MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Aurora City Council

Monday, October 26, 2026

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

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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 October 26, 2026 meeting.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

(All Standing)

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION UPDATE

Mayor Coffman provided an update on the Executive Session, stating an oil and gas lease was discussed.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

6.a October 12, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Moved by: Alison Coombs

Second by: Ruben Medina

Does Council wish to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2026 meeting?

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

Absent: (1): Robert Andrews

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7. PROCLAMATIONS OR CEREMONIES

8. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by: Françoise Bergan

Second by: Alli Jackson

Does Council wish to adopt the agenda as presented?

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

Absent: (1): Robert Andrews

9. REPORTS

Three (3) minute limit per report.

9.a Mayor

Mayor Coffman encouraged people to follow him on Facebook for the activities he does during the week. He said a lot of people think he condones the language and conduct in council meetings, but he wanted the public to know he does not. He stated he is acting under the advice of the city attorney on what he can and cannot do and he will continue doing that to protect their tax dollars.

9.b Council

CM Jackson attended the HRNS Committee to discuss housing last week, where they got an extensive overview of the Aurora SAVES Program and youth violence prevention measures, and she attended the Arapahoe County Justice Coordinating Committee. She thanked all those who are at the meeting today and expressed they are seeing and reading their emails. She wished a happy Dios de Los Muertos.

CM Horton shared they had a great community meeting at Fletcher Plaza last Monday. She stated if anyone wanted those meeting minutes to email her. She also talked to the youth at the new Athletics and Beyond organization in Ward 1. She reminded people to vote by November 3rd, at 7 p.m.

CM Wiles expressed King Soopers broke ground in Ward 2 and a light is now in place on 56th. She attended the Special Olympics Hall of Fame Luncheon, Women in Business in Luncheon, and the Senator Kipp data center call. She invited everyone to come to the November 2nd data center town hall at the Central Library.

CM Medina read to the first and second graders at Montview Elementary School on Friday, and gave a reminder of his town hall on November 10th, 6-8 p.m., at the Active Adult Center, where they will hear from Planning and Development.

CM Hancock reported from the America's Defense Communities Conference in Tampa, which showcases what the military is doing in defense of communities, and they are celebrating 50 years in existence. She announced her final town hall will be the second week in November, where they will have a light celebration and talk about next steps and what to discuss next year.

CM Andrews, MPT Coombs, CM Gardner, CM Lawson and CM Bergan did not have a report.

10. PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD

Non-agenda related issues only. Priority order given to students 18 years of age or younger.

Moved by: Alison Coombs

Second by: Ruben Medina

Does Council wish to suspend Council Rules and extend PITBH beyond the 1 hour limit?

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

Voting Nay: (3): Mayor Coffman, Françoise Bergan, and Stephanie Hancock

Council heard comments on non-agenda related matters.

11. 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: Françoise Bergan

Second by: Ruben Medina

Does Council wish to approve the Motions Consent Calendar as presented with Item 11.a.1 removed?

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

Absent: (2): Stephanie Hancock, and Gianina Horton

11.a Motions

11.a.1 Homeless Services Notice of Funding Opportunity Application Recommendations: Three Birds Alliance Marijuana Funds

Stephanie Keiper, Manager of Homelessness and Behavioral Health, Housing and Community Services / Andrea Wood, Assistant City Attorney

Staff gave a brief presentation on the item.

CM Bergan asked about the performance metrics used in selecting different organizations. She said she wished they would have had that accountability for the ARPA nonprofits.

Staff responded they have different performance metrics for the agreement the Three Birds Alliance is currently under, and they are tracking those for all the current grantees, and they will continue doing that. She said they are tracking the emergency shelters average occupancy rate, and looking at the percentage of people that exit into permanent housing and the average stay at the shelters.

Council heard public testimony on the agenda related item.

Moved by: Alison Coombs

Second by: Françoise Bergan

Does Council wish to support the approval for the Homeless Services Notice of Funding Opportunity Application Recommendations: Three Birds Alliance Marijuana Funds?

