



City of Aurora

City Hall - Second Floor
Council Chambers
44 East Downer Place
Aurora, IL 60505

City Council Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday
May 26, 2026
6:00 PM

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ROLL CALL

Mayor Laesch called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. and the roll was called.

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

Absent: 1 - Alderman Carl Franco

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 B. Rodriguez served as Sergeant-at-Arms for this meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderman Mesiacos.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Jon Zaghloul, Director of Communications, presented the following items:

1. James "Jim" Butler was presented with his banner from Aurora's 2026 Memorial Day Parade of which Mr. Butler served as Grand Marshal.
2. Mayor Laesch presented a Mayoral Proclamation to Will & Grundy County NAMI, in honor of Mental Health Awareness Month proclaiming May as Mental Health Awareness Month in the City of Aurora.
3. Mayor Laesch presented a Mayoral Proclamation to members of DuKane ABATE, in honor of Motorcycle Awareness Month proclaiming May as Motorcycle Awareness Month in the City of Aurora.

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

[26-0292](#)

A Resolution authorizing the appointment of Julie Chandler and Scott Krave to the Bicycle, Pedestrian & Transit Advisory Board.

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

Aye: 11 - Alderman Barreiro, Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Nunez, Alderman Saville, Alderman Banuelos, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid, Alderman-At-Large Larson and Alderman-At-Large White

Enactment No: R26-136

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 a recall process for the City of Aurora.
2. Annie Fish spoke regarding the Aurora Warming Center.
3. Saturn Zaragoza spoke regarding the Aurora Warming Center.
4. Karon Lockland spoke regarding the Aurora Warming Center.
5. Atlantis Delgado spoke regarding the Aurora Warming Center.
6. Ritwik Chattopadhyay spoke regarding the Aurora Warming Center and encouraged something similar for the heat.
7. Ramona Lowery spoke regarding the Aurora Warming Center.
8. Jennifer Lopez spoke regarding the Aurora Warming Center.
9. Elexis Gordon spoke regarding her new youth program K-Kids Mini Markets.

PUBLIC HEARING

26-0305

Public Hearing Regarding the Execution of An Ordinance Providing for the Execution of an Annexation Agreement with the Owners of Record, the Contract Purchaser and the Land Developer Providing for R-4A(C) Two-Family Dwelling District and OS-1(C) Conservation, Open Space and Drainage District with a Conditional Use Planned Development Zoning for the Territory Which May Be Annexed To the City Of Aurora Located South of Jericho Road Between Jericho Circle and Athena Road on Vacant Land in Kane County, Aurora Illinois 60506. (related to Legistar Item 26-0244).

Alex Minnella, Senior Planner - City of Aurora, spoke briefly regarding this item.

The City Clerk read the title of the Public Hearing. There were no members of the public wishing to be heard during public comment. City Council asked a representative of the Aurora Housing Authority to speak briefly. A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith and seconded by Alderman Bugg to close the Public Hearing. The motion carried by the following vote and the Public Hearing was closed.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Aye: 11 - Alderman Barreiro, Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Nunez, Alderman Saville, Alderman Banuelos, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid, Alderman-At-Large Larson and Alderman-At-Large White

[26-0118](#)

A Resolution establishing the maximum number of Class B: Onsite Consumption liquor licenses, (unofficially related to the application from L Mil Amores Restaurant, LLC located at 518 S Lake St). [Ward 4]

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R26-137

[26-0212](#)

A Resolution authorizing the Director of Purchasing to enter into agreements with Semper Fi Landscaping, Inc. of Yorkville, IL in the amounts of \$4,600,000.00 and \$576,183.06 for the Mastodon Lake Dredging and Shoreline Restoration projects, respectively.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R26-138

[26-0291](#)

A Resolution establishing the maximum number of Class D: Farnsworth Bilter Entertainment District liquor licenses (unofficially related to the application from Aurora-Boulevard LLC d/b/a Boulevard Food & Drink Hall - Aurora at 2500 N Farnsworth Ave. Ste. 110). [Ward 1]

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R26-139

[26-0298](#)

A Resolution establishing the maximum number of Class D: Downtown Fringe On-Site Consumption liquor licenses (unofficially related to the application from The Poppy Estate, LLC at 251 S River Street, Aurora). [Ward 4]

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R26-140

[26-0300](#)

A Resolution authorizing the execution of a Joint Funding Agreement with the State of Illinois, the execution of a Phase 2 Design Engineering Agreement with HR Green, Inc. in the not to exceed amount of \$283,729.00, and the appropriation of \$283,729.00 of MFT Funds for the Montgomery Road Multi-Use Path Extension-Middlebury Drive to IL Route 59 Project.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R26-141

[26-0313](#)

A Resolution authorizing the expenditure of special service area tax funds in a total aggregate amount not to exceed \$300,000 to the Aurora Downtown District (ADD), as the successor organization for Aurora Downtown, for the provision of special services within Special Service Area One.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R26-142

DIRECT TO COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA[26-0336](#)

Approval of the Minutes of the Tuesday, May 12, 2026, City Council Meeting.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS[26-0244](#)

An Ordinance Providing for the Execution of an Annexation Agreement with the Owners of Record, the Contract Purchaser and the Land Developer Providing for R-4A(C) Two-Family Dwelling District and OS-1(C) Conservation, Open Space and Drainage District with a Conditional Use Planned Development zoning for the territory which may be Annexed to the City of Aurora located south of Jericho Road between Jericho Circle and Athena Road on Vacant Land in Kane County, Aurora Illinois 60506.

