



City of Aurora

City Hall - 2nd Floor
Council Chambers
44 East Downer Place
Aurora, IL

City Council Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday
September 24, 2019
6:00 PM

ROLL CALL

Mayor Irvin called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. and the roll was called.

Present: 11 - Alderman Juany Garza, Alderman Ted Mesiacos, Alderman Carl Franco, Alderman Mike Saville, Alderman Scheketa Hart-Burns, Alderman Patty Smith, Alderman Edward Bugg, Alderman Judd Lofchie, Alderman Sherman Jenkins, Alderman Bob O'Connor and Mayor Richard Irvin
Absent: 2 - Alderman Emmanuel Llamas and Alderman Bill Donnell

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2019

[19-0836](#)

Approval of the Tuesday, September 10, 2019 City Council Minutes.

A motion was made by Alderman Hart-Burns, seconded by Alderman Garza to approve and file the minutes as presented. The motion carried by a voice vote.

APPOINTMENT OF SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

A motion was made by Alderman Hart-Burns, seconded by Alderman Jenkins to appoint Ofc. Sullivan as Sergeant-at-Arms for this meeting. The motion carried by a voice vote.

PRESENTATIONS

*Two additional presentations took place:
A Proclamation in Recognition of September as Suicide Awareness and Prevention Month; and
Recognition of the Aurora Area University Women's (AAUW) 100th Anniversary.*

[19-0859](#)

Presentation by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (F.E.M.A.) to the City of Aurora

This Presentation/Proclamation/Recognition/Awards was discussed and filed.

[19-0865](#)

Recognition of the Arts in Aurora

This Presentation/Proclamation/Recognition/Awards was discussed and filed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Clerk Voigt read the rules of public comment and the following individuals addressed the City Council:

Mike Mueller, spoke on Wayside Cross

Sharon Slaughter, spoke on Wayside Cross

MaryAnn Vincent, spoke on Wayside Cross and Cannabis

Michael Ochs, spoke on Comed and the Aurora Police Department

PUBLIC HEARING

[19-0858](#)

A Public Hearing on the City of Aurora's proposed memorandum of understanding between the City of Aurora, Kane County and the City of Elgin; Application for participation in the 2019 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG); and to designate Aurora's funds towards the Aurora Police Department for equipment and policy maintenance. (Legistar file 19-0771).

A motion was made by Alderman Hart-Burns, seconded by Alderman Franco to close the Public Hearing. The motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: 10 - Alderman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Hart-Burns, Alderman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderman Lofchie, Alderman Jenkins and Alderman O'Connor

[19-0755](#)

Special Service Area #199, Alden of Waterford (Vacant Land 1865 Audra Circle, Aurora, IL, Kane County.

A motion was made by Alderman Hart-Burns, seconded by Alderman Franco to close the Public Hearing. The motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: 10 - Alderman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Hart-Burns, Alderman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderman Lofchie, Alderman Jenkins and Alderman O'Connor

[19-0756](#)

Special Service Area #200, Scientel Solutions, Vacant Land 2021 N Eola Road, Aurora, Illinois, DuPage County.

A motion was made by Alderman Hart-Burns, seconded by Alderman Franco to close the Public Hearing. The motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: 10 - Alderman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Hart-Burns, Alderman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderman Lofchie, Alderman Jenkins and Alderman O'Connor

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

[19-0709](#)

A Resolution Reappointing Ed Barsotti, Charlie Zine and Doug Johnson to the Aurora Bicycle, Pedestrian and Transit Advisory Board.

A motion was made by Alderman Hart-Burns, seconded by Alderman O'Connor to approve the Resolution. The motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: 10 - Alderman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Hart-Burns, Alderman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderman Lofchie, Alderman Jenkins, Alderman O'Connor.

Enactment No: R19-328

[19-0757](#)

A Resolution appointing Dezember Barnes to the Aurora Youth Council.

A motion was made by Alderman Hart-Burns, seconded by Alderman Garza to approve the Resolution. The motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: 10 - Alderman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Hart-Burns, Alderman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderman Lofchie, Alderman Jenkins, Alderman O'Connor.

Enactment No: R19-329

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Alderman Hart-Burns, seconded by Alderman Jenkins to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 10 - Alderman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Hart-Burns, Alderman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderman Lofchie, Alderman Jenkins and Alderman O'Connor

[19-0726](#)

A Resolution authorizing the Director of Purchasing to enter into an agreement with Rush Power Systems LLC for preventative maintenance of the City of Aurora's lift station and shop emergency generators..

This Resolution was approved.

Enactment No: R19-300

[19-0727](#)

A Resolution Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Aurora and the Village of Montgomery.

This Resolution was approved.

Enactment No: R19-301

[19-0746](#)

A Resolution authorizing a Master License Agreement between the City and Chicago SMSA Limited Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless, to facilitate the installation of small wireless facilities on City structures within public rights of way pursuant to the Small Wireless Facilities Deployment Act.

This Resolution was approved.

