



City of Aurora

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

City Council Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday

August 26, 2025

6:00 PM

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ROLL CALL

Mayor Laesch called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and the roll was called.

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 Bugg, Alderwoman Shweta Baid, Alderman-At-Large Keith Larson, Alderman-At-Large Will White and Mayor John Laesch

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 Robertson served as Sergeant-At-Arms for this meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderman Franco.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was presented by Alderman Mesiacos.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Jon Zaghloul, Communications Manager - City of Aurora, presented:

1. A Small Business Resource Fair will be held on 9/27/2025.
2. México en el Corazón will perform at East Aurora High School on 9/30/2025.
3. The Fall Electronics Recycling Drive-Through Event will be held on 9/6/2025.
4. The Fiestas Patrias Parade will be held on 9/6/2025 and the Fiestas Patrias Festival will be held on 9/7/2025.

Stacey Peterson, Chief Financial Officer and Brian Caputo, Director of Fiscal Integrity and Operational Management - City of Aurora, presented an update and responded to questions regarding the City's financial status.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

1. Andrew Tripp expressed concerns about the City's unhoused population.
2. Angela Collier spoke regarding the community impact of the City's finances.
3. Victor Teague spoke about the Haven for Success Mentorship Program.

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 Alderman Franco to approve the Consent Agenda and the Direct to Council Consent Agenda. Alderman Núñez asked that item 25-0635 be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on Unfinished Business. With the removal of item 25-0635 from the Consent Agenda to Unfinished Business the motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 12 - Alderman Barreiro, Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Núñez, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Bañuelos, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid, Alderman-At-Large Larson and Alderman-At-Large White

25-0530

A Resolution authorizing the Director of Purchasing to purchase video conferencing hardware and services from Burwood Group, Inc., Chicago, IL, for a total amount not to exceed \$280,000.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R25-254

25-0581

A Resolution authorizing the Director of Purchasing to enter into an agreement with TCD Concrete Works, Inc., 306 Fairmont Court, St. Charles, IL, in the amount of \$23,691.00 for a reinforced concrete slab for a greenhouse at 339 Middle Avenue.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R25-255

[25-0588](#)

An Ordinance authorizing a 100% principal forgiveness Loan Agreement (Public Water Supply Loan Program - Home Rule Entity) for the Lead Service Line Replacement Project.

This Ordinance was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: O25-053

[25-0599](#)

A Resolution establishing the maximum number of Class D: Fox Valley Mall Entertainment District On-Site Consumption liquor licenses (unofficially related to the application from The Soul Spot at 1300 Fox Valley Center Dr, Unit E4, Aurora). [Ward 10]

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R25-256

[25-0600](#)

A Resolution authorizing the purchase of a replacement digger/derrick truck for the Electrical Division not to exceed the budgeted amount of \$164,000.00

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R25-257

[25-0606](#)

A Resolution establishing the maximum number of Class B: Onsite Consumption liquor licenses, (unofficially related to the application from Ye International, LLC at 4350 E New York Street). [Ward 10]

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R25-258

[25-0608](#)

A Resolution authorizing the award of a contract to Schroeder Asphalt Services, Inc. in the amount of \$1,464,898.53 for the 2025 Citywide Right-of-Way Maintenance Project.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R25-259

[25-0611](#)

A Resolution to award the Bridgeport Lane Storm Sewer Installation project, located in Wards 7 and 9, to Winninger Excavating, Inc., in the bid amount of \$112,927.00.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R25-260

[25-0616](#)

A motion authorizing and directing the Chief Human Resources Officer to execute a settlement agreement on behalf of the City in Worker's Compensation Claim # 23Q05I562320.

This Motion was approved on the Consent Agenda.

[25-0620](#)

A Resolution Authorizing the Renewal of the Line of Credit (LOC) in the amount of \$10 million with Old Second National Bank for a one-year term expiring on June 30, 2026.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R25-261

[25-0634](#)

A Resolution approving the appointment of Krista Heinke as Director of Financial Operations.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R25-262

[25-0642](#)

A Resolution approving the appointment of Kurtis Muth as Assistant Director of Public Works / Assistant City Engineer.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R25-263

DIRECT TO COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA

[25-0641](#)

Approval of the Minutes of the Tuesday, August 12, 2025, City Council Meeting.

