



City of Aurora

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

City Council Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday
July 23, 2024
6:00 PM

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ROLL CALL

Mayor Irvin called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. and the roll was called.

Present: 11 - Alderwoman Juany Garza, Alderman Ted Mesiacos, Alderman Bill Donnell, Alderman Carl Franco, Alderman Mike Saville, Alderman Brandon Tolliver, Alderwoman Patty Smith, Alderwoman Shweta Baid, Alderman John Laesch, Alderman Ron Woerman and Mayor Richard Irvin
Absent: 2 - Alderman Emmanuel Llamas and Alderman Edward Bugg

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 Officers Soderlund and Waid served as Sergeant-at-Arms for this meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by members of the 2024 ARPCC Miss Puerto Rico and Little Miss Puerto Rico Pageant Court.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was presented by Clayton Muhammad, Chief Communications Officer - City of Aurora.

MAYOR'S OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Irvin presented a Proclamation to members of the Aurora Puerto Rican Cultural Council (APRCC) in honor of Aurora Puerto Rican Heritage Week, Monday, July 22 - Sunday, July 28, 2024.

Mayor Irvin presented the Mayor's Award of Youth Excellence to members of the 2024 ARPCC Miss Puerto Rico and Little Miss Puerto Rico Pageant Court.

Mayor Irvin presented the Mayor's Award of Excellence to the following City Staff members recognizing them for over 30 years of service to the City of Aurora:

1. Cheryl Salinas was recognized and thanked for 30 years of service to the City of Aurora.
2. Laura Schindel was recognized and thanked for 35 years of service to the City of Aurora.
3. Lori Foust was recognized and thanked for 37 years of service to the City of Aurora.

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

[24-0483](#)

A Resolution authorizing the reappointments of Brian Failing, Fernando Castrejon, and Clara Diaz to the FoxWalk Overlay District Design Review Committee.

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

Aye: 10 - Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Tolliver, Alderwoman Smith, Alderwoman Baid, Alderman Laesch, Alderman Woerman

Enactment No: R24-242

[24-0487](#)

A Resolution approving the reappointments of Megan Paul and Rafael Blanco to the Aurora Public Art Commission.

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

Enactment No: R24-243

[24-0491](#)

A Resolution approving the appointment of Daniel Olvera to the Aurora Veteran's Advisory Council (AVAC).

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

Enactment No: R24-244

[24-0495](#)

A Resolution approving the reappointment of Ald. Bill Donnell to the Aurora Area Convention and Visitors Bureau Board (AACVB).

Alderman Donnell recused himself from the discussion and vote on 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: 9 - Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Tolliver, Alderwoman Smith, Alderwoman Baid, Alderman Laesch and Alderman Woerman

Enactment No: R24-245

[24-0496](#)

A Resolution approving the reappointment of Brennen Roberts, Ivan Chambers, and Donald Pilmer to the Aurora Planning and Zoning Commission.

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

Enactment No: R24-246

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

1. Rick Lawrence spoke regarding ethics.
2. Curtis Wilson spoke regarding several topics including support for the Council and the Civilian Review Board.

CONSENT AGENDA

The City Clerk read the Consent Agenda and the Direct to Council Consent Agenda in full. A motion was made by Alderman Franco and seconded by Alderwoman Garza to approve the Consent Agenda and the Direct to Council Consent Agenda as read. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 10 - Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Tolliver, Alderwoman Smith, Alderwoman Baid, Alderman Laesch and Alderman Woerman

[24-0080](#)

A Resolution authorizing the use of Cipher Technology Solutions as the City's primary low-voltage cabling vendor in total aggregate amount not to exceed \$100,000.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R24-247

[24-0471](#)

A Resolution establishing the maximum number of Class D: Downtown Core On-Site Consumption liquor licenses (unofficially related to the application from River Street Italian, Inc. d/b/a Giardino Pizzeria and Trattoria at 12 N River St, Aurora). [Ward 2]

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R24-248

[24-0472](#)

A Resolution establishing the maximum number of Class D: Downtown Core On-Site Consumption liquor licenses (unofficially related to the application from River Street Bistro, Inc. d/b/a Touche French Creole at 6 N River St, Aurora). [Ward 2]

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R24-249

[24-0505](#)

An Ordinance establishing the Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Advisory Board (AANPI) Under Chapter 2, Article VI of the Code of Ordinances.

