



City of Aurora

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL
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44 East Downer Place
Aurora, IL

City Council Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday
May 26, 2020
5:00 PM

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ACCESSED, AND TOPIC OF THEIR COMMENT. THE PUBLIC IS ADVISED THAT ALL
TELEPHONE NUMBERS AND PARTICIPANT NAMES MAY BE VISIBLE TO THE PUBLIC.**

ROLL CALL

Mayor Irvin called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. and the roll was called. Due to technical difficulties, Alderman Hart-Burns entered the meeting at approximately 5:08 p.m.

Mayor Irvin gave notice consistent with Executive Order 2020-32 that an in-person meeting of the City Council on May 26, 2020 was neither practical nor prudent and that it was not feasible for members of the public to attend this meeting in person at City Hall or feasible to require that any person be physically present in the Council Chambers during this meeting.

Present: 13 - Alderman Emmanuel Llamas, Alderman Juany Garza, Alderman Ted Mesiacos, Alderman Bill Donnell, Alderman Carl Franco, Alderman Mike Saville, Alderman Scheketa Hart-Burns, Alderman Patty Smith, Alderman Edward Bugg, Alderman Judd Lofchie, Alderman Sherman Jenkins, Alderman Bob O'Connor and Mayor Richard Irvin

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

The invocation was presented by Alderman O'Connor.

MINUTES OF THE TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2020 SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

[20-0289](#)

Approval of the Minutes of the Tuesday, May 12, 2020 Special City Council Meeting.

A motion was made by Alderman Jenkins and seconded by Alderman Saville to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 11 - Alderman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Hart-Burns, Alderman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderman Lofchie, Alderman Jenkins and Alderman O'Connor

Abstain: 1 - Alderman Llamas

PRESENTATIONS

1. *An update on the STABLE Fund was provided by Bryan Gay - President & CEO of Invest Aurora along with Noelia Ruiz, Karina Garcia, and Adrienne Holloway. Staff responded to questions from City Council.*

2. *A presentation, "City of Aurora COVID-19 Financial Contingency Planning Update" was provided by Marty Lyons, Chief Financial Officer - City of Aurora. Mr. Lyons answered questions from City Council.*

3. *A presentation, "Activate Aurora Update" was provided by Trevor Dick, Mayor's Office of Economic Development - City of Aurora. Mr. Dick answered questions from City Council.*

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no members of the public wishing to present public comment. One member of the public registered in advance and was initially present during the meeting then opted to hold comment until the next City Council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda items under New Business were recited individually, moved without objection from New Business, and placed on the Consent Agenda individually and by agreement of Council.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following Consent Agenda items were recited individually while on New Business, moved without objection from New Business, and placed on the Consent Agenda individually and by agreement of Council.

A motion was made by Alderman Hart-Burns and seconded by Alderman Jenkins to approve the items on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 12 - Alderman Llamas, Alderman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Hart-Burns, Alderman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderman Lofchie, Alderman Jenkins and Alderman O'Connor

[20-0283](#)

An Ordinance creating Chapter 3 of the Code of Ordinances pertaining to the Administrative Adjudication of City Ordinance Violations and making corresponding changes to Chapters 1, 8, 12, 13, 17, 25, 27, 29, 32, 41.5, 44 and 46 of the Code.

Jessica Kalal, Assistant Corporation Counsel and Rick Veenstra, Corporation Counsel - City of Aurora, presented and answered questions regarding this item.

This Ordinance was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: O20-032

[20-0284](#)

An Ordinance creating Section 2-224 of the Code of the City of Aurora authorizing the City Engineer to accept dedications of easements and rights of way on behalf of the City Council in certain circumstances.

Rick Veenstra, Corporation Counsel - City of Aurora, presented and answered questions regarding this item.

This Ordinance was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: O20-033

[20-0290](#)

A Resolution accepting the improvements and maintenance security for Orchard 88 industrial - Sullivan Rd. Improvements

Ken Schroth, Director of Public Works - City of Aurora, spoke briefly regarding this item.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R20-108

[20-0291](#)

A Resolution accepting the improvements and waiving the maintenance security for WASD 129 - Freeman School Improvements - 153 S. Randall Rd.

Ken Schroth, Director of Public Works - City of Aurora, spoke briefly regarding this item.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R20-109

[20-0292](#)

A Resolution establishing the maximum number of Class E City of Aurora liquor licenses (unofficially related to application from: Skotini, Inc. d/b/a Pomegranate Restaurant, 55 S. Commons Drive, Aurora, Illinois 60504).

Jennifer Stallings, City Clerk - City of Aurora, presented briefly regarding this item.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R20-110

[20-0294](#)

Bill Summary and Large Bill List

Marty Lyons, Chief Financial Officer - City of Aurora, spoke briefly regarding this item.

This Bills were approved for payment on the Consent Agenda.

[20-0297](#)

A Resolution authorizing the Director of Finance to enter into rent deferral agreements with City tenants who have experienced a loss of revenue as a result of COVID-19.

Jessica Kalal, Assistant Corporation Counsel - City of Aurora, presented and answered questions regarding this item.

Chuck Nelson, Deputy Mayor - City of Aurora, answered questions regarding this item.

Marty Lyons, Chief Financial Officer - City of Aurora, answered questions regarding this item.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R20-111

REPORT

[20-0295](#)

Treasurer's Report - April 2020

A motion was made by Alderman Hart-Burns and seconded by Alderman Jenkins to accept and file this report. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 12 - Alderman Llamas, Alderman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Hart-Burns, Alderman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderman Lofchie, Alderman Jenkins and Alderman O'Connor

CLOSED SESSION

There was no need for a Closed Session at this meeting.

ADJOURN

Prior to adjournment, City Council discussed the upcoming Food Pantry event scheduled on Thursday, May 28th at Phillips Park. Council also briefly discussed Phase 3 openings of city parks and businesses.

A motion was made by Alderman Jenkins and seconded by Alderman Hart-Burns to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote and the meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Aye: 12 - Alderman Llamas, Alderman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Hart-Burns, Alderman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderman Lofchie, Alderman Jenkins and Alderman O'Connor

Submitted by:

Jennifer Stallings, City Clerk

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