strategic Outcome: Healthy: Connecting natural and built environments with multimodal networks, ensuring access to parks and recreation, and preserving sustainable water supplies.

COUNCIL MEETING DATES:

Study Session: N/A

Regular Meeting: 8/10/2026

2nd Regular Meeting (if applicable): N/A

Item requires a Public Hearing: ☐ Yes ☒ No

ITEM DETAILS *(Click in highlighted area below bullet point list to enter applicable information.)*

- Waiver of reconsideration requested, and if so, why
- Sponsor name
- Staff source name and title / Legal source name and title
- Outside speaker name and organization
- Estimated time: (For Study Session items only indicate combined time needed for presentation and discussion)

R2026- A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, EXPRESSING THE AURORA CITY COUNCIL'S SUPPORT OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, ACTING BY AND THROUGH ITS UTILITY ENTERPRISE AND THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER, ACTING BY AND THROUGH ITS BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS REGARDING THE STRONTIA SPRINGS DAM OUTLET WORKS REFURBISHMENT PROJECT
Mathew Allsopp, Source of Supply Superintendent, Aurora Water / Ian Best, Assistant City Attorney

ACTIONS(S) PROPOSED *(Check all appropriate actions)*

☐ Approve Item and Move Forward to Study Session

☐ Approve Item and Move Forward to Regular Meeting

☐ Information Only

☐ Approve Item with Waiver of Reconsideration
Reason for waiver is described in the Item Details field above.

☐ Approve Item as Proposed at Policy Committee

☐ Approve Item as Proposed at Study Session

☒ Approve Item as Proposed at Regular Meeting

PREVIOUS ACTIONS OR REVIEWS:

Policy Committee Name: Water Policy

Policy Committee Date: 7/15/2026

Action Taken/Follow-up: ***(Check all that apply)***

☒ Recommends Approval

☐ Does Not Recommend Approval

☐ Forwarded Without Recommendation

☒ Minutes Not Available

☐ Minutes Attached

HISTORY *(Dates reviewed by City council, Policy Committees, Boards and Commissions, or Staff. Summarize pertinent comments. ATTACH MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS, POLICY COMMITTEES AND BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.)*

On October 10, 1979, an agreement was signed between the City of Aurora and the City and County of Denver regarding operations and maintenance of Strontia Springs Dam and Reservoir.

On October 11, 1983, an agreement was signed between the City of Aurora and the City and County of Denver regarding operations of Strontia Springs Dam and Reservoir named the Foothills Intergovernmental Agreement.

On March 12, 2008, the first amendment to the Foothills Intergovernmental Agreement was executed between the City of Aurora and the City and County of Denver regarding capital expenditures over $100,000.00.

On February 27, 2017, the City Council approved a resolution supporting the Revised Foothills Intergovernmental Agreement between the City and County of Denver and the City of Aurora regarding operations of Strontia Springs Dam and Reservoir regarding and increase in capital expenditures from $100,000.00 up to $250,000.00 as item 10c.

On May 9, 2016, the City Council approved an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Aurora and the City and County of Denver regarding the Strontia Springs Dam Emergency Reservoir Drainage System Rehabilitation project as item 10a.

On July 22, 2020, the Water Policy Committee supported moving an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Aurora and the City and County of Denver for the Strontia Springs Dam Mechanical Platform Installation and Outlet Works Intake Gates Refurbishment.

On September 21, 2020, the City Council approved an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Aurora and the City and County of Denver for the Strontia Springs Dam Mechanical Platform Installation and Outlet Works Intake Gates Refurbishment as item 10c.

On September 18, 2024, the Water Policy Committee approved moving an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Aurora, acting by and through its Utility Enterprise, and the City and County of Denver regarding the Strontia Springs Dam Outlet Works Refurbishment Project forward to the October 14, 2024 Council meeting.

On October 14, 2024, Council approved an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Aurora, acting by and through its Utility Enterprise, and the City and County of Denver regarding the Strontia Springs Dam Outlet Works Refurbishment Project as item 11a4.

On July 15, 2026, the Water Policy Committee supported moving an Amendment to an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Aurora, acting by and through its Utility Enterprise, and the City and County of Denver regarding the Strontia Springs Dam Outlet Works Refurbishment Project forward to the August 10, 2026 Council meeting.

ITEM SUMMARY *(Brief description of item, discussion, key points, recommendations, etc.)*

Strontia Springs Reservoir is owned and operated by the Denver Board of Water Commissioners (Denver Water). Under the Foothills Intergovernmental Agreement, Aurora Water holds 700 acre-feet of storage capacity in the reservoir. Aurora Water and Denver Water are operating partners in the Strontia Springs facility per the Foothills Intergovernmental Agreement under which Denver is responsible for 84.27% and Aurora 15.73% of the operating and maintenance (O&M) costs.

The previous 2020 refurbishment project and the proposed project are both in-reservoir projects related to the dam function, requiring different components and specialized expertise due to the unique challenges and technical

demands associated with each project. The timing between each refurbishment project is attributed to the distinct areas for which the projects are associated including differing construction disciplines, budgets, and scheduling requirements.

The Strontia Springs Outlet Works Refurbishment project will refurbish equipment in the primary outlet works for Strontia Springs Dam. The project includes procurement and installation of two (2) 8" fixed cone valves, and one (1) 18" fixed cone valve. Procurement and installation of five (5) electric valve actuators to replace existing actuators on four (4) 48" and one (1) 18" fixed cone valves, installation of ultrasonic flow meters on 8 valve runs, upgrades to facility lighting, HVAC and additional control and electrical equipment.
Denver Water and Aurora Water signed the original agreement on October 30, 2024, which outlined the cost-share responsibilities and schedule for the Strontia Springs Outlet Works Refurbishment Project. The original terms of the IGA are as follows:

- Denver Water estimated the total project cost to be $3,700,000
- Aurora's 15.73% share was not to exceed $585,010 without amendment.

Denver Water initiated procurement through their standard pre-qualification process; however, no qualified contractors submitted letters of interest, indicating a lack of market competition for the project as scoped. Due to this lack of responsiveness, Denver Water evaluated alternative delivery approaches and determined that re-procurement through traditional competitive methods would likely result in continued delays and increased project risk. Given the project's technical complexity, integration with ongoing work at Strontia Springs Dam, and the need to maintain schedule continuity, Denver Water engaged Kiewit Infrastructure Co. through a sole-sourced, open-book delivery approach.

This method provides full cost transparency, allows for real-time cost validation, and supports collaborative risk management during construction. We determined that this approach represents the most reasonable and cost-effective means to deliver the project under current market conditions while maintaining appropriate financial controls.

For the reasons outlined above, the project costs have increased significantly from the engineer's original estimate. The updated costs are outlined below.

- Outlet Works Refurbishment total cost: $9,352,475
- Aurora's 15.73% cost share: $1,471,144
- Increase of: $889,134

This amendment increases Aurora's contribution by $889,134 to cover Aurora share of increased costs.

FISCAL IMPACT

Select all that apply. (If no fiscal impact, click that box and skip to "Questions for Council")

☐ Revenue Impact ☒ Budgeted Expenditure Impact ☐ Non-Budgeted Expenditure Impact
☐ Workload Impact ☐ No Fiscal Impact

REVENUE IMPACT
Provide the revenue impact or N/A if no impact. (What is the estimated impact on revenue? What funds would be impacted? Provide additional detail as necessary.)

N/A

BUDGETED EXPENDITURE IMPACT
Provide the budgeted expenditure impact or N/A if no impact. (List Org/Account # and fund. What is the amount of budget to be used? Does this shift existing budget away from existing programs/services? Provide additional detail as necessary.)

Funding for this amendment is available in the Water Fund operating budget.

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NON-BUDGETED EXPENDITURE IMPACT

Provide the non-budgeted expenditure impact or N/A if no impact. (Provide information on non-budgeted costs. Include Personal Services, Supplies and Services, Interfund Charges, and Capital needs. Provide additional detail as necessary.)

N/A

WORKLOAD IMPACT

Provide the workload impact or N/A if no impact. (Will more staff be needed or is the change absorbable? If new FTE(s) are needed, provide numbers and types of positions, and a duty summary. Provide additional detail as necessary.)

N/A

QUESTIONS FOR COUNCIL

Does Council approve the Resolution for an Amendment to an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Aurora, acting by and through its Utility Enterprise, and the City and County of Denver regarding the Strontia Springs Dam Outlet Works Refurbishment Project?

LEGAL COMMENTS

The City is authorized to cooperate and contract with any political subdivision of the State of Colorado, to provide any function, service, or facility lawfully authorized to each of the contracting or cooperating units of government (Article XIV of the Colorado Constitution and C.R.S. 29-1-203). The City Charter authorizes the City by resolution to enter into contracts or agreements with other governmental units, including special districts, for the joint use of buildings, equipment or facilities or for furnishing or receiving commodities and services. (Charter Section 10-12). (Best)

RESOLUTION NO. R2026- ____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, EXPRESSING THE AURORA CITY COUNCIL'S SUPPORT OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, ACTING BY AND THROUGH ITS UTILITY ENTERPRISE AND THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER, ACTING BY AND THROUGH ITS BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS REGARDING THE STRONTIA SPRINGS DAM OUTLET WORKS REFURBISHMENT PROJECT

WHEREAS, the City of Aurora, acting by and through its Utility Enterprise ("Aurora") and the City and County of Denver, acting by and through its Board of Water Commissioners ("Board") entered into the Foothills Agreement dated October 10, 1979, that addresses, among other things, the joint financial responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the Strontia Springs Reservoir ("Reservoir") and its associated infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Parties entered into Foothills Agreement No. 07804A dated October 11, 1983, and revised April 12, 2017 ("Foothills Agreement"), that addressed each Party's responsibility regarding the continued operation and maintenance of the Reservoir; and

WHEREAS, the Foothills Agreement describes the cost sharing by the Parties for the Board's maintenance of the Reservoir setting Aurora's contribution percentage to 15.73%; and

WHEREAS, the parties entered into Agreement No. 506175 dated 30th of October 2024 ("Intergovernmental Agreement") describing an extended program of work that is known as the Strontia Springs Outlet Works Refurbishment, referred to as "the Project", and has met and conversed with Aurora staff to familiarize them with the Project; and

WHEREAS, the total project cost estimate is projected to exceed the 10% threshold necessitating an amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement; and

WHEREAS, a summary of contributions is set forth in the table below:

	Previous Contribution	Contribution through this Amendment	Total Contribution
Aurora	$582,010	$889,134	$1,471,144
Denver	$3,117,990	$4,763,341	$7,881,331
Totals	$3,700,000	$5,652,475	$9,352,475

; and

WHEREAS, the work performed pursuant to this amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement is necessary for the health, safety, and welfare of the people of Aurora; and

WHEREAS, the City is authorized, pursuant to Article XIV of the Colorado Constitution C.R.S. 29-1-203, to cooperate and contract with any political subdivision of the State of Colorado,

to provide any function, service, or facility lawfully authorized to each of the contracting or cooperating units of government; and

WHEREAS, Section 10-12 of the City Charter authorizes the City by resolution to enter into contracts or agreements with other governmental units, including special districts, for the joint use of buildings, equipment, or facilities or for furnishing or receiving commodities and services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, THAT:

Section 1. The first amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Aurora acting by and through its Utility Enterprise and City and County of Denver acting by and through its Board of Water Commissioners regarding the Strontia Springs Dam Outlet Works Refurbishment Project is hereby approved.

Section 2. The Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the attached agreement in substantially the form presented at this meeting with such technical additions, deletions, and variations as may be deemed necessary or appropriate by the City Attorney.

Section 3. All resolutions or parts of resolutions of the City in conflict herewith are hereby rescinded.

RESOLVED AND PASSED this _____ day of _____ 2026.

_____
MIKE COFFMAN, Mayor

ATTEST:

_____
KADEE RODRIGUEZ, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

PETER A. SCHULTE, CITY ATTORNEY

By: Ian J Best RLA
_____
IAN BEST, Sr. Assistant City Attorney

FIRST AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT NO 506175.: Strontia Springs Dam Outlet Works Refurbishment Project

THIS AMENDMENT to Agreement No. 506175 ("Amendment") is made and entered into between the City of Aurora, Colorado, a home rule municipal corporation of the counties of Adams, Arapahoe and Douglas acting by and through its Utility Enterprise ("Aurora") and the City and County of Denver, acting by and through its Board of Water Commissioners ("Board"), a municipal corporation of the State of Colorado whose address is 1600 W. 12th Avenue, Denver, Colorado 80204.

WHEREAS, the parties entered into Agreement No. 506175 dated 30th of October 2024 ("Agreement"), and wish to amend it; and

WHEREAS, the total project cost estimate is projected to exceed the 10% threshold necessitating an amendment to the original Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA). Denver Water initiated procurement through its standard pre-qualification process; however, no qualified contractors submitted letters of interest, indicating a lack of market competition for the project as scoped. Due to this lack of responsiveness, Denver Water evaluated alternative delivery approaches and determined that re-procurement through traditional competitive methods would likely result in continued delays and increased project risk; and given the project's technical complexity, integration with ongoing work at Strontia Springs Dam, and the need to maintain schedule continuity, Denver Water engaged Kiewit Infrastructure Co. through a sole-sourced, open-book delivery approach. This method provides full cost transparency, allows for real-time cost validation, and supports collaborative risk management during construction. Denver Water determined that this approach represents the most reasonable and cost-effective means to deliver the project under current market conditions while maintaining appropriate financial controls. The project scope was combined with the Strontia Springs Hydroelectric Upgrade Project for delivery efficiencies; however, both project scopes are being tracked as separate projects internally by Denver Water, with independent cost accounting structures to ensure that hydroelectric project costs are not billed to Aurora in accordance with the Foothills Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

a. The total project cost under the Agreement shall be increased from $3,700,000 to $9,352,475. Aurora's 15.73% share shall be increased from $582,010 to $1,471,144, an increase of $889,134
b. The date for completion of Work under the Agreement is extended to June 1st 2027.

2. Except as specifically amended in this Amendment and any previous amendments, the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect. The effective

date of this Amendment is the date it is executed by the appropriate representative of the Board.

CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER,
acting by and through its
BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

APPROVED:

By: _____
Robert Mahoney, Director of Engineering.

By: _____
Alan Salazar, CEO/Manager

DATE: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: _____
Office of General Counsel

REGISTERED AND COUNTERSIGNED:
CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER

By: _____
Timothy M. O'Brien, CPA
Auditor

City of Aurora, Colorado
acting by and through its
Utility Enterprise

_____ _____
Mike Coffman, Mayor Date

Attest:

_____ _____
Kadee Rodriguez, City Clerk Date

Approved as to form for Aurora:

Ian J Best 6/25/2026 26.23
_____ _____ _____
Ian Best, Assistant City Attorney Date ACS #

State of Colorado)

) ss

County of Arapahoe)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this _____ day of _____, 2026 by Mike Coffman, Mayor, acting on behalf of the Utility Enterprise of the City of Aurora, Colorado

Witness my hand and official seal _____

My commission expires : _____ (Seal)

Intergovernmental Agreement regarding the
Strontia Springs Dam Outlet Works Refurbishment Project

This Intergovernmental Agreement ("IGA") is entered into this 30th day of October, 2024, between the City and County of Denver, a municipal corporation of the State of Colorado, acting by and through its Board of Water Commissioners ("Board") and the City of Aurora, Colorado a home rule municipal corporation of the counties of Adams, Arapahoe and Douglas acting by and through its Utility Enterprise ("Aurora").

Recitals

WHEREAS, the Board and Aurora ("Parties") entered into the Foothills Agreement dated October 10, 1979, that addresses, among other things, the joint financial responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the Strontia Springs Reservoir ("Reservoir") and its associated infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Parties entered into Foothills Agreement No. 07804A dated October 11, 1983 and revised April 12, 2017 ("Foothills Agreement"), that addressed each Party's responsibility regarding the continued operation and maintenance of the Reservoir, and

WHEREAS, the Foothills Agreement describes the cost sharing by the Parties for the Board's maintenance of the Reservoir; and

WHEREAS, the Board is preparing to enter into an extended program of work that will be known as the Strontia Springs Outlet Works Refurbishment, referred to as "the Project", and has met and conversed with Aurora staff to familiarize them with the Project; and

WHEREAS, the magnitude of the anticipated cost of the Project warrants a separate agreement to define the responsibilities of the Parties during the Project per the Foothills Agreement; and

WHEREAS Colorado law, C.R.S. § 29-1-201 et seq., authorizes and encourages local governments to contract with one another to provide any function, service, or facility, including the sharing of costs. Governments are specifically authorized by C.R.S. § 31-35-402(1)(h) to enter into agreements for planning, construction and operation of water facilities. The Parties to this IGA are political subdivisions of the State of Colorado, and each is authorized to acquire water rights and infrastructure and to operate and maintain water facilities. Additionally, on February 12, 2020, the Board authorized its CEO/ Manager to enter into this cost sharing IGA with Aurora on behalf of the Board.

NOW THEREFORE, Aurora and the Board agree as follows.

