



City of Aurora

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

City Council Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday

June 27, 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 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 veterans and active military members present for the City Council meeting.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was led by Ward 9 Alderman and Church Elder Edward Bugg.

MAYOR'S OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations at this meeting.

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

[23-0415](#)

A Resolution approving the reappointments of Sarah Ramos and Lillian Feinberg as well as the appointment of Kevin Martinez to the Aurora Youth Council.

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

Enactment No: R23-170

[23-0421](#)

A Resolution approving the reappointments of Marc Straits, Fawn Clarke Peterson, and Natasha Ritsma as well as the appointment of Ginger Ingram to the Public Art Commission.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Garza and seconded by Alderwoman Smith to approve this item. 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

Enactment No: R23-171

[23-0427](#)

A Resolution approving the reappointment of Abhijit Choudhury to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

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

Enactment No: R23-172

[23-0428](#)

A Resolution approving the reappointment of Christopher Minick to the Aurora Police Pension Board.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith and seconded by Alderwoman Garza to approve this item. 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

Enactment No: R23-173

[23-0439](#)

A Resolution approving the appointment of Jill LaVine and Michael Zafran to the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Commission.

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

Enactment No: R23-174

PUBLIC COMMENT

The City Clerk read the Rules of Public Comment and the following members of the public addressed the City Council:

1. Brian Dahl spoke in support of items 23-0440 and 23-0441.
2. Dick Furstenau spoke regarding residents in the flood plain.
3. Mike Powers spoke in support of items 23-0440 and 23-0441.
4. Mercy Galicia thanked the Council on behalf of L.T.O. for their support of their recent festival.
5. Steve Hendry spoke regarding internet service and the Affordable Connectivity Program.

PUBLIC HEARING

23-0460

Public Hearing on a Resolution authorizing the acceptance of a grant award from the US Department of Justice Community Oriented Policing Services Grant program in the amount of \$294,657.51; and the City of Aurora's use of grant funds to enhance the Crisis Intervention Unit.

This public hearing item was called. No members of the public presented public comment on this item. There were no questions or comments from the City Council. A motion was made by Alderman Franco and seconded by Alderwoman Smith to close and adjourn the public hearing. The motion carried by the following vote and the hearing was adjourned.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

The City Clerk read the Consent Agenda and the Direct to Council Consent Agenda in full. Item 23-0472 was removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on Unfinished Business. After Item 23-0472 was removed from the Consent Agenda, a motion was made by Alderwoman Garza and seconded by Alderwoman Smith to approve the Consent Agenda and Direct to Council Consent Agenda in full. 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

[23-0366](#)

A Resolution to create the Ward 2 Residential Property Improvement Grant to support Ward 2 residents who want to improve their driveways and fences.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R23-175

[23-0374](#)

A Resolution authorizing a two-year Project Management Professional Services agreement with Crowe LLP, 225 W Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60606 ("Crowe") in an amount of \$392,000.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R23-176

[23-0399](#)

A Resolution Authorizing the Ward 5 Residential and Nonprofit Grant Program.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R23-177

[23-0402](#)

A Resolution approving the purchase of 48 Tecton jury base armless chairs and 40 Tecton chairs on casters from Group Management Office Furniture of Aurora, Illinois, through the National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance contract #07-116 in the amount of \$58,967.40.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R23-178

[23-0412](#)

A Resolution authorizing the Ward 8 Residential and Nonprofit Grant Program.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R23-179

[23-0420](#)

A Resolution authorizing the City to accept a grant award of \$24,658 from the Morton Arboretum for the 2023 Chicago Region Earmark Urban and Community Forestry Support in the Chicago Region Grant Program with the City to contribute matching funds of \$8,261 to improve the forest health of the downtown.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R23-180

[23-0422](#)

A Resolution authorizing the acceptance of the low bid from F.H. Paschen, S.N. Nielsen & Associates LLC, for the renovation of the Human Resources Department office for \$683,500.00 plus a ten percent (10%) project contingency amount of \$68,350.00.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R23-181

[23-0444](#)

An Ordinance Establishing the Music, Events and Entertainment (MEE) Commission Under Chapter 2, Article VI of the Code of Ordinances.

This Ordinance was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: O23-042

[23-0445](#)

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 25, Article VIII of the Code of Ordinances Pertaining to Raffles.

