



City of Aurora

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

City Council Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday

August 22, 2023

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 6:02 p.m. and the roll was called.

Present: 12 - Alderman Emmanuel Llamas, Alderwoman Juany Garza, Alderman Ted Mesiacos, Alderman Bill Donnell, Alderman Carl Franco, Alderman Mike Saville, 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 Alderwoman Garza to appoint a Sergeant-At-Arms for this meeting. The motion carried by voice vote and Officer Sullivan served as Sergeant-At-Arms for this meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by 6th Ward Alderman Saville.

INVOCATION

Pastor Tammy Scott of Wesley United Methodist Church presented the Invocation. Mayor Irvin presented Pastor Scott with a Certificate of Appreciation for taking time to present the Invocation at the meeting tonight.

MAYOR'S OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS PRESENTATIONS[23-0689](#)

Update on the Ward 7 Alderperson Selection Process.

The Mayor's Award of Excellence was presented to Alderman's Office Chief of Staff, Rich Jacobs for helping to make the 36th Annual MLK Back to School Bash a success.

The Mayor's Award of Excellence was presented to Nick Thompson for helping to make the 36th Annual MLK Back to School Bash a success.

The Scheketa Hart-Burns Memorial Foundation Scholarship was announced. Representatives from the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity presented a \$2500 donation to the Scheketa Hart-Burns Foundation.

Mayor Irvin gave an update on the Ward 7 Alderperson selection process. Mayor Irvin announced the top three candidates for the position: Alex Arroyo, Diane Barajas-Gonzales, and Brandon Tolliver.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The City Clerk read the Rules of Public Comment and Tim Padilla spoke regarding WaterLeaf and the issue of sidewalk counselors on the easement in the area.

CONSENT AGENDA

The City Clerk read the Consent Agenda and the Direct to Council Consent Agenda in full.

A motion was made by Alderman Franco and seconded by Alderwoman Garza to approve the Consent Agenda and Direct to Council Consent Agenda as read. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[23-0499](#)

A Resolution authorizing the Director of Purchasing to enter into an agreement with F.H Paschen, S.N. Nielsen & Associates, LLC in the amount of \$58,688.75 to retrofit opening windows at Fire Station 8.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R23-237

[23-0500](#)

A Resolution authorizing the purchase of one 2026 E-ONE Cyclone 95' Rearmount Platform Aerial with \$30,000 garage set up fee, for a total of \$1,731,568.00.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R23-238

[23-0559](#)

A Resolution authorizing the Director of Purchasing to execute a contract with Tatisco, Inc., Yorkville, IL in the amount of \$71,000.00 for the installation of two new jumbotron mounts at RiverEdge Park in Ward 1.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R23-239

[23-0581](#)

A Resolution authorizing the approval of service agreement between Selectron Technologies and the City of Aurora for SelectTXT, a texting interface, with TRAKiT system.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R23-240

[23-0582](#)

An Ordinance Annexing of Jericho Road, being 1.24 acres, located at between S. Edgelawn and Athena Road to the City of Aurora, Illinois, 60506

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: O23-055

[23-0585](#)

A Resolution Authorizing the Endorsement of the 2021 Climate Action Plan for the Chicago Region.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R23-242

[23-0587](#)

An Ordinance amending Sec. 2-125 of the Code of Ordinances pertaining to meetings of the standing committees of the City Council.

This Ordinance was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: O23-051

[23-0588](#)

A Resolution to award the Rural St and Wood St Drainage Improvements project located in Ward 1 to Stokes Excavating Inc. in the bid amount of one hundred eighteen thousand three hundred ten Dollars and zero Cents (\$118,310.00).

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R23-243

[23-0590](#)

A Resolution to award the Broadway Avenue Water Main Improvement project located in Ward 2 to Berger Contractors, Inc. in the bid amount of two million seventy-five thousand three hundred seven Dollars and thirty-three Cents (\$2,075,307.33).

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R23-244

[23-0600](#)

An Ordinance Making Minor Amendments to the Redevelopment Plan and Project for the City of Aurora Proposed River Vine Tax Increment Financing District.

This Ordinance was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: O23-052

[23-0603](#)

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a not-to-exceed agreement in the amount of \$55,500 between Crawford, Murphy and Tilly, Inc. and the City of Aurora for professional design services for the Airport Snow Removal Equipment Acquisition Project (ARR-5103 SRE).

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R23-245

[23-0615](#)

A Resolution authorizing the Director of Purchasing to increase an existing Purchase Order with Rubino Engineering, Inc., 425 Shepard Drive, Elgin, IL 60123 to an amount not to exceed \$80,000 to provide professional foundation materials testing services for the Public Works Combined Maintenance Facility project

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R23-246

[23-0620](#)

A Resolution Authorizing a Limited Operator Agreement with Stange Aviation, LLC at the Aurora Municipal Airport for a period of One Year.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R23-247

[23-0621](#)

A Resolution authorizing the Director of Purchasing to execute various contracts to purchase and/or rent holiday lighting decorations for use throughout the downtown in various wards in an amount not to exceed \$132,000.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R23-248

[23-0643](#)

A Resolution authorizing the City to apply for a \$600,000 grant from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources for improvements at Garfield Park.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R23-249

DIRECT TO COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA

[23-0652](#)

Approval of the Minutes of the Tuesday, August 8, 2023, City Council Meeting.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

[23-0367](#)

An Ordinance Deleting Certain Property from the Redevelopment Project Area for the City of Aurora West River Area Tax Increment Financing District No.5

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

Aye: 10 - Alderman Llamas, Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid and Alderman Woerman

Nay: 1 - Alderman Laesch

Enactment No: O23-053

[23-0592](#)

A Resolution Authorizing a First Omnibus Amendment, Assignment and Termination to HOME-2021-02 that Allows for the Continued Development of the Todd School (100 Oak Avenue) and the Lincoln School (631 South Lake Street) by Setting Forth Amended Terms Regarding The Redevelopment as Affordable Housing.

Alderman Mesiacos and Alderman Woerman recused themselves from discussion and vote on this item and left the room during discussion and vote.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Garza and seconded by Alderwoman Smith to approve this item. The motion carried by the following vote and Alderman Mesiacos and Alderman Woerman return to the room at the conclusion of the vote:

Aye: 9 - Alderman Llamas, Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid and Alderman Laesch

Enactment No: R23-250

[23-0594](#)

A Resolution authorizing the purchase of replacement and additional vehicles for the City of Aurora fleet, for \$526,000.00.

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

Aye: 10 - Alderman Llamas, Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid and Alderman Woerman

Nay: 1 - Alderman Laesch

Enactment No: R23-241

[23-0598](#)

An Ordinance Deleting Certain Property from the Redevelopment Project Area for the City of Aurora Tax Increment Financing District No.3 Necessary for the Creation of the Cross Street Tax Increment Financing District.

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

Aye: 10 - Alderman Llamas, Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid and Alderman Woerman

Nay: 1 - Alderman Laesch

Enactment No: O23-054

NEW BUSINESS

There were no items of New Business.

REPORT

[23-0690](#)

Treasurer Reports for 2nd quarter.

Chris Minick, Chief Financial Officer - City of Aurora, presented regarding this item.

The Treasurer Reports were accepted and filed.

APPROVAL OF THE BILL SUMMARY AND LARGE BILL LIST

[23-0692](#)

Bill Summary and Large Bill List.

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

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

CLOSED SESSION

There was no need for a Closed Session.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Alderman Franco and seconded by Alderwoman Smith to adjourn this meeting. The motion carried by voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Submitted by:

Jennifer Stallings, City Clerk

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