Article I

1.1 The Project. The Project will refurbish equipment in the primary outlet works for Strontia Springs Dam. The project scope includes procurement and installation of two (2) 8" fixed cone valves, and one (1) 18" fixed cone valve. Procurement and installation of five (5) electric valve actuators to replace existing actuators on four (4) 48" and one (1) 18" fixed cone valves, installation of ultrasonic flow meters on 8 valve runs, upgrades to facility lighting, HVAC and additional control and electrical equipment. Design and construction for the project will span 2024, 2025 and 2026. Cost estimates by year are as follows, 2024 - $590,490.00, 2025 - $2,359,510.00, and 2026 - $750,000.00.

1.1 Project Cost. The estimated total Project cost for the date of this IGA is $3,700,000. The Board agrees to consult with the Aurora representative if the cost of any item detailed exceeds the estimate by ten percent (10%) or more, or if unforeseen conditions may require additional work and/or expenses reasonably expected to exceed the estimate by ten percent (10%) or more. The total obligation of Aurora under this IGA shall not exceed $582,010.00 without further amendment.

1.2 Allocation of Financial Responsibilities. The Board and Aurora agree that the general cost share allocation of 84.27% to Denver, and 15.73% to Aurora established in the Foothills Agreement shall be applied to the Project costs. The total obligation of Aurora under this IGA shall not exceed the amount established in the preceding paragraph without further amendment. In the event any portion of the Project relates primarily to the hydroelectric facilities, and therefore benefits the Board and not Aurora, a mutually agreed upon amount (to be determined once pricing information is available) will not be included in the calculation of Aurora's 15.73% cost share and will not be reimbursed by Aurora.

1.3 Board Responsibilities. The Board shall be responsible for the following obligations in connection with the Project:

(a) The Board shall contract for and manage the design and construction of all elements of the Project. Aurora shall be named as an additional insured on all insurance policies that the Board requires of the consultants and contractors it engages for the Project.

(b) The Board shall designate a person (Project Manager) responsible for the day-to-day management of the Project.

(c) The Board shall require that a detailed cost estimate for any changes or unforeseen expenses of the Project as described in Paragraph 1.2 be prepared by its contractors and shall provide such estimate to Aurora for review within seven (7) days of receipt from the contractor or as much time as otherwise reasonably possible.

(d) The Board shall require that any contractor engaged in work on the Project implement reasonable measures to protect Denver and Aurora water quality in the Reservoir.

(e) During the term of the Project the Board shall ensure that Aurora staff will have access to Aurora intake and diversion facilities in the Project area at all times.

(f) The Board shall provide Aurora copies of all Project documents including detailed accounting for all Project payments, schedule changes, and Project cost accounting.

(g) The Board shall invoice Aurora quarterly for reimbursement of Aurora's cost share portion of the Project. Such invoice shall be separate from any operations and maintenance cost share invoice of the Foothills Agreement and shall include reasonable documentation detailing the nature of the work performed or the materials provided including time and materials provided by the Board, and the amount billed and documenting the actual cost incurred by each Party.

1.4 Aurora Responsibilities. Aurora shall be responsible for the following obligations in connection with the Project:

(a) Aurora shall designate an individual ("Project Representative") to be responsible for

representing Aurora in coordinating the Project with the Board's Project Manager.

(b) Aurora shall fund a share of the contingency and design costs based on its proportional share (as set forth in this Agreement) of the estimated Project cost.

(c) Aurora shall reimburse the Board for all agreed-to amounts owed and invoiced through quarterly installment payments as described in the Foothills Agreement.

Article II

2.1 Denver Charter Provisions. This IGA is made under and conformable to Article X of the Charter of the City and County of Denver, which controls the operation of the Denver Municipal Water System. Insofar as applicable, the Charter Provisions are incorporated herein and made a part hereof and shall supersede any apparently conflicting provisions otherwise contained in this IGA.

2.2 Aurora Charter Provisions. This IGA is made under authority of § 10-12 of the Charter of the City of Aurora, which grants Council authority, by resolution, to enter into contracts or agreements with other governmental units or special districts for the joint use of buildings, equipment or facilities, and for furnishing or receiving commodities or services.

2.2.1 Obligation of Aurora.

2.2.1.1 This Agreement shall never constitute a general obligation or other indebtedness of the City (the "City"), or a multiple fiscal year direct or indirect debt or other financial obligation whatsoever of the City within the meaning of the Constitution and laws of the State of Colorado or of the Charter and ordinances of the City.

2.2.1.2 In the event of a default by City's Utility Enterprise of any of its obligations under this Agreement, Board shall have no recourse for any amounts owed to it against any funds or revenues of the City except for those revenues derived from rates, fees or charges for the services furnished by, or the direct or indirect use of, the Water System and deposited in the Water Enterprise Fund, as the terms "Water System" and "Water Enterprise Fund" are defined in City Ordinance No. 2003-18, and then only after the payment of all operation and maintenance expenses of the Water system and all debt service and reserve requirements of any bonds, notes or other financial obligations of the Utility Enterprise secured by a pledge of the net revenues of the Water Enterprise Fund. Notwithstanding any language herein to the contrary, nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as creating a lien upon any revenues of the Utility Enterprise or the City.

2.2.2 Non-Appropriation. The Parties acknowledge and understand that any financial obligations of Aurora payable after the current fiscal year are contingent upon funds for that purpose being budgeted and appropriated by the Aurora City Council. Accordingly, should the Aurora City Council exercise its right not to appropriate funds for any fiscal year sufficient for the continued performance by Aurora of its obligations under this Agreement, this Agreement

shall terminate at the close of the fiscal year for which funds were last appropriated without penalty or recourse to Aurora.

2.3 No Assignment. No right or obligation hereunder shall be assigned by either party. Any such assignment shall be void.

2.4 Waiver. No party shall waive its rights hereunder by failing to exercise its rights; any such failure shall not affect the right of such party to exercise at some future time the rights not previously exercised.

2.5 Remedies. None of the remedies provided for under this IGA need to be exhausted or exercised as a prerequisite to either party's pursuit of further relief to which it may be entitled.

2.6 No Exclusive Right. Nothing in this IGA shall be construed as a grant by either party of any exclusive right or privilege.

2.7 Term of IGA. This IGA shall remain in force until the completion of the Project, including payment of all obligations as described herein.

2.8 Notices. The Parties' representatives, to accept or give any request, approval, notice or the like provided for by this IGA shall be as follows. Where written notice is required, either mailed or faxed notices will be acceptable.

Robert Mahoney, Director of Engineering
Denver Water
1600 W. 12th Avenue
Denver, CO 80204-3412
Robert.Mahoney@denverwater.org

Marshall Brown, General Manager
City of Aurora, Aurora Water
26791 E. Quincy Ave.
Aurora, Colorado 80016
mbrown@auroragov.org

With copy to:
The City of Aurora
Attn: City Attorney
15151 E Alameda Parkway, Ste 5300
Aurora, CO 80012

2.9 Representatives.

The Board's Project Manager shall be:
Nathan Smith, Engineer
Denver Water
1600 W. 12th Avenue
Denver, CO 80204-3412

nathan.smith@denverwater.org

Aurora's representative for coordination with the Board's Project Manager shall be:

Mathew Allsopp, Source of Supply Superintendent
City of Aurora, Aurora Water
26791 E. Quincy Ave.
Aurora, Colorado 80016
303-739-7990
mallsopp@auroragov.org

2.10 Integration. Aurora and the Board agree that this IGA shall be construed and enforced to supplement the Foothills Agreement for the purpose of completion of the Project. Any conflict between this IGA and the Foothills Agreement shall be controlled by the terms and conditions of this IGA. The provisions of the Foothills Agreement remain in full force and effect.

In witness whereof, Aurora and the Board have executed this Intergovernmental Agreement.

CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER
ACTING BY AND THROUGH ITS
BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

_____
Alan Salazar, CEO/ Manager

_____
Date

REGISTERED AND COUNTERSIGNED:
CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER

By: _____ _____
Timothy M. O'Brien, CPA — Date
Auditor

APPROVED

_____ _____ _____
Director of Engineering (Signature) — Print Name — Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM

_____ _____ _____
Office of General Counsel (Signature) — Print Name — Date

CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO,
ACTING BY AND THROUGH ITS
UTILITY ENTERPRISE

Michael Coffman, Mayor — Date: 10/30/24

ATTEST:

Kadee Rodriguez, City Clerk — Date: 10-30-24

APPROVED AS TO FORM FOR AURORA:

Ian Best, Assistant City Attorney — Date: 9/20/2024 — ACS #: 24038234

STATE OF COLORADO)
) ss
COUNTY OF ARAPAHOE)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 30th day of October, 2024, by MIKE COFFMA Mayor, acting on behalf of the Utility Enterprise of the City of Aurora, Colorado.

Witness my hand and official seal.

Notary Public

My commission expires: 2-24-2027

(SEAL)

MARIA CHRISTINA HULL
NOTARY PUBLIC - STATE OF COLORADO
NOTARY ID 20234007439
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES FEB 24, 2027

MINUTES

Regular Meeting – Aurora City Council
Monday, February 27, 2017

CALL TO ORDER – REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Hogan convened the regular meeting of City Council at 4:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESIDING:	Mayor Hogan
COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:	Bergan, Berzins, Cleland, LeGare, Mounier, Peterson, Richardson, Roth
COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:	Pierce
OFFICIALS PRESENT:	City Manager Noe, City Attorney Hyman, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk Napper
COUNCIL MEMBERS ARRIVING AFTER ROLL CALL:	Lawson

Assistant City Manager/City Clerk Janice Napper announced the proposed items for discussion at executive session.

CONSIDERATION TO RECESS FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Roth, second by Berzins, to recess for executive session.

Voting Aye: Mayor Hogan, Bergan, Berzins, Cleland, LeGare, Mounier, Peterson, Roth

Voting Nay: Richardson

Abstaining: Lawson

Per the City Attorney, 2/3 of the quorum present are necessary to recess for executive session, the executive session was recorded pursuant to the requirements of state law.

1. RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 27, 2017 AND CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hogan reconvened the regular meeting of City Council at 7:30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESIDING:	Mayor Hogan
COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:	Bergan, Berzins, Cleland, Lawson, LeGare, Mounier, Peterson, Richardson, Roth
COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:	Pierce
OFFICIALS PRESENT:	City Manager Noe, City Attorney Hyman, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk Napper

3. INVOCATION Deacon Michael Davis, Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG (all standing)

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 6, 2017

Motion by Mounier, second by Roth, to approve the minutes of February 6, 2017 as presented.

♦ ***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: Mayor Hogan, Bergan, Berzins, Cleland, Lawson, LeGare, Mounier, Richardson, Roth

Abstained: Peterson

6. CEREMONY

None

7. PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD (non-agenda related issues only)

Stephanie Puckett, Aurora, Colorado, discussed the recent death of her son, David, in the Olympic Park pond and questioned the purpose of the pond. She noted the pond was dangerous for the children in the neighborhood and those that attend the adjacent elementary school. She stated her intent to pursue turning the pond into a children's splash pad.

Mayor Hogan expressed condolences to Ms. Puckett on the loss of her son and stated Council Member Cleland had stated her intention to move forward with an amendment to the budget in that regard, noting Council would then consider it.

Council Member Cleland expressed appreciation to Ms. Puckett for her attendance and for speaking at the meeting.

Ian Hanson, Aurora, Colorado, discussed the recent net neutrality overturning with the new administration and setting up an internet company for the City to compete with Comcast and Qwest as a result.

Patricia Ferrero and Monica Martinez-Vargas, Aurora, Colorado, discussed environmental justice issues and multi-modal planning in the City.

8. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted as presented.

9. CONSENT CALENDAR - 9a-g

General Business

a. Consideration to AWARD A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT to West Safety Solutions Corp. (formerly Intrado), Longmont, Colorado in the amount of $151,800.00 for annual maintenance and support for the City's 911 answering system in the main and backup communication centers through February 8, 2018. STAFF SOURCE: Aleta Jeffress, Director, Information Technology

Motion by Richardson, second by Roth, to approve item 9a.

Voting Aye: Mayor Hogan, Bergan, Berzins, Cleland, Lawson, LeGare, Mounier, Peterson, Richardson, Roth

b. Consideration to AWARD A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT to Priority Dispatch, Salt Lake City, Utah in the amount of $69,962.00 for annual maintenance on the Dispatch Control Software System for the City's 911 Answering System in the main and backup communication centers through February 2018. STAFF SOURCE: Aleta Jeffress, Director, Information Technology

Council Member Cleland expressed concerns regarding a recent situation where 911 went down and 911 dispatchers were transported to another facility, noting she was not satisfied with the answers she received regarding a backup generator.

Scott Newman, Public Safety Subject Matter Expert, Information Technology, stated the Tallyn's Reach facility was protected by a generator and an uninterruptable power supply which was interrupted and caused the problem during that situation. He stated it was inline and would be between the generator and public service from Xcel, noting it would prevent any single point of failure and would keep equipment up and running while the generator cranked up. He confirmed a single component failed inside the UPS that caused the outage.

Council Member Cleland expressed concerns that this situation would happen again.

Michelle Wolfe, Deputy City Manager, stated the power outage was related to the UPS box and not the software. She discussed the many levels of backup systems and processes in place for an outage.

Motion by Cleland, second by Mounier, to approve item 9b.

Voting Aye: Mayor Hogan, Bergan, Berzins, Cleland, Lawson, LeGare, Mounier, Peterson, Richardson, Roth

c. Consideration to AWARD A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT to Versaterm Systems, Scottsdale, Arizona in the amount of $256,235.00 for annual renewal of software maintenance on the Police Information Management, Mobile Report Entry and Crime Analysis Systems through March 2018. STAFF SOURCE: Aleta Jeffress, Director, Information Technology

Council Member Bergan asked if Versaterm Systems was the only company that could provide this service.

Scott Newman, Public Safety Subject Matter Expert, Information Technology, answered affirmatively, noting the company developed the software as well.

Council Member Bergan asked staff to speak to the ability of Public Safety to put in parameters for the software to bring up crime statistics to provide weekly reports. Mr. Newman did so, stating there were several platforms in the City that could do so. Council Member Bergan asked if this was the software that the City's police used to input data. Mr. Newman answered affirmatively. Council Member Bergan asked if a detailed report of the software's capability with regard to the types of reports that could be compiled could be provided. Mr. Newman stated reports could be provided from many sources, noting it depended on what specific information was being requested. Council Member Bergan stated her interest in driving information to gather and analyze the information.

Mr. Newman agreed to provide a report in that regard for Council's review.

Motion by Bergan, second by Roth, to approve item 9c.

Voting Aye: Mayor Hogan, Bergan, Berzins, Cleland, Lawson, LeGare, Mounier, Peterson, Richardson, Roth

d. Consideration to AWARD A SINGLE SOURCE CONTRACT to EnvisionWare Inc., Duluth, Georgia in the amount not-to-exceed $175,861.70 to provide a Library Materials RFID

System for all Aurora Library locations. STAFF SOURCE: Patti Bateman, Director, Library & Cultural Services

e. Consideration to award a SINGLE SOURCE CONTRACT to Dewberry Engineers, Inc., Denver, Colorado in the amount of $382,081.00 for design engineering services associated with the Rampart Raw Water Delivery System Phase IV Improvements Project. STAFF SOURCE: Steve Fiori, Project Delivery Service Manager, Water

f. Consideration to AWARD A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT to Evoqua Water Technologies LLC, Sarasota, Florida in the amount not-to-exceed $295,000.00 for the Akta Chlor 25 water treatment chemical (Sodium Chlorite) and related services through February 2018. STAFF SOURCE: Bobby Oligo, Manager of Water Treatment, Aurora Water

Motion by Richardson, second by Roth, to approve items 9d – 9f.

Voting Aye: Mayor Hogan, Bergan, Berzins, Cleland, Lawson, LeGare, Mounier, Peterson, Richardson, Roth

g. Consideration to EXTEND A COMPETITIVELY BID CONTRACT with Publication Printers Corporation, Denver, Colorado in the not-to-exceed amount of $84,733.56 for printing and mail preparation of the Aurora Recreation Guide through November 30, 2017. STAFF SOURCE: Byron Fanning, Manager of Recreation Services, Parks, Recreation & Open Space

Council Member Peterson stated she would not support the item because it was a waste of resources to mail the guide out when it could be picked up by citizens at local locations.

Motion by LeGare, second by Roth, to approve item 9g.

Voting Aye: Mayor Hogan, Bergan, Berzins, Cleland, Lawson, LeGare, Mounier, Roth

Voting Nay: Peterson, Richardson

10. RESOLUTIONS

♦ a. R2017-07
Consideration to APPROVE A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Aurora, Colorado, to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement regarding construction and construction management of the Northglenn Ralston House. STAFF SOURCE: Michelle Wolfe, Deputy City Manager, General Management

Motion by Richardson, second by Roth, to approve item 10a.

Voting Aye: Bergan, Berzins, Cleland, Lawson, LeGare, Mounier, Peterson, Richardson, Roth

♦ b. R2017-08
Consideration to APPROVE A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Aurora, Colorado, to approve the 2015-2019 memorandum of understanding regarding child protective services. STAFF SOURCE: Nancy Rodgers, Client Group Manager, City Attorney

Motion by LeGare, second by Roth, to approve item 10b.

