MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Aurora City Council

Monday, October 12, 2026

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Françoise Bergan

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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 12, 2026 meeting.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

(All Standing)

Mayor Coffman read a land acknowledgement.

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION UPDATE

None.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

6.a September 14, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Moved by: Stephanie Hancock

Second by: Gianina Horton

Does Council wish to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2026 meeting?

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

Absent: (1): Françoise Bergan

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6.b September 28, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Moved by: Stephanie Hancock

Second by: Amy Wiles

Does Council wish to approve the minutes of the September 28, 2026 meeting?

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

Absent: (1): Françoise Bergan

7. PROCLAMATIONS OR CEREMONIES

8. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by: Gianina Horton

Second by: Stephanie Hancock

Does Council wish to adopt the agenda as presented?

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

Absent: (1): Françoise Bergan

9. REPORTS

Three (3) minute limit per report.

9.a Mayor

Mayor Coffman announced his town hall will be on October 17th, 2-3:30 p.m., at the Aurora Central Library. He noted he would be leaving the council meeting a little early to catch a flight to get to a speaking engagement in Washington D.C.

9.b Council

CM Andrews shared that he spoke to community members and highlighted and illuminated some of the youth voices he heard by reading some letters different youth emailed him with questions for City Council.

CM Jackson reported that she has been having in-depth conversations around Fletcher Plaza and programming and activating the area with the DDA that is happening. She said they hosted their first Aurora Black Forum Series, and she thanked APD Public School Director, Kristin Mallory, and State Representative Chris Richardson for speaking on that panel, as well as CM Andrews and CM Horton. She

shared they had the Budget Workshop, where they had a lot of conversations about what they are cutting and stretching money. She wished everyone a Happy Indigenous Peoples Day. She advised she has been getting a lot of requests from constituents around the data center and asked the city attorney to explain City Council's role in being able to show support for or against data center information before an official vote on it. She added they appreciate everyone who comes to public invited to be heard to speak and thanked everyone for their emails.

P. Schulte explained that once the final submission for any project comes to the city and is approved or not, Council can do a call-up to bring the item to the City Council. The Council will then have a quasi-judicial role, so they cannot hear any evidence before the public hearing or make any comments or suggestions on their position.

CM Horton expressed it has been an honor to work on the Aurora Black Forum and thanked CM Jackson for highlighting the conversations on Fletcher Plaza. She shared upcoming events, including a listening session regarding Fletcher Plaza, on October 19th, at 6 p.m., at Hoffman Heights Library, and her Ward 1 Town Hall, on October 22nd, at 6 p.m., at Hoffman Heights Library.

CM Wiles stated they are celebrating Indigenous People Day, and noted the Plains Conservation Center is looking for indigenous artists to submit ideas for different projects. She thanked everyone that showed up to the meeting, as they are only stronger when they hear their voices. She appointed Emilie Barrata to the Business Advisory Board. She stated that on November 2nd, at the Central Library, at 6 p.m., there will be another data center town hall. She attended the 5K at Aurora Highlands, Buckley Space Force Base and had a meeting with commanders, Special Olympics flag football games, and had her ward meeting last week. She gave a shoutout to Noah, Libby, and Ariyah (ph) with the Special Olympics.

CM Medina went to Arkansas Elementary School and read to a couple classrooms, and will do another one at Montview Elementary. He announced his town hall will be tomorrow, at the Central Library, 6:30-8 p.m., where they will have people from the Welcome Center talking about the immigrant and refugee population and what they are doing in the community, as well as water.

CM Hancock shared she has also been getting letters, and shared one from a high school student at Gateway. She said Gateway is going unique things and she wanted to see how they could support them with their urban farming. She attended the International Leadership Foundation Leadership and Business Conference, and she gave a shoutout to Judge Joe Jefferson and his mom, who have been advocating for their students, to make sure they get the recognition they deserve. She stated they also had Hometown Heroes at the Town Center last weekend.

CM Lawson voiced her town halls are tomorrow, at Mission Viejo, 6:30-8 p.m., and at Heather Gardens on Saturday, and both will have a discussion on the Aurora Fire Rescue Strategic Plan and the ADA update. She shared she will also be at the Meadowood Neighborhood HOA Meeting.

MPT Coombs expressed that at tonight's meeting people will be bringing a lot of passion and she hoped Council would return that passion with every person in their community regardless of the topics being brought forward.

CM Gardner had no 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

Suspend Council Rules: Does council support extending the time to be unlimited for 2nd Public Invited to be Heard to hear all speakers?

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

Absent: (1): Françoise Bergan

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: Alison Coombs

Second by: Amy Wiles

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

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

Absent: (1): Françoise Bergan

11.a Motions

11.b Planning Matters

11.c Appointments to Boards and Commissions

11.c.1 Consideration to Appoint Six (6) Members to the Citizens' Advisory Committee on Housing and Community Development

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

Council heard public testimony on the agenda related item.

