



City of Aurora

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

City Council Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday

September 12, 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 6:01 p.m. and the roll was called.

Alderman Bugg was absent for roll call but arrived at the meeting at 6:07 p.m.

Present: 13 - Alderman Emmanuel Llamas, 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, 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 Alderman Tolliver.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was led by Alderman Donnell.

MAYOR'S OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS PRESENTATIONS

There was no report presented at this meeting.

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

[23-0638](#)

A Resolution approving the appointment of Sumera Galvez to the Human Relations Commission.

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 Llamas, Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Tolliver, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid, Alderman Laesch, Alderman Woerman

Enactment No: R23-252

[23-0640](#)

A Resolution approving the appointment of David Pedersen to the Bicycle, Pedestrian, & Transit Advisory 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: 12 - Alderman Llamas, Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Tolliver, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid, Alderman Laesch, Alderman Woerman

Enactment No: R23-253

[23-0641](#)

A Resolution approving the appointments of Adwik Panda and Sai Sravya Yetukuri to the Aurora Youth Council.

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

Aye: 12 - Alderman Llamas, Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Tolliver, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid, Alderman Laesch, Alderman Woerman

Enactment No: R23-254

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

1. Angela Collier spoke regarding grants and expressed her appreciation.
2. Sandra Bails spoke regarding Samuel's Place.
3. Joyce Reeves spoke regarding Hesed House.

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 Direct to Council Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 12 - Alderman Llamas, Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Tolliver, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid, Alderman Laesch and Alderman Woerman

[23-0260](#)

A Resolution authorizing the Director of Purchasing to enter into an agreement to replace the Central Fire Station, bay floor Heaters with Artlip and Sons, Inc in the amount of \$79,819.00.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R23-255

[23-0584](#)

A Resolution to purchase ten (10) Self Contained Breathing Apparatus from Municipal Emergency Services for \$100,080.00.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R23-256

[23-0605](#)

A Resolution authorizing an Agreement with Humana to Administer a Medicare Advantage Plan for Medicare Eligible Retirees for the Period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R23-257

[23-0606](#)

A Resolution establishing Blue Cross Blue Shield Advantage HMO (BCBS) for Group Health Care Services for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R23-258

[23-0607](#)

A Resolution establishing OAP and Value HSA(HDHP) Health Insurance Plans and Rates Effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R23-259

[23-0608](#)

A Resolution Establishing Health and Dental Insurance Monthly Rates of Contributions for Pre-Medicare Retirees Effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R23-260

[23-0616](#)

A Resolution authorizing Agreement for Administrative Services with Cigna Health and Life Insurance Company (Cigna) for PPO and Value HSA(HDHP) Group Health, Prescription Benefits Management (PBM), Flexible Spending, Dental, Vision, C.O.B.R.A. and Stop Loss Plan Administration for period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R23-261

[23-0618](#)

A Resolution authorizing the Ward 1 Business Grant Program 50/50 match up to \$5,000.00 per project per year for any qualifying businesses for the purpose of upgrading or improving the exterior of their property.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R23-262

[23-0623](#)

A Resolution establishing C.O.B.R.A. Insurance Monthly Rates Effective January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R23-263

[23-0630](#)

An Ordinance authorizing the purchase of 3.16 ac property located at 7S330 Eola Road to facilitate the construction of a new Fire Station #9.

This Ordinance was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: O23-056

[23-0634](#)

An Ordinance Amending "Chapter 25, Article XI, Sec. 25-266" of the Code of Ordinances.

This Ordinance was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: O23-057

[23-0635](#)

A Resolution to approve Change Order #1 with Geneva Construction Co. in the amount of \$160,000.00 for the Spruce Street Watermain Repair and additional City-Wide Resurfacing Project costs.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R23-264

[23-0639](#)

A Resolution authorizing the Director of Purchasing to enter into a professional services agreement with Olea Networks, Inc. DBA Olea Edge Analytics, Bee Cave, TX for large water meter sensor and analytical services in the amount of \$285,300.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R23-265

[23-0642](#)

A Resolution Authorizing a Contract with Performance Construction & Engineering, LLC, 217 W. John Street, Plano, IL 60545 in the amount of eight hundred fifty-eight thousand, eight hundred seventy-eight dollars and zero cents (\$858,878.00) for the East Park Ave & South Ave Sewer Separation & Water Main Replacement project located in Wards 3 & 4.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R23-266

[23-0651](#)

A Resolution authorizing the Director of Purchasing to execute a contract with Tatisco, Inc., Yorkville, IL in the amount of \$219,179.90, for the installation of new River Railing near the west Benton Street Bridge and replacement of deteriorated railing near the Tivoli Plaza.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R23-267

[23-0655](#)

A Resolution increasing the authorized amount due to the Illinois Department of Transportation for the City's share of the IL Route 34 Grade Crossing Structure over the CN RR project to \$320,509.59.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R23-268

[23-0675](#)

A Resolution authorizing the Director of Purchasing to accept per ton dump fees from Rochelle Landfill for the disposal of non-special and special excavated spoils.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R23-269

[23-0693](#)

A Resolution authorizing Sun Life Insurance to provide life insurance services for January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R23-270

DIRECT TO COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA

[23-0053](#)

A Resolution accepting the improvements and waiving the maintenance security for Village Bible Church Parking Lot Improvement, 1401 W Galena Blvd.