Voting Aye: Bergan, Berzins, Cleland, Lawson, LeGare, Mounier, Peterson, Richardson, Roth

♦ ***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.***

♦ c. R2017-09
Consideration to APPROVE A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Aurora, Colorado, approving the Revised Foothills Intergovernmental Agreement between the City and County of Denver, a municipal corporation of the State of Colorado, acting by and through its Board of Water Commissioners, and the City of Aurora, Colorado, acting by and through its Utility Enterprise regarding operations of Strontia Springs Dam and Reservoir. STAFF SOURCE: Bobby Oligo, Manager of Water Treatment, Aurora Water

Motion by LeGare, second by Bergan, to approve item 10c.

Voting Aye: Bergan, Berzins, Cleland, Lawson, LeGare, Mounier, Peterson, Richardson, Roth

11. PUBLIC HEARING WITHOUT RELATED ORDINANCE

♦ a. R2017-10
Public Hearing and CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Aurora, Colorado, approving the First Amendment to the Service Plan and First Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement for Cornerstar Metropolitan District and Authorizing the Execution of the First Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City and the Cornerstar Metropolitan District. *(Staff requests a Waiver of Reconsideration)* STAFF SOURCE: Gary Sandel, Development Project Manager, General Management

Mayor Hogan opened the public hearing on the item.

Gary Sandel, Development Project Manager, General Management, provided a brief summary of the item, noting it related to an amendment to the agreement.

Mayor Hogan closed the public hearing on the item.

Motion by Roth, second by Berzins, to approve item 11a with a waiver of reconsideration.

Council Member Peterson stated she should not support the item because she did not support metro districts in general because she felt that people paying into a metro district were less likely to want to pay a tax increase to take care of City issues such as streets.

Voting Aye: Bergan, Berzins, Cleland, Lawson, LeGare, Mounier, Richardson, Roth

Voting Nay: Peterson

12. ORDINANCES FOR FINAL

♦ a. 2017-08
Consideration for ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE of the City Council of the City of Aurora, Colorado, amending Section 66-34 of the City Code related to the lawful possession and use of fireworks. STAFF SOURCE: Captain Siegfried Klein, Fire

Motion by LeGare, second by Bergan, to approve item 12a.

Voting Aye: Bergan, Berzins, Cleland, Lawson, LeGare, Mounier, Peterson, Richardson, Roth

♦ b. 2017-09
Consideration for ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE of the City Council of the City of Aurora, Colorado, amending Chapter 86 of the City Code related to the sale of fireworks. STAFF SOURCE: Captain Siegfried Klein, Fire

♦ ***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.***

Motion by Bergan, second by Roth, to approve item 12b.

Council Member Roth pointed out these two ordinances went hand-in-hand and allowed the City of Aurora to mirror ordinances of adjacent municipalities and the State of Colorado, noting it did not allow the sale or use of any fireworks that left the ground or that exploded.

Voting Aye: Bergan, Berzins, Cleland, Lawson, LeGare, Mounier, Peterson, Richardson, Roth

13. RECONSIDERATIONS AND CALL-UPS

None

14. GENERAL BUSINESS

a. Consideration of the Appointment of one (1) person to the Citizens Advisory Committee on Housing and Community Development. STAFF SOURCE: Janice Napper, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk, General Management

Motion by Berzins, second by Lawson, to appoint Mark Hopkins to the Citizens Advisory Committee on Housing and Community Development.

Voting Aye: Mayor Hogan, Bergan, Berzins, Cleland, Lawson, LeGare, Mounier, Peterson, Richardson, Roth

b. Consideration of the appointment of one (1) person to the Oil and Gas Advisory Committee. STAFF SOURCE: Janice Napper, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk, General Management

Motion by Peterson, second by Bergan, to appoint Philip Holmes to the Oil and Gas Advisory Committee.

Voting Aye: Mayor Hogan, Bergan, Berzins, Cleland, Lawson, LeGare, Mounier, Peterson, Richardson, Roth

c. Consideration of the reappointment of one (1) member and the appointment of two (2) members to the Citizens Water Advisory Committee. STAFF SOURCE: Janice Napper, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk, General Management

Council Member Bergan nominated Tom Coker for appointment.

Council Member Berzins nominated Janet Marlowe for appointment.

Council Member LeGare nominated Tom Tobiassen for appointment and Alicia Gilley for reappointment.

Motion by LeGare, second by Bergan, to reappoint Alicia Gilley to the Citizens Water Advisory Committee.

Voting Aye: Mayor Hogan, Bergan, Berzins, Cleland, Lawson, LeGare, Mounier, Peterson, Richardson, Roth

Motion by Bergan, second by Roth, to appoint Tom Coker and Tom Tobiassen to the Citizens Water Advisory Committee.

Voting Aye: Mayor Hogan, Bergan, Berzins, Cleland, Lawson, LeGare, Mounier, Peterson, Richardson, Roth

15. REPORTS

a. Report by the Mayor

Mayor Hogan stated his attendance at the recent Front Range Airport Advisory committee meeting and reported on the latest happenings at the airport. He discussed his recent tour of the VA Hospital complex and provided an update on the Impact 64 group and issues related to a potential 2017 state ballot issue on transportation and its impact on Aurora and surrounding areas and entities.

Council Member Cleland asked when the discussion took place. Mayor Hogan stated the discussions have been ongoing for approximately four months. Council Member Cleland asked if some of the legislators were aware of these discussions. Mayor Hogan confirmed a few were aware.

b. Reports by the Council

Mayor Pro Tem Lawson announced the At-Large Ward meeting was scheduled for Thursday, March 2, 2017 at the Tallyn's Reach library where homelessness would be discussed and Jason Bachelor, Deputy City Manager, and the district PAR officer would be present.

Council Member Mounier asked everyone to visit the Stanley Marketplace.

Council Member Berzins announced the construction on Havana and Kentucky was complete and the gas station and convenience store were both open. She discussed her attendance at the recent Cameroon Forum where she learned about the human rights atrocities going on there. She encouraged everyone to attend their Council Ward meetings to learn more about what was going on in their neighborhood and announced the Ward III meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, March 8, 2017 at Mimi's Café at 6:00 p.m. where Dr. Zelda DeBoyes, Court Administrator, Aurora Courts, would be present to discuss jails, the sanctuary cities issue and the court system.

Council Member LeGare mentioned the RTD Aurora rail line, also known as the R rail line, that ran through Aurora was now open with eight new rail stations, noting it ran to Lone Tree and up to Peoria and also to downtown Denver from anywhere south of the Florida Station.

Council Member Roth discussed the upcoming Buskers, Brews and BBQ event scheduled for June 9 -10, 2017 on the Aurora Municipal Center Great Lawn.

Council Member Bergan discussed her attendance at the Cameroonian Community Forum and shared their call to action regarding the atrocities going on there. She announced the Ward VI Town Hall meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, March 22, 2017 at the Police and Fire Training Center at 6:00 p.m. where the Police and Fire Departments would provide a presentation.

Council Member Richardson asked if the sanctuary cities public meeting was scheduled for Monday, March 27, 2017. Mayor Hogan answered affirmatively. Council Member Richardson recommended the meeting be moved to Council Chambers rather than the Aurora Room, that instant Spanish translation be provided and public speakers be allowed to speak. Mayor Hogan agreed on the location change and to provide translation, noting the difficulty with taking testimony lay in the question of moving from a study session to a public meeting as it related to Council rules. He stated a change would require the majority of Council.

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Council Member Richardson expressed his hope that at least five council members would agree to allow public speakers because of the high emotions expressed on each side.

Council Member Cleland expressed concern that allowing public speaking would make the meeting go very late which would not allow the City Council to have a full discussion. She suggested testimony could be limited to an hour.

Mayor Hogan stated the issue would be reviewed and a determination made in that regard.

Council Member LeGare suggested the issue be brought back to study session rather than through email.

Mayor Hogan concurred.

16. PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD

Ian Hanson, Aurora, Colorado, stated his support of permitting public testimony at the sanctuary city meeting because of the importance of the issue.

17. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Hogan adjourned the regular meeting of City Council at 8:45 p.m.

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STEPHEN D. HOGAN, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Mindy Parnes, Planning Supervisor, stated her assurance that the property had the same mixed uses available moving forward.

Voting Aye: Berzins, Cleland, Lawson, LeGare, Mounier, Peterson, Pierce, Richardson, Roth

10. **RESOLUTIONS**

♦ a. **R2016-28**
Consideration to APPROVE A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Aurora, Colorado, approving the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Aurora, acting by and through its Utility Enterprise, and the City and County of Denver, acting by and through its Board of Water Commissioners, regarding the Strontia Springs Dam Emergency Reservoir Drainage System Rehabilitation project. STAFF SOURCE: Bobby Oligo, Manager of Water Treatment, Aurora Water

Motion by LeGare, second by Pierce, to approve item 10a.

Voting Aye: Berzins, Cleland, Lawson, LeGare, Mounier, Peterson, Pierce, Richardson, Roth

♦ b. **R2016-29**
Consideration to APPROVE A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Aurora, Colorado, for an Amendment to the Collection Agreement between the City of Aurora, acting by and through its Utility Enterprise and the USDA Forest Service, Pike and San Isabel National Forests, Cimarron and Comanche National Grasslands (PSICC). STAFF SOURCE: Sean Lieske, Environmental Permitting Manager, Aurora Water

Motion by Roth, second by Peterson, to approve item 10b.

Voting Aye: Berzins, Cleland, Lawson, LeGare, Mounier, Peterson, Pierce, Richardson, Roth

♦ c. **R2016-30**
Consideration to APPROVE A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Aurora, Colorado, approving the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Aurora, Colorado, by and through its Utility Enterprise, and the Colorado State Forest service regarding forest management watershed health. STAFF SOURCE: Sean Lieske, Environmental Permitting Manager, Aurora Water

Motion by Roth, second by Peterson, to approve item 10c.

Voting Aye: Berzins, Cleland, Lawson, LeGare, Mounier, Peterson, Pierce, Richardson, Roth

♦ d. **R2016-31**
Consideration to APPROVE A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Aurora, Colorado, approving the agreement between the City of Aurora, Colorado, acting by and through its utility enterprise, and the Board of County Commissioners of Adams County, Colorado, regarding water service for the Front Range airport. STAFF SOURCE: Kelley Neumann, Deputy Director Water Planning/Engineering, Aurora Water

Motion by Peterson, second by Lawson, to approve item 10d.

Voting Aye: Berzins, Cleland, Lawson, LeGare, Mounier, Peterson, Pierce, Richardson, Roth

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- Transport is allowed to build a decentralized wastewater treatment system up to a capacity of 0.4 million gallons per day (MGD),
- At 75% of the capacity limit, Metro and Aurora Water will review agreement and develop a path forward (revised agreement or alternate solution).
- The ability to optionally utilize Aurora's capacity in the Front Range Airport treatment plant to serve Transport.
- Agreement will terminate within one year after infrastructure is within 400 feet of Transport wastewater infrastructure.
- Connection fees will be paid to Metro, but annual charges will be waived.

Aurora and Metro are actively participating in a joint study to develop the long-term plan for wastewater conveyance in the Box Elder Basin (of which Transport is within). The results of this study will inform future action regarding Transport wastewater conveyance/treatment. Because the use of the well water supply also requires council approval, a subsequent agreement will be presented to Water Policy Committee in the coming months.

Council Member Bergan asked, when they build a treatment plant will the contract terminate? S. Young replied, as the infrastructure gets extended closer to where the Transport properties are, we are required to tie them into the Metro system.

Council Member Bergan asked, why are we required to use Metro Wastewater for all our wastewater, and can we build our own infrastructure, especially in our new areas? S. Young replied, we are part of a service agreement and service member of the district. Council Member Bergan asked, wouldn't it make more sense and be more cost effective to build our own? S. Young replied, there are specific areas of development where you can request an exemption but requires the approval of the Metro board. This would impact their long-range plans for the infrastructure that they have planned.

Council Member Coombs asked, since this is an area slated for future development do, we foresee a having cost sharing agreement with developers, and are there plans to ensure the developer is paying? S. Young replied, there are negotiations and conversations with Transport Development in terms of the infrastructure they are constructing and is currently only being sized to support their development because they are at the end of the system. They have been informed that they are not eligible for reimbursement. N. Freed asked D. Mikesell to give a little background on Metro. D. Mikesell stated, Metro was developed for the entire front range region. There are 37 members that pay and share those expenses. It's beneficial to all cities that send their wastewater to Metro for treatment due to the high expense and numerous regulations. More people are moving towards Metro than away from due to the size of the plant, it is one of largest plants in the western United States. Having a regional wastewater treatment system is beneficial to us in the long run.

Outcome: The Committee supports the Box Elder Transport IGA and forwarded to Study Session for consideration.

Follow-Up Action: The Committee supports the Box Elder Transport IGA and will forward to Study Session for consideration.

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10. Strontia Springs Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA)

Summary of Issue and Discussion: B. Oligo stated, the Foothills Project facilities located in Waterton Canyon, Southwest of the Metro area include, Strontia Springs Dam and Reservoir, Denver's Intake Tower, Aurora's Intake Tower, and a series of tunnels and conduits all of which serve the water works systems of the respective cities. The City of Aurora and Denver Water are operating partners in the Strontia Springs facility per the Foothills Agreement under which Denver Water is responsible for 84.27% and the City of Aurora for 15.73% of the operations and maintenance costs. All Aurora Water from the Upper South Platte, Colorado, and Arkansas River basins come through Strontia Springs Dam and reservoir, which Aurora Water also maintains 700-acre feet of storage.

Two maintenance projects are needed on Strontia Springs Dam to improve employee safety and ensure reliable operation of fixed wheel gates. These projects are scheduled to be completed by December of 2020.

1. A new aluminum platform with handrails will be installed downstream of the existing concrete platform of the ring jet valves to improve safety during operation and maintenance activities. This project will include demolition of existing handrails and modifications to the existing gutter-panels that deflect nuisance water. The estimated cost of this project is $275,000.00, Aurora's share of the cost is 15.73% ($43,257.50).

2. Refurbishment of two 10 foot by 10.5-foot fixed wheel gates for the intakes of the large diameter outlet works operate on Strontia Springs Dam. There are four gates in need of repair and two of the four fixed wheel gates require extensive refurbishment. This project also consists of redesigning the gate hoisting arrangement and storage protection of the refurbished gates.

The estimated cost of this project is $368,500.00, Aurora's share of the cost is 15.73% ($57,965.05). The total cost to Aurora Water for the projects is $101,222.55, Aurora's share is not to exceed $101,223.00.

Outcome: The Committee supports the Strontia Springs IGA and forwarded to Regular Session for consideration.

Follow-Up Action: The Committee supports the Strontia Springs IGA and will forward to Regular Session for consideration.

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11. Xeriscape and Water Rebates

Summary of Issue and Discussion: T. York gave an overview of the rebates.

- Water-wise landscape uses up to 100% less irrigation water than bluegrass. It is landscape that has texture, color, trees, shrubs, perennials and a variety of mulches.
- Landscape Designs are free, two-hour sessions with a landscaper designer. Homework is required by homeowners which allows them to become more familiar with effort level.
- Water-wise Landscape Rebate – Residential – Z-Zone Landscape $4,500; Lower Water-use Landscape $3,000; Materials only, min. 500 square feet; Performance based payback; Backyards are ineligible. Commercial/Multi-Family – same options with rebate value dependent on conservation analysis.

g. Consideration to AWARD A SINGLE SOURCE CONTRACT to Life-Assist, Inc., Rancho Cordova, California in the not-to-exceed amount of $110,000.00 for the purchase of EMS supplies as required through September 30, 2021.
Presenter: Wasserburger, Mathew - Assist Dir Of Fire Mgmt Svcs - Fire/Lathers, David, Senior Asst City Attorney

h. FY21/22 DOLA Gray Black Marijuana Enforcement Grant approval **(This item also appears on the September 21, 2020 Study Session)**
Presenter: Torpen, Scott - Police Lieutenant – Police/Hernandez Perez, Hans, Assistant City Attorney II Civil

Motion by Coombs, second by Marcano, to approve items 9e – 9h.

Voting Aye: Bergan, Berzins, Coombs, Gardner, Gruber, Hiltz, Johnston, Lawson, Marcano, Murillo

10. **RESOLUTIONS**

♦ a. **R2020-97** Consideration to APPROVE A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Aurora, Colorado, expressing the Aurora City Council's support of the Affordable Housing Gap financing program funding recommendations
Presenter: Prosser, Jessica - Manager of Community Development - Housing and Community Services/Joyce, Tim, Assistant City Attorney II Civil

Motion by Coombs, second by Marcano, to approve item 10a.

Voting Aye: Bergan, Berzins, Coombs, Gardner, Gruber, Hiltz, Johnston, Lawson, Marcano, Murillo

♦ b. **R2020-98** Consideration to APPROVE A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Aurora, Colorado, expressing the Aurora City Council's support for the Homeless Services request for proposal program funding recommendations
Presenter: Prosser, Jessica - Manager of Community Development - Housing and Community Services/Joyce, Tim, Assistant City Attorney II Civil

♦ c. **R2020-99** Consideration to APPROVE A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Aurora, Colorado, approving the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City and County of Denver, a municipal corporation of the State of Colorado, acting by and through its Board of Water Commissioners ("Board") and the City of Aurora, acting by and through its Utility Enterprise, ("City")
Presenter: Oligo, Bobby - Manager of Water Treatment - Aurora Water/McKenney, Christine, Client Group Manager

Motion by Gruber, second by Coombs, to approve item 10c.

