



City of Aurora

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

City Council Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday
September 28, 2021
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 6:03 p.m. and the roll was called.

Alderman Franco requested permission to participate remotely in this meeting pursuant to Sec. 2-80 of the Code of Ordinances.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Hart-Burns and seconded by Alderwoman Garza to allow Alderman Franco to participate remotely in this meeting. The motion carried by voice vote and Alderman Franco participated in this meeting via Zoom teleconference.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Clayton Muhammad, Chief Communications Officer and Chief Equity Officer - City of Aurora.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was led by Pastor Katrina Boatright, Senior Services and Disabilities Coordinator - City of Aurora.

APPOINTMENT OF SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

A motion was made by Alderman Jenkins and seconded by Alderwoman Hart-Burns to appoint Officer Sullivan as Sergeant-at-Arms for this meeting. The motion carried by voice vote.

PRESENTATIONS

[21-0761](#)

Mayor's Office Community Presentations.

Clayton Muhammad, Chief Communications Officer and Chief Equity Officer - City of Aurora, presented the Mayor's Award of LatinXcellence to the following community groups:

1. *Sigma Iota Alpha Sorority.*
2. *Gamma Phi Omega Sorority.*
3. *Phi Iota Alpha Fraternity, Inc.*

Mr. Muhammad also presented an update on the upcoming Parade of Flags that will be held during First Fridays on October 1, 2021.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Deputy City Clerk recited the Rules for Public Comment and Melissa Mercado addressed City Council regarding the Fox Valley Music Foundation/The Venue and their upcoming Big Band Residency Series.

PUBLIC HEARING

[21-0771](#)

Public Hearing Regarding Proposed Increase In The Business District Retailers' Occupation Tax Rate And The Business District Service Occupation Tax Rate From 0.25% to 0.5% Within The Boundaries Of The Aurora Pacifica Square Business District No. 1.

Mayor Irvin called the public hearing to order at 6:18 p.m.

Trevor Dick, Assistant Director of the Mayor's Office of Economic Development - City of Aurora presented an overview of the proposed increase in the tax rate.

There were no members of the public present and wishing to be heard for the purpose of public comment. There were no questions or comments from City Council.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Hart-Burns and seconded by Alderman Jenkins to finally adjourn and close the public hearing. The motion carried by the following vote and the public hearing adjourned and closed at 6:22 p.m.

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS[21-0699](#)

A Resolution approving the appointment of Christopher Minick to the Aurora Firefighters Pension Fund Board.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Hart-Burns and seconded by Alderman Saville 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: R21-257

[21-0700](#)

A Resolution Approving the Appointments of the Members of the city's Administrative Boards including the Fox Walk Overlay District Design Review Committee and Public Art Commission.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Hart-Burns and seconded by Alderman Saville 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: R21-258

[21-0702](#)

A Resolution approving the appointment of Christopher Minick to the Aurora Police Pension Board.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Hart-Burns and seconded by Alderman Saville 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: R21-259

[21-0704](#)

A Resolution Approving the Appointments of the Members of the city's Cultural and Historical Heritage Boards including the African American Heritage Advisory Board, Hispanic Heritage Advisory Board, Indian American Community Outreach Advisory, Board and the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial 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: R21-260

[21-0705](#)

A Resolution Approving the Appointments of the Members of one of the city's Advisory Boards, the Veterans Advisory Council.

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: R21-261

CONSENT AGENDA

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

A motion was made by Alderman Mesiacos and seconded by Alderwoman Hart-Burns to remove item #21-0708 from the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by voice vote and item #21-0708 was removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on Unfinished Business.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Hart-Burns and seconded by Alderman Jenkins to approve the Consent Agenda and Direct to Counsel Consent Agenda as read with the removal of item #21-0708. 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

[21-0506](#)

An Ordinance Establishing a Conditional Use Planned Development, Approving the Chelsea Manor Plan Description and Amending Chapter 49 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Aurora, by Modifying the Zoning Map Attached Thereto to an Underlying Zoning of R-4A(C) Two Family Dwelling District with a Conditional Use Planned Development, and OS-1(C) Conservation, Open Space, and Drainage District with a Conditional Use Planned Development, for the property located near the Southeast Corner of South Commons Drive and Irving Road

Ken Schroth, Director of Public Works - City of Aurora, responded to questions regarding this item.

Russ Whitaker, responded to questions on behalf of Petitioners regarding this item.

This Ordinance was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: O21-048

[21-0507](#)

A Resolution Approving a Revision to the Preliminary Plat and Plan for the Property Located Near the Southeast Corner of South Commons Drive and Irving Road

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R21-262

[21-0604](#)

A Resolution to award a contract to Martam Construction, Inc. in the bid amount of \$301,765.00 for the 2021 Bridge Rehabilitation Project.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R21-263

[21-0641](#)

A Resolution establishing the maximum number of Class A: Package Sales liquor licenses (unofficially related to the application from Ruby Liquors, Inc., d/b/a Ruby's Liquor at 1535 Butterfield Rd., Unit #101-105, Aurora). [Ward 1]

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R21-264

[21-0675](#)

A Resolution to award a contract to Strand Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$62,000.00 to update the Financial Capability Assessment of the City's Combined Sewer Overflow Long Term Control Plan.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R21-265

[21-0692](#) An Ordinance to Amend Sections 6-10, 6-13, 6-15, 6-18 and 6-25 of Chapter 6 - Alcoholic Liquor, of the Code of Ordinances, City of Aurora, Illinois.

