



City of Aurora

City Hall - 5th Floor
Conference Room
44 East Downer Place
Aurora, IL

City Council Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday

January 23, 2024

6:00 PM

Members of the public wishing to provide public comment for this meeting must be physically present at the meeting and registered to speak prior to the meeting being called to order. Please call the City Clerk's Office at (630) 256-3070 with questions.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Irvin called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. and the roll was called.

Present: 13 - Alderman Emmanuel Llamas, 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 Alderman Franco to appoint a Sergeant-at-Arms for this meeting. The motion carried by voice vote and Officer Dispensa served as Sergeant-at-Arms for this meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Irvin.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was led by Alderman Bugg.

MAYOR'S OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS PRESENTATIONS

Congressman Bill Foster presented a check for \$1,000,000 to City of Aurora representatives Mayor Irvin, Ken Schroth and Alderman Mesiacos in support of the Montgomery Rd./Hill Ave. intersection improvements.

Alex Alexandrou, Chief Management Officer - City of Aurora, spoke and responded to questions regarding the Temporary Overnight Warming Center at the Aurora Transportation Center.

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

There were no Mayoral Appointments at this meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

1. Shannon Buckley spoke regarding the Temporary Overnight Warming Center at the Aurora Transportation Center.
2. Sandi Schmitt spoke regarding agenda item 23-1011.
3. Curtis Wilson spoke regarding the Civilian Review Board and the Aurora Veterans Advisory Board and specifically Veterans Smile.
4. Thew Elliot spoke regarding the Temporary Overnight Warming Center at the Aurora Transportation Center.
5. Adam Pauley spoke regarding the work needed in the City of Aurora regarding addiction.

PUBLIC HEARING

24-0044

Public Hearing Regarding the Execution of An Ordinance Providing for the Execution of an Annexation Agreement with the Owners of Record Providing for R-2(C) One Family Dwelling District, R-4A(C) Two-Family Dwelling District, B-2(C) General Retail District, and OS-1 (C) Conservation, Open Space And Drainage District with a Conditional Use zoning for the territory which may be Annexed to the City of Aurora located at the southeast corner of Ogden Avenue and Farnsworth Avenue on Vacant Land in Kendall and Kane County, Aurora Illinois 60503 and 60504 (related to Legistar Item 23-1034).

The Public Hearing item was read. Mr. Tom Passaro spoke during the Public Comment section of the Public Hearing. Alderman Saville, Alderman Franco, Alderman Laesch and Alderman Bugg asked questions and made comments during this hearing. Ken Schroth, Director of Public Works, responded to questions from the Council.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith and seconded by Alderman Franco to close the Public Hearing. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 11 - Alderman Llamas, 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

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 Alderman Franco to approve the Consent Agenda and Direct to Council Consent Agenda in full. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[22-0211](#)

An Ordinance Creating Section 2-65 of the Code of Ordinances pertaining to Aldermanic Initiative Funds.

This Ordinance was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: O24-005

[23-0978](#)

A Resolution authorizing the mayor to execute the Local Public Agency Amendment for federal participation with the State of Illinois in an amount not to exceed \$228,109.00 and Phase 2 Supplemental Engineering Services Agreement with HR Green, Inc. and the City Clerk to sign the appropriation of REBUILD Illinois Bond Funds for Montgomery Road and Hill Avenue Intersection Improvements, MFT #19-00329-00-CH in an amount of \$228,109.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R24-013

[23-1045](#)

A Resolution to accept a contract with Jen Lewin Studio LLC to lease the artwork "The Pool" for Aurora's October 2024 Public Art Light Festival.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R24-014

[23-1056](#)

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to renew the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Fox Metro Water Reclamation District to provide maintenance services for the Combined Sewer Overflow Treatment Facility located at 400 N. Broadway, Aurora IL.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R24-015

[24-0009](#)

A Resolution approving the Fifth Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Aurora, the City of Naperville, and the Naperville Township Road District to widen North Aurora Road in the vicinity of the CN Railway Crossing and to appropriate \$3,136,378.00 of MFT Funds for the project.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R24-016

DIRECT TO COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA

[24-0023](#)

Approval of the Minutes of the Tuesday, January 9, 2024, City Council Meeting.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

[23-1009](#)

An Ordinance Approving the City of Aurora Farnsworth Bilter Tax Increment Financing District Redevelopment Project Area Redevelopment Plan and Project.

