



City of Aurora

City Hall - Fifth Floor
Conference Room
44 East Downer Place
Aurora, IL

City Council Meeting Minutes - Draft

Friday

December 22, 2023

12:00 PM

*****SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING*****

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 Special City Council meeting to order at 12:01 p.m. and the roll was called.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Garza and Alderwoman Smith to allow Alderman Bugg and Alderman Llamas to participate in this meeting remotely based on a reasonable expectation of an extended illness. The motion carried by voice vote and Alderman Bugg and Alderman Llamas participated in this meeting remotely.

Present: 12 - Alderman Emmanuel Llamas, Alderwoman Juany Garza, Alderman Ted Mesiacos, Alderman Bill Donnell, Alderman Carl Franco, Alderman Mike Saville, Alderman Brandon Tolliver, Alderwoman Patty Smith, Alderman Edward Bugg, Alderman John Laesch, Alderman Ron Woerman and Mayor Richard Irvin

Absent: 1 - Alderwoman Shweta Baid

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 Officer Sheldon served as Sergeant-At-Arms at this meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Irvin.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was presented by Alderman Bugg.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The City Clerk read the Rules of Public Comment and the following individuals presented comments to the City Council regarding item 23-1047:

1. Shannon Cameron
2. David Cannon
3. Marjorie Logman
4. Nathan Sheppard
5. Zach Fry
6. Sandra Gonzalez
7. Frances Cedro
8. Arad Boxenbaum
9. Denise Kehoe
10. Steve Hendry
11. Qasim Rashid
12. Deb Fisher
13. Thew Elliot
14. Eli Brottman

Alderman Laesch made a motion to suspend the rules of public comment to extend the public comment period longer than 30 minutes to allow all who registered to speak and opportunity to speak and Alderman Bugg seconded the motion. The motion failed by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Saville, Alderman Bugg, Alderman Laesch

Nay: 7 - Alderman Llamas, Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Tolliver, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Woerman

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith and seconded by Alderman Franco to suspend the rules to hear items of New Business. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 11 - Alderman Llamas, Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Tolliver, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderman Laesch, Alderman Woerman

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An Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances to define and prohibit unscheduled bus stops and make other conforming changes.

Mayor Irvin provided a background and basis for the pending item.

City of Aurora Deputy Mayor Guillermo Trujillo provided a historical recitation of the incidents that occurred on December 19, 2023 at the Aurora Transportation Center that led to the consideration of this item.

Natalie Wiza, Coordinator of Emergency Management - City of Aurora provided an outline of the City of Aurora Emergency Management's preparedness for the reception of passengers on busses arriving from the State of Texas and the process for the passengers to be properly cared for and to insure the safe passage of these individuals to their final destinations and entitled services in the City of Chicago.

Nydia Molina, Assistant Corporation Counsel - City of Aurora provided information regarding the proposed ordinance.

Members of the City Council posed questions to those City staff members who presented on this item as well as Corporation Counsel Veenstra.

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

Not Voting: 1 - Alderman Mesiacos

Absent: 1 - Alderwoman Baid

Aye: 9 - Alderman Llamas, Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Tolliver, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg and Alderman Woerman

Nay: 1 - Alderman Laesch

Enactment No: O23-111

CLOSED SESSION

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

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Alderman Franco and seconded by Alderman Laesch to adjourn this meeting. The motion carried by voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 1:43 p.m.

Submitted by:

Jennifer Stallings, City Clerk

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