



City of Aurora

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

Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday

June 03, 2025

5:00 PM

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ROLL CALL

Mayor Laesch called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. and the roll was called. Alderman White's ceremonial oath of office was performed by Mayor Laesch at the beginning of the meeting, after roll call. Alderman White took his seat at the dais at 5:08 p.m. and was, therefore, marked present at this meeting.

Present 13 - Alderman Daniel Barreiro, Alderwoman Juany Garza, Alderman Ted Mesiacos, Alderman Jonathan Núñez, Alderman Carl Franco, Alderman Mike Saville, Alderman Javier Bañuelos, Alderwoman Patty Smith, Alderman Edward J. Bugg, Alderwoman Shweta Baid, Alderman-At-Large Keith Larson, Alderman-At-Large Will White, and Mayor John Laesch

MINUTES OF THE TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2025 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

[25-0455](#)

Approval of the Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, May 20, 2025.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith and seconded by Alderman Franco to approve and file the minutes as presented. Alderman Mesiacos abstained from the voice vote. The motion carried by voice vote with the exclusion of Alderman Mesiacos.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Laesch performed the ceremonial swearing-in for newly appointed Alderman-at-Large Will White. Alderman White made a brief statement at the conclusion of which Alderman White took his seat on the dais.

Tony Martinez, Chief Communications and Marketing Officer - City of Aurora, presented an update on upcoming events throughout the City.

A brief presentation was made regarding the property located at 1125 Aurora Avenue. Attorney Dennis Walsh, Partner - Klein, Thorpe & Jenkins presented and responded to questions regarding environmental issues regarding the property. Also present and responding to questions were Brad Schumacher, President and Larry Bertsch, Senior Project Manager of Eagle Environmental Consultants.

[25-0469](#)

Presentation on Special Census Date

Shannon Cameron, Chief of Staff and Tim Shields, GIS Manager - City of Aurora, presented a Special Census Update. Chris Minick, Chief Financial Officer - City of Aurora, responded to questions. Several options were presented as to how the City can approach the Special Census.

[25-0471](#)

A presentation on planned water rate adjustments for July 1 of 2025 and 2026.

Jason Bauer, Interim Director of Public Works - City of Aurora, presented staff recommendations and responded to questions regarding water rate increases for 2025 and 2026. Chris Minick, Chief Financial Officer - City of Aurora, responded to questions.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

1. Senayit Aukbamichael spoke regarding the new Aurora Police Chief.
2. Rick Lawrence spoke regarding taxes.
3. Ray Hull spoke regarding water rate increases.

REPORT OF THE BUILDING, ZONING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

**The Building, Zoning and Economic Development Committee Met On May 28, 2025
and Reviewed the Following Items:**

[25-0421](#)

An Ordinance Annexing Property located at 1231 Mitchell Road to the City of Aurora, Illinois 60505

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

[25-0422](#)

An Ordinance Establishing a Conditional Use Planned Development at 1231 Mitchell Road, to be incorporated under the existing Aurora Turners Plan Description, under Parcel A, and amending Chapter 49 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Aurora, by modifying the zoning map attached thereto to, to an underlying zoning of B-2 Business District - General Retail

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

[25-0423](#)

An Ordinance Vacating a Portion of Dedicated Public Right of Way for High Street located north of E. Indian Trail in Kane County, Aurora, Illinois

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

[25-0424](#)

A Resolution Approving the Final Plat for Aurora Turners Club Subdivision located at 1231 Mitchell Rd, 1215 Mitchell Rd, and 500 E Indian Trail

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

Building, Zoning and Economic Development Committee Planning & Development Resolutions

[25-0441](#)

A Resolution Approving the Final Plat for Lots 1-51 of Abbey Meadows Subdivision, on vacant land, located on the east side of Raddant Road at Mesa Lane Extended

**This P&D Resolution was finalized (appealable).
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[25-0442](#)

A Resolution Approving a Final Plan on Abbey Meadows Subdivision, located on the east side of Raddant Road at Mesa Lane Extended, for a ROW Dwelling (Party Wall) (1130) Use

Tim Kellogg of Templeton Property Consultants, responded to questions.

**This P&D Resolution was finalized (appealable)
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REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee Met On May 29, 2025 and Reviewed the Following Items:

[25-0446](#)

An Ordinance providing for the issuance of not to exceed \$95,000,000 General Obligation Bonds of the City of Aurora, Kane, DuPage, Kendall and Will Counties, Illinois, for the purpose of financing capital improvements in and for said City, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the proposed sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof.

Chris Minick, Chief Financial Officer - City of Aurora, presented and responded to questions.

(PLACED ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS)

[25-0449](#)

A Resolution to select GNV Urban Art as a Consultant to Use Existing Funds for the Lumenaura Festival 2025, the City's Second Annual Interactive Light and Sound Experience.

Chris Ragona, Director of Community Services - City of Aurora, presented and responded to questions.

Representatives from GNV Urban Art were present via video conference for the meeting and introduced themselves.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

[25-0458](#)

An Ordinance Amending The Annual Budget For The Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2025 and Ending December 31, 2025 (Amendment #2 For The 2025 Fiscal Year).

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The Public Health, Safety and Transportation Committee Met On May 27, 2025 and Reviewed the Following Items:

[25-0323](#)

A Resolution authorizing the Emergency Management Coordinator to sign the Illinois Public Works Mutual Aid Network Agreement (IPWMAN)

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

REPORT OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

**The Infrastructure & Technology Committee Meeting Scheduled for May 27, 2025 was
Cancelled.**

REPORT OF THE RULES, ADMINISTRATION AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE

**The Rules, Administration and Procedure Committee Met On May 20, 2025 and
Reviewed the Following Items:**

[25-0374](#)

An Informational Discussion on the upcoming Ordinance Amending Chapter 12 of the Aurora Code of Ordinances titled Buildings and Building Regulations to Adopt the 2024 I-Series of Codes and Recommended Amendments.

(INFORMATION ONLY)

NEW BUSINESS

[25-0381](#)

A motion authorizing and directing the Chief Human Resources Office to execute a settlement agreement on behalf of the City in Worker's Compensation Claim # 21Q05I559122.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

[25-0463](#)

A motion authorizing and directing the Chief Human Resources Officer to execute a settlement agreement on behalf of the City in Worker's Compensation Claim #24Q05M342495

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

CLOSED SESSION

A Closed Session was required pursuant to Section 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline or dismissal of specific employees of the public body and Section 2(c)(11) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss litigation.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith and seconded by Alderman Franco to enter into Closed Session and thereafter adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting with no further final action or public business to take place for purposes of the Committee of the Whole. The motion carried by the following vote and the Open Session of the meeting adjourned to Closed Session at 7:29 p.m. The Closed Session convened at 7:38 p.m. and adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Aye: 12 - Alderman Barreiro, Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Núñez, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Bañuelos, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid, Alderman-At-Large Larson and Alderman-At-Large White

ADJOURN

Submitted by:

Jennifer Stallings, City Clerk

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