



City of Aurora

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

City Council Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday

January 28, 2025

6:00 PM

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ROLL CALL

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

Present: 13 - Alderman Daniel Barreiro, Alderwoman Juany Garza, Alderman Ted Mesiacos, Alderman Bill Donnell, Alderman Carl Franco, Alderman Mike Saville, Alderman Brandon Tolliver, Alderwoman Patty Smith, Alderman Edward Bugg, Alderwoman Shweta Baid, Alderman John Laesch, Alderman Ron Woerman and Mayor Richard Irvin

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 Members of Boy Scout Troop 11.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was presented by Alderman Edward Bugg.

MAYOR'S OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS PRESENTATIONS

Austin Zepeda, Administrative Aide - Mayor's Office of Community Affairs, reported that two events were held that day:

1. A Lunar New Year Celebration was held at the North Island Center for 2025 the Year of the Snake.
2. The 7th Ribbon Cutting in the City in 2025 was held for the new Sushi + Rotary Sushi location at 4302 E New York St #124.

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

[24-0977](#)

A Resolution approving the appointment of Glenda Love and the reappointments of Sumera Galvez, Maureen McKane, Penelope Garcia, and Luanne Lo Monte to the Human Relations Commission.

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

Aye: 12 - Alderman Barreiro, Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Tolliver, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid, Alderman Laesch, Alderman Woerman

Enactment No: R25-010

PUBLIC COMMENT

The City Clerk read the Rules of Public Comment and Wendy Franco presented comments regarding an Alderperson.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Aye: 12 - Alderman Barreiro, Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Tolliver, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid, Alderman Laesch and Alderman Woerman

[24-0859](#)

A Resolution requesting implementation of a Privacy Readiness Review by Class-LLC, Atlanta, GA for a total amount not to exceed \$100,000.00.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R25-011

[24-0982](#)

An Ordinance amending Chapter 49 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Aurora, by modifying the zoning map attached thereto to rezone vacant property located at 627 South Lake Street from R-4 Two Family Dwelling District to R-3 One Family Dwelling District

This Ordinance was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: O25-005

[24-0987](#)

A Resolution to award a contract to Connelly Electric Company in an amount not-to-exceed of \$53,500.00 for the Water Production Division (WPD).

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R25-012

[24-0999](#)

A Resolution authorizing the Emergency Management Coordinator to execute an Intergovernmental Emergency Warning Siren Donation Agreement with the Village of Sugar Grove pertaining to the real property located at Route 56 and Blackberry Creek in Sugar Grove, Illinois.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R25-013

[24-1000](#)

A Resolution authorizing the purchase of replacement and additional vehicles for the City of Aurora fleet, for an amount not to exceed \$1,570,000.00.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R25-014

[24-1003](#)

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign and execute the Water Main Easement Agreement with Commonwealth Edison Company (ComEd) as part of the Middlebury Drive to LaJolla Court Water Main Installation.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R25-015

[24-1007](#)

A Resolution authorizing the execution of permits with the State of Illinois for maintenance and construction on State Highways.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R25-016

[25-0005](#)

A Resolution authorizing a rehabilitation project of six (6) finished water distribution pumps for the Water Production Division in an amount not-to-exceed of \$402,000.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R25-017

[25-0009](#)

A resolution authorizing the Director of Purchasing to adopt unit prices submitted by Core and Main for the purchase of Sensus Water Meters and accessories.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R25-018

[25-0010](#)

A Resolution authorizing the Director of Purchasing to execute Change Order Number 1 to the Contract with Hoerr Construction Inc. for the 2024 Sanitary Sewer CIPP Lining project in the amount of \$84,825.00.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R25-019

[25-0011](#)

A Resolution Authorizing a Contract and IEPA PWSLP loan forgiveness agreement with Brandt Excavating, Inc for the Lead Service Replacement Project - Contract 2 for the bid amount of \$3,261,380.00, pending approval of on IEPA loan forgiveness loan.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R25-020

[25-0022](#)

An Ordinance Changing the Name of a Portion of Suncrest Drive to Suncrest Court located north of Wingpointe Drive located in Kane County, Aurora Illinois

This Ordinance was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: O25-006

[25-0023](#)

An Ordinance amending Division 2-V-2 of Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances by creating Sec. 2-341.1 pertaining to electronic procurement.

