



City of Aurora

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

Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday

February 17, 2026

5:00 PM

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ROLL CALL

Mayor Laesch called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. and the roll was called. Alderman Mesiacos left the meeting during his recusal from item 26-0068 near the end of the meeting.

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 J. Bugg, Alderwoman Shweta Baid, Alderman-At-Large Keith Larson, Alderman-At-Large Will White, and Mayor John Laesch

MINUTES OF THE TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2026 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

[26-0082](#)

Approval of the Minutes of the Tuesday, February 3, 2026, Committee of the Whole Meeting.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith and seconded by Alderwoman Garza to approve and file the minutes as presented. The motion carried by voice vote.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Jon Zaghloul, Communications Manager - City of Aurora, presented updates regarding the following:

1. Mayor Laesch presented the Mayor's Award of Excellence to Illinois State Scholars from East Aurora High School. D131 Superintendent Dr. Robert Halverson made remarks in honor of the students.
2. Mayor Laesch presented a Mayoral Proclamation in honor of Black History Month, 2026 surrounded by City Staff, members of the Aurora African American Heritage Board and the members of City Council. City employee LaShon Harden, Central Services, was also honored.
3. Bob Leible, Superintendent of Water Production - City of Aurora, presented an update regarding the City's Orthophosphate Implementation in the City of Aurora Water Supply.
4. Amy Munroe, Community Services - City of Aurora, presented an overview of the City of Aurora's 2026 Grant Programs administered through the Community Development Division.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

1. Senayit spoke regarding the recent student school walkouts in protest of ICE.
2. Paula Helberg spoke regarding landscape installation violations at Lincoln Prairie by Del Webb/Pulte Homes.
3. Suzi Smith spoke regarding the public right-of-way easement for Lincoln Prairie by Del Webb's/Pulte Homes private pathway systems.
4. Barbie Sawyer spoke regarding Lincoln Prairie by Del Webb's/Pulte Homes plans for a gated community.
5. Jennifer Volpe spoke regarding concerns with Lincoln Prairie by Del Webb/Pulte Homes.
6. Manuel Fernando Cardoza spoke regarding a proposed Civilian Council to bridge the gap between the City and residents, specifically, relating to demonstrations and protests.
7. Curtis Wilson spoke regarding the Music, Events and Entertainment (MEE) Commission and presented the entertainment list developed by the MEE Commission to help upcoming talent make connections.

**REPORT OF THE
BUILDING, ZONING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**The Building, Zoning and Economic Development Committee Met On February 11,
2026 and Reviewed the Following Items:**

[25-1047](#)

A Resolution Approving a Preliminary Plan and Plats for Lincoln Prairie by Del Webb Subdivision, Phase 4A and 4B on vacant land located at the northeast corner of Del Webb Boulevard and US Route 30

Attorney Russ Whitaker, Rosanova and Whitaker, presented on behalf of Pulte Group regarding Aurora Lincoln Prairie by Del Webb Subdivision.

Jill Morgan, Senior Planner - City of Aurora, responded to questions.

Yordana Wysocki, Corporation Counsel - City of Aurora, explained the public easement relating to the subject property.

Tracey Vacek, Director of Zoning & Planning - City of Aurora, explained the timeline of landscaping inspections on the subject property.

A representative of Pulte Homes explained the status of the landscaping requirements.

(PLACED ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS)

[25-1048](#)

A Resolution Approving the Final Plat for Lincoln Prairie by Del Webb Subdivision, Phase 4A on vacant land located at the northeast corner of Del Webb Boulevard and US Route 30

(PLACED ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS)

[25-1049](#)

A Resolution Approving the Final Plat for Lincoln Prairie by Del Webb Subdivision, Phase 4B on vacant land located at the northeast corner of Del Webb Boulevard and US Route 30

(PLACED ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS)

[25-1053](#)

A Resolution Approving a Final Plan for Lincoln Prairie by Del Webb Subdivision, Phase 4A and 4B, located at the northeast corner of Del Webb Boulevard and US Route 30 for a One Family Dwelling (1110) Use

(PLACED ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS)

**REPORT OF THE
FINANCE COMMITTEE**

The Finance Committee Met On February 12, 2026 and Reviewed the Following Items:

- [26-0061](#) A Resolution Authorizing the City of Aurora to enter an Intergovernmental Agreement with Will County that will allow the City of Aurora to host electronic recycling events.
(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)
- [26-0081](#) An Ordinance Amending the Ward 6 Budget for Fiscal Year 2026.
(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)
- [26-0086](#) An Ordinance Amending the Ward 10 Budget for Fiscal Year 2026.
(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)
- [26-0089](#) An Ordinance amending the Ward 4 budget for Fiscal Year 2026.
(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

**REPORT OF THE
PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

**The Public Health, Safety and Transportation Committee Met On February 10, 2026
and Reviewed the Following Items:**

- [25-1007](#) A Resolution authorizing the Director of Purchasing or her designee to pay Invoice #S0035939 to Waubensee Community College in the amount of \$22,058.29 for Emergency Medical Technician Paramedic Education.
(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)
- [25-1034](#) A Resolution authorizing the city to approve a resolution authorizing the city to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the DuPage County Department of Community Services to formalize a partnership for ensuring a central access point for providing basic health and human services for Aurora residents living in DuPage County
(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

