



City of Aurora

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

City Council Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday
May 27, 2025
6:00 PM

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ROLL CALL

Mayor Laesch called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and the roll was called.

Present: 11 - Alderman Daniel Barreiro, Alderwoman Juany Garza, Alderman Jonathan Núñez, Alderman Carl Franco, Alderman Mike Saville, Alderman Javier Bañuelos, Alderwoman Patty Smith, Alderman Edward Bugg, Alderwoman Shweta Baid, Alderman Keith Larson and Mayor John Laesch

Absent: 1 - Alderman Ted Mesiacos

APPOINTMENT OF SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith 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.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was led by Evangelist Angela Collier, President of Collier Community Center in Aurora.

MAYOR'S OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS PRESENTATIONS

Martha Paschke, Director of Innovation and Strategy and Shannon Cameron, Chief of Staff - City of Aurora, presented and responded to questions regarding the City's Give Responsibly Campaign.

[25-0453](#)

Presentation of the 2025 Mayor's Awards for Excellence in Historic Preservation

Mayor Laesch and Jill Morgan, Senior Planner - City of Aurora, presented the 2025 Mayor's Awards for Historic Preservation.

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

[25-0375](#)

A Resolution authorizing the appointment of Karina Cano to the "Sister Cities Commission" (SCC).

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith and seconded by Alderman Barreiro to approve this item. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 10 - Alderman Barriero, Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Núñez, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Bañuelos, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid, Alderman Larson

Enactment No: R25-184

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

- 1. Angela Collier discussed upcoming projects and 2946 E New York St.**
- 2. Senayit Aukbamichael spoke regarding Israel and Palestine.**
- 3. Shannon Buckley spoke regarding the City's Give Responsibly Campaign.**
- 4. David Cannon spoke regarding the City's Give Responsibly Campaign.**
- 5. George Gutierrez spoke regarding the Vehicular Nuisance Ordinance.**
- 6. Thew Elliott spoke regarding the City's Give Responsibly Campaign.**

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Aye: 10 - Alderman Barreiro, Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Núñez, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Bañuelos, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid and Alderman Larson

[25-0063](#)

A Resolution authorizing the Director of Purchasing to enter into agreements with Indoff LLC, 11816 Lackland Rd, St. Louis, MO 63146 and Volunteer Supply Industries, Ltd., 105 E Galena Blvd, Suite 806, Aurora, IL 60505 in amounts not to exceed \$32,500.00 and \$53,866.00, respectively, for the purchase of lighting materials for various locations throughout the City.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R25-185

[25-0258](#)

A Resolution to award a contract to Builders Paving, LLC in the amount of \$5,873,168.00, and to appropriate \$3,500,000.00 of MFT Funds for the 2025 Citywide Street Resurfacing-EAST project.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R25-186

[25-0292](#)

An Ordinance Amending The Annual Budget For The Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2024 and Ending December 31, 2024 (Amendment #3 For The 2024 Fiscal Year).

This Ordinance was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: O25-034

[25-0327](#)

A Resolution maintaining the maximum number of Class D: Downtown Core On-Site Consumption liquor licenses (unofficially related to the application from French 75 Gallery and Lounge, Inc.). [Ward 2]

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R25-187

[25-0336](#)

An Ordinance Annexing Property located at 1681 Bilter Road to the City of Aurora, Illinois

This Ordinance was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: O25-035

[25-0343](#)

A Resolution authorizing the purchase of replacement and additional vehicles for the City of Aurora fleet, for \$1,717,548.00.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R25-188

[25-0359](#)

A Resolution authorizing the purchase of one replacement Ford Hybrid Utility Police Interceptor from Currie Motors for \$52,488.00.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R25-189

[25-0369](#)

A Resolution authorizing the Director of Purchasing to enter into a purchase agreement with Axon Enterprises, Inc. for the procurement of squad car cameras and related equipment for the Aurora Police Department, for a total amount not to exceed \$99,664.08.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R25-190

[25-0372](#) An Ordinance creating Sec. 27-135 of the Code of Ordinances entitled "Vehicular Nuisance."

