City of Aurora

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Council Chambers
44 East Downer Place
Aurora, IL

Committee of the Whole
Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday

November 04, 2025

5:00 PM

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ROLL CALL

Mayor Laesch called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. and the roll was called.

Present 13 - Alderman Daniel Barreiro, Alderwoman Juany Garza, Alderman Ted Mesiacos, Alderman Jonathan Núñez, Alderman Carl Franco, Alderman Mike Saville, Alderman Javier Bañuelos, Alderwoman Patty Smith, Alderman Edward J. Bugg, Alderwoman Shweta Baid, Alderman-At-Large Keith Larson, Alderman-At-Large Will White, and Mayor John Laesch

MINUTES OF THE TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2025 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

25-0769 Approval of the Minutes of the Tuesday, October 21, 2025, Committee of the Whole Meeting.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Garza and seconded by Alderwoman Smith to approve and file the minutes. The motion carried by voice vote.

MAYOR'S REPORT

John Zaghloul, Communications Manager - City of Aurora, presented updates on the following items:

A news clip from ABC 7 was shown covering City of Aurora business,Terracycle, that newly opened in the former Henry Pratt Building off of Highland Ave.

The Grand Opening of Mich Big Taco at 31 N. Broadway Ave. happened last week.

The Gifts from Home Program is accepting submissions until November 11th to send gifts to active duty military members from Aurora.

The Veterans Day Parade will be on November 11, 2025 at 10:15 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

1. Pastor Patrick Fish spoke regarding the warming center.
2. Annie Fish spoke regarding the warming center.
3. Lore Baker spoke regarding Ice Free Zones and the warming center.
4. Senayit spoke in support of the Aurora Police Department.
5. Joe Jackson, Executive Director of Hesed House - spoke regarding the warming center.
6. Matt Fogarty, Cherry Willow Apparel - spoke regarding the warming center.
7. Cynthia Serna spoke regarding the warming center and Ice Free Zones.
8. Shannon Buckley spoke regarding the warming center and Ice Free Zones.
9. Lyndsay Hartman spoke regarding the un-housed population and the warming center.
10. Yvette Robles spoke regarding the un-housed population and the warming center.
11. Michelle Curiel spoke regarding the un-housed population and the warming center.
12. Joe Lusk, President of Luxie's Club - spoke regarding the addition of a 6th video gaming terminal.
13. Lori Watts spoke regarding the un-housed population.
14. Bill Kubal spoke regarding the warming center.
15. Sheli Massie spoke regarding the warming center.
16. Nikki Kallmann spoke regarding the warming center.
17. Julie Simpson spoke regarding the warming center.
18. Kari Reiseck spoke regarding the warming center.
19. Selena Hensley spoke regarding the warming center.
20. Aurora anonymous resident spoke regarding the warming center.
21. Emma Duclos spoke regarding the un-housed population.
22. Ruben Morales spoke proposed a community/city liaison group regarding ICE.
23. Pastor Krista Zimmerman spoke regarding the warming center.
24. Cecilia Martinez spoke regarding spoke regarding the un-housed population.
25. Emily Beaupre spoke regarding the warming center.
26. Rick Lawrence spoke regarding a change of government.
27. Edith Calderon spoke regarding the Aurora Rapid Response Team, Mutual Aid and the warming center.
28. Alicia Castillo spoke regarding the warming center.
29. Edward Ash spoke regarding abuse of power and homelessness.

After the expiration of the first 30 minutes of Public Comment a motion was made by Alderman-at-Large Larson and seconded by Alderman Núñez to suspend the Rules of Public Comment to allow all registered speakers to present Public Comment. Discussion was held as to whether the remaining Public Comment should be immediately continued or continued to the end of the Committee of the Whole meeting agenda and the public present was polled as to their preference. Alderman Bañuelos asked to move New Business forward for a vote because he had a prior engagement at 7:30 p.m. (he ultimately did not leave the meeting early) and Alderwoman Smith asked

to move on to New Business and extend Public Comment until the end of the meeting. After public opinion was considered, Alderman-at-Large Larson withdrew his motion, however Alderman Núñez did not withdraw his second and, therefore, became the movant. Alderman Mesiacos seconded the motion now made by Alderman Núñez to immediately continue Public Comment. The motion to continue Public Comment immediately was approved by the following vote:

Aye: (11) - Alderman Barreiro, Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Núñez, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Bañuelos, Alderwoman Smith, Alderwoman Baid, Alderman-at-Large Larson and Alderman-at-Large White

Nay: (1) - Alderman Bugg

REPORT OF THE BUILDING, ZONING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Building, Zoning and Economic Development Committee Met On October 29, 2025 and Reviewed the Following Items:

25-0625 An Ordinance Establishing a Conditional Use Planned Development and Approving the Scooter's Plan Description for the Property Located at 1329 North Lake Street.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

25-0626 A Resolution Approving a Revision to the Final Plat for Dolan Subdivision, located at 1329 North Lake Street, and Establishing Scooter's Resubdivision.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

25-0627 A Resolution Approving a Final Plan for Scooter's Resubdivision, Located at 1329 North Lake Street.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee Met On October 30, 2025 and Reviewed the Following Items:

25-0593 A Resolution authorizing the city to accept a grant award of $1,578,000 from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) and to approve a Participation Agreement between the City of Aurora and Hesed House for renovations to expand the family shelter capacity of Hesed House

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

25-0782 A Resolution authorizing the purchase of a 5-year renewal subscription of Debtbook's Lease and Subscription management platform in the total amount of $118,125.00.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

25-0835 A Resolution authorizing the execution of the 5-year agreement for arbitrage rebate compliance services with Hilltop Securities Asset Management, LLC.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

25-0839 A Resolution authorizing the director of purchasing to order street light poles from Graybar, Itasca, IL in the cumulative amount of $102,579.34.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

25-0852 A Resolution Establishing 2026 Golf Rates at Phillips Park Golf Course

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

25-0863 An Ordinance Amending the Ward 2 Budget for Fiscal Year 2025.

(PLACED ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS)

25-0843 Approval of a budget transfer from the City of Aurora Aldermen.

Rich Jacobs, Chief of Staff - Aldermen's Office, responded to questions.

This item was approved by the Finance Committee at their October 21, 2025 meeting.

The Finance committee also discussed item 25-0886, which is under the "New Business" section of this agenda.

The Finance committee also met on October 21st, 23rd, 28th and 30th to Review the Proposed 2026 Budget.

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The Public Health, Safety and Transportation Committee Meeting Scheduled for October 28, 2025 was Cancelled.

REPORT OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

The Infrastructure & Technology Committee Met On October 27, 2025 and Reviewed the Following Items:

25-0714 A Resolution approving Petroleum Traders Inc., Mansfield Oil Company, and Al Warren Oil Company for the purchase of motor fuel for the City fleet and backup generators.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

25-0825 A Resolution authorizing the Director of Purchasing to Process a Change Order to the Agreement with the two lowest bidders for the 2025 On-Call Lead Water Service Replacement Contract in the amount of $450,000.00.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

REPORT OF THE RULES, ADMINISTRATION AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE

The Rules, Administration and Procedure Committee Met On October 21, 2025 and Reviewed the Following Items:

25-0771 Discussion on the carryover of capital and non-capital Aldermanic Ward funds.

(INFORMATION ONLY)

25-0833 An Ordinance amending Section 2-65 of the Code of Ordinances Pertaining to Aldermanic Initiative Funds.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

NEW BUSINESS

25-0886 A Resolution authorizing the Director of Purchasing to enter into an agreement with Becoming Oswego Church for the management and operation of a Temporary Warming Shelter on an as needed basis, effective November 4, 2025 through May 31, 2026, for an amount not to exceed $136,141.

Nicole Mullins, Director of Community Services - City of Aurora, presented.
Pastor Patrick Fish and Annie Fish of Becoming Oswego Church presented.
Shannon Cameron, Chief of Staff - City of Aurora, responded to questions.
John Curley, Chief Development Services Officer - City of Aurora, responded to questions.
Yordana Wysocki, Corporation Counsel - City of Aurora, responded to questions.
Lore Baker, President and CEO of Association for Individual Development (AID), responded to questions.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

25-0898 An Ordinance Restricting the use of City of Aurora Property for Civil Immigration Enforcement Activities.