Enactment No: R19-302

[19-0751](#)

A Resolution Authorizing Annual Action Plan Substantial Amendment (2019-#2) to allocate 2018 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding in the amount of \$126,000 to Public Action to Deliver Shelter (PADS) also known as Hesed House.

This Resolution was approved.

Enactment No: R19-303

[19-0763](#)

A Resolution Awarding the Trask St., N. Loucks St., & N. Kendall St. Sanitary Sewer CIPP Lining contract to Michels Pipe Services; a division of Michels Corporation, 817 Main Street, P.O. Box 128, Brownsville, WI 53006 in the amount of one hundred sixty-nine thousand, three hundred and sixty-three dollars and zero cents (\$169,363.00).

This Resolution was approved.

Enactment No: R19-304

[19-0767](#)

A Resolution authorizing the Director of Purchasing to execute a Change Order to the existing contract with LJ Morse Construction Company, 128 S. Broadway, Aurora, IL 60505 in the amount of \$49,123.41 for additional services required to renovate the 2nd Floor Bridge within the Development Services Center located at 77 S. Broadway.

This Resolution was approved.

Enactment No: R19-305

[19-0770](#)

A Resolution to award a contract to H. Linden & Sons Sewer and Water, Inc. in the amount of \$68,830.00 for the 2019 Driveway, Sidewalk, and Drainage Improvements project.

This Resolution was approved.

Enactment No: R19-306

[19-0771](#)

A Resolution authorizing the execution of a memorandum of understanding between the City of Aurora, Kane County and the City of Elgin; the participation in the 2019 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program; and the use of the City of Aurora's portion toward the Aurora Police Department equipment purchase.

This Resolution was approved.

Enactment No: R19-307

[19-0774](#)

A Resolution authorizing the City of Aurora to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Aurora Police Department and the Illinois National Guard Counterdrug Task Force.

This Resolution was approved.

Enactment No: R19-308

[19-0779](#)

A Resolution Approving Consulting Agreements with Kane McKenna and Associates to conduct Tax Increment Financing Eligibility studies for the Avalon Heights and Fox Valley Mall Areas at a not to exceed cost of \$82,000.

This Resolution was approved.

Enactment No: R19-309

[19-0781](#)

A Resolution Establishing Amusement Fees Charged by the City of Aurora.

This Resolution was approved.

Enactment No: R19-310

[19-0782](#)

An Ordinance Vacating a Water Easement to the City on the Property located at 808 N State Route 59 and 724 N. State Route 59, in DuPage County, Aurora Illinois 60504

This Ordinance was adopted.

Enactment No: O19-062

[19-0793](#)

A Resolution establishing the maximum number of Class R City of Aurora liquor licenses (*unofficially related to application from: The Two Brothers Roundhouse, Inc. d/b/a Two Brothers Artisan Spirits, located at 205 N. Broadway, Aurora, Illinois.*).

This Resolution was approved.

Enactment No: R19-311

[19-0795](#)

A Resolution authorizing the City of Aurora to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), and the Aurora Police Department (APD).

This Resolution was approved.

Enactment No: R19-312

[19-0799](#)

A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Historic Preservation Grant Agreement with Marcus and Jennifer Contaldo for 77 S. View Street

This Resolution was approved.

Enactment No: R19-313

[19-0800](#)

A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Historic Preservation Grant Agreement with Todd and Erin Spencer for 102 N. View Street

This Resolution was approved.

Enactment No: R19-314

[19-0801](#)

A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Historic Preservation Grant Agreement with Ilda Valdez for 112 S. 4th Street

This Resolution was approved.

Enactment No: R19-315

[19-0802](#)

A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Historic Preservation Grant Agreement with Anne and Thomas Ringrose for 203 N. View Street

This Resolution was approved.

Enactment No: R19-316

[19-0803](#)

A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Historic Preservation Grant Agreement with George Padgen and Susan Kubira for 204 S. Lincoln Avenue

This Resolution was approved.

Enactment No: R19-317

[19-0804](#)

A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Historic Preservation Grant Agreement with Jean and Mike McKee for 325 Sunset Avenue

This Resolution was approved.

Enactment No: R19-318

[19-0805](#) A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Historic Preservation Grant Agreement with Jason Redelman for 351 Lawndale Avenue

This Resolution was approved.

Enactment No: R19-319

[19-0806](#) A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Historic Preservation Grant Agreement with Laura L. Perry for 415 Oak Avenue

This Resolution was approved.

Enactment No: R19-320

[19-0807](#) A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Historic Preservation Grant Agreement with Jordan Jeffries for 424 W. New York Street

This Resolution was approved.

Enactment No: R19-321

[19-0808](#) A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Historic Preservation Grant Agreement with Westin Trevor McMaken for 435 W. New York Street

This Resolution was approved.

Enactment No: R19-322

[19-0809](#) A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Historic Preservation Grant Agreement with Ariana Romualdo for 437 E. Downer Place

This Resolution was approved.

Enactment No: R19-323

[19-0810](#) A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Historic Preservation Grant Agreement with Oscar Aceves for 453 Iowa Avenue

This Resolution was approved.