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

[25-0656](#)

An Ordinance Proposing the Establishment of a Special Service Area for Stormwater Management Purposes to be Designated as SSA 225 Prairie Meadows Related to Real Property Located at the North Corners of Prairie Street and Rockwell Road and Calling for a Public Hearing Thereon.

This Ordinance was approved on the Direct to Council Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: O25-054

[25-0657](#)

An Ordinance Proposing the Establishment of a Special Service Area for Stormwater Management Purposes to be Designated as SSA 226 Wheatland Crossing, Related to Real Property Located at the Southeast Corner of Route 34 and Farnsworth Avenue and Calling for a Public Hearing Thereon.

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

This Ordinance was approved on the Direct to Council Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: O25-055

[25-0658](#)

An Ordinance Proposing the Establishment of a Special Service Area for Stormwater Management Purposes to be Designated as SSA 227 Habitat Green Freedom, Related to Real Property North of Jericho Road Approximately 450° West of South Edgelawn Drive and Calling for a Public Hearing Thereon.

This Ordinance was approved on the Direct to Council Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: O25-056

[25-0659](#)

An Ordinance Proposing the Establishment of a Special Service Area for Stormwater Management Purposes to be Designated as SSA 228 CyrusOne - 2725 Bilter Road and Calling for a Public Hearing Thereon.

This Ordinance was approved on the Direct to Council Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: O25-057

[25-0660](#)

An Ordinance Proposing the Establishment of a Special Service Area for Stormwater Management Purposes to be Designated as SSA 231 Eola Preserve and Calling for a Public Hearing Thereon.

This Ordinance was approved on the Direct to Council Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: O25-058

[25-0661](#)

An Ordinance Proposing the Establishment of a Special Service Area for Stormwater Management Purposes to be Designated as SSA 232 Abbey Meadows and Calling for a Public Hearing Thereon.

This Ordinance was approved on the Direct to Council Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: O25-059

[25-0669](#)

A Resolution accepting the improvements and maintenance security for Meadow Ridge Subdivision, Watercress Dr.

This Resolution was approved on the Direct to Council Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R25-264

[25-0670](#)

A Resolution accepting the improvements and waiving the maintenance security for TT Technologies Addition, 2020 E. New York St.

This Resolution was approved on the Direct to Council Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R25-265

[25-0674](#)

Approval of the Closed Session Meeting Minutes of July 15, 2025, July 22, 2025, August 12, 2025 and August 19, 2025.

This item was approved on the Direct to Council Consent Agenda.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

[25-0635](#)

A Resolution approving the appointment of Mario Benavides as Assistant Superintendent of Streets.

This item was removed from the Direct to Consent Agenda and placed on Unfinished Business. Alderman Núñez abstained from voting on this item. A motion was made by Alderman Franco and seconded by Alderwoman Smith to approve this item. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 11 - Alderman Barreiro, Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Bañuelos, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid, Alderman-at-Large Larson and Alderman-at-Large White

Abstain: 1 - Alderman Núñez

Enactment No: R25-266

[25-0519](#)

An Ordinance Enacting a Municipal Grocery Retailers' Occupation Tax and Municipal Grocery Service Occupation Tax.

Shannon Cameron, Chief of Staff - City of Aurora, responded to questions.

Yordana Wysocki, Corporation Counsel - City of Aurora, responded to questions.

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

Aye: 7 - Alderman Barreiro, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Bañuelos, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg and Alderman-At-Large White

Nay: 5 - Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Núñez, Alderwoman Baid and Alderman-At-Large Larson

Enactment No: O25-060

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Alderman Franco and seconded by Alderwoman Smith to suspend the rules to hear items of New Business. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 12 - Alderman Barreiro, Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Núñez, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Bañuelos, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid, Alderman-at-Large Larson and Alderman-at-Large White.

[25-0679](#)

A motion authorizing and directing the Corporation Counsel to execute the completion of a settlement agreement in Brian Sharp v. City of Aurora, Kane County Case No. 2023 LA 000192.

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

Aye: 12 - Alderman Barreiro, Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Núñez, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Bañuelos, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid, Alderman-At-Large Larson and Alderman-At-Large White

REPORT

There were no additional reports presented.

APPROVAL OF THE BILL SUMMARY AND LARGE BILL LIST

[25-0681](#)

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: 12 - Alderman Barreiro, Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Núñez, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Bañuelos, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid, Alderman-At-Large Larson and Alderman-At-Large White

CLOSED SESSION

There was no need for a Closed Session at this meeting.

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 8:00 p.m.

Submitted by:

Jennifer Stallings, City Clerk

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