



City of Aurora

City Hall - 2nd Floor
Council Chambers
44 East Downer Place
Aurora, IL

City Council Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday

March 14, 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 6:02 p.m. and the roll was called.

Present: 13 - Alderman Emmanuel Llamas, Alderwoman Juany Garza, Alderman Ted Mesiacos, Alderman Bill Donnell, Alderman Carl Franco, Alderman Mike Saville, Alderwoman Scheketa Hart-Burns, Alderwoman Patty Smith, Alderman Edward Bugg, Alderwoman Shweta Baid, Alderman Ron Woerman, Alderman Sherman Jenkins and Mayor Richard Irvin

APPOINTMENT OF SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

A motion was made by Alderwoman Hart-Burns and seconded by Alderman Franco 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 Girl Scout Troop 4340.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was presented by Alderwoman Hart-Burns.

MAYOR'S OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Irvin presented a Proclamation for National Girl Scouts Week March 12-18, 2023, to Girl Scout Troop 4340.

Mayor Irvin presented Excellence in Youth Leadership Awards to members of Girl Scout Troop 4340.

Mayor Irvin presented the Mayor's Award of Excellence to 9 year old Aria Lamen for her actions in helping save her mother by calling 911 during a medical emergency on February 2, 2023.

Alex Alexandrou, Chief Management Officer - City of Aurora, spoke regarding traffic and safety on Eola and Autumn Grove.

Jason Bauer, Assistant Director of Public Works - City of Aurora, spoke regarding traffic and safety on Eola and Autumn Grove and the studies completed at this location.

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

[23-0143](#)

A Resolution authorizing the reappointment of Hortencia Ramos, Susan Sosa Bachmeier, Ryan Maley, and Ricky Rodgers, and the appointment of Maureen McKane to the Human Relations Commission.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Hart-Burns and seconded by Alderman Jenkins 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, Alderwoman Hart-Burns, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid, Alderman Woerman, Alderman Jenkins

Enactment No: R23-066

[23-0147](#)

A Resolution approving the reappointments of Elana Newkirk and Sean Williams to the city's Advisory Commission for Disabilities.

A motion was made by Alderman Jenkins and seconded by Alderwoman Hart-Burns 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, Alderwoman Hart-Burns, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid, Alderman Woerman, Alderman Jenkins

Enactment No: R23-067

[23-0148](#)

A Resolution authorizing the reappointment of Michael Walker, Kristin Ludwig, Dan Miller and Justyn Arnold to the Aurora Preservation Commission.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Hart-Burns 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, Alderwoman Hart-Burns, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid, Alderman Woerman, Alderman Jenkins

Enactment No: R23-068

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

1. Angela Collier spoke regarding her concerns with domestic violence in the City of Aurora.
2. Adam Pauley spoke regarding his campaign for election to the Regional School Board.
3. Edward Ash spoke and indicated he will speak at the next meeting out of respect for the guests that were honored earlier in the meeting.
4. Tim Padilla spoke regarding the Satanic Store in Aurora.

CONSENT AGENDA

The City Clerk read the Consent Agenda and Direct to Council Consent Agendas in full. A motion was made by Alderwoman Hart-Burns and seconded by Alderwoman Garza to approve the items as read on both agendas. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 12 - Alderman Llamas, Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderwoman Hart-Burns, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid, Alderman Woerman, Alderman Jenkins

[23-0081](#)

A Resolution to use NTI National Technologies, Downers Grove, IL, as the primary fiber vendor and EX2 Technology, LLC of Omaha, NE as the secondary vendor for 2023 City fiber optic projects for \$1,781,554.00 plus a 11% contingency. Total not to exceed \$2,000,000.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R23-069

[23-0108](#)

A Resolution to award monies received for the Corridor Improvements Grant to Scientel Solutions LLC., 2021 N Eola Rd, Aurora, IL 60502 for an amount not to exceed \$1,200,000.00.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R23-070

[23-0136](#)

A Resolution authorizing Engineering Enterprises, Inc. to provide professional engineering services to the Water Production Division for a Water Treatment Plant Coatings Rehabilitation project, in the not-to-exceed amount of \$99,000.00.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R23-071

[23-0137](#)

A Resolution to approve the purchase of gas masks and gas mask filters from MES/Lawmen Supply of Deer Creek, Illinois in the amount of \$53,044.50.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R23-072

[23-0150](#)

A Resolution authorizing the execution of a Phase II Engineering Agreement with Baxter and Woodman, Inc., maximum amount of \$39,412.00 and appropriating Motor Fuel Tax Funds for Montgomery Road and Kautz Road Traffic Signal Installation project with MFT Section # 22-00353-00-TL.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R23-073

[23-0156](#)

A motion authorizing and directing the Chief Human Resources Officer to execute a settlement agreement on behalf of the City in Workers Compensation Claim #189549271-001.

This Recommendation was approved on the Consent Agenda.

[23-0157](#)

A Resolution to allow Aurora Public Art to apply for a Kane County Grand Victoria Riverboat Grant in an amount not to exceed \$80,000.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R23-074

[23-0169](#)

An Ordinance Reserving 2023 Volume Cap in connection with Private Activity Bond Issues, and Related Matters.

This Ordinance was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: O23-016

[23-0178](#)

An Ordinance Calling for a Public Hearing and a Joint Review Board Meeting to Consider the Designation of a Redevelopment Project Area and the Approval of a Redevelopment Plan and Project for the City of Aurora River Vine Tax Increment Financing District.

This Ordinance was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: O23-017

[23-0189](#)

A Resolution authorizing approval of Development Agreement with Leilani Asian Fusion: Leilani Aurora Inc; Buona Italia: River Street Italian Inc; La Ville Lumiere: River Street Bistro Inc a majority owned affiliate of JH Real Estate Partners LLC (JH) for the purpose of facilitating the development of the vacant first floor (and basement for the Leilani RDA) for a full service (Asian Fusion/Italian/French) restaurants in the recently rehabilitated Hobbs and adjacent building together at 2-12 south River Street in downtown Aurora.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R23-075

[23-0190](#)

A Resolution authorizing approval of a Development Agreement with JH Real Estate Partners LLC for the rehabilitation of the building at 110 Cross (between River and Middle across from the Jimmy John's) for conversion of the historic building into 15 market rate apartments and a brewery on the ground floor.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R23-076

DIRECT TO COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA

[23-0193](#)

Approval of the Minutes of the Tuesday, February 28, 2023, City Council Meeting.

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

[23-0216](#)

A Resolution accepting the improvements and waiving the maintenance security for State Farm Insurance, 2795 Church Road.

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

Enactment No: R23-077

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There were no items of Unfinished Business.

NEW BUSINESS

There were no items of New Business.

APPROVAL OF THE BILL SUMMARY AND LARGE BILL LIST

[23-0226](#)

Bill Summary and Large Bill List.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Hart-Burns and seconded by Alderman Franco 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, Alderwoman Hart-Burns, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid, Alderman Woerman and Alderman Jenkins

CLOSED SESSION

There was no need for a Closed Session.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Alderwoman Hart-Burns and seconded by Alderman Franco to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Submitted by:

Jennifer Stallings, City Clerk

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