



City of Aurora

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Council Chambers
44 East Downer Place
Aurora, IL

Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday

September 02, 2025

5:00 PM

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ROLL CALL

Mayor Laesch called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. and the roll was called. Alderman Bugg arrived to the meeting at 5:25 p.m. and was, therefore, marked present.

Present 13 - Alderman Daniel Barreiro, Alderwoman Juany Garza, Alderman Ted Mesiacos, Alderman Jonathan Núñez, Alderman Carl Franco, Alderman Mike Saville, Alderman Javier Bañuelos, Alderwoman Patty Smith, Alderman Edward J. Bugg, Alderwoman Shweta Baid, Alderman-At-Large Keith Larson, Alderman-At-Large Will White, and Mayor John Laesch

MINUTES OF THE TUESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2025 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

[25-0653](#)

Approval of the Minutes of the Tuesday, August 19, 2025, Committee of the Whole Meeting.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith and seconded by Alderwoman Garza to approve and file the minutes as presented. The motion carried by voice vote.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Laesch presented the Mayor's Award of Excellence to members of the Calvary Church in recognition of their work on the Mission Project at Oak Park Elementary School.

The Fiestas Patrias Celebration and Parade are scheduled for this weekend, September 6 and September 7th. Saúl Olivas will serve as the Grand Marshall of the Fiestas Patrias Parade.

Mayor Laesch presented an update regarding the status of Onlight Aurora and discussion was held.

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 Aukamichael spoke in opposition to the recently approved taxes and the water rate increase in addition to comments regarding August being National Black Business Month.
2. Sandi Schmitt thanked City Staff for their work during the recent major storm.
3. Ray Hull spoke regarding potential budget cuts in the City.

REPORT OF THE BUILDING, ZONING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

**The Building, Zoning and Economic Development Committee Met On August 27, 2025
and Reviewed the Following Items:**

- [25-0647](#) An Ordinance Establishing a Conditional Use Planned Development and Approving the 411 E. Galena Plan Description for the property located at 411 E. Galena Boulevard
(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)
- [25-0648](#) A Resolution Approving a Final Plan for the property located at 411 E. Galena Boulevard for a Parking Facilities, Residential (4160) Use
(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)
- [25-0680](#) An Ordinance Vacating a Water Line Easement and a Stormwater Control Easement on the Property located at 1444 N. Orchard Road, in Kane County, Aurora, Illinois
(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee Met On August 28, 2025 and Reviewed the Following Items:

- [25-0227](#) A Resolution authorizing the sale of obsolete and surplus property, using JJ Kane Auctioneers and Purple Wave Inc.
Chris Linville, Superintendent of Fleet - City of Aurora, responded to questions.
(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

[25-0612](#) A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Contract with SiteMed for Providing On-Site Firefighter Medical Examinations and Other Services.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

[25-0644](#) An Ordinance authorizing an agreement with the Aurora Regional Economic Alliance for the provision of special services within the area constituting Special Service Area One through December 31, 2025

Mayor Laesch and Corporation Counsel Yordana Wysocki, responded to questions.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

[25-0672](#) A Resolution authorizing the City to accept a grant award of \$34,420.00 from the FY26 Violent Crime Intelligence Task Force FOID Grant.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

[25-0687](#) A Resolution approving the revised rules for the administration of the City's deferred compensation plans.

Corporation Counsel Yordana Wysocki responded to questions.

Dan Ferguson, Accounting Manager - City of Aurora, responded to questions.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The Public Health, Safety and Transportation Committee Met On August 26, 2025 and Reviewed the Following Items:

[25-0539](#) A Resolution Authorizing Approval of Substantial Amendment 2025-# 2 to Re/Allocate Prior Years' Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), and HOME Investment Partnerships - American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) Funding.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

[25-0540](#) A Resolution Approving Project Recommendations Funded from Year One of the Aurora Affordable Housing Fund in the Amount of \$400,000.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

[25-0541](#) A Resolution Approving the 2025 Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) Grants in the Amount of \$344,000.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

[25-0639](#)

A Resolution authorizing the Director of Purchasing to execute the service agreement with the Boys and Girls Club of North Central Illinois to administer the City of Aurora's After-School and Summer Programs in an amount not to exceed \$583,000.00 for 2025-2026 school year & summer, for a one-year term with two one-year options, for the Youth Services division.

Simon Rodriguez, Youth Services Manager - City of Aurora, presented.

A representative from the Boys & Girls Clubs of North Central Illinois presented.

(PLACED ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS)

[25-0655](#)

A Resolution to authorize the Mayor or his designee to execute the contracts for Julie Smith and Gina Minetti as certified fingerprint analysts for the Aurora Police Department.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

REPORT OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

The Infrastructure & Technology Committee Met On August 25, 2025 and Reviewed the Following Items:

[24-1008](#)

A Resolution authorizing the Director of Purchasing to accept per ton dump fees from Rochelle Waste Disposal for the disposal of non-special and special excavated soil.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

[25-0662](#)

A Resolution to Award the Contract for the S. Stolp Avenue Streetscaping Improvements to Landmark Contractors, Inc., 11916 W. Main St., Huntley, IL 60142 in the amount of \$302,940.75.

Jason Bauer, Director of Public Works - City of Aurora, presented and responded to questions.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

[25-0664](#)

A Resolution authorizing the Director of Purchasing to enter into an agreement with Geneva Construction Company, PO Box 998, Aurora, IL, 60507 in the amount of \$276,725.20 for the resurfacing of three parking lots

Jason Bauer, Director of Public Works - City of Aurora, responded to questions.

Jolene Coulter, Director of Purchasing - City of Aurora, responded to questions.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

[25-0671](#)

A Resolution authorizing the Director of Purchasing to execute a contract for the access improvements at 1110 Aurora Avenue with Martam Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$253,330.00.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

The I&T Committee also discussed item #25-0667, which is under the "New Business" section of this agenda.

REPORT OF THE RULES, ADMINISTRATION AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE

The Rules, Administration and Procedure Committee Met On August 19, 2025 and Reviewed the Following Items:

[25-0610](#)

A Resolution authorizing the appointments of Ricardo Herrera, Amy Flores, Aasvi Chokshi, Alex Feinberg, Ava DeWig, and Alex Tello to the Aurora Youth Council.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

[25-0645](#)

A Resolution authorizing the appointments of LaTanya Reme and Mary Fultz to the African American Heritage Advisory Board.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

[25-0654](#)

A Resolution appointing Alderman Ted Mesiacos, Alderman Carl Franco and Alderman-at-Large Will White to the Aquatics Advisory Council.

(PLACED ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS)

Rules, Administration and Procedures Committee Resolutions

[25-0595](#)

A Resolution authorizing the Ward 10 Residential Grant Program.

(INFORMATION ONLY)
Enactment #RAP25-006

NEW BUSINESS

[25-0667](#)

A Resolution requesting approval of a one-year support contract for City network firewalls in the amount of \$65,426.03.

Jeff Anderson, Deputy CIO - City of Aurora, presented.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

[25-0698](#)

A Resolution approving the appointment of Michele Niermann as Assistant Corporation Counsel III.

Corporation Counsel Yordana Wysocki responded to questions.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

CLOSED SESSION

There was no need for a Closed Session.

ADJOURN

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

Submitted by:

Jennifer Stallings, City Clerk

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