**REPORT OF THE
INFRASTRUCTURE & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**

**The Infrastructure & Technology Committee Met On February 9, 2026 and Reviewed
the Following Items:**

- [26-0007](#) A Resolution to adopt unit prices submitted by Utility Dynamics Corporation, Oswego, IL for 2026 Electrical Services.
(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)
- [26-0023](#) A Resolution authorizing the Director of Purchasing to execute a three-year contract with M.E. Simpson Company, Inc., in the amount of \$267,225 for water system leak detection services.
(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)
- [26-0027](#) A Resolution to execute a two-year \$263,000 contract with Fehr Graham & Associates, LLC for NPDES compliance and environmental sampling.
(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)
- [26-0034](#) A Resolution to award a contract with Fehr Graham and Associates, LLC in the amount of \$242,000 for the 2026 Annual Manhole Inspections located throughout the City of Aurora, with the option to extend for a second year upon mutual agreement.
(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)
- [26-0044](#) A Resolution authorizing the Director of Purchasing to enter into agreement with Mid-American Elevator Company, Inc. for elevator maintenance and testing services for City facilities.
(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)
- [26-0049](#) A Resolution to award a contract to Era-Valdivia Contractors, Inc., for the Church Road Elevated Water Storage Tank Rehabilitation project in the amount of \$1,861,150.00 for the Water Production Division.
(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)
- [26-0052](#) A Resolution authorizing the award of a contract to supply Dipotassium Orthophosphate for the Water Production Division.
(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)
- [26-0069](#) A Resolution to enter into an agreement with Hoerr Construction, Inc in the amount of \$460,535 for the 2026 Sewer Televising annual contract.
(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

[26-0071](#) A Resolution authorizing the execution of an Engineering Services contract with Thomas Engineering Group, LLC of Aurora in an amount not to exceed \$168,890 to design a sound wall to replace the existing wooden fence along Orchard Road.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

[26-0084](#) A Resolution authorizing the Director of Purchasing to execute a contract with Interiors for Business in the amount of \$307,000 for furnishings at RiverEdge Park.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

REPORT OF THE RULES, ADMINISTRATION AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE

The Rules, Administration and Procedure Committee Met On February 3, 2026 and Reviewed the Following Items:

[26-0073](#) Discussion on the Civilian Review Board.

(INFORMATION ONLY)

HELD

[25-0779](#) An Ordinance amending and adding Sections 2-185, 15-130, 15-320, 15-321, 15-322, and 15-354 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Aurora pertaining to the disclosure of economic interests, campaign contributions, lobbying, and the use of City property and the City seal.

(HELD)

Alderman Smith asked to hold this item at COW or return this item to RAP. Alderman Núñez seconded Alderman Smith's request. Without objection, Mayor Laesch held this item at COW until March 3, 2026.

NEW BUSINESS

[26-0065](#) A Resolution Authorizing Approval of the 2026 Annual Action Plan and Substantial Amendment 2026-#1.

Amy Munro, Coordinator of Development - City of Aurora, presented.

Chris Ragona, Director of Community Services - City of Aurora, presented.

(PLACED ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS)

Alderman Núñez recused himself and left City Council Chambers during the discussion of this item. Alderman Núñez returned to City Council Chambers at the conclusion of the discussion of this item.

[26-0066](#)

A Resolution Approving the 2026 Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) Grants in the Amount of \$203,000.

Amy Munro, Coordinator of Development - City of Aurora, presented.

Chris Ragona, Director of Community Services - City of Aurora, presented.

(PLACED ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS)

Alderman Mesiacos recused himself and left City Council Chambers during the discussion of this item. Alderman Mesiacos returned to City Council Chambers at the conclusion of the discussion of this item.

[26-0067](#)

A Resolution Approving Project Recommendations Funded from Year Two of the Aurora Affordable Housing Fund in the Amount of \$550,000.

Amy Munro, Coordinator of Development - City of Aurora, presented.

Chris Ragona, Director of Community Services - City of Aurora, presented.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

[26-0068](#)

A Resolution Approving the 2026 Quality of Life Grants in the Amount of \$863,000.

Amy Munro, Coordinator of Development - City of Aurora, presented.

Chris Ragona, Director of Community Services - City of Aurora, presented.

(PLACED ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS)

Alderman Barreiro, Alderman Mesiacos and Alderman Bugg recused themselves and left City Council Chambers during the discussion of this item. Alderman Barreiro and Alderman Bugg returned to City Council Chambers at the conclusion of the discussion of this item. Alderman Mesiacos did not return to the meeting at the conclusion of the discussion of this item.

[26-0094](#)

A Resolution approving the appointment of Michele Clark as Chief Human Resource Officer.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

[26-0095](#)

A Resolution approving the appointment of Theodore Van De Sampel as Emergency Management Coordinator.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

[26-0096](#)

A Resolution approving the appointment of Josue Alcaraz as Director of Property Standards.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

CLOSED SESSION

There was no need for a Closed Session.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith and seconded by Alderman Saville to adjourn this meeting. The motion carried by voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Submitted by:

Jennifer Stallings, City Clerk

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