



# City of Aurora

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

## City Council Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday

January 09, 2024

6:00 PM

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**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

Alderwoman Garza called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and the roll was called.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith and seconded by Alderwoman Baid to allow Alderman Llamas, Alderman Saville and Alderman Bugg to participate in this meeting remotely. The motion carried by voice vote and Alderman Llamas, Alderman Saville and Alderman Bugg participated in this meeting remotely.

Alderman Bugg was experiencing technical difficulties at the time the roll was called, however, Alderman Bugg was able to access the meeting shortly after the meeting was called to order and was, therefore, marked as present for this meeting.

As Mayor Pro Tem Saville was ill and participating in the meeting remotely, Mayor Pro Tem Saville appointed Alderman Franco to preside over the meeting.

**Present:** 12 - 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 and Alderman Ron Woerman

**Absent:** 1 - 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 Dispensa 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 Donnell.

## MAYOR'S OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS PRESENTATIONS

Clayton Muhammad, Chief Communications and Equity Officer - City of Aurora, presented regarding recent and upcoming events in the City of Aurora.

The Mayor's Award of Excellence was presented to Ruthy Harris, Property Standards Division Director, and the Property Standards Division for being named the 2023 Illinois Association of Code Enforcement's Code Agency of the Year.

The Mayor's Award of Excellence was presented to Roseann Hernandez, Fire Department Office Coordinator, for being named the 2023 Illinois Fire Services Administrative Professional of the Year by the Illinois Fire Service Administrative Professionals and the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

The City Clerk read the Rules of Public Comment and Senayit Aukbamichael presented comments in support of the casino TIF.

## CONSENT AGENDA

The City Clerk read the Consent Agenda and Direct to Council Consent Agenda in full.

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:** 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

[23-0991](#)

A Resolution authorizing the award of a contract for the 2024 citywide Sanitary Sewer CIPP Lining Project to Hoerr Construction Inc., in the bid amount of one million one hundred forty-eight thousand four hundred seventy-eight dollars and zero cents (\$1,148,478.00).

**This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.**

Enactment No: R24-001

[23-0994](#)

A Resolution authorizing the Director of Purchasing to enter into an agreement with Donegal Services LLC, 13011 Grant Road, Lemont, IL 60439 in the amount of \$56,050 for Building Demolition at 14 S. LaSalle Street.

**This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.**

Enactment No: R24-002

[23-1013](#)

A Resolution authorizing the purchase of a turf maintenance sprayer, from Reinders Inc., through Sourcewell, for \$109,819.86.

**This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.**

Enactment No: R24-003

[23-1020](#)

A Resolution authorizing the Director of Purchasing to execute a professional services agreement with Walker Consultants in the amount of \$93,470 for a Downtown Parking Study.

**This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.**

Enactment No: R24-004

[23-1022](#)

A Resolution authorizing the Director of Purchasing to adopt unit prices for the purchase of Sensus Water Meters.

**This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.**

Enactment No: R24-005

### **DIRECT TO COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA**

[23-0397](#)

A Resolution accepting the improvements and maintenance security for Laurelton Place, Whitethorn Drive.

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

Enactment No: R24-006

[23-1046](#)

Approval of the Minutes of the Tuesday, December 12, 2023, City Council Meeting.

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

[23-1052](#)

Approval of the Minutes of the Tuesday, December 19, 2023, City Council Meeting.

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

[23-1053](#)

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

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

[24-0006](#)

A Resolution accepting the improvements and maintenance security for New Warehouse, 2655 Orchard Gateway Rd.

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

Enactment No: R24-007

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

[23-0882](#)

A Resolution to provide annual true-up to Scientel Solutions LLC., 2021 N Eola Rd, Aurora, IL 60502, for Preventive Maintenance & Support of City-wide CCTV for a total of \$71,765.00.

**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: R24-008

[23-0883](#)

A Resolution to provide annual true-up to Scientel Solutions LLC., 2021 N Eola Rd, Aurora, IL 60502, for Network Infrastructure Managed Services of city-wide network infrastructure for an amount not to exceed \$139,050.

**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: R24-009

[23-0973](#)

An Ordinance Making Minor Amendments to the First Amendment to the Redevelopment Plan and Project for the City of Aurora West Farnsworth Tax Increment Financing District No. 7.

**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: O24-001

[23-1006](#)

An Ordinance Approving a First Amendment to the City of Aurora West Farnsworth Tax Increment Financing District No.7 Redevelopment Project Area Plan and Project.

**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: O24-002

[23-1007](#)

An Ordinance Designating the City of Aurora West Farnsworth Tax Increment Financing District No. 7 Amended 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: O24-003

[23-1008](#)

An Ordinance Adopting Tax Increment Financing for the City of Aurora West Farnsworth Tax Increment Financing District No. 7 Amended 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: O24-004

[23-1044](#)

A Resolution Authorizing the Provision of America Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for Aurora Civic Center Authority (ACCA) in the amount of \$4,500,000 for 2024.

*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:** 11 - Alderman Llamas, Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Tolliver, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid and Alderman Woerman

**Abstain:** 1 - Alderman Laesch

Enactment No: R24-010

## NEW BUSINESS

**A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith and seconded by Alderwoman Garza to suspend the rules to hear items of 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 and Alderman Woerman

[24-0007](#)

A Resolution approving the appointment of Viviana Ramirez as Chief Community Services Officer.

**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 Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Tolliver, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid, Alderman Laesch and Alderman Woerman

**Nay:** 1 - Alderman Mesiacos

Enactment No: R24-011

[24-0008](#)

A Resolution approving the appointment of Antonio Martinez as Chief Communications & Marketing Officer.

**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: R24-012

## REPORT

[24-0011](#)

Treasurer's Report - November 2023

*Chris Minick, Chief Financial Officer - City of Aurora, presented and responded to questions regarding the November 2023 Treasurer's Report.*

**The November 2023 Treasurer's Report was accepted and filed.**

## APPROVAL OF THE BILL SUMMARY AND LARGE BILL LIST

[24-0010](#)

Bill Summary and Large Bill List.

**A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith 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.*

## ADJOURN

**A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith and seconded by Alderwoman Garza to adjourn this meeting. The motion carried by voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.**

Submitted by:

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Jennifer Stallings, City Clerk

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