Voting Aye: Bergan, Berzins, Coombs, Gardner, Gruber, Hiltz, Johnston, Lawson, Marcano, Murillo

11. **PUBLIC HEARING WITH RELATED ORDINANCE**

♦ a. **2020-36** Public Hearing and Consideration of AN ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION of the City Council of the City of Aurora, Colorado, to amend the Fitzsimons General Development Plan to allow for interim surface parking as a conditional use and to rename the plan the "Fitzsimons Innovation Community" (Fitzsimons GDP Amendment #9)

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Water Policy Committee (WPC) Meeting

September 18, 2024

Members Present: Council Member Steve Sundberg (Chair), Council Member Stephanie Hancock (Vice Chair), Council Member François Bergan

Absent:

Others Present: Vern Adam, Rachel Allen, Mathew Allsopp, Matthew Ashley, Greg Baker, Ian Best, Melina Bourdeau, Marshall Brown, Stephen Cann, Shonnie Cline, Alex Davis, James DeHerrera, Rory Franklin, Sonya Gonzalez, Dawn Jewell, Luz Lopez, Adrian Morris, John Murphy, Swirvine Nyirenda, Bobby Oligo, Cat Olukotun, Casey Rossman, Angela Sims-Ceja, Oona Sullivan, Rich Vidmar, Alex Weber, Earl Wilkinson, Sarah Young

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1. Approval of Minutes

The July 17, 2024, meeting minutes were approved as presented.

2. Consent Items

A. Construction Change Order Report
B. Monthly Water Supply Update
C. Grants Update

Summary of Issue and Discussion: None.

Outcome: The consent items were supported as presented.

Follow-Up Action: None.

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3. WaterSMART Water and Energy Efficiency Grant Fiscal Year 2025

Summary of Issue and Discussion: L. Lopez gave a presentation asking the Committee to support the application of a grant from the Bureau of Reclamation for the Aurora Water Operational Technology Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) Network, systems and cybersecurity digital transformation/roadmap project.

CM Sundberg asked, are there any strings attached to this grant that we need to be aware of? L. Lopez responded, no, as long as we proved the 50% cost match they are requiring for the grant.

Outcome: The Committee supports the application for the WaterSMART Water and Energy Efficiency Grant Fiscal Year 2025.

Follow-Up Action: No further action at this time.

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4. Central Colorado Water Conservancy District Intergovernmental Agreement for the Purchase of Brighton Ditch Company Stock

Summary of Issue and Discussion: D. Jewell gave a presentation on the purchase of 0.1 shares of stock for the Brighton Ditch Company from the Central Colorado Water Conservancy District through an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA).

CM Sundberg asked, in what period of time do we receive 16.85 acre feet of water? D. Jewell responded, the 16.85 acre feet is per year.

CM Bergan asked, do items have to go to Water Court to change the destination or for the use? D. Jewell responded, this item will go to Water Court to change the location of use. The current decree is for use within the Central Colorado Water Conservation District, and we would need to change it for Aurora Water to use in our locations.

Outcome: The Committee supports moving the Central Colorado Water Conservancy District IGA for the purchase of Brighton Ditch Company Stock forward to Study Session.

Follow-Up Action: The Central Colorado Water Conservancy District IGA for the purchase of Brighton Ditch Company Stock will be forwarded to the next Study Session meeting.

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5. Denver Water Intergovernmental Agreement for the Strontia Springs Deep Sediment Removal

Summary of Issue and Discussion: M. Allsopp gave a presentation on the deep sediment removal Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Denver Water which aims to remove up to 10,000 cubic yards of sediment from the base of the Strontia Springs Dam to extend the operational life of the facility.

CM Hancock asked, where does the sediment go? Do we sell it or use it for other projects? M. Allsopp responded, Denver Water has property at the entrance of Waterton Canyon where they will disperse and dry the sediment out. They have tried to sell the dried-out sediment in the past but have not succeeded due to some of the minerals and compounds found in the sediment.

Outcome: The Committee supports moving the Denver Water IGA for the Strontia Springs Deep Sediment Removal forward to the next Council meeting.

Follow-Up Action: The Denver Water IGA for the Strontia Springs Deep Sediment Removal will be forwarded to the next Council meeting.

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6. Denver Water Intergovernmental Agreement for the Strontia Springs Outlet Works Refurbishment

Summary of Issue and Discussion: M. Allsopp gave a presentation on the Strontia Springs outlet works refurbishment project which will refurbish equipment in the primary outlet works for Strontia Springs Dam. This will include procurement and installation of fixed cone valves of varying sizes, electric valve actuators, installation of ultrasonic flow meters, upgrades to facility lighting and HVAC, and additional control and electrical equipment.

CM Sundberg asked, do we generate power from the dam? M. Allsopp responded, power is only generated for Denver Water since they have ownership of the power infrastructure at Strontia Springs.

Outcome: The Committee supports moving the Denver Water IGA for the Strontia Springs Outlet Works Refurbishment forward to the next Council meeting.

Follow-Up Action: The Denver Water IGA for the Strontia Springs Outlet Works Refurbishment will be forwarded to the next Council meeting.

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7. Denver Water Intergovernmental Agreement for the Strontia Springs Permanent Bypass Study

Summary of Issue and Discussion: M. Allsopp gave a presentation on the Strontia Springs permanent bypass study which will seek to investigate and develop alternatives to bypass raw water around or through Strontia Springs reservoir and deliver water to Denver Water and Aurora Water. The bypass could be utilized to mitigate water quality issues, mitigate a single source of failure, and allow for removal and management of sediment deposits in the reservoir.

CM Sundberg asked, does the study include piping as a bypass? M. Allsopp responded, there are several ideas for the bypass but there are no definitive options at this time.

CM Hancock asked for clarification on what the actual study will do. M. Allsopp responded, the study will identify alternate deliveries through Strontia if something were to impact the dam, reservoir, or the current outlet structures.

CM Bergan asked, is there going to be a failure? M. Allsopp responded, no. CM Bergan asked, is it critical that we do the study at this point if there are no indications of failure? M. Brown responded, Aurora Water routes almost all its water through Strontia so there is risk of a single point of failure. So, while the risk of failure is low, the concept of failure is extremely high so we

need to make sure we understand what alternatives there are in case of an unlikely failure which would have significantly high consequences.

CM Bergan asked, would the alternatives just be there for consideration should anything happen? M. Brown responded, potentially, but they might also have recommendations for some capital projects to install additional infrastructure. CM Bergan asked, who will conduct the study? Has a Request for Proposal been sent out from Denver? M. Allsopp responded, we are at the very beginning of the process so there has been no request sent out yet and no one has been selected to conduct the study. M. Brown added, this agreement is in place to ask for funding so a request for proposals can be put out.

CM Sundberg asked, how much is our share of the cost? M. Allsopp responded, $47,190.00.

Outcome: The Committee supports moving the Denver Water IGA for the Strontia Springs Permanent Bypass Study forward to the next Study Session.

Follow-Up Action: The Denver Water IGA for the Strontia Springs Permanent Bypass Study will be forwarded to the next Study Session.

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8. Denver Water Intergovernmental Agreement for the Strontia Springs Rockfall Mitigation Project

Summary of Issue and Discussion: M. Allsopp gave a presentation on the Strontia Springs rockfall mitigation project which consists of design, permitting, construction, construction management, and project management to mitigate rockfall hazards throughout Waterton Canyon.

CM Began asked, is this for the rocks that fall? M. Allsopp responded, correct. The rock scaling company will come in and identify the critical areas to keep the area safe. CM Bergan asked, is that the fencing on the rock wall? M. Allsopp responded, the netting is some of the mitigation process, they will also knock off loose rocks and haul them away.

Outcome: The Committee supports moving the Denver Water IGA for the Strontia Springs Rockfall Mitigation Project forward to the next Council meeting.

Follow-Up Action: The Denver Water IGA for the Strontia Springs Rockfall Mitigation Project will be forwarded to the next Council meeting.

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9. Park County Intergovernmental Agreement for Design and Construction Services to Offset Park County's CR 53 Alteration and Improvements due to Wild Horse Reservoir

Summary of Issue and Discussion: S. Young gave a presentation on a proposed cost-share Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) which will make the CR 53 passible in bad weather conditions. The improvements will include drainage culverts, sub-grade work, grading, roadbase, and potentially magnesium chloride if funding allows.

Outcome: The Committee supports moving the Park County IGA for Design and Construction Services to Offset Park County's CR 53 Alteration and Improvements due to Wild Horse Reservoir forward to the next Study Session.

Follow-Up Action: The Park County IGA for Design and Construction Services to Offset Park County's CR 53 Alteration and Improvements due to Wild Horse Reservoir will be forwarded to the next Study Session.

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10. United Stated Forest Service Collection Agreement for Forest Health Projects

Summary of Issue and Discussion: M. Ashley gave a presentation of a Collection Agreement with the United States Forest Service (USFS) which will allow the USFS to conduct forest health treatments on approximately 800 acres of forested land above Turquoise Reservoir. This work will encourage species and age diversity and enhance wildlife habitats. Thinning will enhance forest health and provide better fire protection for the area.

Outcome: The Committee supports moving the United States Forest Service Collection Agreement for Forest Health Projects forward to the next Study Session.

Follow-Up Action: The United States Forest Service Collection Agreement for Forest Health Projects will be forwarded to the next Study Session.

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11. Cherry Creek Wells Update and Project Timeline

Summary of Issue and Discussion: E. Wilkinson gave an update on the status of the Cherry Creek Wells which act as an additional water source for treatment and production of drinking water. The wells have been returned to service after they had been taken offline due to the Environmental Protection Agency and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment published Health Advisory Level guidelines for Per and Polyfluoralkyl substances (PFAS). Recent testing at the wells has determined that PFAS levels are considered non-detect but continue to be monitored frequently.

CM Sundberg asked, where are these wells located? M. Allsopp responded, they are located on Arapahoe Road near the Storm soccer fields. CM Sundberg asked, when were they first constructed? M. Allsopp responded, they were originally constructed in the 1950's. CM Sundberg asked, is this downstream or upstream from the Fire Department training facility? M.

Brown responded that he was unaware of the training facility and that may be what has contributed to the previous detection of PFAS in the wells.

CM Sundberg asked, are the wells drawing water directly from the creek? M. Brown responded, it is subterranean groundwater but there is likely a connection between the wells and the fire training facility which we will look into.

Outcome: Informational only.

Follow-Up Action: Informational only.

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12. Miscellaneous Matters for Consideration

Summary of Issue and Discussion: CM Bergan asked when staff will be bringing a WISE update to the Policy Committee. C. Rossman responded, it is on the agenda for the October meeting.

CM Sundberg asked how things were progressing with Sterling Ranch. M. Brown responded, hey have agreed to the terms and conditions we have presented them but have not seen the redlines to the agreement yet that they have promised to send over to us. M. Brown also thanked the Committee for their support in getting where we are with negotiations with them.

Outcome: Informational only.

Follow-Up Action: Informational only.

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13. Confirm Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for October 16, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. at the Southeast Area Maintenance Facility or via Teams

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Steve Sundberg
Chair, Water Policy Committee

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Aurora City Council

Monday, October 14, 2024

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:	Mike Coffman Françoise Bergan Alison Coombs Stephanie Hancock Danielle Jurinsky	Angela Lawson Crystal Murillo Steve Sundberg Dustin Zvonek
COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:	Curtis Gardner	Ruben Medina

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Coffman reconvened the regular meeting of the City Council at 6:30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Coffman led in prayer for the October 14, 2024 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 litigation and negotiation were discussed.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

6.a September 23, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Moved by: Steve Sundberg

Second by: Dustin Zvonek

Does Council wish to approve the minutes of the 09/23/2024 meeting?

Voting Aye: (7): Mike Coffman, Françoise Bergan, Stephanie Hancock, Danielle Jurinsky, Angela Lawson, Steve Sundberg, and Dustin Zvonek

Abstain: (1): Alison Coombs

Absent: (3): Curtis Gardner, Ruben Medina, and Crystal Murillo

7. PROCLAMATIONS OR CEREMONIES

7.a Swearing-in Ceremony for City Attorney Peter Schulte

Shawn Day, Presiding Judge, Aurora Municipal Court

8. PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD

(non-agenda related issues only)

Council heard public testimony on non-agenda related items.

Moved by: Alison Coombs

Second by: Danielle Jurinsky

Does council wish to extend the Public Invited to be Heard time limit?

*Requires 2/3 vote of members present (suspends Council Rules)

Voting Aye: (5): Alison Coombs, Danielle Jurinsky, Angela Lawson, Steve Sundberg, and Dustin Zvonek

Voting Nay: (3): Mike Coffman, Françoise Bergan, and Stephanie Hancock

Absent: (3): Curtis Gardner, Ruben Medina, and Crystal Murillo

9. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by: Danielle Jurinsky

Second by: Françoise Bergan

Does Council wish to adopt the agenda as presented?

Voting Aye: (8): Mike Coffman, Françoise Bergan, Alison Coombs, Stephanie Hancock, Danielle Jurinsky, Angela Lawson, Steve Sundberg, and Dustin Zvonek

Absent: (3): Curtis Gardner, Ruben Medina, and Crystal Murillo

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: Dustin Zvonek

Second by: Angela Lawson

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

Voting Aye: (8): Mike Coffman, Françoise Bergan, Alison Coombs, Stephanie Hancock, Danielle Jurinsky, Angela Lawson, Steve Sundberg, and Dustin Zvonek

Absent: (3): Curtis Gardner, Ruben Medina, and Crystal Murillo

10.a Motions

10.b Planning Matters

10.c Appointments to Boards and Commissions

10.c.1 Consideration to Appoint One (1) Member to the Citizens' Advisory Committee on Housing & Community Development

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

10.c.2 Consideration to Appoint Two (2) Members to the Career Service Commission

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

10.c.3 Consideration to Appoint One (1) Member to the Open Space Board

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

10.c.4 Consideration to Reappoint One (1) Member to the Cultural Affairs Commission

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

11. CONSENT CALENDAR - RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

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Moved by: Dustin Zvonek

Second by: Angela Lawson

Does Council wish to approve the Resolutions and Ordinances Consent Calendar with Item 11.a.6 removed?

Voting Aye: (7): Françoise Bergan, Alison Coombs, Stephanie Hancock, Danielle Jurinsky, Angela Lawson, Steve Sundberg, and Dustin Zvonek

Absent: (3): Curtis Gardner, Ruben Medina, and Crystal Murillo

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11.a Resolutions

11.a.1 Restaurant Program Subrecipient Agreement Approval with Welsh Land and Cattle Company, for Latin Cuisine Empanada & Sandwich Restaurant (Ward 3)

R2024-124 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, EXPRESSING THE AURORA CITY COUNCIL'S SUPPORT TO USE ALLOCATED FUNDING FROM THE FOOD AND BEVERAGE REVITALIZATION PROGRAM TO FUND WELSH LAND AND CATTLE CO USING ARPA FUNDS

Sponsor: Ruben Medina, Council Member

Thomas Oldenburg, Project Manager, Planning & Business Development / Rachel Allen, Manager of Client Services, City Attorney

11.a.2 Intergovernmental Agreement with Denver Water Regarding Strontia Springs Deep Sediment Removal

R2024-125 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 CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER REGARDING THE STRONTIA SPRINGS DAM DEEP SEDIMENT REMOVAL PROJECT

Matthew Allsopp, Source of Supply Superintendent, Aurora Water / Ian Best, Assistant City Attorney

11.a.3 Intergovernmental Agreement with Denver Water Regarding the Strontia Springs Rockfall Mitigation Project

R2024-126 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 CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER REGARDING THE STRONTIA SPRINGS ROCKFALL MITIGATION PROJECT

Matthew Allsopp, Source of Supply Superintendent, Aurora Water / Ian Best, Assistant City Attorney

11.a.4 Intergovernmental Agreement with Denver Water Regarding the Strontia Springs Outlet Works Refurbishment

R2024-127 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 CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER REGARDING

THE STRONTIA SPRINGS DAM OUTLET WORKS REFURBISHMENT PROJECT

Matthew Allsopp, Source Supply Superintendent, Aurora Water / Ian Best, Assistant City Attorney

11.a.5 ATEC Comprehensive Plan Amendment

R2024-128 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, EXPRESSING THE AURORA CITY COUNCIL'S STRONG SUPPORT FOR AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO INITIATE AN AMENDMENT TO THE AURORA PLACES COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR A PARCEL LOCATED AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF POWHATON ROAD AND 40TH AVENUE (ATEC COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT)

Sponsor Name: Steve Sundberg, Council Member

Jeannine Rustad, Director of Planning & Business Development / Lena McClelland, Assistant City Attorney

11.a.6 2024 Non-Profit Funding Investigation

R2024-129 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO PROVIDE A REPORT OF COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE RECEIVED AID TO SERVE IMMIGRANTS WITHIN THE CITY AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS

Sponsor: Danielle Jurinsky, Council Member

Jason Batchelor, City Manager / Hanosky Hernandez, Senior Assistant City Attorney

Staff gave a brief summary of the item.

CM Jurinsky commented that the people of Aurora have the right to know what happened.

CM Sundberg said that in partnership they can get things done. He stated they do not have control over Aurora's southern border or that Denver boasts that they're a sanctuary city. He expressed that some nonprofits placed people in Aurora irresponsibly with no case management.