Enactment No: R19-324

[19-0811](#) A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Historic Preservation Grant Agreement with Ramon Prado, Jr. for 518 Oak Avenue

This Resolution was approved.

Enactment No: R19-325

[19-0812](#) A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Historic Preservation Grant Agreement with Donna L. Rubar for 702 Palace Street

This Resolution was approved.

Enactment No: R19-326

[19-0824](#)

An Ordinance Amending the Business District Retailers' Occupation Tax Rate, the Business District Service Occupation Tax Rate and the Hotel Operators' Occupation Tax Rate Imposed in Ordinance 19-058 Within the Boundaries of the Aurora Business District No. 1 (Pacifica Square Business District).

This Ordinance was adopted.

Enactment No: O19-063

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

[19-0742](#)

A Resolution authorizing the Aurora Division of Parks and Recreation to apply for a \$109,000 grant from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources for improvements at McCarty Park.

A motion was made by Alderman Garza, seconded by Alderman Jenkins, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Alderman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Hart-Burns, Alderman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderman Jenkins and Alderman O'Connor

Nay: 1 - Alderman Lofchie

Enactment No: R19-327

[19-0785](#)

An Ordinance Amending the Municipal Code of the City of Aurora by the Addition of Chapter 44 Imposing a Municipal Adult Recreational Cannabis Retailer's Occupation Tax.

A motion was made by Alderman Saville, seconded by Alderman Lofchie to amend the tax percentage from two percent to three percent. The motion failed by the following vote:

Aye: 2 - Alderman Saville, Alderman Lofchie

Nay: 8 - Alderman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Franco, Alderman Hart-Burns, Alderman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderman Jenkins, Alderman O'Connor

A motion was made by Alderman Jenkins, seconded by Alderman Franco to adopt the Ordinance as presented. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Alderman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Hart-Burns, Alderman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderman Lofchie and Alderman Jenkins

Nay: 1 - Alderman O'Connor

Enactment No: O19-064

[19-0820](#)

An Ordinance authorizing the execution of a contract for the sale of approximately 25.135 acres of real property located south of Mettel Rd. and east of Aurora Ave in the City of Aurora to the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority in the amount of six million, twenty thousand dollars (\$6,020,000.00) and authorizing the City's officers and employees to complete the contemplated transaction.

A motion was made by Alderman Hart-Burns, seconded by Alderman Garza that this Ordinance be adopted. The motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: 10 - Alderman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Hart-Burns, Alderman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderman Lofchie, Alderman Jenkins and Alderman O'Connor

Enactment No: O19-065

[19-0823](#)

A Resolution Authorizing a Redevelopment Agreement (RDA) between the City of Aurora and JH Real Estate Partners, LLC (JH) for the redevelopment of the 2-4 North River Street, commonly known as the Hobbs Building and 6-12 North River Street.

A motion was made by Alderman Hart-Burns, seconded by Alderman Garza to approve the Resolution. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 10 - Alderman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Hart-Burns, Alderman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderman Lofchie, Alderman Jenkins and Alderman O'Connor

Enactment No: R19-330

[19-0796](#)

A Resolution Initiating a Public Hearing to Consider the Revisions to Aurora's Zoning Ordinance 3100 to Section 3.3 Definitions, Section 4.3 Special Uses & Structures and Table One: Use Categories

Information Only - No Action Required

REQUESTS AND REFERRALS

19-0819

Requesting approval of a Final Plat consolidating Lot A of Island Avenue Addition and part of Lots 8, 9 and 12 of the Assessor's Map of Stolp's Island for the Silver Plate Subdivision located at the northeast corner of Stolp Avenue and East Downer Place for a Food and Beverage Services (2500) use (City of Aurora / Olive Tree Properties, LLC - 19-0819 / AU22/3-19.173-FSD - AM - WARD 6)

This Petition was referred to the Planning Council

- 19-0857** Requesting approval of a Final Plan Revision to remove the gate across Southlawn Place to allow vehicle access entering or leaving the Campus by means of Southlawn Place located at 1405 Prairie Street (Aurora University - 19-0857 / AU20/4-19.178-Fpn/R - TV - Ward 4)

This Petition was referred to to the Planning Council

- [19-0743](#) To update the 2009 Aurora Sustainability Plan to plan for Natural, Social and Economic Resilience (City of Aurora - 19-0743 / KDWK-19.104-PZ/S - AM)

This Petition was referred to to the Planning Council

REPORT

- [19-0854](#) Treasurer's Report - August 2019.

A motion was made by Alderman Hart-Burns, seconded by Alderman Saville to accept and file the Treasurer's Report. The motion carried by a voice vote.

BILLS

- [19-0856](#) Bill Summary and Large Bill List

A motion was made by Alderman Hart-Burns, Alderman Jenkins to approve and pay the bills. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 10 - Alderman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Hart-Burns, Alderman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderman Lofchie, Alderman Jenkins and Alderman O'Connor

CLOSED SESSION

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Alderman Hart-Burns, seconded by Alderman Franco to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Alex Voigt, City Clerk

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