



City of Aurora

City Hall - Second Floor
Council Chambers
44 East Downer Place
Aurora, IL

City Council Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday
September 23, 2025
6:00 PM

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ROLL CALL

Mayor Laesch called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. and the roll was called.

Present: 12 - Alderman Daniel Barreiro, Alderwoman Juany Garza, Alderman Ted Mesiacos, Alderman Jonathan Núñez, Alderman Carl Franco, Alderman Mike Saville, Alderman Javier Bañuelos, Alderman Edward Bugg, Alderwoman Shweta Baid, Alderman-At-Large Keith Larson, Alderman-At-Large Will White and Mayor John Laesch

Absent: 1 - Alderwoman Patty Smith

APPOINTMENT OF SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

A motion was made by Alderman Franco and seconded by Alderwoman Garza to appoint a Sergeant-at-Arms for this meeting. The motion carried by voice vote and Officer Ortinau served as Sergeant-at-Arms for this meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderman Franco.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Jon Zaghloul, Communications Manager - City of Aurora, presented the following information:

1. A successful 3rd Annual City of Lights Film Festival was held last weekend.
2. National POW/MIA Recognition Day was observed last week with the Aurora Veteran's Advisory Council.
3. October is National Cyber Security Awareness Month. There will be free online cyber security courses offered for the public.
4. The City of Aurora Fall Food Truck Festival will be on Friday, September 26th.
5. On October 4th the City of Aurora is taking a volunteer team to help with a Habitat for Humanity project.

A representative of the Fox Valley Music Consortium gave a presentation regarding their organization.

John Curley, Chief Development Services Officer and Alison Lindburg, Director of Sustainability - City of Aurora, presented and responded to questions regarding the Proposed Data Center and Warehouse Moratorium.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The City Clerk read the Rules of Public Comment and the following people presented comments to the City Council:

1. Senayit spoke regarding the recent Gubernatorial order to lower the State flags.
2. Lisa Fawver, Director of Outreach and Networking - Weston Bridges, requested assistance providing employment opportunities for residents of Weston Bridges.
3. David Olgilvie, Weston Bridges resident, spoke regarding the need for more employment opportunities in the City of Aurora.
4. Megan Davis, Weston Bridges resident, spoke regarding the need for more employment opportunities in the City of Aurora.
5. Danny Sourì spoke regarding governance and leadership of the City.
6. Rick Lawrence spoke regarding expenses relating to RiverEdge Park.
7. Todd VonOhlen spoke regarding "Paperclips" binding us all for the betterment of society.
8. Thew Elliott spoke regarding gratitude to the City Council for maintaining a focus on community.

CONSENT AGENDA

The City Clerk read the Consent Agenda and Direct to Council Consent Agenda in full. A motion was made by Alderman Franco and seconded by Alderman Saville to approve the Consent Agenda and Direct to Council Consent Agenda in full. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 11 - Alderman Barreiro, Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Núñez, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Bañuelos, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid, Alderman-At-Large Larson and Alderman-At-Large White

[25-0254](#)

A Resolution authorizing the execution of a Joint Funding Agreement with the State of Illinois, the execution of a Phase 3 Construction Engineering Services Agreement with Michael Baker International, Inc. in the not to exceed amount of \$275,341.00, and the appropriation of \$960,000.00 for the Diehl & Molitor (Farnsworth to Eola) Resurfacing Project.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R25-287

[25-0256](#)

A Resolution authorizing the execution of a Joint Funding Agreement with the State of Illinois, the execution of a Phase 3 Construction Engineering Services Agreement with HR Green, Inc. in the not to exceed amount of \$251,247.00, and the appropriation of \$755,000.00 for the Stonebridge Blvd Resurfacing Project.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R25-288

[25-0587](#)

A Resolution authorizing the execution of a Joint Funding Agreement with the State of Illinois, the execution of a Phase 3 Construction Engineering Services Agreement with Chastain & Associates, LLC in the not to exceed amount of \$343,221.00, and the appropriation of \$1,185,000.00 for the combined Randall, Eola, Kautz, Ellington, and Keating Resurfacing Project.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R25-289

[25-0628](#)

A Resolution authorizing the Director of Purchasing to issue a change order to the existing contract with Purvis Systems Incorporated for a Fire Station Alerting System (FSAS).

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R25-290

[25-0638](#)

A Resolution Authorizing Approval of the Summer 2025 Historic Preservation Grants and Allowing the Mayor to enter into Historic Preservation Grant Agreements and Addendums

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R25-291

[25-0676](#)

A Resolution authorizing Angie's Place to Provide the City of Aurora Police Department wellness checks for the Period of January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R25-292

[25-0677](#)

A Resolution authorizing the execution of real estate contracts to purchase properties required for the Farnsworth Bilter Church Roadway Widening Project.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R25-293

[25-0708](#)

A Resolution Establishing Health and Dental Insurance Monthly Rates of Contributions for Pre-Medicare Retirees Effective January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R25-294

[25-0710](#)

A Resolution Establishing C.O.B.R.A. Insurance Monthly Rates Effective January 1, 2026-December 31, 2026.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R25-295

[25-0711](#)

A Resolution Authorizing Blue Cross Blue Shield Blue of Illinois (BCBSIL) for Group Health Care Services and Rates for the period of January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R25-296

DIRECT TO COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA

[25-0727](#)

Approval of the Minutes of the Tuesday, September 9, 2025, City Council Meeting.

The minutes were approved and filed as presented on the Direct to Council Consent Agenda.

[25-0737](#)

A Resolution accepting the improvements and maintenance security for the Liberty Meadows Subdivision, Wolverine Drive.

This Resolution was approved on the Direct to Council Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R25-297

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There were no items of Unfinished Business.

NEW BUSINESS

There were no items of New Business.

Alderman Franco was recognized by Mayor Laesch and presented the following:

- 1. Alderman Franco asked to discuss the solar field on Barnes Rd. Mayor Laesch indicated the topic would constitute a legal discussion and that he will discuss with Alderman Franco outside of the meeting.**
- 2. Alderman Franco asked to discuss a recent personnel decision made by the City. Mayor Laesch stated that personnel decisions will not be discussed during open meetings. Alderman Franco made a motion to enter into Closed Session.**

APPROVAL OF THE BILL SUMMARY AND LARGE BILL LIST

[25-0749](#)

Bill Summary and Large Bill List.

A motion was made by Alderman Saville and seconded by Alderwoman Garza to approve and pay the bills. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 11 - Alderman Barreiro, Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Núñez, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Bañuelos, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid, Alderman-At-Large Larson and Alderman-At-Large White

CLOSED SESSION

Alderman Franco renewed his motion to enter into Closed Session pursuant to Sec. 2(c)(1) to discuss personnel issues. The motion was seconded by Alderman Núñez and the motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Alderman Barreiro, Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Núñez, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Bañuelos, Alderwoman Baid, Alderman-At-Large Larson and Alderman-At-Large White

Nay: 2 - Alderman Mesiacos and Alderman Bugg

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Alderwoman Baid and seconded by Alderman Saville to adjourn the meeting at the conclusion of the Closed Session meeting. The motion carried by voice vote and the Open Session of the meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m. The Closed Session was called to order at 7:21 p.m. and adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Aye: 11 - Alderman Barreiro, Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Núñez, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Bañuelos, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid, Alderman-At-Large Larson and Alderman-At-Large White

Submitted by:

Jennifer Stallings, City Clerk

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