CM Coombs asked if they would be asking for protected identifying information on who was placed here and how or are they just looking at what organizations have received funding. She is concerned if some of the information and mechanisms with this are legal. She suggested making responsible policies to prevent these conditions instead of using the role to scapegoat and target people.

Staff stated they would be utilizing the Colorado Open Records Act to get information. He explained they are not focused on the nonprofits, but how neighboring jurisdictions have placed people in Aurora.

CM Jurinsky shared that it was supposed to have been a HUD requirement that the properties were inspected before placing people into them. She said she wanted to find out if those were done.

CM Murillo voiced concern that some organizations will be put into this, the Council will deny funding for them in the future. She asked what the purpose of getting this information is if it is not to withhold funding in the future.

CM Jurinsky said there is one nonprofit she knows that does good work in the City and have good case management, but she does not know about the other organizations. Her stance is that they should not be funding any nonprofits or picking or choosing which ones to fund.

Mayor Coffman commented that they do not know what challenges are in front of them and do not know how many people were moved into Aurora or what benefits they received. He said they really need to understand what was done.

CM Murillo said she is confused on if they do or do not know anything about the issue. She said denying funds in the future for these organizations makes her uncomfortable.

Moved by: Danielle Jurinsky

Second by: Stephanie Hancock

Does the City Council wish to approve the resolution directing the City Manager to investigate the funding of non-profits in Aurora and provide a report to the City Council?

Voting Aye: (6): Françoise Bergan, Stephanie Hancock, Danielle Jurinsky, Angela Lawson, Steve Sundberg, and Dustin Zvonek

Voting Nay: (2): Alison Coombs, and Crystal Murillo

Absent: (2): Curtis Gardner, and Ruben Medina

11.b Finalizing of Ordinances

Ordinances approved unanimously at first reading.

12. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public hearings with or without related ordinances.

13. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

13.a Aurora Missing Sidewalks Gap Improvements Project

2024-66 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, TO EXERCISE THE POWER OF EMINENT DOMAIN FOR ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY INTERESTS NECESSARY FOR THE AURORA MISSING SIDEWALKS PROGRAM PROJECT

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

Staff gave a brief presentation on the item.

Moved by: Danielle Jurinsky

Second by: Steve Sundberg

Does Council wish to support an ordinance authorizing the use of eminent domain, pursuant to Aurora City Code Section 12-12, to acquire the necessary property interests for the construction of the Aurora Missing Sidewalks Gap Improvements Project?

Voting Aye: (8): Françoise Bergan, Alison Coombs, Stephanie Hancock, Danielle Jurinsky, Angela Lawson, Crystal Murillo, Steve Sundberg, and Dustin Zvonek

Absent: (2): Curtis Gardner, and Ruben Medina

13.b DUAL LISTING: Employee Occupational Privilege Tax

2024-67 A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, REPEALING ORDINANCE 2022-77 RELATED TO ARTICLE V "EMPLOYER OCCUPATIONAL PRIVILEGE TAX" AND ARTICLE VI "EMPLOYEE OCCUPATIONAL PRIVILEGE TAX" OF CHAPTER 130 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF AURORA, AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS

Sponsor: Françoise Bergan, Council Member / Curtis Gardner, Council Member

Jason Batchelor, City Manager / Hans Hernandez, Senior Assistant City Attorney

CM Bergan explained this is a repeal of the repeal of the occupational privileged tax for the purposes of a resolution to direct funds for two fire stations and the balance of the funds going to any police operations.

MPT Zvonek offered an amendment to this ordinance for a compromise to appease both sides of the argument. He explained that the amendment to the ordinance would delay the appeal from January 1, 2025 to June 1, 2025. He said the companion result would direct the city manager to ensure there is a work section at the Spring Workshop for Council to offer options to backfill the pending loss of OPT.

CM Bergan accepted that as a friendly amendment to have a robust discussion on how to fund these very needed fire stations.

CM Jurinsky suggested that if they push this back until June 1st, a newsletter need to go out quickly, because it has been communicated for the past two years to businesses that this tax is ending December 31st.

Moved by: Françoise Bergan

Second by: Alison Coombs

Does the city council approve this ordinance cancelling the proposed repeal of the Occupational Privilege Tax with friendly amendment to delay repeal from January 1, 2025 to June 1, 2025?

Voting Aye: (8): Françoise Bergan, Alison Coombs, Stephanie Hancock, Danielle Jurinsky, Angela Lawson, Crystal Murillo, Steve Sundberg, and Dustin Zvonek

Absent: (2): Curtis Gardner, and Ruben Medina

14. FINALIZING OF ORDINANCES

Ordinances not approved unanimously at first reading.

15. ANNEXATIONS

16. RECONSIDERATIONS AND CALL UPS

17. GENERAL BUSINESS

17.a Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Future In-Person or Virtual Council Meetings

Peter Schulte, City Attorney / Jack Bajorek, Interim City Attorney

Mayor Coffman asked if there is any desire to go virtual for a period of time.

CM Bergan does not want to go virtual, but all the disruptions can make it where they cannot conduct their business. She said that respect is a two-way street and she does not feel the Council has been respected by some people.

CM Lawson noted they already give the option to go virtual, but they need to be in the face of the community through the good, bad, and the ugly.

18. REPORTS

18.a Mayor

18.b Council

MPT Zvonek resigned effective the end of October 2024.

CM Jurinsky called out to the governor to call her over some video footage she has viewed and is in possession of. She warned that if she is not called, the videos will come out.

CM Coombs felt they need to address the issue of the police recruiting unit attending a rally for President Trump.

CM Murillo announced her Town Hall will be October 17th. She attended the grand opening of the History of Colorado Chinatown Exhibit and the October meeting for the Highline Canal. She echoed the concerns on uniformed police officers recruiting at a political event.

CM Sundberg announced a Town Hall for October 24th. He thanked MPT Zvonek for his service.

CM Hancock thanked everyone who joined her virtual town hall and hopes her quarterly town halls will be in person. She also thanked MPT Zvonek for his service.

CM Lawson thanked everyone who attend her meeting at Heather Gardens. Her next town hall is October 15th, at the Central Rec Center. She also thanked MPT Zvonek for his support and service.

CM Bergan thanked MPT Zvonek for his time on Council.

CM Medina and CM Gardner were absent.

19. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Coffman adjourned the regular meeting of City Council.

MIKE COFFMAN, MAYOR

ATTEST:

KADEE RODRIGUEZ, CITY CLERK

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.

CITY OF AURORA
Council Agenda Commentary

Item Title: Data Center Moratorium
Item Initiator: Amy Wiles, Council Member
Staff Source/Legal Source: Jason Batchelor, City Manager / Rachel Allen, Deputy City Attorney
Outside Speaker: N/A
Strategic Outcome: Well-Managed: High performing organization, committed to great customer service, innovation, continuous improvement, fiscal stewardship, and maintaining critical infrastructure.

COUNCIL MEETING DATES:

Study Session: N/A

Regular Meeting: 8/10/2026

2nd Regular Meeting (if applicable): N/A

Item requires a Public Hearing: ☐ Yes ☒ No

ITEM DETAILS *(Click in highlighted area below bullet point list to enter applicable information.)*

- Waiver of reconsideration requested, and if so, why
- Sponsor name
- Staff source name and title / Legal source name and title
- Outside speaker name and organization
- Estimated time: (For Study Session items only indicate combined time needed for presentation and discussion)

R2026-97 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO IMPLEMENT DATA CENTER REGULATIONS
Sponsor: Amy Wiles, Council Member
Jason Batchelor, City Manager / Rachel Allen, Deputy City Attorney

ACTIONS(S) PROPOSED *(Check all appropriate actions)*

☐ Approve Item and Move Forward to Study Session
☐ Approve Item and Move Forward to Regular Meeting
☐ Information Only
☐ Approve Item as Proposed at Policy Committee
☐ Approve Item as Proposed at Study Session
☐ Approve Item as Proposed at Regular Meeting
☒ Approve Item with Waiver of Reconsideration
Reason for waiver is described in the Item Details field above.

PREVIOUS ACTIONS OR REVIEWS:

Policy Committee Name: N/A

Policy Committee Date: N/A

Action Taken/Follow-up: ***(Check all that apply)***

☐ Recommends Approval ☐ Does Not Recommend Approval

☐ Forwarded Without Recommendation ☐ Minutes Not Available

☐ Minutes Attached

HISTORY *(Dates reviewed by City council, Policy Committees, Boards and Commissions, or Staff. Summarize pertinent comments. ATTACH MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS, POLICY COMMITTEES AND BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.)*

N/A

ITEM SUMMARY *(Brief description of item, discussion, key points, recommendations, etc.)*

There is considerable interest and concern among residents within the City that Data Centers have the potential to create an unmanageable burden on critical energy and water resources. Data Centers may affect the character of the surrounding area and that all applications for Data Centers should be considered consistently within the purpose and intent of the City's development goals and plans so that the most appropriate uses of land are encouraged throughout the City. The City Manager will propose revisions to the City Code, UDO and other rules, regulations and standards as are needed for Council's consideration to address the impacts of Data Centers on the surrounding community. Until such regulation of Data Centers can be enacted, the City Manager will not accept Development Applications for new, expanded or increase in the size of Data Centers.

In order to protect the health, safety, and general welfare of the community, this Resolution will take effect immediately and without reconsideration.

FISCAL IMPACT

Select all that apply. (If no fiscal impact, click that box and skip to "Questions for Council")

☐ Revenue Impact ☐ Budgeted Expenditure Impact ☐ Non-Budgeted Expenditure Impact
☐ Workload Impact ☐ No Fiscal Impact

REVENUE IMPACT
Provide the revenue impact or N/A if no impact. (What is the estimated impact on revenue? What funds would be impacted? Provide additional detail as necessary.)

BUDGETED EXPENDITURE IMPACT
Provide the budgeted expenditure impact or N/A if no impact. (List Org/Account # and fund. What is the amount of budget to be used? Does this shift existing budget away from existing programs/services? Provide additional detail as necessary.)

NON-BUDGETED EXPENDITURE IMPACT
Provide the non-budgeted expenditure impact or N/A if no impact. (Provide information on non-budgeted costs. Include Personal Services, Supplies and Services, Interfund Charges, and Capital needs. Provide additional detail as necessary.)

WORKLOAD IMPACT

Provide the workload impact or N/A if no impact. (Will more staff be needed or is the change absorbable? If new FTE(s) are needed, provide numbers and types of positions, and a duty summary. Provide additional detail as necessary.)

QUESTIONS FOR COUNCIL

Does Council wish to approve this Resolution with a waiver of reconsideration to stop accepting Development Applications for new or expanded Data Centers until the City Manager can bring forward revisions to the City Code, UDO and other regulations for Data Centers?

LEGAL COMMENTS

City Council shall deal with administrative service for which the City Manager is responsible solely through the manager, and neither the Council nor any member thereof shall give orders to any employee of the City. (City Charter Section 3-10). Council shall act only by ordinance, resolution or motion. All legislative enactments must be in the form of ordinances; all other actions, except as herein provided, may be in the form of resolutions or motions. (City Charter Section 5-1). A request may be made to waive the reconsideration period or matters may be listed on the Study Session and Regular Meeting for time sensitive matters. Parties making such a request shall provide the reason should be heard in this manner. (Council Rules Article II, Section 1). Council Members, City Manager, City Attorney, Chief Public Defender, Presiding Judge, and Court Administrator are the only ones who have authority to place items on Study Session and Regular/Special Meeting agendas. Each such item shall indicate the party requesting the item. (Council Rule Article II, Section 1).

CITY OF AURORA
Late Submission Approval for Agenda Item

Item Title: A Resolution Placing a Moratorium on Data Center
Item Initiator: Council Member Amy Wiles
Staff Source/Legal Source: Jason Batchelor, City Manager/Rachel Allen, Deputy City Attorney
Outside Speaker: N/A
Strategic Outcome: Well Managed: High Performing organization, committed to great customer service, innovation, continuous improvement, fiscal stewardship, and maintaining critical infrastructure.

CRITERIA - PLEASE CONSIDER ITEM FOR LATE SUBMISSION FOR THE FOLLOWING REASON:

☐ There is a time-sensitive legal requirement that must be met and cannot be met by a future meeting date

☐ The delay will result in an adverse financial impact to the city

☐ The item is related to a disaster and must be addressed before the next available meeting

☑ This item was requested by Council Member, Amy Wiles

COUNCIL MEETING DATES FOR LATE SUBMISSION:

Study Session: N/A

Regular Meeting: 8/10/2026

EXPLANATION: *(Please provide a detailed explanation as to why the item falls into one or more of the above criteria and why it may not be set for a future meeting date.)*

This item was requested by Council Member, Amy Wiles.

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Agenda Item Initiator Name

Agenda Item Initiator Signature Date

PETER SCHULTE

Late Submission Approver Name (Council Appointee or DCM)

8-4-26

Late Submission Approver Signature Date

RESOLUTION NO. R2026- ____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO IMPLEMENT DATA CENTER REGULATIONS

WHEREAS, the City of Aurora, Colorado, (the "City"), is a home rule municipality, organized and existing under Article XX, Section 6 of the Colorado Constitution and as such the City has authority to legislate and regulate its local affairs; and

WHEREAS, it is the role of the City Council to enact ordinances, approve resolutions and establish policies and procedures regarding the operations of the City to protect the public health, safety and welfare, including the City's development and land use; and

WHEREAS, there is considerable interest and concern among residents within the City that Data Centers have the potential to create an unmanageable burden on critical energy and water resources; and

WHEREAS, the Unified Development Ordinance ("UDO") Section 146-6.2.D defines a Data Center as, "[a] facility containing one or more large-scale computer systems used for data storage and processing for off-site users. Typical supporting equipment includes backup batteries and power generators, cooling units, fire suppression systems, and enhanced security features"; and

WHEREAS, the UDO permits Data Centers in defined business and industrial zone districts and allows data centers as a conditional use in certain mixed-use zone districts; and

WHEREAS, the Large Water Volume Service Ordinance codified in City Code Section 138-161 addresses the commercial and industrial use of water user flow rates within its service area boundary to ensure a sustainable water supply for Aurora residents and businesses in the future; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes that Data Centers may affect the character of the surrounding area and that all applications for Data Centers should be considered consistently within the purpose and intent of the City's development goals and plans so that the most appropriate uses of land are encouraged throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, City Charter Section 3-10 provides that City Council shall deal with administrative service for which the City Manager is responsible solely through the manager, and neither the Council nor any member thereof shall give orders to any employee of the City; and

WHEREAS, City Council directs the City Manager to propose revisions to the City Code, UDO and other rules, regulations and standards as are needed for Council's consideration to address the impacts of Data Centers on the surrounding community to protect the health, safety, and general welfare of the community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, THAT:

Section 1. The City Manager, or designee, is hereby directed to bring forward revisions to the City Code, Unified Development Ordinance ("UDO") and any other rules, regulations and standards for consideration by the City Council related to, but not limited to, the following:

a) prohibit the use of evaporative cooling in large scale commercial and industrial data centers; and

b) enact land use regulations to ensure appropriate placement of Data Centers and to mitigate adverse neighborhood impacts of Data Centers, including but not limited to, setbacks, buffers, special or conditional use permits; and

c) any additional issues as may be deemed necessary and appropriate by the City Manager that are not inconsistent with this Resolution.

Section 2. The City Manager is directed not to accept new Development Applications that propose to establish as a primary use, expand or otherwise increase the gross-floor area of an existing or new Data Center as of the effective date of this Resolution.

Section 3. This Resolution shall not be applied retroactively. Development Applications currently pending and other contractual negotiations that were initiated prior to the effective date of this Resolution (including incentive agreements pursuant to City Code Section 130-298) shall be expressly exempted from this Resolution.

Section 4. For the purposes of this Resolution, the definition of a Data Center shall be the same as in Section 146-6.2.D of the Unified Development Ordinance.

Section 5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately without reconsideration.

Section 6. All resolutions or parts of resolutions of the City in conflict herewith are hereby rescinded.

RESOLVED AND PASSED this _____ day of _____, 2026.

_____
MIKE COFFMAN, Mayor

ATTEST:

_____
KADEE RODRIGUEZ, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

PETER A. SCHULTE, CITY ATTORNEY

By: _____
RACHEL ALLEN, Deputy City Attorney

CITY OF AURORA
Council Agenda Commentary

Item Title: Data Centers Resolution
Item Initiator: Council Member Curtis Gardner
Staff Source/Legal Source: Jason Batchelor, City Manager/Rachel Allen, Deputy City Attorney
Outside Speaker: N/A
Strategic Outcome: Well-Managed: High performing organization, committed to great customer service, innovation, continuous improvement, fiscal stewardship, and maintaining critical infrastructure.

COUNCIL MEETING DATES:

Study Session: N/A

Regular Meeting: 8/10/2026

2nd Regular Meeting (if applicable): N/A

Item requires a Public Hearing: ☐ Yes ☐ No

ITEM DETAILS *(Click in highlighted area below bullet point list to enter applicable information.)*

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- Sponsor name
- Staff source name and title / Legal source name and title
- Outside speaker name and organization
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Jason Batchelor, City Manager / Rachel Allen, Deputy City Attorney
CLICK HERE to enter all applicable information from above bullet pointed list.

