City of Aurora

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Council Chambers
44 East Downer Place
Aurora, IL

Committee of the Whole
Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday

October 07, 2025

5:00 PM

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ROLL CALL

Mayor Laesch called the meeting to order at 5:09 p.m. and the roll was called. Alderman Núñez arrived at the meeting at 5:10 p.m. and was, therefore, recorded as present for the meeting.

Present 11 - Alderman Daniel Barreiro, 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, and Mayor John Laesch

Absent 2 - Alderwoman Juany Garza, and Alderman-At-Large Will White

MINUTES OF THE TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2025 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

25-0746 Approval of the Minutes of the Tuesday, September 16, 2025, Committee of the Whole Meeting.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith and seconded by Alderman Franco to approve and file the minutes. The motion carried by voice vote.

MAYOR'S REPORT

1. Mayor Laesch presented a Mayoral Proclamation to the Quad County Urban League and congratulated the QCUL on 50 years of service and leadership in the community.

2. Mayor Laesch presented a Mayoral Proclamation to Fire Marshal Temes and Brian Failing, Executive Director of the Aurora Regional Fire Museum, in honor of Fire Prevention Week.

3. October 10-12 is the opening weekend of The City of Aurora's 2025 Lumenaura Light and Sound Festival that runs through October 26th.

4. October is National Cybersecurity Month and the City of Aurora's IT Department is offering a free home internet security course on Thursday, October 9th at 2:30 p.m.

5. The City of Aurora is hosting their 2025 Diwali Celebration on Sunday, October 12th at Metea Valley High School from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

6. Jason Bauer, Director of Public Works and Jim Jarvis, ACCA, presented an update on the RiverEdge Park remodeling.

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 presented general comments including opposition to de-funding the Aurora Police Department.
2. Sandi Schmitt spoke regarding RiverEdge Park construction and alternatives for re-purposing the space for other uses.
3. Theodia Gillespie thanked the City for their assistance to the Quad County Urban League and expressed concern regarding divisiveness within the community.

REPORT OF THE BUILDING, ZONING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Building, Zoning and Economic Development Committee Met On September 24, 2025 and Reviewed the Following Items:

25-0738 An Ordinance Vacating a Water Main Easement and Cross Access Easement on the Property located south of Bilter Road and west of N. Eola Road, in Dupage County, Aurora, Illinois 60502.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

Building, Zoning and Economic Development Committee Planning & Development Resolutions

25-0735 A Resolution Approving a Revision to the Final Plat for Lots 1 & 5 of Butterfield Phase II Unit 5A Subdivision on vacant land located south of Bilter Road and west of N. Eola Road and establishing Lot 1 of Butterfield Phase II Unit 5A Resubdivision No. 1

This P&D Resolution was finalized (appealable).
Enactment Number: PDFNL25-026

25-0736 A Resolution Approving a Revision to the Final Plan on Butterfield Phase II Unit 5A Subdivision and Butterfield Phase II Unit 5A ReSubdivision No. 1 located south of Bilter Road and west of N. Eola Road

This P&D Resolution was finalized (appealable).
Enactment Number: PDFNL25-027

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee Met On September 25, 2025 and Reviewed the Following Items:

25-0693 A Resolution Authorizing Agreement for Administrative Services with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois (BCBSIL) for HMO, PPO and Value HAS (HDHP) Group Health, and Stop Loss Plan Administration for period January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

25-0706 A Resolution Authorizing the acceptance of a grant award of $4,033.65 for the Aurora Fire Department to purchase hazardous materials equipment.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

25-0715 A Resolution approving the purchase of bulk rock salt in the amounts of $70.79 per ton from Compass Minerals America Inc., Overland Park, KS, for the Division of Street Maintenance under the DuPage County Department of Transportation of Illinois Joint Purchasing Agreement Bid for the 2025-2026 winter season.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

25-0732 A Resolution authorizing Sun Life Insurance to provide life insurance services for January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

25-0733 A Resolution authorizing an Agreement with Humana to Administer a Medicare Advantage Plan for Medicare Eligible Retirees for the Period of January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026.

(PLACED ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS)

25-0752 A Resolution approving estoppel certificates for the solar farm development at the Aurora Airport.

(PLACED ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS)

25-0753 A Resolution authorizing the approval of an amendment to the agreement with MC2 to provide electrical aggregation services.

Arnold Schramel, Progressive Energy Group, spoke and responded to questions.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

25-0754 A Resolution authorizing the City Treasurer to consent to the mortgage of the leasehold interest of TD Hangar, Inc. at the Aurora Municipal Airport.

(PLACED ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS)

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The Public Health, Safety and Transportation Committee Meeting Scheduled for September 23, 2025 was Cancelled.

REPORT OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

The Infrastructure & Technology Committee Met On September 22, 2025 and Reviewed the Following Items:

25-0619 A Resolution authorizing the purchase and installation of new pumping equipment for new Well 105 in the not to exceed amount of $178,213.00.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

25-0663 A Resolution authorizing procurement of an Enterprise Agreement ("EA") for GIS software from Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. (ESRI) of Redlands, California in the amount of $562,100.00 for a three-year term plus year 2 and year 3 of ArcGIS Indoors and Business Analyst.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

25-0702 A Resolution authorizing the purchase of golf course patio furniture and portable bar from Sister Bay Furniture Co. using the TIPS-USA cooperative contract for $67,586.10 from the Golf Operations Fund.

Jeff Schmidt, Superintendent of Golf Operations - City of Aurora, presented.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

25-0739 A Resolution to approve an amendment to an existing contract with HR Green in the amount of $247,259.51 for the purposes of land acquisition.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

25-0740 A Resolution authorizing the Director of Purchasing to execute contracts and change orders for ongoing work at RiverEdge Park for jumbotron purchases and paver replacement.

Jason Bauer, Director of Public Works and Jim Jarvis, ACCA, responded to questions regarding the progress of the RiverEdge Park remodeling.

(PLACED ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS)

25-0741 A Resolution authorizing the Director of Purchasing to execute a change order to the existing contract with Ratio Architects in the amount of $105,270 for design services at RiverEdge Park.

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

(PLACED ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS)

25-0742 A Resolution authorizing the Director of Purchasing to execute a contract with National Technologies, Inc. in the amount of $60,000 for fiber relocation in association with the Farnsworth and Bilter Roadway Improvement Project.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

REPORT OF THE RULES, ADMINISTRATION AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE

The Rules, Administration and Procedure Committee Met On September 16, 2025 and Reviewed the Following Items:

25-0707 A Resolution authorizing the appointment of Brian Caputo to the Aurora Civic Center Authority Board.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

25-0724 A Resolution authorizing the reappointment of Ramona Wood and Craig Gunty to the Aurora Civil Service Commission.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

25-0730 A Resolution authorizing the reappointments of Gerald Lubshina, Eric Rodriguez, Linda Cole, Judy Durham, Minal Shah and the appointment of Shannon Buckley to the Block Grant Working Committee (BGWC).

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith and seconded by Alderman Franco to adjourn the Open Session of this meeting to Closed Session (pursuant to Sec. 2(c)(11) of the Open Meetings Act) regarding litigation and immediately adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting without any final action taken during Closed Session. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: (10) - Alderman Barreiro, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Núñez, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Bañuelos, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid and Alderman-at-Large Larson

ADJOURN

The Open Session of this meeting adjourned to Closed Session at 6:49 p.m. The Closed Session meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. and adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Submitted by:

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Jennifer Stallings, City Clerk

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