



City of Aurora

City Hall - Second Floor
Council Chambers
44 East Downer Place
Aurora, IL 60505

City Council Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday

April 14, 2026

6:00 PM

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ROLL CALL

Mayor Laesch called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. and the roll was called.

Present: 11 - Alderman Daniel Barreiro, Alderwoman Juany Garza, 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 and Mayor John Laesch

Absent: 2 - Alderman Ted Mesiacos and Alderman-At-Large Will White

APPOINTMENT OF SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith and seconded by Alderman Franco to appoint a Sergeant-at-Arms for this meeting. The motion carried by voice vote and Officer Walters served as Sergeant-at-Arms for this meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderman Franco.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Laesch presented a Mayoral Proclamation to Talented Tenth Social Services and Natalie Bonner in honor of Youth Minds Matter Spirit Week.

Mayor Laesch and the City Council honored the Marmion State Swimming Champions.

Mayor Laesch and the City Council honored the Marmion State Wrestling Champions.

Alderman Bugg announced that Noah Schultz an Oswego East High School graduate, will be pitching tonight for the Chicago White Sox.

Members of the Mayor's Sustainable Aurora Advisory Board, Lisa McClellan and Mavis Bates, presented an update on the Board's Sustainability Plan.

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

[25-1050](#)

A Resolution authorizing the appointment of Marissa Martinez, Heather Shipman, and Raymond Wronkiewicz and the reappointment of Lisa McClellan and Rahman Khan Vena Mohamed to the Mayor's Sustainable Aurora Advisory Board.

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 Barriero, Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Núñez, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Bañuelos, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid and Alderman-at-Large Larson

Enactment No: R26-077

[26-0157](#)

A Resolution authorizing the appointment of Dr. Brian W. Caputo to the Deferred Compensation Administration Committee.

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

Aye: 10 - Alderman Barriero, Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Núñez, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Bañuelos, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid and Alderman-at-Large Larson

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PUBLIC COMMENT

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

1. Luis Hernandez Garcia spoke about vendors selling food outside of the schools, motorcycles and alcohol in the parks.
2. Manuel Fernando Cardoza spoke regarding exposed electrical lines and the dangers of the lines around trees.
3. Adam Pauley spoke regarding Aurora For Change, supporting the creation of a recall mechanism in the City of Aurora.
4. Todd VonOlen and Mark Strausberger (along with others) played a song and spoke regarding the Aurora Ukulele Fest on April 25th and 26th at Two Brothers Roundhouse.
5. Former Aurora Fire Chief, Gary Krienitz, spoke in opposition to hiring a Fire Chief from outside of the ranks of the Aurora Fire Department.
6. Laura Evans spoke regarding ongoing Data Center noise.
7. Greg Jackman spoke in opposition to hiring a Fire Chief from outside of the ranks of the Aurora Fire Department, door-to-door canvassing and the former Mayor.
8. Ray Hull spoke regarding hiring of the new Fire Chief and discouraged the imposition of the residency requirement for this position.

CONSENT AGENDA

The City Clerk read the Consent Agenda and the Direct to Council Consent Agendas in full. A motion was made by Alderman Saville and seconded by Alderman Franco to approve the Consent Agenda and Direct to Council Consent Agendas in full. The motion 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 Larson

[26-0008](#)

A Resolution authorizing the city to accept a grant award of \$2,000,000 from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) and to approve a Participation Agreement between the City of Aurora and Mutual Ground for renovations to the family shelter at the Mutual Ground campus.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R26-079

[26-0087](#)

A Resolution authorizing the Director of Purchasing to execute a contract with Interiors for Business in the amount of \$175,000 for furnishings at the 311 Call Center.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R26-080

[26-0105](#)

A Resolution authorizing the purchase of additional and replacement vehicles & equipment for the City of Aurora fleet for \$882,628.29.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R26-081

[26-0126](#)