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

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

Enactment No: O26-033

[26-0245](#)

An Ordinance Annexing Certain Property being Vacant Land located south of Jericho Road between Jericho Circle and Athena Road to the City of Aurora, Illinois 60506, pursuant to an Approved Annexation Agreement (Northern Lights Development Corp - AU29/3-26.085 - AA/A/CUPD/Psd/Ppn - AM - Ward 5)

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

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

Enactment No: O26-034

[26-0246](#)

An Ordinance Establishing a Conditional Use Planned Development, Approving the 1449 Senior Estates Phase 2 Plan Description and amending Chapter 49 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Aurora, by modifying the zoning map attached thereto to a zoning of R-4A(C) Two-Family Dwelling District and OS-1(C) Conservation, Open Space and Drainage District with a Conditional Use Planned Development for the property located south of Jericho Road between Jericho Circle and Athena Road

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

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

Enactment No: O26-035

[26-0247](#)

A Resolution Approving a Preliminary Plat and Plan for 1449 Senior Estates Subdivision, Phase 2 on vacant land located south of Jericho Road between Jericho Circle and Athena Road

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

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

Enactment No: R26-143

[26-0324](#)

An Ordinance Amending the Ward 3 Budget for Fiscal Year 2026.

Alderman Mesiacos recused himself from the discussion and vote on this item and left the City Council Chambers during discussion and vote.

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

Alderman Mesiacos returned to City Council Chambers after this item was fully addressed.

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

Enactment No: O26-036

OLD BUSINESS

[25-0779](#)

An Ordinance amending and adding Sections 2-185, 15-120, 15-130, 15-320, 15-321, 15-322, and 15-354 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Aurora pertaining to the disclosure of economic interests, campaign contributions, lobbying, and the use of City property and the City seal.

Mayor Laesch announced that this item will be held at City Council until the June 9, 2026 meeting.

[26-0264](#)

An Ordinance approving a Conditional Use on 2850, 2871, and 2880 Vision Court for a Food, textiles, and related products (3110) Use

Tracey Vacek, Director of Zoning & Planning - City of Aurora, explained that this item should have been removed from the Consent Agenda at the May 12, 2026 meeting, however due to an administrative error, the Ordinance remained on the Consent Agenda and was adopted. Changes were made to the Ordinance as presented in New Business item 26-0327 at this meeting and the updated Ordinance will be considered if this Ordinance is rescinded.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith and seconded by Alderman Saville to rescind Ordinance O26-032. The motion carried by the following vote and Ordinance O26-032 was rescinded:

Aye: 11 - Alderman Barreiro, Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Nunez, Alderman Saville, Alderman Banuelos, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid, Alderman-At-Large Larson and Alderman-At-Large White

Enactment No: O26-032

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith and seconded by Alderman Saville to suspend the rules to hear items of new business. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 11 - Alderman Barreiro, Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Nunez, Alderman Saville, Alderman Banuelos, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid, Alderman-At-Large Larson and Alderman-At-Large White

[26-0312](#)

A Resolution approving the appointment of Rebecca Gomez as Animal Control Manager.

Rebecca Gomez briefly introduced herself to the City Council.

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

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

Enactment No: R26-144

[26-0327](#)

An Ordinance approving a condition for the Conditional Use on 2850, 2871, and 2880 Vision Court for a Food, textiles, and related products (3110) Use (revised)

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

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

Enactment No: O26-037

REPORT

There were no reports presented at this meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE BILL SUMMARY AND LARGE BILL LIST

[26-0345](#)

Bill Summary and Large Bill List.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith 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 Saville, Alderman Bañuelos, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid, Alderman-At-Large Larson and Alderman-At-Large White

CLOSED SESSION

A closed session was required pursuant to the following sections of the Open Meetings Act:

1. Section 2(c)(29) to discuss meetings between internal or external auditors and governmental audit committees, finance committees, and their equivalents, when the discussion involves internal control weaknesses, identification of potential fraud risk areas, known or suspected frauds, and fraud interviews conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards of the United States of America.
2. Section 2(c)(1) to discuss appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith and seconded by Alderman White to enter into closed session and thereafter adjourn this Committee of the Whole meeting with no further action or public business to take place for purposes of this meeting. The motion carried by the following vote and the open session of the meeting adjourned to closed session at 6:59 p.m. The closed session was called to order at 7:08 p.m. and adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Aye: 11 - Alderman Barreiro, Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Núñez, 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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