Alex Alexandrou, Chief Management Officer - City of Aurora, presented and responded to questions regarding this item.

Chris Minick, Chief Financial Officer - City of Aurora, responded to questions regarding this item.

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 Llamas, 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: O24-006

[23-1010](#)

An Ordinance Designating the City of Aurora Farnsworth Bilter Tax Increment Financing District Redevelopment Project Area.

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

Aye: 11 - Alderman Llamas, 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: O24-007

[23-1011](#)

An Ordinance Adopting Tax Increment Financing for the City of Aurora Farnsworth Bilter Tax Increment Financing District.

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 Llamas, 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: O24-008

[23-1034](#)

An Ordinance Providing for the Execution of an Annexation Agreement with the Owners of Record Providing for R-2(C) One Family Dwelling District, R-4A(C) Two-Family Dwelling District, B-2(C) General Retail District, and OS-1 (C) Conservation, Open Space And Drainage District with a Conditional Use zoning for the territory which may be Annexed to the City of Aurora located at the southeast corner of Ogden Avenue and Farnsworth Avenue on Vacant Land in Kendall and Kane County, Aurora Illinois 60503 and 60504

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

Aye: 11 - Alderman Llamas, 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: O24-009

[23-1035](#)

An Ordinance Annexing Certain Property being Vacant Land located at the southeast corner of Ogden Avenue and Farnsworth Avenue to the City of Aurora, Kendall County, Illinois 60503, pursuant to an Approved Annexation Agreement

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

Aye: 11 - Alderman Llamas, 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: O24-010

[23-1036](#)

An Ordinance Annexing Certain Property being Vacant Land located at the southeast corner of Ogden Avenue and Farnsworth Avenue to the City of Aurora, Kane County, Illinois 60504, pursuant to an Approved Annexation Agreement

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 Llamas, 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: O24-011

[23-1037](#)

An Ordinance Establishing a Conditional Use Planned Development, Approving the Wheatland Crossing Plan Description and amending Chapter 49 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Aurora, by modifying the zoning map attached thereto to an underlying zoning of R-2 One Family Dwelling District, R-4A Two-Family Dwelling District, B-2 General Retail District, and OS-1 Conservation, Open Space And Drainage District for the property located at the southeast corner of Ogden Avenue and Farnsworth Avenue.

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 Llamas, 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: O24-012

[23-1038](#)

A Resolution Approving a Preliminary Plan and Plat for Lots 1-110 of Wheatland Crossing Subdivision, on vacant land located at the southeast corner of Ogden Avenue and Farnsworth Avenue

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

Aye: 12 - Alderman Llamas, 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: R24-017

[23-1048](#)

A Resolution To Endorse the Legislative Action Program of the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference for the 2024 Legislative Session.

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

Chris Minick, Chief Financial Officer - City of Aurora, responded to questions regarding this item.

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

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

Abstain: 1 - Alderman Laesch

Enactment No: R24-018

[24-0001](#)

A Resolution authorizing procurement of an Advantage Program (AP) for professional services from Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI) of Redlands, California in the amount of \$408,300.00, for a three year term.

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 Llamas, 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: R24-019

NEW BUSINESS

There were no items of New Business on the agenda.

REPORT

There were no reports presented during this meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE BILL SUMMARY AND LARGE BILL LIST

[24-0049](#)

Bill Summary and Large Bill List.

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

Aye: 12 - Alderman Llamas, 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 at this meeting.

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 7:35 p.m.

Submitted by:

Jennifer Stallings, City Clerk

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