This Ordinance was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: O23-043

[23-0450](#)

A Resolution Establishing a Fee Schedule for Raffle Licenses, Related to Chapter 25, Sec. VIII, "Raffles" of the Code of Ordinances.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R23-182

[23-0451](#)

A Resolution to Award the contract for the 115-125 S. Fordham Avenue and Lancaster Avenue Sanitary Sewer Improvements project to Stokes Excavating, Inc. in the amount of one hundred sixty thousand, six hundred eighty dollars and zero cents (\$160,680.00).

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R23-183

[23-0458](#)

A Resolution authorizing the City to accept a grant award of \$294,657.51 from the US Department of Justice COPS Office to enhance the Aurora Police Department Crisis Intervention Unit.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R23-184

[23-0463](#)

A Resolution approving the appointment of John Blickem as Assistant Superintendent of Water and Sewer Maintenance.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R23-185

DIRECT TO COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA

[23-0448](#)

A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Easement Agreement between the City of Aurora and Chicago Title Land Trust Company Trust #1122, for the Vacant Property located near the Northeast Corner of Eastern Avenue and East New York Street.

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

Enactment No: R23-186

[23-0481](#)

Approval of the Minutes of the Tuesday, June 13, 2023, City Council Meeting.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS[23-0440](#)

An Ordinance Establishing a Conditional Use Planned Development, Approving the Hollywood Casino Plan Description and amending Chapter 49 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Aurora, by modifying the zoning map attached thereto from B-3 Business and Wholesale District and M-1 Manufacturing - Limited District to B-3(C) Business and Wholesale District with a Conditional Use Planned Development for the property located at West side of Farnsworth Avenue, between Bilter Road and Corporate Boulevard

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

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

Nay: 1 - Alderman Laesch

Enactment No: O23-044

[23-0441](#)

A Resolution Approving a Preliminary Plan and Plat for HC Aurora Subdivision located on the west side of Farnsworth Avenue, between Bilter Road and Corporate Boulevard

Chris Minick, Chief Financial Officer - City of Aurora, responded to questions regarding this item.

Alex Alexandrou, Chief Management Officer - City of Aurora, responded to questions regarding this item.

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 Mesiascos, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid and Alderman Woerman

Nay: 1 - Alderman Laesch

Enactment No: R23-187

[23-0443](#)

An Ordinance amending Chapter 22 Code of Ordinances Pertaining to Harassment and Discrimination Prohibitions.

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

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

Enactment No: O23-045

[23-0447](#)

An Ordinance amending Section 48-57 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Aurora, effective July 1, 2023, and establishing the utility rates for water and sewer services provided within the City thereafter

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith and seconded by Alderwoman Garza to approve this item. 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

Enactment No: O23-046

[23-0466](#)

A Resolution authorizing the execution of a property purchase and sales contract for property at 101 N Lake and 102 N. River Street, Aurora, IL.

A motion was made by Alderman Franco 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: R23-188

[23-0468](#)

An Ordinance Amending The Annual Budget For The Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2022 and Ending December 31, 2022 (Amendment #2 For The 2022 Fiscal Year).

Alderman Woerman and Alderman Mesiacos recused themselves from discussion and vote on this item and left the meeting until discussion and vote concluded.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith and seconded by Alderwoman Garza to approve this item.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Alderman Llamas, Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg and Alderwoman Baid

Nay: 1 - Alderman Laesch

Enactment No: O23-047

[23-0472](#)

A Resolution to Execute a Memorandum of Understanding with The Boys and Girls Club of Aurora for a possible land donation adjacent to Garfield Park.

Alderman Woerman recused himself from discussion and vote on this item and left the meeting until discussion and vote concluded.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith and seconded by Alderman Franco 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, Alderman Laesch

Enactment No: R23-189

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith and seconded by Alderman Franco to suspend the rules to consider items under New Business. 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, Alderman Woerman

Nay: 1 - Alderman Laesch

23-0470

A Resolution ratifying payment to Morrow Brother's Ford Inc., in the amount of \$662,080.00, for the purchase of sixteen (16) replacement Police Utility Vehicles for the City's Fleet.

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: R23-190

[23-0498](#)

An Ordinance pursuant to Section 2 of the Local Government Property Transfer Act pertaining to real property owned by the County of DuPage located at the southwest corner of Bilter and Eola Roads.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith and seconded by Alderwoman Garza to approve this item. 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

Enactment No: O23-048

APPROVAL OF THE BILL SUMMARY AND LARGE BILL LIST

[23-0501](#)

Bill Summary and Large Bill List.

A motion was made by Alderman Franco and seconded by Alderwoman Garza to approve 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 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 6:59 p.m.

Submitted by:

Jennifer Stallings, City Clerk

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