



City of Aurora

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

Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday
July 15, 2014
5:00 PM

ROLL CALL

The Committee of the Whole meeting was called to order at 5:07 p.m. by Mayor Weisner, and the Roll was called.

- Present** 12 - Mayor Tom Weisner, Alderman Kristina "Tina" Bohman, Alderman Juany Garza, Alderman Ted Mesiacos, Alderman Bill Donnell, Alderman John Peters, Alderman Mike Saville, Alderman Rick Mervine, Alderman Edward Bugg, Alderman Lynne Johnson, Alderman Richard Irvin, and Alderman Bob O'Connor
- Absent** 1 - Alderman Scheketa Hart-Burns

MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF JUNE 17, 2014 & JULY 1, 2014

[14-00517](#)

Approval of the Minutes of the June 17, 2014 Committee of the Whole meeting.

Alderman Irvin moved, seconded by Alderman Mervine, to approve the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on June 17, 2014. Motion carried by voice vote.

[14-00544](#)

Approval of the Minutes of the July 1, 2014 Committee of the Whole meeting.

Alderman Irvin moved, seconded by Alderman Bohman, to approve the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on July 1, 2014. The motion carried.

Aye: 10 - Alderman Bohman, Alderman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Saville, Alderman Mervine, Alderman Bugg, Alderman Johnson, Alderman Irvin and Alderman O'Connor

Abstain: 1 - Alderman Peters

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS[14-00151](#)

An Ordinance Approving a Text Amendment to Ordinance Number 3100, being the Aurora Zoning Ordinance Section 3.3 Definitions, Section 4.3 Special Uses and Structures and Table One: Use Categories.

Planning Director Stephane Phifer spoke about this item, and addressed questions from some of the Aldermen.

(PLACED ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS)

[14-00506](#)

A Resolution Authorizing an Annual Action Plan Substantial Amendment (2014-#3) to take a Property Located at 83 North Avenue out of the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) Homebuyer Program Activity and transfer it to the NSP Rental Program Activity in Order to Facilitate a Sale of the Property under the Aurora Impact Initiative

Neighborhood Redevelopment manager Jeff McLaughlin spoke briefly about this item.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

[14-00507](#)

An Ordinance to Authorize the Disposition of a Property Located at 83 North Avenue - Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP)

Neighborhood Redevelopment manager Jeff McLaughlin spoke briefly about this item.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

[14-00508](#)

A Resolution to Approve an Amendment to a Development Agreement between the City of Aurora and Boreas LLC to Dispose of a Municipally Owned Property Located at 83 North Avenue - Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP)

Neighborhood Redevelopment manager Jeff McLaughlin spoke briefly about this item.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

[14-00526](#)

A Resolution Accepting the Dedication of Right of Way for Farnsworth Avenue on property located at 1500 N. Farnsworth Avenue, Aurora, Illinois 60505

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

[14-00488](#) A Resolution Authorizing the renewal of annual maintenance for Novell products used by the Aurora Police Department through Merrimac Solutions, Inc., Aurora Illinois in the amount of \$37,874.42.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

[14-00531](#) A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to execute contracts with electricity suppliers to provide electricity to the City of Aurora

Neighborhood Standards Director Jim Pilmer spoke briefly about this item.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

[14-00485](#) An Ordinance Amending Article VI of Chapter 25 of the Aurora Code of Ordinances Entitled "Pawnbrokers and Secondhand Dealers"

Chief Management Officer Carie Anne Ergo, Aurora Police Chief Greg Thomas, Corporation Counsel Alayne Weingartz, and Aurora Police Officer Nikole Petersen spoke about this item, and addressed questions from some of the Aldermen.

(PLACED ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS)

14-00533 A Resolution approving the issuance of a Carnival License to Fox Valley United Way / Windy City Amusements, Inc. for a carnival to be held at the Northgate Shopping Center's Eastside Parking Lot on September 4 - 7, 2014.

Neighborhood Standards Director Jim Pilmer addressed the conditional approval contingent on the absence of code violations by August 25th.