This Ordinance was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: O21-049

[21-0693](#) A Resolution establishing the maximum number of Class A: Package Sales liquor licenses (unofficially related to the application from GB License, LLC, d/b/a goPuff at 340 Marshall Ave., Aurora). [Ward 4]

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R21-266

[21-0695](#) A Resolution Authorizing a Contract with H. Linden & Sons Sewer and Water, Inc., 722 E. South Street, Unit D, Plano, IL 60545 in the amount of one hundred eighty-seven thousand, three hundred thirty-three dollars and zero cents (\$187,333.00) for the Plum Street Sewer Separation project located in Ward 6.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R21-267

[21-0707](#) An Ordinance to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation regarding Phases 1 and 2 of the redevelopment at Fox Valley Mall.

This Ordinance was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: O21-050

[21-0709](#) A Resolution Awarding the McCoy Dr/5th Ave & Kautz Rd Traffic Signal Installation project (MFT section no. 21-00340-00-TL) construction to the low bidder, H & H Electric Company of Franklin Park, IL, for the amount of \$366,761.20 and the appropriation of Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) funds.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R21-268

[21-0726](#) An Ordinance Vacating a Watermain Easement on Lot 1 of Aurora University 2nd Resubdivision located at 347 S. Gladstone Avenue, in Kane County, Aurora, Illinois 60506

This Ordinance was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: O21-053

[21-0754](#)

An Ordinance authorizing the execution of a cable television franchise agreement with Comcast of Illinois XIII, LP.

This Ordinance was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: O21-051

DIRECT-TO-COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA

[21-0739](#)

Approval of the Minutes of the Tuesday, September 14, 2021 City Council Meeting.

The minutes were approved and filed on the Direct to Council Consent Agenda.

[21-0756](#)

A Resolution accepting the improvements and maintenance security for Topline Square, 1521 Ogden Ave. - Ward 9

Ken Schroth, Director of Public Works - City of Aurora, responded to questions regarding this item.

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

Enactment No: R21-269

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Alderwoman Hart-Burns and seconded by Alderman Jenkins to suspend the rules to consider items under New Business. 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.

[21-0745](#)

A motion authorizing and directing the Chief of Human Resources Officer to execute a settlement agreement on behalf of the City in Workers Compensation Claim #186510671.

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 and Alderman Jenkins

[21-0746](#)

A motion authorizing and directing the Chief of Human Resources Officer to execute a settlement agreement on behalf of the City in Workers Compensation Claim #189374502.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Hart-Burns and seconded by Alderwoman Smith 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 and Alderman Jenkins

[21-0747](#)

A motion authorizing and directing the Chief Human Resources Officer to execute a settlement agreement on behalf of the City in Workers Compensation Claim #189113352.

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 and Alderman Jenkins

[21-0748](#)

A motion authorizing and directing the Chief Human Resources Officer to execute a settlement agreement on behalf of the City in Workers Compensation Claim #189007662.

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 and Alderman Jenkins

[21-0749](#)

A motion authorizing and directing the Chief Human Resources Officer to execute a settlement agreement on behalf of the City in Workers Compensation Claim #189207004.

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 and Alderman Jenkins

[21-0767](#)

An Ordinance Amending the Business District Retailers' Occupation Tax Rate, the Business District Service Occupation Tax Rate and the Hotel Operators' Occupation Tax Rate Imposed in Ordinance 19-058 Within the Boundaries of the Aurora Business District No. 1 (Pacifica Square Business District).

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 and Alderman Jenkins

Enactment No: O21-052

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

[21-0708](#)

A Resolution financially supporting City Safe Routes to School (SRTS) projects in SD129, SD131, SD204 & SD308, if grant is awarded.

After the Consent Agenda and Direct to Council Consent Agendas were read in full, a motion was made by Alderman Mesiacos and seconded by Alderwoman Hart-Burns to remove item #21-0708 from the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by voice vote and item #21-0708 was removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on Unfinished Business.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Hart-Burns and seconded by Alderman Jenkins to approve this item. Alderman Mesiacos abstained from voting on this item. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 11 - Alderman Llamas, Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderwoman Hart-Burns, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid, Alderman Woerman, Alderman Jenkins

Abstain: 1 - Alderman Mesiacos

Enactment No: R21-270

REPORT

[21-0773](#)

Treasurer's Report - July 2021 and August 2021

Mayor Irvin acknowledged receipt of the July 2021 and August 2021 Treasurer's Reports.

APPROVAL OF THE BILL SUMMARY AND LARGE BILL LIST[21-0772](#)

Bill Summary and Large Bill List

A motion was made by Alderwoman Hart-Burns and seconded by Alderman Jenkins 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 at this meeting.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Alderwoman Hart-Burns and seconded by Alderwoman Smith to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Submitted by:

Jennifer Stallings, City Clerk

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