11.c.2 Consideration to Appoint Four (4) Youth Members to the Aurora Youth Commission

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

Council heard public testimony on the agenda related item.

11.c.3 Consideration to Appoint Three (3) Members to the Historic Preservation Commission

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

Council heard public testimony on the agenda related item.

11.c.4 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: Stephanie Hancock

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

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

Absent: (1): Françoise Bergan

12.a Resolutions

12.a.1 Cornerstar Metropolitan District Board of Directors Appointment

R2026-108 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, APPOINTING A DIRECTOR TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CORNERSTAR METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

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

Council heard public testimony on the agenda related item.

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12.a.2 Aurora Police Department (APD) Grant Application to the State of Colorado Department of Local Affairs FY 2026-2027 Peace Officers Behavioral Health and Community Partnerships (POMH) Program

R2026-109 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, APPROVING THE CITY OF AURORA'S APPLICATION FOR THE 2026-2027 PEACE OFFICERS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SUPPORT AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS GRANT APPLICATION THROUGH THE STATE OF COLORADO

Todd Chamberlain, Chief, Police / Mandy MacDonald, Assistant City Attorney

Council heard public testimony on the agenda related item.

12.a.3 Grant Application to the U.S. Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) FY 2026 Local Law Enforcement Grants for Enforcement of Cybercrimes Program

R2026-110 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, APPROVING THE CITY OF AURORA'S APPLICATION TO THE FY 2026 LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT GRANTS FOR ENFORCEMENT OF CYBERCRIMES PROGRAM THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE: OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Todd Chamberlain, Chief, Police / Mandy MacDonald, Assistant City Attorney

Council heard public testimony on the agenda related item.

CM Horton voiced when it comes to the grant funding, they received the line item budget the day of Study Session, including the line item called Woven Software, which is annual license of $65,000, is budgeted for 3 years if received. She asked if that meant the city could potentially take on the $65,000 after the grant expires.

Deputy Director of Police Business Services responded at the end of the grant, they will find additional funds for the grant, request the city to pick up the continuous cost, or end the software subscription.

CM Horton asked what the current landscape looks like when comes to cybercrimes against women, where they are lacking in those technologies, and how this will improve APD's processes to address those crimes.

Chief Hildebrand answered the technology is going to be used for them

to download evidence from devices and analyze them, and some of this money is used to increase their workstations to get the device back to the victim much faster. He added they also have the ability to bifurcate things out on the device that the victim does not want to be seen to protect their privacy, and will only collect the evidence from the device needed for the case.

CM Horton inquired about the rank and purpose of having eight staff members at the two conferences scheduled for next year offered by the IACP.

Chief Hildebrand responded IACP offers a broader range of courses of things within this grant, and they need members to attend those to get that education and learn best practices in investigating these types of crimes and using the technology. He added ranks can vary, but it will be the people utilizing it.

12.b Finalizing of Ordinances

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

12.b.1 Authorizing the Refunding of the City's 2017 Certificates of Participation (COPs)

2026-50 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE USE OF LEASE-PURCHASE FINANCING FOR THE REFUNDING OF THE CITY'S OUTSTANDING CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION, SERIES 2017 PURSUANT TO THE TERMS OF A LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN AURORA CAPITAL LEASING CORPORATION, AS LESSOR, AND THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, AS LESSEE; AUTHORIZING OFFICIALS OF THE CITY TO TAKE ALL ACTION NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY; AND RELATED MATTERS

Andrew Jamison, Debt and Treasury Supervisor, Finance / Hanosky Hernandez, Senior Assistant City Attorney

Council heard public testimony on the agenda related item.

13. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public hearings with or without related ordinances.

13.a Text Amendment to Update the Permitted Use Table Regarding Data Centers

2026-51 A PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF 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

Mayor Coffman opened the public hearing.

Staff gave a brief presentation on the item.

Council heard public testimony on the agenda related item.

Mayor Coffman closed the public hearing.

Moved by: Alison Coombs

Second by: Amy Wiles

Does Council wish to support the approval of an Ordinance that would remove Data Center as a permitted use in the MU-OI zone district?

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

Absent: (1): Françoise Bergan

13.b Bethel Lutheran Church Local Landmark Nomination

2026-52 A PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF 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

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

Outside Speaker: Barb Lemke, Pastor, Bethel Lutheran Church

Mayor Coffman opened the public hearing.

Staff gave a brief presentation on the item.

Council heard public testimony on the agenda related item.

Mayor Coffman closed the public hearing.

Moved by: Alison Coombs

Second by: Gianina Horton

Does Council wish to support the approval of the Ordinance making Bethel Lutheran Church Aurora Historic Landmark No. 38?

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

Absent: (1): Françoise Bergan

14. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

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

18. GENERAL BUSINESS

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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