RAP Committee Chairperson, Alderman Bugg, presented an overview of this item.
Mayor Laesch thanked the Law Department, Aurora Police Department, Clerk's Office and Shannon Cameron and Sylvia Vargas in the Mayor's Office for assistance with this ordinance.

Shannon Cameron, Chief of Staff - City of Aurora, presented.
Deputy Police Chief Steve Stemmet responded to questions.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith and seconded by Alderman Franco to change the word "shall" in Sec 40-3, line 9 to "should." The motion failed by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Alderman Franco, Alderwoman Smith and Alderwoman Baid

Nay: 9 - Alderman Barreiro, Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Núñez, Alderman Saville, Alderman Bañuelos, Alderman Bugg, Alderman-At-Large Larson and Alderman-At-Large White

A motion was made by Alderman Larson and seconded by Alderman White as follows:

1. To amend Sec. 40-3(a) to add "Except as provided in subsection 40-3(b)..."
2. To amend Sec. 40-3(b) to add:

"b. Any sworn officer who observes federal agents or officers conducting civil immigration enforcement must complete a written report documenting the nature of the activity within a 24-hour period following the incident. This report shall contain the following information, if available:
1. Date, time, and location of incident;
2. Identity, credentials, badge numbers, and agency/agencies of federal agents or officers involved;

3. Any supervisors of the federal agents or officers present;
4. The identity or description of anyone who is detained or arrested by federal civil immigration enforcement;
5. A description of the events observed, including any use of force, verbal commands, and restraint methods; and
6. Whether a warrant was presented and the type of warrant."

After discussion on the topic, the following amendment to the amendment proposed by Alderman Larson to Sec. 40-3(b) was presented by Mayor Laesch:

"b. The Aurora Police Department shall adopt Standard Operating Procedures to require the primary sworn officer on duty who observes and has the ability to respond to federal agents or officers conducting civil immigration enforcement in violation of this Chapter to complete a written report documenting the nature of the activity within a 24-hour period following the incident. This report shall contain the following information, if available:
1. Date, time, and location of incident;
2. Identity, credentials, badge numbers, and agency/agencies of federal agents or officers involved;
3. Any supervisors of the federal agents or officers present;
4. The identity or description of anyone who is detained or arrested by federal civil immigration enforcement;
5. A description of the events observed, including any use of force, verbal commands, and restraint methods; and
6. Whether a warrant was presented and the type of warrant."

Alderman Larson amended his motion to adopt the above language as presented by Mayor Laesch. Alderman Bañuelos seconded the motion made by Alderman Larson.

A motion was made by Alderman Saville and seconded by Alderman White to remove the specific requirements as outlined in Alderman Larson's motion.

Alderman Larson indicated that he wanted the affirmative reporting requirements imposed on the Aurora Police Department to remain in the ordinance.

This item was placed on Unfinished Business at City Council with no votes taken on the amendments proposed by Alderman Larson or the motion made by Alderman Saville.

25-0906 A motion to modify the Voluntary Reduction in Force Plan (VRIF) to applicable bargaining units.

(PLACED ON UNFINISHED)

CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Alderman Franco and seconded by Alderwoman Garza to adjourn the Open Session of this meeting to Closed Session pursuant to Sec. 2(c)(11) of the Open Meetings Act regarding litigation and Sec. 2(c)(2) of the Open Meetings Act regarding collective bargaining matters and to immediately adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting without any final action taken during Closed Session. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: (12) - Alderman Barreiro, Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Núñez, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Bañuelos, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid, Alderman-at-Large Larson and Alderman-at-Large White.

The Open Session of the meeting adjourned to Closed Session at 9:07 p.m. The Closed Session meeting was called to order at 9:18 p.m. and adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

ADJOURN

Submitted by:

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Jennifer Stallings, City Clerk

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