MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Aurora City Council

Monday, August 24, 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 August 24, 2026 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 property acquisition, contractual issues, and security arrangements were discussed.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

6.a August 10, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Moved by: Alison Coombs

Second by: Amy Wiles

Does Council wish to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2026 meeting?

Voting Aye: (11): Mayor Coffman, Robert Andrews, Françoise Bergan, Alison Coombs, Curtis Gardner, Stephanie Hancock, Gianina Horton, Alli Jackson, Angela Lawson, Ruben Medina, and Amy Wiles

7. PROCLAMATIONS OR CEREMONIES

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8. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MPT Coombs explained she was pulling both of her items because she received requests for substantial additional amendments to both items after policy committee and Study Session discussions prior to this meeting.

Moved by: Alison Coombs

Second by: Françoise Bergan

Does Council wish to adopt the agenda as presented, with Items 11.a .4 and 13.a. removed from the agenda?

Voting Aye: (11): Mayor Coffman, Robert Andrews, Françoise Bergan, Alison Coombs, Curtis Gardner, Stephanie Hancock, Gianina Horton, Alli Jackson, Angela Lawson, Ruben Medina, and Amy Wiles

9. PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD

(non-agenda related issues only)

Council heard public comment on non-agenda related matters.

MPT Coombs asked to turn off the beeping portion of the timer for the family of Joseph Jones to speak. She clarified the timer can still count down, but she asked that the beeping be turned off.

CM Gardner commented they have been advised in the past that if they have separate rules for separate speakers, that is a First Amendment violation, and they have to give the same rules for everyone.

P. Schulte clarified that was correct, but there is no penalty for the beeping, and this is a different situation, as family members are trying to address Council, and they are extending the time. However, generally, they should treat everyone the same.

Moved by: Alison Coombs

Second by: Robert Andrews

Suspend Rules to permit (3) family members to speak without beeping if they go over 3 minutes? Requires 2/3 Vote of Council (7 votes)

Voting Aye: (11): Mayor Coffman, Robert Andrews, Françoise Bergan, Alison Coombs, Curtis Gardner, Stephanie Hancock, Gianina Horton, Alli Jackson, Angela Lawson, Ruben Medina, and Amy Wiles

Move by: Alison Coombs

Second by: Gianina Horton

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

Requires 2/3 Vote

Voting Aye: (11): Mayor Coffman, Robert Andrews, Françoise Bergan, Alison Coombs, Curtis Gardner, Stephanie Hancock, Gianina Horton, Alli Jackson, Angela Lawson, Ruben Medina, and Amy Wiles

10. 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: Curtis Gardner

Second by: Françoise Bergan

Does Council wish to approve the Motions - Consent Calendar with Items 10.a.1 and 10.a.2 removed?

Voting Aye: (11): Mayor Coffman, Robert Andrews, Françoise Bergan, Alison Coombs, Curtis Gardner, Stephanie Hancock, Gianina Horton, Alli Jackson, Angela Lawson, Ruben Medina, and Amy Wiles

10.a Motions

10.a.1 2027-2028 Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Aurora and International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) Local 1290

Jacob Bergeron, Labor Relations Officer, Human Resources / Kimberly Skaggs, Senior Assistant City Attorney

Council heard public testimony on the agenda related item.

Mayor Coffman commented he is strongly in support. He said he goes out and does a 24-hour shift with the firefighters every quarter and believes their firefighters deserve this. He stated what happened with Elijah McClain was a horrible mistake and he believes those firefighters were prosecuted for that.

MPT Coombs asked if moving to continue this item and the next impact the bargaining and approval process.

J. Batchelor answered both memberships are approved and awaiting the city's response, so they are under a timeline.

P. Schulte added they have provided updates throughout the process for input from City Council in Executive Sessions that have all been done in good faith, and Council was well aware of what was in the provisions for both. Therefore, to deny it or continue now would cause a severe legal issue for the city due to where they are in the process.

MPT Coombs asked for clarification they are bound by timelines that they would be in violation of if they were to continue the items.

P. Schulte strongly advised against continuing the matter, as the unions may decide the city is not serious and acting in good faith and could launch litigation against them regarding the process. He said if they wanted to delay this, they should have been upfront with the Union at the beginning.