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

Absent: (1): Gianina Horton

11.a.2 Homeless Services Notice of Funding Opportunity Application Recommendations: Three Birds Alliance Public Safety

Stephanie Keiper, Manager of Homelessness and Behavioral Health, Housing and Community Services / Andrea Wood, Assistant City Attorney

Council heard public testimony on the agenda related item.

11.a.3 Homeless Services Notice of Funding Opportunity Application Recommendations: Jesus on Colfax Public Safety Funds

Stephanie Keiper, Manager of Homelessness and Behavioral Health, Housing and Community Services / Andrea Wood, Assistant City Attorney

Council heard public testimony on the agenda related item.

11.a.4 Homeless Services Notice of Funding Opportunity Application Recommendations: Advance Pathways Emergency Solutions Grant

Stephanie Keiper, Manager of Homelessness and Behavioral Health, Housing and Community Services / Andrea Wood, Assistant City Attorney

Council heard public testimony on the agenda related item.

11.a.5 Homeless Services Notice of Funding Opportunity Application Recommendations: Aurora Housing Authority Emergency Solutions Grant

Stephanie Keiper, Manager of Homelessness and Behavioral Health, Housing and Community Services / Andrea Wood, Assistant City Attorney

Council heard public testimony on the agenda related item.

11.a.6 Homeless Services Notice of Funding Opportunity Application Recommendations: Aurora Housing Authority HOME Tenant Based Rental Assistance Funds

Stephanie Keiper, Manager of Homelessness and Behavioral Health, Housing and Community Services / Andrea Wood, Assistant City Attorney

Council heard public testimony on the agenda related item.

11.a.7 Homeless Services Notice of Funding Opportunity Application Recommendations: Aurora Housing Authority Marijuana Funds

Stephanie Keiper, Manager of Homelessness and Behavioral Health, Housing and Community Services / Andrea Wood, Assistant City Attorney

Council heard public testimony on the agenda related item.

11.a.8 Homeless Services Notice of Funding Opportunity Application Recommendations: Family Tree Generational Opportunities to Achieve Long-term Success (GOALS) Marijuana Funds

Stephanie Keiper, Manager of Homelessness and Behavioral Health, Housing and Community Services / Andrea Wood, Assistant City Attorney

Council heard public testimony on the agenda related item.

11.b Planning Matters

11.c Appointments to Boards and Commissions

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

11.c.1 Consideration to Appoint Three (3) Members to the Library Board

Cecilia Zapata, Deputy City Clerk / Britt Wirth, Assistant City Attorney

Council heard public testimony on the agenda related item.

12. 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: Alli Jackson

Does Council wish to approve the Resolutions and Ordinances Consent Calendar with Item 12.a.1 removed?

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

12.a Resolutions

12.a.1 Rules of Order and Procedure: Amendment to the Council Rules Regarding Agendas

R2026-112 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, TO AMEND ARTICLE II, SECTION 1 OF THE RULES OF ORDER AND PROCEDURE FOR THE AURORA, COLORADO, CITY COUNCIL REGARDING AGENDAS

Sponsors: Stephanie Hancock, Council Member / Robert Andrews, Council Member

Jason Batchelor, City Manager / Pete Schulte, City Attorney

Council heard public testimony on the agenda related item.

Staff gave a brief presentation on the item.

P. Schulte explained this would set the guidelines for bringing legislation through the City Council requiring that absent a public safety or public health emergency, it should go through policy committee, study session, and then the regular council meeting.

MPT Coombs expressed she originally supported this, as a robust community process is important, but removing the requirement for a super majority to suspend the rules to allow an item to be brought

directly to the floor could allow a minority to gatekeep the city council process and prevent items moving forward in a timely manner.

Mayor Coffman expressed it still does not require the passage in a policy committee or study session to go to the floor for a vote, but it does require utilizing the process whereby things can be heard at the policy committee level, and he felt that was very important.