A Resolution authorizing the Director of Purchasing to purchase a one-year renewal of a DocuSign Contract Lifecycle Management (CLM) subscription from Carahsoft Technology Corporation of Reston, Virginia, for an amount not to exceed \$101,455.20.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R26-082

[26-0133](#)

A Resolution authorizing the Director of Purchasing to execute a contract with Insituform in the amount of \$1,344,479.50 for the 2026 Sanitary Sewer CIPP Lining Project.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R26-083

[26-0147](#)

A Resolution to award the Liberty St., Catherine St., Beckwith St., and Solfisburg Ave. Water Main Replacement project, located in Ward 7 to Gerardi Sewer & Water, Co., in the bid amount of \$1,849,640.00.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R26-084

[26-0152](#)

A Resolution to authorize the Director of Purchasing to execute a contract with Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Aurora, IL, in the amount of \$238,100 for water main flushing.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R26-085

[26-0163](#)

A Resolution approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Aurora and Kane County for partial reimbursement of lead water service replacement as part of the Liberty St., Catherine St., Beckwith St., and Solfisburg Ave. Water Main Replacement Project located in Ward 7.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R26-086

[26-0165](#) A Resolution authorizing the Director of Purchasing to execute a contract with Structured Solutions, LLC, in the amount of \$379,690.00 for the 2026 Manhole Rehabilitation Project.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R26-087

[26-0168](#) A Resolution authorizing the Director of Purchasing to enter into agreements with Graybar Electric, EverLights, Inc., and Dominion Lighting for a combined amount not to exceed \$200,000 for the purchase of lighting materials for various locations throughout the city.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R26-088

[26-0173](#) A Resolution authorizing the City of Aurora and Fox Valley Park District to enter into a non-exclusive license to use the FVPD Parcel located at 600 S. River St. for a parking lot for an initial term of ten years, with the option to be renewed for up to three successive five-year terms.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R26-089

[26-0181](#) A Resolution amending a Retainer Agreement for Engineering Services with Crawford, Murphy and Tilly, Inc. and also approving a not-to-exceed Planning and Special Services Agreement in the amount of \$400,400 for the Update Airport Layout Plan with Narrative Report (Airfield Geometry Study) Project ARR- 5273 with Crawford, Murphy and Tilly, Inc.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda

Enactment No: R26-090

DIRECT TO COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA

[26-0210](#) Approval of the Minutes of the Tuesday, March 24, 2026, City Council Meeting.

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

[26-0218](#) A Resolution approving reduction No. 01 for Mass Grading for Data Center Campus, 2835 Bilter Rd.

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

Enactment No: R26-091

[26-0219](#)

A Resolution approving reduction No. 01 for Data Center Campus, 2835 Bilter Rd.

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

Enactment No: R26-092

[26-0235](#)

A Resolution accepting the improvements and waiving the maintenance security for Loading Dock Addition, 948 Meridian Lake Dr.

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

Enactment No: R26-093

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There were no items of Unfinished Business.

NEW BUSINESS

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

[26-0197](#)

A motion authorizing and directing Corporation Counsel to execute the completion of a settlement agreement in Wagner, et al. v. City of Aurora, et al., case number 2025 LA 000213, in the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit, Kane County, Illinois.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Garza and seconded by Alderman Saville to approve this item. The motion 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 Larson

REPORT

There were no reports given at this meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE BILL SUMMARY AND LARGE BILL LIST

[26-0243](#)

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

CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith and seconded by Alderwoman Garza to adjourn the Open Session of this meeting to Closed Session pursuant to Sec. 2(c)(11) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss pending litigation. The motion carried by the following vote and the Open Session of this meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m.:

Aye: 10 - Alderman Barriero, Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Núñez, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Bañuelos, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid and Alderman-at-Large Larson

The Closed Session meeting was called to order at 7:12 p.m. and discussions were held pursuant to Sec. 2(c)(11) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss pending litigation. The Closed Session meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

ADJOURN

Submitted by:

Jennifer Stallings, City Clerk

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