EXAMPLE:

Waiver of reconsideration requested due to …[must include reason for waiver]
Sponsor: [Name], Council Member
Staff Source: John Doe, Program Manager, Department Name / Jane Smith, Assistant City Attorney
Outside speaker: Johnny Smith, Title, Organization Name
Estimated time: 5 mins

ACTIONS(S) PROPOSED *(Check all appropriate actions)*

☐ Approve Item and Move Forward to Study Session
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PREVIOUS ACTIONS OR REVIEWS:

Policy Committee Name: N/A

Policy Committee Date: N/A

Action Taken/Follow-up: ***(Check all that apply)***

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N/A

ITEM SUMMARY *(Brief description of item, discussion, key points, recommendations, etc.)*

There is considerable interest and concern among residents within the City that data centers have the potential to create a burden on critical energy and water resources. City Council wishes to address the potential impacts of data centers located in mixed-use or APZ zone districts that also permit residential uses by establishing additional land use standards such as setbacks and landscape buffers for development within those districts, and City Council desires to protect its water resources by prohibiting the use of certain cooling systems deemed incompatible with the City's interests. The City Manager will propose revisions to the City Code, UDO and other rules, regulations and standards as are needed for Council's consideration to mitigate any adverse neighborhood impacts. Code Changes, Rules and Regulations adopted by the City as a result of this Resolution shall apply to future data center projects that have not filed for a pre application meeting with the City as of the date of adoption of this Resolution.

FISCAL IMPACT

Select all that apply. (If no fiscal impact, click that box and skip to "Questions for Council")

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☑ This item was requested by Council Member, Curtis Gardner

COUNCIL MEETING DATES FOR LATE SUBMISSION:

Study Session: N/A

Regular Meeting: 8/10/2026

EXPLANATION: *(Please provide a detailed explanation as to why the item falls into one or more of the above criteria and why it may not be set for a future meeting date.)*

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Agenda Item Initiator Name

PETER SCHULTE
Late Submission Approver Name (Council Appointee or DCM)

Agenda Item Initiator Signature Date

8-4-26
Late Submission Approver Signature Date

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WHEREAS, there is considerable interest and concern among residents within the City that Data Centers have the potential to create a burden on critical energy and water resources; and

WHEREAS, the City Code mitigates the impact of Data Centers on Aurora Water's supply in the Large Water Volume Service Ordinance, City Code Section 138-161; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado Public Utilities Commission protects ratepayers by requiring utilities to provide safe, reliable service at just and reasonable rates and, in furtherance thereof is holding transparent and public meetings on the large load tariff(s) applicable to Data Centers to ensure they pay for the costs directly or indirectly attributable to their energy consumption and do not burden existing utility customers; and

WHEREAS, the Unified Development Ordinance ("UDO") Section 146-6.2.D defines a Data Center as, "[a] facility containing one or more large-scale computer systems used for data storage and processing for off-site users. Typical supporting equipment includes backup batteries and power generators, cooling units, fire suppression systems, and enhanced security features"; and

WHEREAS, the UDO permits Data Centers in defined special purpose zone districts and allows Data Centers as a conditional use in certain mixed-use zone districts; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to address the potential impacts of Data Centers located in mixed-use or APZ zone districts that also permit residential uses by establishing additional land use standards such as setbacks and landscape buffers for development within those districts; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to protect its water resources by prohibiting the use of certain cooling systems deemed incompatible with the City's interests; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, THAT:

Section 1. The City Manager, or designee, is hereby directed to bring forward ordinances for consideration by the City Council within thirty (30) days to:

a) prohibit the use of evaporative cooling in large scale commercial and industrial Data Centers; and

b) establish setbacks and/or landscape buffers to ensure appropriate placement of Data Centers within mixed use or APZ zone districts to mitigate any adverse neighborhood impacts; and

c) address any additional issues as may be deemed necessary and appropriate by the City Manager that are not inconsistent with this Resolution

Section 2. Any Code Changes, Rules or Regulations adopted by the City as a result of this Resolution shall apply to future Data Center projects that have not filed for a pre-application meeting with the City as of the date of adoption of this Resolution.

Section 3. All resolutions or parts of resolutions of the City in conflict herewith are hereby rescinded.

RESOLVED AND PASSED this _____ day of _____, 2026.

_____
MIKE COFFMAN, Mayor

ATTEST:

_____
KADEE RODRIGUEZ, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

PETER A. SCHULTE, CITY ATTORNEY

By: _____
RACHEL ALLEN, Deputy City Attorney

CITY OF AURORA
Council Agenda Commentary

Item Title: Clarifying Membership Requirements for the Oil and Gas Advisory Committee (Ordinance)
Item Initiator: Jeffrey Moore, Manager of Energy and Environment Division, Planning and Business Development
Staff Source/Legal Source: Jeffrey S. Moore, Manager Energy & Environment Division, Planning and Business Development Department / David Scott, Assistant City Attorney Senior
Outside Speaker: N/A
Strategic Outcome: Well-Managed: High performing organization, committed to great customer service, innovation, continuous improvement, fiscal stewardship, and maintaining critical infrastructure.

COUNCIL MEETING DATES:

Study Session: 6/8/2026

Regular Meeting: 7/13/2026

2nd Regular Meeting (if applicable): 7/27/2026

Item requires a Public Hearing: ☐ Yes ☒ No

ITEM DETAILS *(Click in highlighted area below bullet point list to enter applicable information.)*

- Waiver of reconsideration requested, and if so, why
- Sponsor name
- Staff source name and title / Legal source name and title
- Outside speaker name and organization
- Estimated time: (For Study Session items only indicate combined time needed for presentation and discussion)

Jeffrey Moore, Manager of Energy and Environment Division, Planning and Business Development / David Scott, Senior Assistant City Attorney

ACTIONS(S) PROPOSED *(Check all appropriate actions)*

☐ Approve Item and Move Forward to Study Session

☒ Approve Item and Move Forward to Regular Meeting

☐ Information Only

☐ Approve Item with Waiver of Reconsideration
Reason for waiver is described in the Item Details field above.

☐ Approve Item as Proposed at Policy Committee

☐ Approve Item as Proposed at Study Session

☐ Approve Item as Proposed at Regular Meeting

PREVIOUS ACTIONS OR REVIEWS:

Policy Committee Name: Planning & Economic Development

Policy Committee Date: 4/27/2026

Action Taken/Follow-up: ***(Check all that apply)***

☒ Recommends Approval

☐ Does Not Recommend Approval

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☐ Minutes Attached

HISTORY *(Dates reviewed by City council, Policy Committees, Boards and Commissions, or Staff. Summarize pertinent comments. ATTACH MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS, POLICY COMMITTEES AND BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.)*

This item was presented to the Oil & Gas Advisory Committee in October 2025, and the Committee voted unanimously to support the passage of this ordinance. A memo of support is attached from the Chair of the Committee. The item was presented to PED on April 27, and was approved to be moved to Study Session.

ITEM SUMMARY *(Brief description of item, discussion, key points, recommendations, etc.)*

The Oil & Gas Advisory Committee has three categories of membership: 1. "citizen" members, 2. Oil and Gas industry members, 3. Surface or landowner members. Cateogory 1 must be residents of Aurora, but the original ordinance that created the Committee did not explicitly state whether categories 2 and 3 must be residents. Due to the nature of categories 2 and 3, the original intent was that those members do not need to be residents of Aurora. After the passage of Resolution R2025-78, this ordinance will clarify explicitly that members in categories 2 and 3 do not need to be residents of Aurora, though consideration will be given to Aurora residents during any application process.

FISCAL IMPACT

Select all that apply. (If no fiscal impact, click that box and skip to "Questions for Council")

☐ Revenue Impact ☐ Budgeted Expenditure Impact ☐ Non-Budgeted Expenditure Impact
☐ Workload Impact ☒ No Fiscal Impact

REVENUE IMPACT
Provide the revenue impact or N/A if no impact. (What is the estimated impact on revenue? What funds would be impacted? Provide additional detail as necessary.)

N/A

BUDGETED EXPENDITURE IMPACT
Provide the budgeted expenditure impact or N/A if no impact. (List Org/Account # and fund. What is the amount of budget to be used? Does this shift existing budget away from existing programs/services? Provide additional detail as necessary.)

N/A

NON-BUDGETED EXPENDITURE IMPACT
Provide the non-budgeted expenditure impact or N/A if no impact. (Provide information on non-budgeted costs. Include Personal Services, Supplies and Services, Interfund Charges, and Capital needs. Provide additional detail as necessary.)

N/A

WORKLOAD IMPACT
Provide the workload impact or N/A if no impact. (Will more staff be needed or is the change absorbable? If new FTE(s) are needed, provide numbers and types of positions, and a duty summary. Provide additional detail as necessary.)

N/A

QUESTIONS FOR COUNCIL

Does Council wish to support this ordinance?

LEGAL COMMENTS

City Council shall act only by ordinance, resolution or motion. All legislative enactments must be in the form of an ordinance. Aurora City Charter, Sec. 5.1. Amendments to any provision of the Code shall be made by amending such provision by specific reference to the section number of the City Code. All subsections, sections, articles or chapters desired to be repealed must be specifically repealed by subsection, section, article or chapter number, as the case may be. Subsections and sections may be amended or repealed by reference to the number or letter of such subsection or section. (City Code Section 1.9). (Scott)

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-___

A BILL

FOR AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, AMENDING CHAPTER 106 OF THE AURORA CITY CODE REGARDING MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS FOR THE AURORA OIL AND GAS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Aurora City Code established the Oil and Gas Advisory Committee to advise the city council on matters relating to oil and gas development within the city; and

WHEREAS, Aurora City Code section 2-769 states, in part, "[a]ll members of any city board, commission, committee, or authority, established by either the Charter, ordinance or resolution, shall be residents of the city unless an exception is contained within the establishing legislation [ordinance] relating to a particular board, commission, committee or authority."; and

WHEREAS, City Council enacted Resolution No. R2025-78 which requires, among other things, that "all board and commission members shall be residents of the city, unless specifically stated otherwise in the City Code or Charter"; and

WHEREAS, Aurora City Code section 106-163 addresses membership categories for Oil and Gas Advisory Committee members, including five members who are citizens of Aurora, three members who represent industry, and three members who are surface or property owners; and,

WHEREAS, section 106-163 specifically states that "citizen" members must be citizens of Aurora, but does not include a "specific" exemption from the residency requirement for "industry" members or "surface or property owners" even though it is implied that those two categories of members are not required to be citizens of the city; and

WHEREAS, the Oil and Gas Advisory Committee, in conjunction with city staff, wish to bring clarity to the membership requirements for the Committee;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO:

Section 1. That section 106-163 of the City Code of the City of Aurora, Colorado, is hereby amended as follows:

The oil and gas advisory committee shall be comprised of the following members:

(a) *Five citizens.* These members shall be citizens of Aurora and shall be appointed by city council. Of these five citizens, every attempt shall be made to appoint two citizens from the areas most affected by oil and gas at the time of the appointment. Factors for consideration for being "most affected" may include the number of wells in an area, new applications being submitted for oil and gas drilling, early stages of drilling and construction of the well pad and oil and gas extraction, and any other factor city council deems relevant to the appointment; and

(b) *Three industry representatives.* These representatives shall be registered Colorado electors, whose employer shall be registered with the Colorado ~~Oil and Gas Conservation Commission~~ **Energy and Carbon Management Commission**. These representatives will be comprised of those who are actively exploring, drilling, and/or producing oil and/or gas within the city and may include oil and gas operators, pipeline companies, rig companies, and/or any other company actively engaged in the oil and gas industry within the City**. Industry Representatives are not required to be residents of Aurora**; and

(c) *Three surface or property owners.* Surface or property owners are those individuals or companies that are either a surface owner of vacant land that holds minerals or a mineral owner of a vacant land parcel. **While preference will be given to Aurora residents and companies located in Aurora, Surface or Property Owners are not required to be residents of Aurora or, in the case of a company, to be located in Aurora.**

Section 2. Severability. The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any section, paragraph, clause, or provision of this Ordinance shall, for any reason, be held to be invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph, clause, or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Ordinance.

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INTRODUCED, READ AND ORDERED PUBLISHED this _____ day of ____, 2026.

PASSED AND ORDERED PUBLISHED this _____ day of _____, 2026.

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MIKE COFFMAN, Mayor

ATTEST:

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KADEE RODRIGUEZ, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

PETER A. SCHULTE, CITY ATTORNEY

By: David Scott RLA
DAVE SCOTT, Assistant City Attorney

MEMORANDUM

TO:	Mayor Coffman and Members of City Council
FROM:	Brad Pierce, Chair, Oil and Gas Advisory Committee
THROUGH:	Jeffrey S. Moore, P.G., Manager, Energy and Environment Division
DATE:	October 23, 2025
SUBJECT:	**Proposed Ordinance to Clarify Membership Requirements for the Oil and Gas Advisory Committee**

Dear Mayor Coffman and Members of the Aurora City Council:

I am pleased to provide comments from the Oil and Gas Advisory Committee clarifying our membership requirements.

As background, recently the City Council adopted Resolution No. R2025-78 which states, in part, that "all board and commission members shall be residents of the city, unless specifically stated otherwise in the City Code or Charter." This resolution is consistent with existing City Code section 2-769 which states, in part, "[a]ll members of any city board, commission, committee, or authority, established by either the Charter, ordinance or resolution, shall be residents of the city unless an exception is contained within the establishing legislation [ordinance] relating to a particular board, commission, committee or authority."

The Oil and Gas Advisory Committee was established by ordinance in 2015. The membership categories are located in section 106-163 of the Aurora City code. According to that section, the Committee is to be comprised of five members who are citizens of Aurora, three members who represent industry, and three members who are surface or property owners. While section 106-163 specifically states that "citizen" members must be citizens of Aurora, it does not address residency requirements for the industry and surface owner members and does not include a "specific" exemption from the residency requirement for these members.

On October 22, 2025 the Oil and Gas Advisory Committee held its regular quarterly meeting via Microsoft Teams. Dave Scott from the Aurora City Attorney's office presented suggested revisions to Aurora City Code section 106-163 to clarify membership requirements for industry and surface or property owner members. The revisions would clarify that these categories of members are not required to be residents given the nature of their work. Following discussion and questions from members, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend to City Council that the proposed ordinance incorporating these changes be adopted.

The proposed ordinance making revisions to City Code section 106-163 is included with this Memorandum.

Please contact me with any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

Brad Pierce
Chair, Oil & Gas Advisory Committee

Proposed Ordinance Clarifying Membership Requirements for the Oil and Gas Advisory Committee

Planning and Business
Development Department

City Council
Study Session
June 8, 2026

Jeffrey S. Moore, P.G.
Manager, Energy & Environment Division

We steward access to the natural resources under our authority with integrity and respect for our people, businesses, and the environment.

The Oil and Gas Advisory Committee (OGAC)

- Established by City Council ordinance in 2015 to provide advice to the City Council on “matters relating to oil and gas development in the city.”

- The OGAC currently meets quarterly

- The Committee is comprised of three categories of members:
  A. 5 “citizens” of Aurora (specifically must be residents)
  B. 3 representatives of the oil and gas industry with operations in Aurora
  C. 3 individuals who are surface or property/mineral owners

City Council Resolution on Committees

- In 2025, the City Council adopted Resolution R2025-78, which reiterates requirements in the City Code section 2-769 that “all board and commission members shall be residents of the city, **unless specifically stated otherwise** in the City Code or Charter.”

- As written, the ordinance establishing the OGAC did not **specifically state** that the industry members and land owner members did not need to be residents.

- We believe this created uncertainty in the membership categories.

The Proposed Solution

- It was not the intention of the original Ordinance to require the industry representatives or property owners to be residents of the City given the nature of their positions.

- The proposed amendment would clarify these exceptions by making them explicit, to comply with City Code and Resolution R2025-78 language

- Provides certainty to the volunteers who serve as members of the Committee

The Proposed Revisions

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Thank You!

Planning and Business
Development Department

CITY OF AURORA
Council Agenda Commentary

Item Title: DUAL LISTED: Amendment to Chapter 134 of the City Code (Ordinance)
Item Initiator: Todd Chamberlain, Chief, Police
Staff Source/Legal Source: Jason Pray, Lieutenant, Police / Mandy MacDonald, Senior Assistant City Attorney
Outside Speaker: N/A
Strategic Outcome: Safe: Promoting safety in our built environment through effective administration of city codes and ordinances and responding to emergencies appropriately to preserve and enhance the community's sense of security and well-being.

COUNCIL MEETING DATES:

Study Session: 7/27/2026

Regular Meeting: 7/27/2026

2nd Regular Meeting (if applicable): 8/10/2026

Item requires a Public Hearing: ☐ Yes ☐ No

ITEM DETAILS *(Click in highlighted area below bullet point list to enter applicable information.)*

- Waiver of reconsideration requested, and if so, why
- Sponsor name
- Staff source name and title / Legal source name and title
- Outside speaker name and organization
- Estimated time: (For Study Session items only indicate combined time needed for presentation and discussion)

Jason Pray, Lieutenant, Police / Mandy MacDonald, Senior Assistant City Attorney
Estimated time: 5 mins

ACTIONS(S) PROPOSED *(Check all appropriate actions)*

☒ Approve Item and Move Forward to Study Session

☐ Approve Item and Move Forward to Regular Meeting

☐ Information Only

☐ Approve Item with Waiver of Reconsideration
Reason for waiver is described in the Item Details field above.