CM Bergan was in support, as the whole point in having policy committees is to have those discussions and the opportunity to get things the way they should be for policy before moving on to study session, where the full council can see it and discuss it before moving to the floor. She said there are times when there is an emergency and it needs to be moved forward, but they have gotten away from the process and there are things being brought straight to the floor that should have been brought to a policy committee first.

MPT Coombs stated if something comes about in the discussion when someone brings something forward, nothing in the current rules prevents them from deciding to refer it back to a committee or to go to study session first. She voiced they all have to be completely honest that there have been particular members who have consistently not brought things through policy committee, study session, and the floor.

CM Hancock found it interesting they are having this discussion right now after coming to consensus in study session to move forward. She said in order to do things properly, they need to go through policy committees to vet the items, discuss them, and make changes, so that by the time they get through study session and are on the floor, they have already come to a consensus and agreement on times, which is the spirit of the resolution.

CM Horton clarified she voted no for this in study session and still stands by that. She felt the resolution ties council hands in a way that does not allow them to be effective when they need to adapt and be flexible and responsive to what is happening across the city. She still had problems with who determines what would constitute a public safety or public health emergency, as there is a lack of clarity in the language. She expressed she also did not received a clear answer on why the rigid resolution is on the table considering there has been no factual evidence provided on why it is necessary.

CM Hancock asked CM Horton what she classified as rigid about following procedure.

CM Horton responded she did not mind the first half of the resolution and understood the spirit of going through policy, study session, and then the regular council, but the she found the second half rigid with

the very strict definitions on what constitutes public safety and public health, as well as the lack of clarity in providing factual evidence.

P. Schulte expressed there are three exceptions included in the resolution on that, including council items related to a time sensitive public safety or public health emergency, if the Council item is not heard promptly and would cause a negative fiscal impact to the city, or the item is required to comply with a legislative or other legal deadline that the city was not otherwise able to meet. He explained a public safety emergency means an event or condition that presents an actual reasonable imminent threat of death, serious injury, or significant harm to public safety, requires immediate or substantial immediate action, or cannot reasonably be addressed with the city's ordinary procedures without creating a significant risk of harm, delaying an appropriate emergency response. He not public health is the same thing but includes health, which would cover a pandemic, COVID, or other items. He then explained the process for those.

Moved by: Stephanie Hancock

Second by: Françoise Bergan

Does Council wish to support the approval of the Rules of Order and Procedure: Amendment to the Council Rules Regarding Agendas?

Voting Aye: (6): Mayor Coffman, Robert Andrews, Françoise Bergan, Curtis Gardner, Stephanie Hancock, and Angela Lawson

Voting Nay: (5): Alison Coombs, Gianina Horton, Alli Jackson, Ruben Medina, and Amy Wiles

12.a.2 Akron Storm Sewer and Outfall to Westerly Creek Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA)

R2026-113 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 ENTEPRISE AND THE URBAN DRAINAGE AND FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT D/B/A MILE HIGH FLOOD DISTRICT REGARDING DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF DRAINAGE AND FLOOD CONTROL IMPROVEMENTS FOR WESTERLY CREEK AT AKRON ST

Andrea Long, Principal Engineer, Aurora Water / Ian Best, Senior Assistant City Attorney

Council heard public testimony on the agenda related item.

12.a.3 Lake County Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA)

R2026-114 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, APPROVING THE AMENDED AND RESTATED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT CONCERNING WATER DELIVERIES AND STORAGE BETWEEN THE CITY OF AURORA, ACTING BY AND THROUGH ITS UTILITY ENTERPRISE AND LAKE COUNTY, COLORADO

A waiver of reconsideration is requested to assist Lake County in complying with time sensitive needs related to their augmentation plan.

Richard Kienitz, Water Resources Manager, Aurora Water / Ian Best, Senior Assistant City Attorney

Council heard public testimony on the agenda related item.