(PLACED ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS)

[14-00535](#) A Resolution approving the issuance of a music festival permit to St. Therese Church, 271 N. Farnsworth Av., for Sunday August 10th, 2014 from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

[14-00450](#) Requesting permission to close the 0-100 block of 4th Street on August 9, 2014 from 7:00 am to 5:00 pm to stage Project Unity's Back to School Fair.

(INFORMATION ONLY)

[14-00478](#) A Traffic Study for Colorado Avenue in the Vicinity of the 1200 Block. Ward 6, Alderman Saville

(INFORMATION ONLY)

[14-00494](#) The Compassion Foundation is requesting permission to block off the parking spaces on the south side section of the East Galena Blvd Bridge to place an end loader on the bridge at 12:00pm, filled with approximately 2,500 miniature rubber ducks that will be dumped over the bridge into the Fox River by 12:15pm, as a part of their Lucky Ducky Derby on Saturday, September 13, 2014 from 12:00pm to 2:00pm.

(INFORMATION ONLY)

[14-00505](#) A Traffic Study for Vicksburg Lane at Amber Fields Park. Ward 9, Alderman Bugg

(INFORMATION ONLY)

[14-00523](#) KJ Multisport is requesting permission to use Barnes Road from West Galena Blvd to Prairie St. for the 2 mile run part and Hankes Rd. for the bike part of its Duathlon scheduled from 7:00am-10:00am, Saturday, August 23, 2014.

(INFORMATION ONLY)

[14-00559](#) L.I.F.T. Aurora is requesting permission to hold the On the Wall event on Sunday, July 20, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Water Street Mall on Water Street between Galena Blvd. and Downer Pl.

(INFORMATION ONLY)

BUILDINGS, GROUNDS & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

[14-00527](#) A Resolution for acceptance of improvements and waiving the maintenance period for Bell- Gale Industrial Condominium Park.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

[14-00528](#) A Resolution for acceptance of improvements and waiving the maintenance period for Golden Corral - 4250 E. New York Street.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

[14-00534](#) A Resolution to accept a proposal from Superior Excavating, Inc., P.O. Box 575, Channahon, IL 60410 for the Hankes Road Culvert Replacement in the amount of \$59,600.00

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Weisner announced that City of Aurora Treasurer, Mr. Brian Caputo, was selected as a 2014 honoree in the Daily Herald Business Ledger's 3rd Annual "Chief Financial Officer of the Year" awards program. There are two honorees in the Government category, with 12 total CFO's in the Chicagoland area being honored. The award will be presented at an evening recognition reception to be held next Tuesday, July 22nd at the Stonegate Conference and Business Centre.

[14-00574](#)

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 25, Article VIII Entitled "Raffles" of the City of Aurora Code of Ordinances.

Chief Management Officer Carie Anne Ergo, and Management Analyst, Alex Voigt, led a presentation on this item, and addressed questions from several Aldermen.

(PLACED ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS)

REQUESTS AND REFERRALS

The below Requests and Referrals were referred to the Planning Council and Planning Commission.

[14-00543](#)

Special Use Petition on 3.79 acres for a Montessori School located south of Liberty Street and west of State Route 59 (Meijer, Inc. / Montessori - NA21/2--13.439-Su - TM - Ward 10)

14-00548

Preliminary Plan and Plat Revision on 3.317 acres for the development of 40 attached townhome units on Lot 60 in Lehigh Station located at the SEC of Station Boulevard and Liberty Street (LEK, LLC / M/I Homes of Chicago - NA21/2-14.207-Ppn/Psd/R - SP - Ward 10)

14-00571

Rezoning Petition to rezone the property from R-4 Two Family Dwelling District to R-3 One-Family Dwelling District at 146 N. State Street (Alfredo and Emilia Puga - AU23/3-14.212-RZ - ES - Ward 2)

[14-00572](#)

Rezoning Petition to rezone property from R-3 One-Family Dwelling District to NC Neighborhood Commercial District at 311 Locust Street (Trust #1213111 / Elsa Reinke - AU21/2-14.174-RZ - ES - Ward 6)

ADJOURN

Alderman Mervine moved, seconded by Alderman Irvin, to adjourn the meeting at 6:39 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

Isabel M. Garcia-Kodron
City Clerk