This Ordinance was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: O24-041

[24-0508](#)

A Resolution to award the Keating Drive Water Main Improvements project located in Ward 9 to Performance Construction & Engineering LLC in the bid amount of \$647,770.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R24-250

[24-0511](#)

A Resolution establishing the maximum number of Class D: Fox Valley Mall Entertainment District liquor licenses (unofficially related to the application from Bit Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Bit Theater at 4034 Fox Valley Center Drive, Aurora). [Ward 10]

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R24-251

[24-0513](#)

A Resolution to Award the Contract for the Benton Street and Water Street Intersection Improvements to Landmark Contractors, Inc., 11916 W. Main St., Huntley, IL 60142 in the amount of \$492,293.00.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R24-252

[24-0515](#)

A Resolution authorizing the Director of Purchasing to execute an agreement with R.C. Wegman in an amount not to exceed \$4,148,794 for construction management services and the first bid package for the RiverEdge Park Phase II Expansion.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R24-253

[24-0527](#)

A Resolution approving the appointment of Kevin Nickel as Deputy Fire Chief.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

At the conclusion of the vote on the Consent Agenda and Direct to Council Consent Agenda, Mayor Irvin administered the Oath of Office to the newly appointed Deputy Fire Chief Kevin Nickel and the Oath of Office was signed and filed with the City Clerk.

Enactment No: R24-254

DIRECT TO COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA

[24-0533](#)

A Resolution accepting the improvements and waiving the maintenance security for Samaritan's Purse- Parking Expansion, 800 N. Commerce St.

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

Enactment No: R24-255

[24-0545](#)

Approval of the Minutes of the Tuesday, July 9, 2024, City Council Meeting.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

[24-0501](#)

A Resolution authorizing Aurora Sign Company to fabricate and install a new 4-side projection sign on to the City Hall facility for \$121,825.65, with a ten percent (10%) Contingency of \$12,182.56.

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

Aye: 10 - Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Tolliver, Alderwoman Smith, Alderwoman Baid, Alderman Laesch and Alderman Woerman

Enactment No: R24-256

[24-0516](#)

An Ordinance Annexing a portion of railroad property located east of Gordon Road and West of Orchard Road, in Sugar Grove Township, Kane County, Illinois to the City of Aurora pursuant to 65 ILCS 5/7-1-8

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

Aye: 9 - Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Tolliver, Alderwoman Smith, Alderwoman Baid and Alderman Woerman

Nay: 1 - Alderman Laesch

Enactment No: O24-042

[24-0517](#)

An Ordinance Annexing property generally bounded by the Kane County Forest Preserve to the east, ComEd utility right-of-way to the west, Progressive Baptist Church to the north, and the BNSF Railway to the south, in Sugar Grove Township, Kane County, Illinois, to the City of Aurora pursuant to 65 ILCS 5/7-1-13

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

Aye: 9 - Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Tolliver, Alderwoman Smith, Alderwoman Baid and Alderman Woerman

Nay: 1 - Alderman Laesch

Enactment No: O24-043

[24-0528](#)

A Resolution Approving a forgivable loan to Carniceria El Paso Grande Corp and the Rodriguez Family, to assist in the opening their facility at 2134 West Galena Boulevard.

David Dibo, Director of Economic Development - City of Aurora, presented regarding this item.

Chris Minick, Chief Financial Officer - City of Aurora, presented regarding this item.

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

Aye: 9 - Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Tolliver, Alderwoman Smith, Alderwoman Baid and Alderman Woerman

Nay: 1 - Alderman Laesch

Enactment No: R24-257

APPROVAL OF THE BILL SUMMARY AND LARGE BILL LIST

[24-0554](#)

Bill Summary and Large Bill List.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith and seconded by Alderman Franco to approve and pay the bills as presented. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 10 - Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Tolliver, Alderwoman Smith, Alderwoman Baid, Alderman Laesch and Alderman Woerman

CLOSED SESSION

There was no need for a Closed Session.

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 6:48 p.m.

Submitted by:

Jennifer Stallings, City Clerk

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