Mayor Coffman asked if there were mandatory processes for arbitration of mediation at this point if they did not accept the contract.

P. Schulte answered yes. He said they need to have time to get it on the ballot, and they are already past that.

Mayor Coffman voiced the City of Aurora residents views are not reflected in the Chamber, and he believes they support the firefighters and police officers.

Moved by: Stephanie Hancock

Second by: Curtis Gardner

Does City Council wish to support the approval of the 2027-2028 collective bargaining agreement between the City of Aurora and International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) Local 1290?

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

Voting Nay: (1): Alli Jackson

Moved by: Stephanie Hancock

Second by: Curtis Gardner

Does Council wish to approve the motion to end the debate?

Voting Aye: (9): Mayor Coffman, Robert Andrews, Françoise Bergan, Curtis Gardner, Stephanie Hancock, Gianina Horton, Angela Lawson, Ruben Medina, and Amy Wiles

Voting Nay: (2): Alison Coombs, and Alli Jackson

10.a.2 2027-2028 Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Aurora and Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge #49

Jacob Bergeron, Labor Relations Officer, Human Resources / Kimberly Skaggs, Senior Assistant City Attorney

Council heard public testimony on the agenda related item.

Moved by: Stephanie Hancock

Second by: Curtis Gardner

Does City Council wish to support the approval of the 2026-2027 Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Aurora and Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge #49?

Voting Aye: (9): Mayor Coffman, Robert Andrews, Françoise Bergan, Curtis Gardner, Stephanie Hancock, Gianina Horton, Angela Lawson, Ruben Medina, and Amy Wiles

Voting Nay: (2): Alison Coombs, and Alli Jackson

10.b Planning Matters

10.c Appointments to Boards and Commissions

10.c.1 Consideration to Appoint One (1) Member to the Oil and Gas Advisory Committee

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

11. CONSENT CALENDAR - RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

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Moved by: Stephanie Hancock

Second by: Curtis Gardner

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

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

11.a Resolutions

11.a.1 Aurora Regional Navigation Campus Outdoor Renovation Funding

R2026-99 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BY AND AMONG THE CITY OF CENTENNIAL, ARAPAHOE COUNTY, AND THE CITY OF AURORA FOR THE ACCEPTANCE AND USE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT 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.2 Wild Horse Reservoir Administrative

R2026-100 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, EXPRESSING THE AURORA CITY COUNCIL'S APPROVAL AND DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO THE GENERAL MANAGER OF AURORA WATER TO ADMINISTRATIVELY APPROVE CERTAIN, LIMITED, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS RELATED TO WILD HORSE RESERVOIR

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

11.a.3 Request for Support of Proposition 308

R2026-101 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, EXPRESSING THE AURORA CITY COUNCIL'S FORMAL SUPPORT OF PROPOSITION 308

Shonnie Cline, Deputy Director of Internal and External Relations, Aurora Water / Ian Best, Senior Assistant City Attorney

Council heard public testimony on the agenda related item.

11.a.4 Rules of Order and Procedure: Amendments to Various Sections

R2026-102 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, TO AMEND VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE RULES OF ORDER AND PROCEDURE FOR THE AURORA, COLORADO, CITY COUNCIL

Sponsor: Alison Coombs, Mayor Pro Tem

Kadee Rodriguez, City Clerk / Peter Schulte, City Attorney

Agenda item 11.a.4. was removed from the agenda during adoption of the agenda.

11.b Finalizing of Ordinances

Ordinances approved unanimously at first reading.

12. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public hearings with or without related ordinances.

12.a Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan Placetype Map - Regis Jesuit High

2026-44 A PUBLIC HEARING AND INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, AMENDING THE 2018 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO ASSIGN A PLACETYPE DESIGNATION TO COMMERCIAL HUB FOR A 18.03 ACRE PARCEL LOCATED EAST OF SOUTH LEWISTON WAY, NORTH OF EAST ARAPAHOE ROAD, AND WEST OF S OLATHE STREET (REGIS JESUIT HIGH COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT)

Daniel Kryzanowski, Interim Planning Manager, Planning and Business Development / Lena McClelland, Senior Assistant City Attorney

Mayor Coffman opened the public hearing.