This Ordinance was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: O25-036

[25-0379](#) A Resolution to award the Beau Ridge North Water Main Improvements project, located in Ward 6, to Miller Pipeline LLC, in the bid amount of \$3,173,802.50.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R25-191

[25-0382](#) A Resolution authorizing the Director of Purchasing to utilize General Services Administration (GSA) and Houston-Area Council (HGAC) Cooperative Purchasing Contracts to purchase a pair of vehicle repair lifts for the new Public Works Facility from Vehicle Services Group, LLC, 2700 Lanier Drive, Madison, IN 47250 for the combined amount of \$97,610.25.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R25-192

[25-0385](#) A Resolution to award the Fox Valley Center Drive Water Main Replacement project, located in Ward 10 to Fox Excavating, Inc., in the bid amount of \$209,835.00.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R25-193

[25-0389](#) A Resolution establishing the maximum number of Class B: Onsite Consumption liquor licenses, (unofficially related to the application from GJM Pizza LLC d/b/a Ach-N-Lou's Pizza Pub Inc. at 1592 N Farnsworth). [Ward 1]

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R25-194

[25-0390](#) A Resolution establishing the maximum number of Class D: Fox Valley Entertainment District licenses, with Self-Service, Strolling and Package Sales Endorsements, (unofficially related to the application from Fox Taps, LLC d/b/a Tapville - Drink While You Shop - Fox Valley Mall, 195 Fox Valley Center Dr. 14 E). [Ward 10]

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R25-195

[25-0393](#)

A Resolution approving the IDOT low bid award for Construction for the North Aurora Road Underpass at the CN Railroad.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R25-196

[25-0396](#)

A Resolution to purchase mobile vehicle barriers from Meridian Rapid Defense Group for use at special events.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R25-197

[25-0397](#)

A Resolution authorizing the execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation for the maintenance of state routes with the City of Aurora.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R25-198

DIRECT TO COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA

[25-0443](#)

Approval of the Minutes of Tuesday, May 13, 2025, City Council Meeting.

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

[25-0454](#)

Approval of the Minutes of Tuesday, May 20, 2025, Special City Council Meeting.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There were no items of Unfinished Business.

CLOSED SESSION

The Closed Session meeting began at 7:09 p.m. and adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

A Closed Session was required pursuant to Section 2(c)(3) of the Open Meetings Act for the selection of a person to fill a public office, as defined in this Act, including a vacancy in a public office, when the public body is given power to appoint under law or ordinance.

A motion was made by Alderman Saville and seconded by Alderwoman Garza to move into Closed Session and thereafter reconvene to resume with the rest of the City Council agenda. The motion carried by the following vote and the Open Session recessed to move into Closed Session at 7:00 p.m.:

Aye: 10 - Alderman Barreiro, Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Núñez, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Bañuelos, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid and Alderman Larson

OPEN SESSION READJOURNMENT

Mayor Laesch readjoined the Open Session of the City Council meeting at 8:52 p.m. and the roll was called:

Present: 11 - Alderman Daniel Barreiro, Alderwoman Juany Garza, Alderman Jonathan Núñez, Alderman Carl Franco, Alderman Mike Saville, Alderman Javier Bañuelos, Alderwoman Patty Smith, Alderman Edward Bugg, Alderwoman Shweta Baid, Alderman Keith Larson, Mayor John Laesch

Absent: 1 - Alderman Ted Mesiacos

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith and seconded by Alderwoman Garza to Suspend the Rules to hear items of New Business. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 10 - Alderman Barreiro, Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Núñez, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Bañuelos, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid and Alderman Larson

[25-0452](#)

A Resolution granting the advice and consent of the Mayor's appointment to fill a vacancy in the office of alderperson at-large.

The top four candidates for Alderman-at-Large as chosen by Mayor Laesch were interviewed by the City Council during a Closed Session meeting earlier in this meeting. Mayor Laesch announced at this time Will White as his appointment as Alderman-at-Large. A motion was made by Alderwoman Garza and seconded by Alderman Saville to grant the City Council's advice and consent of Mayor Laesch's appointment of Will White as Alderman-at-Large. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 10 - Alderman Barreiro, Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Núñez, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Bañuelos, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid and Alderman Larson

Enactment No: R25-199

[25-0457](#)

A Resolution Granting the Advice and Consent of the City Council to the Mayor's Appointment of Members and Designation of Chairpersons and Vice Chairpersons of the Standing Committees of the City Council.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Garza and seconded by Alderman Franco to approve this item. The motion carried by the following vote and Alderman-at-Large White was appointed to the Rules, Administration, and Procedure Committee and the Building, Zoning, and Economic Development Committee:

Aye: 10 - Alderman Barreiro, Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Núñez, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Bañuelos, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid and Alderman Larson

Enactment No: R25-200

REPORT

There were no reports.

APPROVAL OF THE BILL SUMMARY AND LARGE BILL LIST

[25-0459](#)

Bill Summary and Large Bill List.

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

Aye: 10 - Alderman Barreiro, Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Núñez, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Bañuelos, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid and Alderman Larson

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Alderman Franco and seconded by Alderwoman Smith to adjourn this meeting. The motion carried by voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Submitted by:

Jennifer Stallings, City Clerk

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