☐ Approve Item as Proposed at Policy Committee

☐ Approve Item as Proposed at Study Session

☐ Approve Item as Proposed at Regular Meeting

PREVIOUS ACTIONS OR REVIEWS:

Policy Committee Name: Public Safety, Courts & Civil Service

Policy Committee Date: 7/9/2026

Action Taken/Follow-up: ***(Check all that apply)***

☐ Recommends Approval ☐ Does Not Recommend Approval

☒ Forwarded Without Recommendation ☐ Minutes Not Available

☐ Minutes Attached

HISTORY *(Dates reviewed by City council, Policy Committees, Boards and Commissions, or Staff. Summarize pertinent comments. ATTACH MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS, POLICY COMMITTEES AND BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.)*

This ordinance was presented at the July 9th Public Safety, Courts & Civil Service committee meeting. Due to the August 12th effect date for changes to state law, this ordinance has been dual-listed in order to have a second reading prior to the law changes.

ITEM SUMMARY *(Brief description of item, discussion, key points, recommendations, etc.)*

Senate Bill 26-152 was signed into law and takes effect on August 12, 2026. The Act makes certain changes to the use of automated vehicle identification systems (AVIS), including:

- Modifying the public notice requirements that a municipality or an agency responsible for placing a new AVIS must provide before utilizing the new AVIS and clarifying the definition of mobile AVIS systems that are not subject to the notice requirements;
- Making the registered owner of a motor vehicle responsible for all civil penalties associated with violations committed with the vehicle unless the vehicle was sold, leased, or stolen;
- Creating a defined procedure through which the registered owner of a motor vehicle may prove that the vehicle was sold, leased, or stolen at the time when a violation was detected by an AVIS and, thereby, under certain circumstances, relieving the registered owner from having to pay the civil penalty associated with the notice of violation; and
- Changing the penalty structure for different levels of speeding violations detected by an AVIS.

Section 134 of the City Code contains the notice procedures and penalty assessments for AVIS. This ordinance amends Section 134 of the City Code to align with the changes to state law under SB26-152.

FISCAL IMPACT

Select all that apply. (If no fiscal impact, click that box and skip to "Questions for Council")

☐ Revenue Impact ☐ Budgeted Expenditure Impact ☐ Non-Budgeted Expenditure Impact
☐ Workload Impact ☒ No Fiscal Impact

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WORKLOAD IMPACT

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QUESTIONS FOR COUNCIL

Does Council wish to support the ordinance to amend Chapter 134 of the City Code?

LEGAL COMMENTS

Council shall act only by ordinance, resolution or motion. All legislative enactments must be in the form of ordinances; all other actions, except as herein provided, may be in the form of resolutions or motions. (Section 5-1, Aurora City Charter). (MacDonald)

ORDINANCE NO. 2026- ____

A BILL

FOR AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, AMENDING CHAPTER 134, ARTICLE XI OF THE CITY CODE PERTAINING TO AUTOMATED VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION SYSTEMS.

WHEREAS, on June 4, 2026, Governor Polis signed Senate Bill 26-152 into law; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 26-152 made certain changes to state law regarding automated vehicle identification systems; and

WHEREAS, amendments to Chapter 134, Article XI of the City Code are required in order to align with state law; and

WHEREAS, additional amendments are included in this ordinance to clarify the City's processes for traffic violations detected by an automated vehicle identification system.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO:

Section 1. The City hereby amends Chapter 134, Article XI, sections 134-450, 451, 453, and 456 of the City Code pertaining to Automated Vehicle Identification Systems as follows:

Sec. 134-450 – Definitions.

(a) *Automated vehicle identification system* shall mean photographic equipment linked to a violation detection system that synchronizes the taking of a photograph with the occurrence of a traffic violation. Such a system may include, but is not limited to, devices which combine a doppler radar instrument, camera, and computer, alone or in combination with other devices, to measure the speed of a vehicle, or other object and to photograph the vehicle~~, its operator, its occupants, or other objects~~ **and its license plate**. Such system may also include, but is not limited to, devices which link a camera, computer, and traffic signal, alone or in combination with other devices, to detect vehicles which have violated the traffic signal and to photograph the motor vehicle, its operator, its occupants, or other objects. The results of an automated vehicle identification system means the photograph(s), speed measurement, the vehicle's location before entering and within an intersection or crosswalk, and any other data or information produced by an automated vehicle identification system. **An automated vehicle identification system does not include an automated license plate reader system.**

(b) *Notice of violation* shall mean a notice mailed to a registered owner of a vehicle involved in any traffic violation detected by an automated vehicle identification system advising that the

violation has been detected~~, or a similar notice mailed to the operator of the vehicle identified by a registered owner of said vehicle~~.

(c) *Civil penalty assessment notice* shall mean a notice issued to a registered owner of a vehicle involved in a traffic violation detected by an automated vehicle identification system, if the notice of violation remains unpaid and uncontested by the notice of violation response deadline.

Sec. 134-451 - Automated vehicle identification system **notices of violation and** penalty assessment notices.

(a) ~~Except as specified in subsection (d) of this section, w~~**W**hen an automated vehicle identification system captures a traffic violation, the system may cause a ~~penalty assessment~~ notice **of violation** to be issued through a contractor designated by the city manager, charging the person in whose name the vehicle is registered based on the license plate or any other identification of the vehicle with violation of the applicable section~~, or the person designated by the owner as being the driver of the vehicle when the violation occurred~~. Prior to the issuance of a penalty assessment notice ~~being issued and served~~, the violation must be reviewed by a city employee or contractor on behalf of the city. ~~If, however, the vehicle is registered in more than one person's name, the penalty assessment notice shall be issued to the registrant who the issuing city employee or contractor determines, under all the facts and circumstances, was the person most likely depicted in the image produced by the camera.~~

(b) Any ~~penalty assessment~~ notice issued as part of an automated vehicle identification system program shall contain the name and address of the ~~defendant~~**registered owner of the vehicle involved in the violation**; the license **plate** number of the vehicle involved; a citation of the code section alleged to have been violated; a brief description of the infraction or violation; the date and approximate place of the infraction or violation; the amount of any prescribed penalty~~, the number of points, if any, prescribed~~ for such infraction or violation pursuant to Colorado Revised Statutes; and the date the ~~penalty assessment~~ notice is issued. The ~~penalty assessment~~ notice **of violation** shall direct the ~~defendant~~ **registered owner** to a website portal where, prior to a date and time specified on the ~~penalty assessment~~ notice **of violation which shall not be less than forty-five days after the issuance date of the notice**, the ~~defendant~~ **registered owner** can pay the penalty, submit ~~evidence~~ **documentation** ~~to dispute the identity of the driver~~ as permitted by Colorado Revised Statutes and this code, or request a hearing before the Aurora parking and traffic bureau magistrate to dispute the ~~penalty assessment~~ notice. The ~~penalty assessment~~ notice **of violation** shall also contain a line on which the ~~defendant~~ **registered owner** may elect to execute a signed acknowledgement of liability and an agreement to pay the penalty on or before the date on the notice. ~~The penalty assessment notice shall also contain information on how the defendant can request a hearing before the Aurora parking and traffic bureau magistrate pursuant to section 134-426 to dispute the penalty assessment notice.~~ **If the registered owner fails to request a hearing to dispute the alleged violation by the deadline stated in the notice of violation, the registered**

owner waives any right to contest the violation or the amount of the prescribed civil penalty. A civil penalty assessment notice shall then be issued to the registered owner.

~~(c) A copy of the penalty assessment notice may be personally served upon the defendant in compliance with Colorado Municipal Court Rules of Procedure no later than 90 days after the date the alleged violation occurred. If a penalty assessment notice or notice of such violation was mailed to the defendant prior to personal service, and the defendant did not dispute the identity of the driver prior to personal service, then the defendant shall not be able to dispute the identity of the driver without a hearing.~~

~~(d) When a city employee or contractor, based on evidence obtained in whole or in part by means of an automated vehicle identification system, has probable cause to believe that a vehicle was traveling 25 miles per hour or more in excess of the posted speed limit, the violation will be investigated as a traffic offense. The traffic offense will be referred to a sworn police officer for investigation.~~

Sec. 134-453 - Appearances for automated vehicle identification system penalty assessment notices.

(a) In the event that the ~~defendant~~ **registered owner** having been served with a **civil** penalty assessment notice fails to pay the penalty on or before the due date, fails to request a hearing before the Aurora parking and traffic bureau magistrate, or fails to submit ~~evidence to dispute the identity of the driver~~ **sufficient documentation to obtain a dismissal pursuant to section 134-457**, a default judgment shall be entered and a penalty assessed with any applicable fees and costs in accordance with section 134-456. **The city shall personally serve the registered owner with the final order pursuant to the Colorado Municipal Court Rules of Procedure prior to the city pursuing a collection action.**

(b) In the event the ~~defendant~~ **registered owner** disputes the allegations in a ~~penalty assessment~~ notice **of violation** issued pursuant to section 134-451 and requests a hearing prior to the ~~entry of a default judgment~~ **deadline**, a hearing before the Aurora parking and traffic bureau magistrate shall be held. If the defendant is found guilty or fails to appear at such hearing, judgment shall be entered and a penalty assessed with any applicable fees and costs shall be assessed as provided in section 134-456 unless the judgment is appealed to the Aurora municipal court pursuant to section 134-431.

Sec. 134-456 - Penalty.

(a) The possible penalties set forth in sections 1-13 and 134-361 of this Code shall not apply to any traffic violation detected by the use of any automated vehicle identification system. Any traffic violations detected by the use of an automated vehicle identification system shall be subject to the following penalties and costs upon entry of judgment against the defendant:

(1) If the violation involves the disobedience to any traffic control device, the maximum penalty that may be imposed for such violation is $75.00.

(2) If the violation ~~does not involve disobedience to any traffic control device, the maximum penalty for such violation is $40.00.~~**is a speeding violation, then the maximum penalty, including any surcharge, is as follows:**

a. For a speeding violation of less than six miles per hour over the applicable speed limit, only a warning may be issued to the registered owner, except if the violation occurred within a school zone, as defined in C.R.S. § 42-4-615, or within a maintenance, repair, or construction zone designated pursuant to C.R.S. § 42-4-614, then the maximum penalty is $40.00.

b. For a speeding violation of at least six and less than ten miles per hour over the applicable speed limit:

I. If the violation is the first violation by the registered owner that the city has detected using its automated vehicle identification system, then the warning shall be mailed to the registered owner.

II. If the violation is the second or subsequent speeding violation that the city has detected using its automated vehicle identification system, then the maximum penalty is $40.00, except if the violation occurred within a school zone, as defined in C.R.S. § 42-4-615, or within a maintenance, repair, or construction zone designated pursuant to C.R.S. § 42-4-614, then the maximum penalty is $80.00.

c. For a speeding violation of at least ten and less than twenty-five miles over the applicable speed limit, the maximum penalty is $40.00, except if the violation occurred within a school zone, as defined in C.R.S. § 42-4-615, or within a maintenance, repair, or construction zone designated pursuant to C.R.S. § 42-4-614, then the maximum penalty is $80.00.

d. For a speeding violation of twenty-five miles per hour or more over the applicable speed limit, the maximum penalty is $120.00.

~~(3) If the violation occurs within a school zone, the maximum penalty that may be imposed shall be twice that as set forth in subsections (1) and (2) herein, as may be applicable.~~

(4~~3~~) Regardless of the nature of the violation, the court is authorized to impose additional costs, not to exceed $40.00, for service of process upon any defendant to obtain personal jurisdiction over the defendant who did not waive service of process.

Section 2. The City Code of the City of Aurora, Colorado is hereby amended by repealing Section 134-454 of the City Code.

Section 3. The City Code of the City of Aurora, Colorado, is hereby amended by adding a section, to be numbered 134-457, which reads as follows:

Sec. 134-457 - Dismissal.

(a) Within thirty days after issuance of the notice of violation, the registered owner or a representative of the estate or a family member of the registered owner, may submit the following documentation:

(1) An affidavit and a bill of sale or other documentation showing that the vehicle was sold, leased, or transferred before the date and time of the violation;

(2) An affidavit and a copy of a police report showing that the vehicle's license plate or vehicle was stolen before the date and time of the violation;

(3) An affidavit and documentation showing that a separate traffic citation was issued by law enforcement to the registered owner or driver of the motor vehicle for the violation; or

(4) An affidavit and documentation showing that the registered owner was deceased prior to the date of the violation.

(b) If the registered owner to whom a notice of violation has been issued is deceased, then an affidavit submitted pursuant to subsection (a) of this section must include both a certified copy of the death certificate showing that the death of the registered owner occurred before the date of the violation and one of the following documents:

(1) A bill of sale or other document showing that the vehicle was sold or transferred after the date of the registered owner's death and before the date of the violation;

(2) Documented proof that the registered license plate belonging to the registered owner was returned to the department or another office or authorized agent of the department after the date of the registered owner's death and before the date of the violation; or

(3) A copy of the police report showing that the registered owner's license plate or vehicle was stolen after the date of the registered owner's death and before the date of the violation.

(c) Upon receipt of the affidavit and sufficient supporting documentation pursuant to this section, the city shall dismiss the penalty assessment.

(d) A person that submits a false affidavit commits a class 2 misdemeanor traffic offense and, upon conviction, shall be punished as provided in C.R.S. § 42-4-1701(3).

Section 4. The City Code of the City of Aurora, Colorado, is hereby amended by adding a section, to be numbered 134-458, which reads as follows:

Sec. 134-458 - Mobile Automated Vehicle Identification Systems.

The notice and warning periods required for implementation of new automated vehicle identification systems under C.R.S. § 42-4-110.5 do not apply to a mobile automated vehicle identification system that has been moved to a new location within the same established automated vehicle identification corridor.

Section 5. Severability. The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any section, paragraph, clause, or provision of this Ordinance shall, for any reason, be held to be invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph, clause, or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Ordinance.

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PASSED AND ORDERED PUBLISHED this _____ day of _____, 2026.

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MIKE COFFMAN, Mayor

ATTEST:

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KADEE RODRIGUEZ, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

PETER A. SCHULTE, CITY ATTORNEY

By: Amanda MacDonald MP
AMANDA MACDONALD, Assistant City Attorney

CITY OF AURORA
Council Agenda Commentary

Item Title: Moratorium on Data Centers Ordinance
Item Initiator: Amy Wiles, Council Member
Staff Source/Legal Source: Jason Batchelor, City Manager / Rachel Allen, Deputy City Attorney
Outside Speaker: N/A
Strategic Outcome: Well-Managed: High performing organization, committed to great customer service, innovation, continuous improvement, fiscal stewardship, and maintaining critical infrastructure.

COUNCIL MEETING DATES:

Study Session: N/A

Regular Meeting: 7/27/2026

2nd Regular Meeting (if applicable): 8/10/2026

Item requires a Public Hearing: ☐ Yes ☒ No

ITEM DETAILS *(Click in highlighted area below bullet point list to enter applicable information.)*

- Waiver of reconsideration requested, and if so, why
- Sponsor name
- Staff source name and title / Legal source name and title
- Outside speaker name and organization
- Estimated time: (For Study Session items only indicate combined time needed for presentation and discussion)

2026-43 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, AUTHORIZING A MORATORIUM ON THE ACCEPTANCE OR PROCESSING OF DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS WHERE A DATA CENTER IS INCLUDED AS A PROPOSED PRIMARY USE
Sponsor: Amy Wiles, Council Member
Jason Batchelor, City Manager / Rachel Allen, Deputy City Attorney

ACTIONS(S) PROPOSED *(Check all appropriate actions)*

☐ Approve Item and Move Forward to Study Session
☐ Approve Item as Proposed at Policy Committee
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Reason for waiver is described in the Item Details field above.

PREVIOUS ACTIONS OR REVIEWS:

Policy Committee Name: Use dropdown menu to select committee from list.

Policy Committee Date: N/A

Action Taken/Follow-up: ***(Check all that apply)***

☐ Recommends Approval ☐ Does Not Recommend Approval

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HISTORY *(Dates reviewed by City council, Policy Committees, Boards and Commissions, or Staff. Summarize pertinent comments. ATTACH MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS, POLICY COMMITTEES AND BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.)*

There is considerable interest and concern that data centers have the potential to create adverse noise and compatibility effects on the neighboring community and a burden on critical energy and water resources.

The City's Unified Development Ordinance (the "UDO") defines data centers as "[a] facility containing one or more large-scale computer systems used for data storage and processing for off-site users. Typical supporting equipment includes backup batteries and power generators, cooling units, fire suppression systems, and enhanced security features." (UDO Section 146-6.2.D). Data Centers are currently a permitted use in several zone districts and as a conditional use in two zone districts.

Aurora Water uses the Large Water Volume Service Ordinance to mitigate the impact of data centers on Aurora's water supply. (City Code Section 138-161).

ITEM SUMMARY *(Brief description of item, discussion, key points, recommendations, etc.)*

In order to better understand how data centers affect the City, City Council desires to study the impacts of data centers on neighboring land uses, evaluate the effectiveness of the Large Water Volume Service Ordinance, gather data on the impact of data centers on power usage and how it potentially impacts local rate payers. Revisions to existing City Code and regulations may be needed to establish additional land use standards such as set backs, a conditional use permit, use of resources like water and power, noise and other ancillary impacts of data centers on surrounding properties. City Council may establish a 6 month moratorium during which site plans, site plan amendments, and development applications for new or expanded Data Centers will not be accepted or approved in order to study the impacts of data centers, seek citizen input, evaluate the effectiveness of current ordinances that regulate data centers, and to develop text amendments to the City Code, the UDO and other regulations, as needed, to address data centers in Aurora.

