



City of Aurora

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

City Council Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday

December 09, 2025

6:00 PM

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ROLL CALL

Mayor Laesch called the meeting to order at 6:02 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 Garza and seconded by Alderwoman Smith 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 Alderman Mesiacos.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Laesch presented the Mayor's Award of Excellence to Addison Miller, Oswego Comm. School D308, the State Champion of the Athletes with Disabilities 100 Meter Breaststroke.

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

[25-0908](#)

A Resolution authorizing the appointment of Diamanto Mesiacos to the Aurora Youth Council.

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

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

Abstain: 1 - Alderman Mesiacos

Enactment No: R25-372

[25-0952](#)

A Resolution authorizing the appointment of Phillip VanLear to the Aurora Civic Center Authority Board.

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

Aye: 7 - Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Saville, Alderman Bañuelos, Alderman Bugg, Alderman-At-Large Larson and Alderman-At-Large White

Nay: 5 - Alderman Barreiro, Alderman Núñez, Alderman Franco, Alderwoman Smith and Alderwoman Baid

Enactment No: R25-373

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

1. Angie Smith spoke in favor of the proposed development on Orchard Rd.
2. Michelle Gumz spoke in favor of the proposed development on Orchard Rd. and against cutting the Police budget.
3. Rick Lawrence spoke in favor of the proposed development on Orchard Rd.
4. Lupe Garcia thanked the Council for their service for Aurora and offered a prayer.
5. Mavis Bates spoke of environmental concerns from gas stations.

PUBLIC HEARING

25-0982

A Public Hearing Pursuant to 65ILCS 5/8-2-9.1 through 9.10 for the adoption of the City of Aurora 2026 Budget. (Public Hearing for Legistar File 25-0946)

Mayor Laesch called the Public Hearing to order. There were no members of the public present and wishing to present public comment. There were no questions or comments from the City Council. A motion was made by Alderman Franco and seconded by Alderman Barreiro to close and adjourn the public hearing. 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

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 Alderman White to approve the Consent Agenda and the Direct to Council Consent Agenda as read. Alderman Núñez asked that item 25-0954 be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on Unfinished Business. Item 25-0954 was removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on Unfinished Business. The motion to approve the Consent Agenda and Direct to Council Consent Agenda after the removal of item 25-0954 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

[25-0321](#)

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 12 of the Aurora Code of Ordinances titled Buildings and Building Regulations to Adopt the 2024 I-Series of Codes and Recommended Amendments.

This Ordinance was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: O25-082

[25-0692](#)

An Ordinance Vacating City Easements and Stormwater Control Easements on the Property Located at the Southwest Corner of Butterfield Road and North Farnsworth Avenue, in Kane County, Aurora, Illinois, 60502.

This Ordinance was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: O25-083

[25-0853](#)

A Resolution to award a one-year contract for Keeper Security, a password management SaaS solution, to Insight Public Sector, Inc. Chandler, AZ in the amount of \$29,535.32 for a one-year term.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R25-374

[25-0865](#)

An Ordinance Levying Certain Special Service Area Taxes For Fiscal Year January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025. (Special Service Area Number Forty-Four)

This Ordinance was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: O25-084

[25-0867](#)

An Ordinance Levying Certain Special Service Area Taxes for The Fiscal Year January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025. (Special Service Area Number Sixty-Six A)

This Ordinance was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: O25-085

[25-0868](#)

An Ordinance Levying Certain Special Service Area Taxes for Fiscal Year January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025. (Special Service Area Number Sixty-Six B).

This Ordinance was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: O25-086

[25-0869](#)

An Ordinance Levying Certain Special Service Area Taxes for The Fiscal Year January 1, 2025 Through December 31, 2025. (Special Service Area Number Sixty-Six C)

This Ordinance was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: O25-087

[25-0870](#)

An Ordinance Levying Certain Special Service Area Taxes for Fiscal Year January 1, 2025 Through December 31, 2025. (Special Service Area Number Sixty-Six D).

This Ordinance was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: O25-088

[25-0872](#)

An Ordinance Levying Certain Special Service Area Taxes For The Fiscal Year January 1, 2025 Through December 31, 2025. (Special Service Area Number Sixty-Seven)

This Ordinance was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: O25-089

[25-0880](#)

A Resolution to accept the Proposals received for the 2026 Water & Sewer Maintenance Division Plumbing Service.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R25-375

[25-0918](#)

A Resolution approving a one-year lease agreement with Nadler Golf Car Sales Inc. for the use of 72 GPS equipped golf cars, not to exceed of \$54,885.00.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R25-376

[25-0932](#)

A Resolution to award a one-year contract for KnowBe4, a security awareness training SaaS solution, to Insight Public Sector, Inc. Chandler, AZ in the amount of \$25,494.48.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R25-377

DIRECT TO COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA

[25-0903](#)

A Resolution Concerning the Review of "Closed" Executive Session Meeting Minutes.

