



City of Aurora

City Hall - Second Floor
Council Chambers
44 East Downer Place
Aurora, IL

City Council Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday

February 11, 2025

6:00 PM

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ROLL CALL

Mayor Irvin called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. and the roll was called. A motion was made by Alderman Mesiacos and seconded by Alderwoman Smith to allow Alderman Bugg to participate in this meeting remotely. The motion carried by voice vote.

Present: 12 - Alderman Daniel Barreiro, 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 and Mayor Richard Irvin

Absent: 1 - Alderman Ron Woerman

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 Ortinau served as Sergeant-at-Arms for this meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ayden Zwick.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was led by Pastor Bukky Ajiboye of Redeem Christian Church of God Kings Court.

MAYOR'S OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS PRESENTATIONS

February 11, 1857 was recognized as the City of Aurora's Birthday and February was recognized as Black History Month.

Mayor Irvin presented the Mayor's Certificate of Appreciation to Pastor Bukky Ajiboye of Redeem Christian Church of God Kings Court.

Mayor Irvin presented the Mayor's Award of Excellence to Abigail Duor.

Mayor Irvin presented Ayden Zwick with the Mayor's Excellence in Youth Leadership Award.

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

[24-0827](#)

A Resolution approving the reappointments of Gousia Wajid, Srivani Vokkarane, and Sharon Garcia to the Indian American Community Outreach Advisory Board.

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 Barreiro, Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Tolliver, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid and Alderman Laesch.

Enactment No: R25-029

[25-0042](#)

A Resolution authorizing the reappointment of Margaret Stokes and Josh Harris to the Bicycle, Pedestrian and Transit Advisory Board.

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 Barreiro, Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Tolliver, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid and Alderman Laesch.

Enactment No: R25-030

[25-0043](#)

A Resolution approving the reappointment of Meredith Lindgren to the city's Advisory Commission for Disabilities.

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 Barreiro, Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Tolliver, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid and Alderman Laesch.

Enactment No: R25-031

[25-0055](#)

A Resolution authorizing the reappointment of Michael Pegues to the Innovation and Technology Advisory Commission.

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 Barreiro, Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Tolliver, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid and Alderman Laesch.

Enactment No: R25-032

[25-0057](#)

A Resolution authorizing the reappointment of eight members to the Tree Board.

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

Aye: 10 - Alderman Barreiro, Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Tolliver, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid and Alderman Laesch.

Enactment No: R25-033

[25-0067](#)

A Resolution approving the reappointment of Nelson Santos, William Kirwan, and Roderick Young to the Aurora Airport Advisory Board

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 Barreiro, Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Tolliver, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid and Alderman Laesch.

Enactment No: R25-034

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

1. Beth Osmund spoke regarding the Youth Service Bureau.
2. Angela Collier spoke regarding respect for City Council.
3. Ricky Rodgers spoke regarding the African American Men of Unity.
4. Curtis Wilson spoke regarding the City of Aurora Warming Center.
5. Dan Hites spoke regarding Aurora Downtown.
6. Joe Sanchez spoke regarding support for Adam Pauley.
7. Adam Pauley spoke regarding harm reduction efforts.
8. Sandi Schmitt spoke regarding respect and appreciation for City Council.
9. Edward Ash spoke regarding negative issues with City Council.

CONSENT AGENDA

The City Clerk read the Consent Agenda and the Direct to Council Consent Agenda in full. A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith and seconded by Alderwoman Garza to approve the Consent Agenda and the Direct to Council Consent Agenda in full. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[24-0855](#)

A Resolution establishing the maximum number of Class D: Downtown Fringe On-Site Consumption liquor licenses and self-service endorsements (unofficially related to the application from Rec Haus LLC at 100 S River St). [Ward 4]

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R25-035

[25-0020](#)

A Resolution Authorizing Approval of the Spring 2025 Historic Preservation Grants and Allowing the Mayor to enter into Historic Preservation Grant Agreements and Addendums.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R25-036