FISCAL IMPACT

Select all that apply. (If no fiscal impact, click that box and skip to "Questions for Council")

☐ Revenue Impact ☐ Budgeted Expenditure Impact ☐ Non-Budgeted Expenditure Impact
☐ Workload Impact ☐ No Fiscal Impact

REVENUE IMPACT
Provide the revenue impact or N/A if no impact. (What is the estimated impact on revenue? What funds would be impacted? Provide additional detail as necessary.)

BUDGETED EXPENDITURE IMPACT
Provide the budgeted expenditure impact or N/A if no impact. (List Org/Account # and fund. What is the amount of budget to be used? Does this shift existing budget away from existing programs/services? Provide additional detail as necessary.)

NON-BUDGETED EXPENDITURE IMPACT

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WORKLOAD IMPACT

Provide the workload impact or N/A if no impact. (Will more staff be needed or is the change absorbable? If new FTE(s) are needed, provide numbers and types of positions, and a duty summary. Provide additional detail as necessary.)

QUESTIONS FOR COUNCIL

Does City Council wish to approve a 6 month moratorium on development applications for data centers?

LEGAL COMMENTS

Council shall act only by ordinance, resolution or motion. All legislative enactments must be in the form of ordinances; all other actions, except as herein provided, may be in the form of resolutions or motions. (City Charter Section 5-1). Council Members, City Manager, City Attorney, Chief Public Defender, Presiding Judge, and Court Administrator are the only ones who have authority to place items on Study Session and Regular/Special Meeting agendas. Each such item shall indicate the party requesting the item. (Council Rule Article II Section 1).

CITY OF AURORA
Late Submission Approval for Agenda Item

Item Title: AN ORDINANCE PLACING A MORATORIUM ON DATA CENTERS

Item Initiator: Council Member Amy Wiles

Staff Source/Legal: Jason Batchelor, City Manager/Peter Schulte, City Attorney

Outside Speaker: N/A

Strategic Outcome: Well Managed: High Performing organization, committed to great customer service, innovation, continuous improvement, fiscal stewardship, and maintaining critical infrastructure.

CRITERIA - PLEASE CONSIDER ITEM FOR LATE SUBMISSION FOR THE FOLLOWING REASON:

☐ There is a time-sensitive legal requirement that must be met and cannot be met by a future meeting date

☐ The delay will result in an adverse financial impact to the city

☐ The item is related to a disaster and must be addressed before the next available meeting

☒ The item has been requested by Council Member Amy Wiles

COUNCIL MEETING DATES FOR LATE SUBMISSION:

Study Session: N/A

Regular Meeting: 7/27/2026

EXPLANATION: *(Please provide a detailed explanation as to why the item falls into one or more of the above criteria and why it may not be set for a future meeting date.)*

This item has been requested by Council Member Amy Wiles.

I understand the agenda item will not be added to the agenda without submitting this completed form as an attachment in e-Scribe. The agenda item will not be added to the agenda if the workflow is not completed by the WORKFLOW COMPLETED date indicated on the agenda deadline calendar.

Agenda Item Initiator Name	Jason Batchelor Late Submission Approver Name (Council Appointee or DCM)
Agenda Item Initiator Signature Date	Late Submission Approver Signature 07.23.26 Date

ORDINANCE NO. 2026- ____

A BILL

FOR AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, AUTHORIZING A MORATORIUM ON THE ACCEPTANCE OR PROCESSING OF DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS WHERE A DATA CENTER IS INCLUDED AS A PROPOSED PRIMARY USE

WHEREAS, there is considerable interest and concern among residents within the City that data centers have the potential to create an unmanageable burden on critical energy and water resources; and

WHEREAS, the Unified Development Ordinance ("UDO") Section 146-6.2.D defines a Data Center as, "[a] facility containing one or more large-scale computer systems used for data storage and processing for off-site users. Typical supporting equipment includes backup batteries and power generators, cooling units, fire suppression systems, and enhanced security features"; and

WHEREAS, the UDO permits Data Centers in defined business and industrial zone districts and allows data centers as a conditional use in certain mixed-use zone districts; and

WHEREAS, there is considerable interest and concern among residents within the City that Data Centers have the potential to create an unmanageable burden on critical energy and water resources; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes that Data Centers may affect the character of the surrounding area and that all applications for Data Centers should be considered consistently within the purpose and intent of the City's development goals and plans, and that the most appropriate uses of land are encouraged throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, in order to better understand how Data Centers affect the City, the City desires to study the impacts of Data Centers on neighboring land uses, evaluate the effectiveness of the Large Water Volume Service Ordinance, and gather data on the impact of Data Centers on power usage and how it potentially impacts local rate payers; and

WHEREAS, revisions to existing City Code, UDO, and regulations may be needed to establish additional land use standards such as set backs, a conditional use permit, use of resources like water and power, noise and other ancillary impacts of Data Centers on surrounding properties; and

WHEREAS, the City currently does not have any comprehensive Data Center-specific local zoning and use laws, regulations, or standards that adequately address all of these issues; and

WHEREAS, City Council must take immediate and responsive action to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City; and

WHEREAS, because of the possible effects of Data Centers on surrounding community, the City Council intends to consider revisions to the City Code, UDO and other rules, regulations and standards designed to protect the health, safety, and general welfare of the community; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate for the City Council to establish a reasonable period of time during which site plans, site plan amendments, and development applications for new or expanded Data Centers will not be accepted or approved in order to survey current Data Centers and to develop text amendments to the City Code, the UDO and other regulations, as needed, to address Data Centers in Aurora.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO:

Section 1. A moratorium is hereby authorized on the acceptance, processing, or approval of any new development applications beginning on the effective date of this Ordinance that propose to establish as a primary use any new Data Center or expand or otherwise increase the gross-floor area of an existing Data Center use. The purpose of this moratorium is to provide time for the City to construct thoughtful regulations for existing and future Data Centers.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall not be applied retroactively. Development Applications currently pending and other contractual negotiations that were initiated prior to the effective date of this Resolution (including incentive agreements pursuant to City Code Section 130-298) shall be expressly exempted from this Ordinance.

Section 3. During the duration of the moratorium the City shall conduct a robust public engagement process, including input of community members, relevant City departments, City Council Members, industry stakeholders and subject matter experts to address issues related to the impacts of Data Center development and craft policy recommendations, creating guardrails around the use of energy and water, with attention to potential noise and air quality impacts, appropriate placement of Data Centers and a plan that engages community voices in any future Data Center development.

Section 4. For the purposes of this moratorium the definition of a Data Center shall be the same as in Section 146-6.2.D of the Unified Development Ordinance.

Section 5. Unless extended by the City Council, this Moratorium shall automatically expire the earlier of:

(a) 6 months from the effective date of this Ordinance; or

(b) The effective date of any amendments pertaining to Data Centers to the City Code or the UDO, whichever occurs later.

Section 6. Severability. The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any section, paragraph, clause, or provision of this Ordinance shall, for any reason, be held to be invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph, clause, or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Ordinance.

Section 7. Pursuant to Section 5-5 of the Charter of the City of Aurora, Colorado, the second publication of this Ordinance shall be by reference, utilizing the ordinance title. Copies of this Ordinance are available at the Office of the City Clerk.

Section 8. Repealer. All orders, resolutions, or ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance or with any of the documents hereby approved, are hereby repealed only to the extent of such conflict. This repealer shall not be construed as reviving any resolution, ordinance, or part thereof, heretofore repealed.

INTRODUCED, READ AND ORDERED PUBLISHED this _____ day of _____, 2026.

PASSED AND ORDERED PUBLISHED this _____ day of _____, 2026.

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MIKE COFFMAN, Mayor

ATTEST:

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KADEE RODRIGUEZ, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

PETER A. SCHULTE, CITY ATTORNEY

By: _____
RACHEL ALLEN, Deputy City Attorney

CITY OF AURORA
Council Agenda Commentary

Item Title: DUAL LISTED: A Charter Amendment Concerning Timing of Municipal Elections and Transitional Extension of Terms of Office (Ordinance)
Item Initiator: Alli Jackson, Council Member
Staff Source/Legal Source: Kadee Rodriguez, City Clerk / Peter Schulte, City Attorney
Outside Speaker: N/A
Strategic Outcome: Well-Managed: High performing organization, committed to great customer service, innovation, continuous improvement, fiscal stewardship, and maintaining critical infrastructure.

COUNCIL MEETING DATES:

Study Session: 7/13/2026

Regular Meeting: 7/27/2026

2nd Regular Meeting (if applicable): 8/10/2026

Item requires a Public Hearing: ☐ Yes ☒ No

ITEM DETAILS *(Click in highlighted area below bullet point list to enter applicable information.)*

- Waiver of reconsideration requested, and if so, why
- Sponsor name
- Staff source name and title / Legal source name and title
- Outside speaker name and organization
- Estimated time: (For Study Session items only indicate combined time needed for presentation and discussion)

Sponsor: Alli Jackson, Council Member
Kadee Rodriguez, City Clerk / Peter Schulte, City Attorney
Estimated time: 20 mins

ACTIONS(S) PROPOSED *(Check all appropriate actions)*

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☐ Information Only

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PREVIOUS ACTIONS OR REVIEWS:

Policy Committee Name: N/A

Policy Committee Date: N/A

Action Taken/Follow-up: ***(Check all that apply)***

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N/A

ITEM SUMMARY *(Brief description of item, discussion, key points, recommendations, etc.)*

This Ordinanace refers to the voters a proposed Charter amendment to move the City's regular municipal elections to a new election schedule and provide for one-time transitional extensions of the terms of office for elected officials necessary to implement the change.

FISCAL IMPACT

Select all that apply. (If no fiscal impact, click that box and skip to "Questions for Council")

☐ Revenue Impact ☒ Budgeted Expenditure Impact ☐ Non-Budgeted Expenditure Impact
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Even-year elections are more expensive for the City because coordinating with Arapahoe County requires additional election infrastructure, particularly more voter service and polling centers. In mid-term election years, the County typically operates about 25 more voter centers than in odd-year elections, increasing the City's share of election costs.

- In 2022, a mid-term election year, the City paid $300,504.68 to coordinate its election with Arapahoe County, despite having only one ballot question.
- In 2024, another even-year election, the City's coordination costs were $121,285.73 for one ballot question.
- By comparison, in the 2025 coordinated election, the City paid only $71,903.04, even though the ballot included five council seats and five ballot questions.

NON-BUDGETED EXPENDITURE IMPACT
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QUESTIONS FOR COUNCIL

Does Council wish to support the Ordinance?

LEGAL COMMENTS

Proceedings to amend a home rule charter may be initiated by an ordinance adopted by the governing body submitting the proposed amendment to a vote of the registered electors of the municipality. (C.R.S. §31-2-210(1)(b)). Such an ordinance shall also adopt a ballot title for the proposed amendment. *Id*. (Wood)

ORDINANCE NO. 2026 - _____

A BILL

FOR AN ORDINANCE SUBMITTING TO A VOTE OF THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, AT A COORDINATED ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 3, 2026, A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SECTION 4 OF ARTICLE II OF THE CITY CHARTER CONCERNING MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS TO DIRECT THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS SHALL BE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS AND PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SECTION 5 OF ARTICLE III TO PROVIDE FOR ONE-TIME SHORTENED TERMS OF OFFICE TO FACILITATE THE TRANSITION TO REGULAR ELECTIONS OCCURING IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS.

WHEREAS, Article XX, Section (6) of the Colorado Constitution and Article 1-6 of the City Charter empower home rule municipalities to control and legislate in their Charters upon all matters of municipal concern and to amend those Charters through a vote of the electorate, and

WHEREAS, the Aurora City Charter currently provides that regular municipal elections are held in odd-numbered years; and

WHEREAS, the timing of municipal elections is a matter of local concern subject to amendment by a vote of the electors of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has considered the potential benefits of moving municipal elections to even-numbered years, including increased voter participation, improved voter access, and alignment with elections in which voter turnout is historically higher; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes that implementation of even-numbered year elections requires amendments to the Aurora City Charter and appropriate transition provisions to ensure continuity in elected offices; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that submitting to the voters the question of whether to move regular municipal elections to even-numbered years will promote the public health, safety, and welfare by encouraging broader civic participation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO:

Section 1. That Article 2-4 of the City Charter of the City of Aurora, Colorado is hereby amended to read as follows:

2-4 Municipal Elections.

A regular municipal election shall be held on the first Tuesday in November in ~~odd-numbered~~ **even-numbered** years, **beginning in 2030**. Special elections shall be held in accordance with the provisions of this Charter. The polling places shall be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on election days.

Section 2. That Article 3-5 of the City Charter of the City of Aurora, Colorado is hereby amended to read as follows:

3-5 Terms.

(a) Terms of the mayor and each councilmember shall begin at the commencement of the first regular council meeting in December after election in the year elected. Before entering upon the duties of office, the mayor and each councilmember shall take an oath or affirmation supporting the Constitution of the United States of America, the Constitution of the State of Colorado, the Charter and ordinances of the City of Aurora, and faithfully perform the duties of office. Elections shall be nonpartisan. Two (2) councilmembers at large, the mayor, and Ward IV, V, and VI councilmembers shall be elected at one election. Councilmembers from Ward I, Ward II, Ward III and two (2) councilmembers at large shall be elected at the next election. **Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section,** ~~T~~the term of office of all elected councilmembers and the mayor shall be for four (4) years.

(b) Neither the mayor nor any councilmember shall serve more than three (3) consecutive ~~four-year~~ terms of office in their respective offices. Terms of office shall be considered consecutive unless they are at least four (4) years apart. For purposes of this section, the office of mayor, at-large council members, and ward specific council members shall each be considered different offices.

(c) **Notwithstanding any other provision of this Charter, and in order to transition to even-numbered year elections:**

1) The terms of the mayor or councilmembers elected in 2027 shall be for three (3) years; and

2) The terms of the mayor or councilmembers elected in 2029 shall be for three (3) years.

These three (year) terms are one-time adjustments necessary to implement the transition to even-numbered year elections and shall not be construed to alter the standard term of office.

~~(c)~~**(d)** When a vacancy has occurred in any elective office and has been filled pursuant to section 3-7 of this Charter, the term to be filled at the next ensuing election for that office **may be adjusted, including shortened to two (2) years, if necessary, to preserve the established staggering of terms.** ~~shall be two (2) years where necessary to ensure compliance with the provisions of subsection (a) of this section governing the timing of elections.~~

Section 3. The following question shall be submitted to a vote of the registered electors of the City of Aurora at the coordinated election on November 3, 2026:

"Direction to move the City of Aurora's regular municipal elections to even-numbered years"

Shall Article 2-4 of the City Charter of the City of Aurora, Colorado, be amended to direct that regular municipal elections shall be moved from odd-numbered years to even-numbered years with corresponding amendments to Article 3-5 of the Aurora City Charter to allow one-time shortened terms of office necessary to implement the transition to even-numbered year elections?

YES _____ NO _____

Section 4. Pursuant to Section 31-2-210(3.5), C.R.S., the City Clerk is hereby directed to certify the proposed ballot question to the Clerk and Recorder of each county in which the City is located for submission at the statewide general election on November 3, 2026.

Section 5. Pursuant to Section 31-2-210(4), C.R.S., the City Clerk is hereby directed to publish, within thirty (30) days of the adoption of this ordinance, notice of the date and time of the election upon which the proposed Charter amendment will be considered said publication to appear in a newspaper of general circulation in the City which notice shall contain the full text of the proposed Charter amendment.

Section 6. The City Clerk shall secure, from each county, the votes in favor of and opposed to the proposed Charter amendment and shall report the same to City Council following the election within such time as provided for by state law. If the majority of the registered electors voting thereon have voted in favor of the proposed amendment, such amendment shall be deemed approved.

Section 7. In the event the proposed Charter amendment is approved by a majority of the registered electors voting thereon, the City Clerk shall publish once, in the same newspaper which published the notice of the charter amendment being on the ballot the full text of the Charter amendment following the election within such time as is provided by state law. At such time, the City Clerk shall also file with the Secretary of State two (2) copies of said amendment, along with the official tally of the vote for and against, as certified by the City Clerk.

Section 8. The provisions of this ordinance, the Charter amendment, and the question authorized hereby are severable. If any portion of this ordinance, the Charter amendment, or the question are judicially determined to be invalid or unenforceable, such determination shall not affect the remaining provision of such ordinance, Charter amendment, or question.

Section 9. All ordinances or parts of ordinances, of the City Code of the City of Aurora, Colorado, in conflict herewith are expressly repealed.

Section 10. Pursuant to Article 5-5 of the Charter of the City of Aurora, Colorado, the second publication of this ordinance shall be by reference, utilizing the ordinance title. Copies of this ordinance are available at the office of the City Clerk.

INTRODUCED, READ, AND ORDERED PUBLISHED this ____day of_____, 2026

PASSED AND ORDERED PUBLISHED BY REFERENCE this ___day of _____, 2026

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MIKE COFFMAN, Mayor

ATTEST:

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KADEE RODRIQUEZ, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

PETER A. SCHULTE, City Attorney

By: Andrea Wood AK
Andrea Wood, Assistant City Attorney