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

Enactment No: R25-378

[25-0983](#)

Approval of the Minutes of the Tuesday, November 25, 2025, City Council Meeting.

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

[25-0986](#)

Approval of the Closed Session Meeting Minutes of November 4, 2025 and December 2, 2025.

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

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Alderman Barreiro and seconded by Alderwoman Garza to suspend the rules and hear the item of New Business immediately following the Consent and Direct to Council Consent Agendas. 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

A motion was made by Alderman-at-Large Larson and seconded by Alderman-at-Large White to suspend the rules to hear the item 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

[25-0976](#)

A Resolution Approving a of a Moratorium Hardship Appeal to allow construction of a warehouse on property located at 2695 W. Sullivan Road

Tracey Vacek, Director of Zoning & Planning, presented and responded to questions. Attorney Colin Anderson presented on behalf of the Appellant.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith and seconded by Alderman Bañuelos 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

Enactment No: R25-379

UNFINISHED BUSINESS**25-0378**

A Resolution authorizing the Director of Purchasing to enter into a purchase agreement with Five Eight Group for the procurement of a drive test scanner for the Aurora Police Department, in a total amount not to exceed \$170,000.

Jolene Coulter, Director of Purchasing - City of Aurora, presented.

Commander Bill Rowley - City of Aurora, presented and responded to questions.

A motion was made by Alderman-at-Large Larson and seconded by Alderman-at-Large White to amend the resolution to award the contract to LexisNexis instead of The Five Eight Group for an amount not to exceed \$195,424.00. The motion to amend the item 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

A motion was made by Alderman-at-Large White and seconded by Alderwoman Smith to approve the item as amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 1 - Alderman-At-Large Larson

Enactment No: R25-380

25-0845

An Ordinance Granting a Conditional Use Permit for a Drive-through Restaurant (2530) Use on the Property Located at 404 N. Eola Road.

Steve Broadwell, Planner - City of Aurora, responded to questions.

Tracey Vacek, Director of Zoning & Planning - City of Aurora, responded to questions.

Emily Hoffman, Cooke Engineering Group and Petitioner Andy Kobler responded to questions.

A motion was made by Alderman Saville to approve this item.

A motion was made by Alderman Bañuelos and seconded by Alderman Núñez to table this item to the City Council meeting on December 16th in order to make sure all impacted business owners were notified. After discussion with staff and confirmation that the tenants received notice, Alderman Bañuelos and Alderman Núñez withdrew their motion and second to table this item.

Alderman White seconded Alderman Saville's initial motion to approve this item. Alderman Bugg continued the discussion with staff and the Petitioner regarding notices that were provided to business owners.

The motion to approve this item 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

Enactment No: O25-090

[25-0846](#)

A Resolution Approving a Revision to the Final Plan for the Oakhurst Center Subdivision, Located at 404 N. Eola Road and 444 N. Eola Road

A motion was made by Alderman Franco and seconded by Alderwoman Garza 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

Enactment No: R25-381

[25-0864](#)

An Ordinance Levying Certain Special Service Area Taxes For The Fiscal Year January 1, 2025 Through December 31, 2025 (Special Service Area Number One).

Stacey Peterson, Chief Financial Officer - City of Aurora presented briefly.

A motion was made by Alderman Franco and seconded by Alderman Barreiro to approve this item. The motion carried by the following vote (Alderman Saville had stepped out temporarily):

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

Enactment No: O25-091

[25-0873](#)

An Ordinance Levying Certain Special Service Area Taxes For The Fiscal Year January 1, 2025 Through December 31, 2025. (Special Service Area Number Twenty- Four)

A motion was made by Alderman Franco and seconded by Alderman Bugg to approve this item. Alderman Bugg explained that this item is regarding a Town Home Owner's Association (TOA) where there are currently no members of the TOA Board. Alderman Bugg explained that he will be working with staff in the upcoming year to remove a portion of the SSA. Alderman Saville had returned to the room for this item. The motion to approve 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

Enactment No: O25-092

[25-0874](#)

An Ordinance Authorizing and Providing For The Abatement of General Obligation Bond Tax Levies. 2025 Tax Levy Extension.

Stacey Peterson, Chief Financial Officer - City of Aurora, provided an overview of the item and responded to questions regarding the library bonds.

A motion was made by Alderman Franco and seconded by Alderman Saville 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

Enactment No: O25-093

[25-0931](#)

An Ordinance Establishing a Conditional Use Planned Development, Approving the Orchard's Crossing Plan Description and amending Chapter 49 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Aurora, by modifying the zoning map attached thereto to an underlying zoning of R-4A Two-Family Dwelling District, B-2 General Retail District and OS-1 Conservation, Open Space, and Drainage District for the property located at the northeast corner of Sullivan Road and N. Orchard Road

John Curley, Chief Development Services Officer - City of Aurora, responded to questions.