[25-0028](#)

A Resolution to approve an amendment to an agreement with Wesley United Methodist Church in the amount of \$37,000.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R25-037

[25-0030](#)

A Resolution to approve the purchase a 3-year renewal subscription of the ePremium platform from Event Approvals, Inc., Vancouver, Canada in the amount of \$48,500 annually, for a total award of \$145,500.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R25-038

[25-0035](#)

An Ordinance Approving a Revision to the River Street Plaza Plan Description for Property located at 100 S. River Street being at the southeast corner of River Street and Benton Street

This Ordinance was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: O25-011

[25-0059](#)

A Resolution authorizing the Director of Purchasing to enter into an agreement with Matrix Consulting Group, in the amount not to exceed \$141,080 for a Staffing and Strategic Planning Study for the Aurora Police Department.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R25-039

[25-0060](#)

A Resolution authorizing the 2025 Ward Neighborhood Clean-Up and Shred Events in all Wards in the City of Aurora.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R25-040

[25-0070](#)

A Resolution establishing the maximum number of licenses for tattoo and body art establishments in accordance with Chapter 25, Article XI "Tattoo and Body Art Establishments".

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R25-041

[25-0082](#)

A Resolution Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer of the City to execute an agreement for Ambulance Billing Services with EMS Management & Consultants (EMS MC)

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R25-042

[25-0083](#)

An Ordinance Reserving 2025 Volume Cap in connection with Private Activity Bond Issues, and Related Matters.

This Ordinance was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: O25-012

DIRECT TO COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA

[25-0108](#)

Approval of the Minutes of the Tuesday, January 28, 2025, City Council Meeting.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS[25-0090](#)

A Resolution authorizing a Redevelopment Agreement (RDA) between the City of Aurora and JH Real Estate Partners, LLC (JH) for the redevelopment of the property located at 2 S Broadway, commonly known as the Aurora National Bank building.

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

Aye: 7 - Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Tolliver, Alderwoman Smith and Alderwoman Baid

Nay: 4 - Alderman Barreiro, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Bugg and Alderman Laesch

Enactment No: R25-043

[25-0092](#)

A Resolution authorizing a Redevelopment Agreement (RDA) between the City of Aurora and JH Real Estate Partners, LLC (JH) for the redevelopment of the property located at 62 S Broadway, commonly known as the Franz building, and the vacant lot located at 66 S Broadway.

David Dibo, Director of Economic Development - City of Aurora, responded to questions.

Marty Lyons, Mayors Office of Economic Development - City of Aurora, responded to questions.

Harish Ananthapadmanabhan and Jay Pudukollu of JH Real Estate Partners responded to questions.

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

Aye: 9 - Alderman Barreiro, Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Tolliver, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg and Alderwoman Baid

Nay: 2 - Alderman Mesiacos and Alderman Laesch

Enactment No: R25-044

[25-0093](#)

A Resolution authorizing a Redevelopment Agreement (RDA) between the City of Aurora and The Barrera Organization LLC for the redevelopment of the property located at 251 S River St.

Marty Lyons, Mayor's Office of Economic Development - City of Aurora, responded to questions.

Fernando Barrera, Developer, responded to questions.

A motion to amend (via friendly amendment) the item was made by Alderwoman Smith and seconded by Alderman Saville to correct a scrivener's error, specifically the name of the party to the RDA to: The Barrero Organization LLC. The motion carried by voice vote.

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

Aye: 9 - Alderman Barreiro, Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Tolliver, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg and Alderwoman Baid

Nay: 2 - Alderman Mesiacos and Alderman Laesch

Enactment No: R25-045

NEW BUSINESS

There were no items of New Business.

REPORT

There were no Reports.

APPROVAL OF THE BILL SUMMARY AND LARGE BILL LIST

[25-0123](#)

Bill Summary and Large Bill List.

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

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

CLOSED SESSION

There was no need for a Closed Session.

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Alderwoman Smith and seconded by Alderman Laesch. 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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