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

Enactment No: R23-271

[23-0676](#)

A Resolution accepting the improvements and waiving the maintenance security for West Aurora Plaza Resubdivision, West Galena Bl between Redwood Dr and East of N. Constitution Dr.

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

Enactment No: R23-272

[23-0707](#)

A Resolution accepting the improvements and maintenance security for Sullivan Road Industrial, 2200 W. Sullivan Rd.

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

Enactment No: R23-273

[23-0708](#)

A Resolution accepting the improvements and maintenance security for Aurora University - New Dormitory, 398 S Evanslawn Av.

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

Enactment No: R23-274

[23-0711](#)

A Resolution accepting the improvements and maintenance security for Jet Brite Car Wash, 1427 N. Farnsworth.

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

Enactment No: R23-275

[23-0712](#)

Approval of the Minutes of the Tuesday, August 22, 2023, City Council Meeting.

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

[23-0722](#)

A Resolution accepting the improvements and waiving the maintenance security for EASD Adventure Program, 1480 Reckinger Rd.

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

Enactment No: R23-276

[23-0727](#)

Approval of the Minutes of the Tuesday, September 5, 2023, Special City Council Meeting.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

[23-0636](#)

An Ordinance Establishing a Conditional Use Planned Development, Approving the 110 Cross Street 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 DF Downtown Fringe District for the property located at 110 Cross Street and 213 S. River Street

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith and seconded by Alderman Saville 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, Alderman Tolliver, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid and Alderman Woerman

Nay: 1 - Alderman Laesch

Enactment No: O23-058

[23-0637](#)

A Resolution Approving a Final Plan for property located at 110 Cross Street for a Restaurant/Food and Beverage Services (2500) Use and Multi-Family Dwelling (1140) Use

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, Alderman Tolliver, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid and Alderman Woerman

Nay: 1 - Alderman Laesch

Enactment No: R23-277

[23-0647](#)

A Resolution authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to enter into an amended contract not to exceed the amount of \$6,246,715.00 with Axon Enterprises, Inc for the continued support of body-worn and in-squad cameras, TASERS, and an associated suite of related services provided by Axon Enterprises for the Aurora Police Department.

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, Alderman Tolliver, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid and Alderman Woerman

Nay: 1 - Alderman Laesch

Enactment No: R23-278

[23-0682](#)

An Ordinance Approving the City of Aurora River Vine Tax Increment Financing District Redevelopment Project Area Redevelopment Plan and Project.

Chris Minick, Chief Financial Officer - City of Aurora, presented and 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 Alderman Saville 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, Alderman Tolliver, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid and Alderman Woerman

Nay: 1 - Alderman Laesch

Enactment No: O23-059

[23-0681](#)

An Ordinance Designating the River Vine Tax Increment Financing District Redevelopment Project Area.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith and seconded by Alderman Saville 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, Alderman Tolliver, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid and Alderman Woerman

Nay: 1 - Alderman Laesch

Enactment No: O23-060

[23-0683](#)

An Ordinance adopting Tax Increment Financing for the City of Aurora River Vine Tax Increment Financing District.

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, Alderman Tolliver, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid and Alderman Woerman

Nay: 1 - Alderman Laesch

Enactment No: O23-061

[23-0685](#)

An Ordinance Approving the City of Aurora Cross Street Tax Increment Financing District Redevelopment Project Area Redevelopment Plan and Project.

A motion was made by Alderman Saville 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, Alderman Tolliver, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid and Alderman Woerman

Nay: 1 - Alderman Laesch

Enactment No: O23-062

[23-0684](#)

An Ordinance Designating the City of Aurora Cross Street Tax Increment Financing District Redevelopment Project Area.

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, Alderman Tolliver, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid and Alderman Woerman

Nay: 1 - Alderman Laesch

Enactment No: O23-063

[23-0686](#)

An Ordinance Adopting Tax Increment Financing For The City Of Aurora Cross Street Tax Increment Financing District.

Chris Minick, Chief Financial 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: 11 - Alderman Llamas, Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Tolliver, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid and Alderman Woerman

Nay: 1 - Alderman Laesch

Enactment No: O23-064

[23-0687](#)

A Resolution ratifying the Purchase of Upgraded SCADA System Software for the Water Production Division.

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

Aye: 12 - Alderman Llamas, Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Tolliver, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid, Alderman Laesch and Alderman Woerman

Enactment No: R23-279

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: 12 - Alderman Llamas, Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Tolliver, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid, Alderman Laesch, Alderman Woerman

[23-0723](#)

A Resolution Granting the Advice and Consent of the City Council to the Mayor's Appointment of Alderperson Brandon Tolliver to the standing committees of the City 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: 12 - Alderman Llamas, Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Tolliver, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid, Alderman Laesch and Alderman Woerman

Enactment No: R23-280

REPORT

There were no reports at this meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE BILL SUMMARY AND LARGE BILL LIST

[23-0737](#)

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: 12 - Alderman Llamas, Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Tolliver, 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 Alderwoman Smith and seconded by Alderman Mesiacos to adjourn this meeting. The motion carried by voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Submitted by:

Jennifer Stallings, City Clerk

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