This Ordinance was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: O25-007

[25-0024](#)

An Ordinance Changing the Name of Elm Street to West Park Avenue located between N. Lake Street and N. River Street located in Kane County, Aurora Illinois

This Ordinance was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: O25-008

[25-0029](#)

A Resolution authorizing the city to accept a grant award of \$39,981.00 from the Department of Homeland Security for the Fiscal Year 2023 Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities program to update existing building codes and handbooks to help reduce potential losses to buildings and contents due to floods, tornado winds, and other natural disasters.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R25-021

[25-0032](#)

A Resolution authorizing the Chief of Police to sign and execute the Annual Memorandum of Understanding with Learning for Life, a District of Columbia non-profit corporation for the Aurora Police Department Youth Explorers Post #8847 program.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R25-022

[25-0053](#)

A Resolution approving the appointment of Steve Kulesza as Superintendent of Parks and Recreation.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R25-023

[25-0058](#)

A motion authorizing and directing the Chief Human Resources Officer to execute a settlement agreement on behalf of the City in Workers Compensation Claim #18Q05I559314.

This Recommendation was approved.

DIRECT TO COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA

[25-0056](#)

Approval of the Minutes of the Tuesday, January 14, 2025, City Council Meeting.

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

[24-1012](#)

A Resolution accepting the improvements and maintenance security for Aurora Metal Recycle - New Parking Lot, 628 W New York.

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

Enactment No: R25-024

[25-0037](#)

A Resolution approving reduction No. 01 for Prairie Meadows Subdivision, Intersection of Rockwell Rd and Prairie St.

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

Enactment No: R25-025

[25-0078](#)

A Resolution accepting the improvements and maintenance security for Lake St. 31 Development Sanitary Sewer Extension, 970 N. Lake St.

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

Enactment No: R25-026

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

[24-1013](#)

A Resolution To Endorse the Legislative Action Program of the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference for the 2025 Legislative Session.

Alex Voigt, Deputy Chief of Staff - City of Aurora, responded to questions.

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

Aye: 11 - Alderman Barreiro, Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Tolliver, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid and Alderman Woerman

Nay: 1 - Alderman Laesch

Enactment No: R25-027

[25-0004](#)

An Ordinance Establishing a Conditional Use Planned Development and Approving the Galena Hotel Plan Description for the property located at 116 W. Galena Boulevard

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith and seconded by Alderman Franco to approve this item. Alderman Woerman recused himself from the discussion and vote on this item and left the City Council Chambers during the discussion and vote. The motion carried by the following vote and Alderman Woerman returned to City Council Chambers at the conclusion of the discussion and vote:

Aye: 10 - Alderman Barreiro, Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Tolliver, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg and Alderwoman Baid

Nay: 1 - Alderman Laesch

Enactment No: O25-009

[25-0016](#)

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

Brian Witkowski, Engineering Dept. - City of Aurora, responded to questions.

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

Aye: 11 - Alderman Barreiro, Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Tolliver, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid and Alderman Woerman

Nay: 1 - Alderman Laesch

Enactment No: R25-028

NEW BUSINESS

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

Aye: 12 - Alderman Barreiro, Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Tolliver, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid, Alderman Laesch and Alderman Woerman

[25-0068](#)

An Ordinance amending Section 2-65 of the Code of Ordinances Pertaining to Aldermanic Initiative Funds.

Rick Veenstra, Corporation Counsel - City of Aurora, responded to questions.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith and seconded by Alderman Tolliver to approve this item. Alderman Bugg referenced the following two areas in the Ordinance that required correction:

**P. 4 line 21 - change "or recycling" to "and recycling"; and
P. 5 line 2 - strike "of postage" as duplicative in the sentence.**

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith and seconded by Alderman Franco to amend the language of the ordinance as indicated, the motion to amend carried by voice vote.

The motion to approve the item as amended carried as follows:

Aye: 12 - Alderman Barreiro, Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Tolliver, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid, Alderman Laesch and Alderman Woerman

Enactment No: O25-010

REPORTS

[25-0084](#)

Treasurer's Report - October 2024

The October 2024 Treasurer's Report was accepted and filed.

[25-0085](#)

Treasurer's Report - November 2024

The November 2024 Treasurer's Report was accepted and filed.

[25-0086](#)

Corporate Funds Investment Report - Fourth Quarter 2024

Chris Minick, Chief Financial Officer - City of Aurora, reported.

The Fourth Quarter 2024 Corporate Funds Investment Report was accepted and filed.

APPROVAL OF THE BILL SUMMARY AND LARGE BILL LIST

[25-0087](#)

Bill Summary and Large Bill List.

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

Aye: 12 - Alderman Barreiro, Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Tolliver, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid, Alderman Laesch and Alderman Woerman

CLOSED SESSION

There was no need for a closed session.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith and seconded by Alderman Franco to adjourn this meeting. The motion carried by voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Jennifer Stallings, City Clerk

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