Jeremy Forman of GTZ Properties, responded to questions.

Attorney John Philipchuck responded to questions.

Jill Morgan, Senior Planner - City of Aurora, presented and described the additional condition to be included in the ordinance that a minimum of two EV parking spaces be included within the commercial development. The Plan Description has also been updated and includes a Declaration of Demolition Covenant.

A Motion to Suspend the Rules to prohibit this item from being held or sent back to Committee was made by Alderman Franco and seconded by Alderman Barreiro. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 1 - Alderman Mesiacos

A discussion was held as to whether the Motion to Suspend the Rules applies to the remainder of the meeting or just the specific item.

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

Aye: 10 - Alderman Barreiro, Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Núñez, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Bañuelos, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid and Alderman-At-Large White

Nay: 2 - Alderman Mesiacos and Alderman-At-Large Larson

Enactment No: O25-094

[25-0946](#)

An Ordinance Adopting An Annual Budget For the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2026 And Ending December 31, 2026 In Lieu Of Passage Of An Appropriation Ordinance.

Kevin Nickel, Interim Fire Chief - City of Aurora, presented regarding the proposed Fire Department budget.

Mike Kaufman, Assistant Fire Chief - City of Aurora, presented regarding the proposed Fire Department budget.

Shannon Cameron, Chief of Staff - City of Aurora, presented and responded to questions regarding the Transformation Fund.

Brian Caputo, Director of Operations Management - City of Aurora, responded to questions regarding the Transformation Fund.

John Curley, Chief Development Services Officer - City of Aurora, responded to questions regarding the budget of the Development Services Department.

Tim Rater, CEO of the Aurora Civic Center Authority, presented and responded to questions.

Linda Read, Comptroller and Deputy Treasurer - City of Aurora, responded to questions.

A motion was made by Alderman Saville and seconded by Alderman-at-Large Larson to approve this item.

A subsequent motion was made by Alderman Saville and seconded by Alderwoman Smith to amend the proposed budget to increase expenditure account 101-1360-450.50-20 by \$400,000 to be funded by a future amusement tax in 2026, and to increase revenue account 101-1360-314.04-00 by the same amount to reflect the anticipated future amusement tax.

The motion to amend carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Alderman Barreiro, Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Núñez, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid and Alderman-at-Large White

Nay: 3 - Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Bañuelos, Alderman-at-Large Larson

The motion to approve this item as amended carried by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Alderman Barreiro, Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Saville, Alderman Bañuelos, Alderman Bugg, Alderman-At-Large Larson and Alderman-At-Large White

Nay: 4 - Alderman Núñez, Alderman Franco, Alderwoman Smith and Alderwoman Baid

Enactment No: O25-095

[25-0954](#)

An Ordinance Levying Certain Special Service Area Taxes For The Fiscal Year January 1, 2025 Through December 31, 2025. (Special Service Area Number Ninety)

Stacey Peterson, Chief Financial Officer - City of Aurora, responded to questions.

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

A motion was made by Alderman Franco to approve this item. After discussion was held, Alderman Franco withdrew his motion to approve.

A motion was made by Alderman Núñez to amend this item to utilize Ward 4 funds to pay the remaining balance of the SSA. After discussion was held, Alderman Núñez withdrew his motion to amend.

A motion was made by Alderman Núñez and seconded by Alderman Barreiro to postpone vote on this item to December 16th. 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

[25-0875](#)

An Ordinance Levying Taxes For the City of Aurora, Illinois, For The Fiscal Year January 1, 2025 Through December 31, 2025.

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

A motion was made by Alderman Saville and seconded by Alderman Franco to approve this item.

A subsequent motion was made by Alderman Bugg and seconded by Alderman Mesiacos to move this agenda item 25-0875 to the end of the Unfinished Business section of the agenda. The motion to move this item 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

This item was moved to the end of Unfinished Business. The underlying motion to approve this item carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Alderman Barreiro, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Saville, Alderman Bañuelos, Alderman Bugg, Alderman-At-Large Larson and Alderman-At-Large White

Nay: 5 - Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Núñez, Alderman Franco, Alderwoman Smith and Alderwoman Baid

Enactment No: O25-096

REPORT

There were no reports.

APPROVAL OF THE BILL SUMMARY AND LARGE BILL LIST

[25-1005](#)

Bill Summary and Large Bill List.

A motion was made by Alderman Franco and seconded by Alderman Larson 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 Alderman Saville to adjourn this meeting. The motion carried by voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 10:19 p.m.

Submitted by:

Jennifer Stallings, City Clerk

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