Staff gave a brief presentation on the item.

Mayor Coffman closed the public hearing.

Moved by: Curtis Gardner

Second by: Françoise Bergan

Does Council wish to support the approval of the Ordinance to amend the comprehensive plan to assign a placetype designation of Commercial Hub to the subject property?

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

13. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

13.a Socioeconomic Sales and Services Impact Permit

2026-45 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, AMENDING THE AURORA CITY CODE BY AMENDING DIVISION 4 OF ARTICLE VI OF CHAPTER 86 ESTABLISHING A SUPPLEMENTAL LICENSE FOR SOCIOECONOMIC IMPACT RETAIL SALES AND SERVICES

Sponsor: Alison Coombs, Mayor Pro Tem

Trevor Vaughn, Manager of Licensing, Finance / Hanosky Hernandez, Senior Assistant City Attorney

Item 13.a was removed from the agenda during adoption of the agenda.

13.b Authorizing 2026 Lease-Purchase Financing for Heavy Fleet Vehicles

2026-46 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO, AUTHORIZING THE USE OF LEASE-PURCHASE FINANCING TO ACQUIRE CERTAIN EQUIPMENT PURSUANT TO THE TERMS OF AN EQUIPMENT LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE AURORA CAPITAL LEASING CORPORATION, AS LESSOR, AND THE CITY OF

AURORA, COLORADO, AS LESSEE; AUTHORIZING OFFICIALS OF THE CITY TO TAKE ALL ACTION NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY; AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS

Teresa Sedmak, City Treasurer, Finance / Hanosky Hernandez, Senior Assistant City Attorney

Staff gave a brief presentation on the item.

Moved by: Curtis Gardner

Second by: Stephanie Hancock

Does the Council wish to support the approval of the Authorizing 2026 Lease-Purchase Financing for Heavy Fleet Vehicles ordinance?

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

14. FINALIZING OF ORDINANCES

Ordinances not approved unanimously at first reading.

15. ANNEXATIONS

16. RECONSIDERATIONS AND CALL UPS

17. GENERAL BUSINESS

18. REPORTS

18.a Mayor

Mayor Coffman expressed he intentionally did not look at former Denver School Board Member Tay Anderson when he was up there for the first time because he wanted him to feel what it was like when he does not listen to them and disrupts from the audience. He said when he exercises more maturity, he will pay attention.

18.b Council

MPT Coombs stated today was not the day to be voting on collective bargaining on raises for the people responsible for the death of Elijah McClain, and she wished she had noticed that conflict ahead of time. She stated the murder of Elijah McClain has shaped their city and her entire time on Council, and it deserved a different conversation and different day than today.

CM Jackson gave a shoutout to the family of Joseph Jones, who attended the meeting, as that was a tragedy and she was sorry their family had to hold that in silence for so long. She felt there was some questionable practices going on, and she and the other council members who requested family contact will follow up with them. She said having no accountability in that case was a disgrace and it appears

the only person issued a citation was Joseph Jones, which is unacceptable and does not sit well with her values and not how she would like to see procedures and policies come out of APD. She thanked everyone who showed up to speak and commended their bravery.

CM Horton acknowledged it was a bad oversight on their part to vote on that on the anniversary of Elijah McClain's killing and apologized for her part in the lack of responsibility and attention to that. She stated in regard to Joseph Jones, death by RTD is very personal to her, and her commitment to them is to work with the council members on the accountability side of that and seeing what RTD and the Boad of Directors can do in relation to that. She announced the renaming of the Central Library for Council Member Edna Wilson-Mosley tomorrow at 6:30, and there is a link on Engage Aurora for people to learn more about her history and contributions. She added the Ward 1 Town Hall agenda will be focused on the development of the Lowery Campus, updates from APD District 1 leadership, and the Colorado Criminal Justice Coalition on Proposition 132.

CM Wiles apologized for her part in missing the anniversary of Elijah McClain's death and the vote they did today.

CM Andrews, Gardner, Medina, Hancock, Lawson and Bergan 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.

MIKE COFFMAN, MAYOR

ATTEST:

KADEE RODRIGUEZ, CITY CLERK

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