



# City of Aurora

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

## Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday

May 20, 2025

4:00 PM

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**\*\*\*Please note 4:00 p.m. start time for this meeting only\*\*\***

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### ROLL CALL

**Mayor Laesch called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. and the roll was called. Alderman Mesiacos arrived at the meeting at approximately 4:05 p.m. and was, therefore, marked present for the meeting.**

**Present** 11 - Alderman Daniel Barreiro, Alderwoman Juany Garza, Alderman Ted Mesiacos, Alderman Jonathan Núñez, Alderman Carl Franco, Alderman Mike Saville, Alderman Javier Bañuelos, Alderman Edward J. Bugg, Alderwoman Shweta Baid, Alderman-At-Large Keith Larson, and Mayor John Laesch

**Absent** 1 - Alderwoman Patty Smith

### MINUTES OF THE TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2025 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

[25-0436](#)

Approval of the Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, May 6, 2025.

**A motion was made by Alderman Franco and seconded by Alderman Barriero to approve and file the minutes. The motion carried by voice vote.**

## MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Laesch presented a Mayoral Proclamation for National Bike Month to representatives of the Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Transit Advisory Board.

Mayor Laesch presented the Mayor's Award of Excellence to the Kane County and DuPage County Educators of the Year:

- 2025 Kane County Administrator of the Year Dr. David Ballard, Associate Superintendent of Staff & Student Services of East Aurora D131.

- 2025 DuPage Regional Office of Education DuPage Educator of the Year Dr. Adrian Talley, Superintendent of Indian Prairie School District 204.

Mayor Laesch presented a Mayoral Proclamation to Clayton Muhammad for his 12 years of service to the City of Aurora with sincere thanks, wishing Clayton the best on behalf of the entire City of Aurora.

[25-0429](#)

The Administration of the Oath of Office to Aurora Police Deputy Chief Steven A. Stemmet (appointment confirmed on April 10, 2025).

Mayor Laesch administered the Oath of Office of Deputy Police Chief to Steve Stemmet.

[25-0430](#)

The Administration of the Oath of Office to Aurora Police Chief Matthew T. Thomas (appointment confirmed on April 10, 2025).

Mayor Laesch administered the Oath of Office of Police Chief to Matt Thomas.

## 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 electric fire trucks.
2. Rick Lawrence spoke regarding actions taken at the City Council meeting on May 13, 2025.

## REPORT OF THE BUILDING, ZONING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

**The Building, Zoning and Economic Development Committee Met On May 14, 2025 and Reviewed the Following Items:**

[25-0336](#)

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

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

## **Building, Zoning and Economic Development Committee Planning & Development Resolutions**

[25-0352](#)

A Resolution Approving a Revision to the Final Plan for Herget Middle School, located at 1550 Deerpath Road.

**This P&D Resolution was finalized (appealable).**

**PDFNL 25-006**

Enactment No: PDFNL25-006

[25-0391](#)

A Resolution Approving a Final Plan for the Learning Commons on the Aurora University Campus located at the northwest corner of Prairie Street and S. Randall Road

**This P&D Resolution was finalized (appealable).**

**PDFNL 25-007**

Enactment No: PDFNL25-007

## **REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

### **The Finance Committee Met On May 15, 2025 and Reviewed the Following Items:**

[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).

*Stacey Peterson, Director of Financial Operations - City of Aurora, presented.*

**(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)**

[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.

**(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)**

[25-0359](#)

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

**(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)**

[25-0378](#)

A Resolution authorizing the Director of Purchasing to enter into a purchase agreement with Five Eight Group for the procurement of a drive test scanner for the Aurora Police Department, in a total amount not to exceed \$170,000.

**A motion was made by Alderman Barreiro and seconded by Alderwoman Baid to return this item to the Finance Committee. The motion carried by voice vote. This Resolution was returned to the Finance Committee.**

[25-0393](#)

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

**(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)**

### **REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

#### **The Public Health, Safety and Transportation Committee Met On May 13, 2025 and Reviewed the Following Items:**

[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]

**(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)**

[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.

**(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)**

[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]

**(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)**

[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]

**(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)**

## **REPORT OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**

### **The Infrastructure & Technology Committee Met On May 12, 2025 and Reviewed the Following Items:**

[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.

**(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)**

[25-0343](#)

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

**(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)**

[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.

**(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)**

[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.

**(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)**

[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.

**(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)**

[25-0396](#)

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

**(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)**

[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.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

## **REPORT OF THE RULES, ADMINISTRATION AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE**

### **The Rules, Administration and Procedure Committee Met On May 6, 2025 and Reviewed the Following Items:**

[25-0372](#)

An Ordinance creating Sec. 27-135 of the Code of Ordinances entitled "Vehicular Nuisance."

*Lt. Andy Wolcott, Special Services - Aurora Police Department, presented.*

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

[25-0375](#)

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

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

[25-0380](#)

Presentation on the "Downtown Revitalization" Portal.

(FILED)

## **ALDERMAN'S CORNER**

*There was no Alderman's Corner.*

## **CLOSED SESSION**

A Closed Session was needed pursuant to Sec. 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation or dismissal of specific employees of the public body. A motion was made by Alderman Mesiacos and seconded by Alderwoman Garza to enter into Closed Session and thereafter adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting with no further 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 this meeting moved into Closed Session at 5:45 p.m.

**Aye:** 10 - Alderman Barreiro, Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Núñez, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Bañuelos, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid and Alderman-At-Large Larson

**ADJOURN**

The Closed Session adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Submitted by:

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Jennifer Stallings, City Clerk

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