12.a.4 Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) Between the City, Aurora Urban Renewal Authority (AURA) and the Point Metropolitan District

R2026-115 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE AURORA URBAN RENEWAL AUTHORITY, THE CITY OF AURORA, AND THE POINT METROPOLITAN DISTRICT, REGARDING MAINTENANCE OBLIGATIONS IN THE POINT METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

Chad Argentar, Senior Redevelopment Project Manager, Planning and Business Development / Rachel Allen, Deputy City Attorney

Council heard public testimony on the agenda related item.

12.b Finalizing of Ordinances

Ordinances, including annexation ordinances, approved unanimously at first reading.

12.b.1 Text Amendment to Update the Permitted Use Table Regarding Data Centers

2026-51 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, AMENDING SECTION 146-3.2 OF THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO DATA CENTERS

Stacy Wasinger, Senior Planner, Planning and Business Development / Lena McClelland, Senior Assistant City Attorney

Council heard public testimony on the agenda related item.

12.b.2 Bethel Lutheran Church Local Landmark Nomination

2026-52 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, EXPRESSING THE AURORA CITY COUNCIL'S

APPROVAL OF DESIGNATING THE BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH AS A HISTORIC LOCAL LANDMARK

Chris Geddes, Historic Preservation Specialist, Library and Cultural Services / Britt Wirth, Assistant City Attorney

Outside Speaker: Barb Lemke, Pastor, Bethel Lutheran Church

Council heard public testimony on the agenda related item.

13. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public hearings with or without related ordinances.

14. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

14.a New Fund for the Self-funding of United Healthcare

2026-53 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, CREATING THE SELF INSURANCE FUND, AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS

Tyra Litzau, Controller, Finance / Hanosky Hernandez, Senior Assistant City Attorney

CM Wiles recused herself from the vote and from participating.

Staff gave a brief presentation on the item.

Moved by: Alison Coombs

Second by: Ruben Medina

Does the Council wish to support the approval of the creation of the self-insurance fund ordinance?

Voting Aye: (9): Robert Andrews, Françoise Bergan, Alison Coombs, Curtis Gardner, Stephanie Hancock, Gianina Horton, Alli Jackson, Angela Lawson, and Ruben Medina

15. FINALIZING OF ORDINANCES

Ordinances, including annexation ordinances, not approved unanimously at first reading.

16. ANNEXATIONS

Public Hearings and Introduction of Annexation Ordinances

17. RECONSIDERATIONS AND CALL UPS

17.a Data Center Moratorium

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 / Pete Schulte, City Attorney

MPT Coombs was in support, but noted they had the information before that they have now.

Mayor Coffman said he thought this was a much better proposal and he liked the notion of indefinite versus a date certain.

Moved by: Mayor Coffman

Second by: Amy Wiles

Does Council wish to suspend the Council Rules to vote on Reconsideration of R2026-97?

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

Voting Nay: (5): Robert Andrews, Françoise Bergan, Curtis Gardner, Stephanie Hancock, and Angela Lawson

Mayor Coffman expressed he would be bringing back the same motion with the same resolution at the next regular meeting.

MPT Coombs stated the agenda order as established in their rules says reconsiderations go at the end of the meeting. She said Council always has the right to suspend the rules to change the order of the agenda at the beginning when they adopt the agenda.

18. GENERAL BUSINESS

18.a Data Center Moratorium 2026 (subject to affirmative council action on item 17.a)

R2026-111 A RESOLUTION 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

A waiver of reconsideration is requested due to this being a time sensitive issue.

Sponsors: Amy Wiles, Council Member / Mike Coffman, Mayor

Jason Batchelor, City Manager / Pete Schulte, City Attorney

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19. PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD

Non-agenda related issues only. Only those who did not speak during the first Public Invited to Be Heard session may speak during this session.

Council heard public comment on non-agenda related matters.

20. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Coffman adjourned the regular meeting of City Council.

MIKE COFFMAN, MAYOR

ATTEST:

KADEE RODRIGUEZ, CITY CLERK

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