



City of Aurora

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
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44 East Downer Place
Aurora, IL

City Council Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday

February 23, 2021

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 5:00 p.m. and the roll was called.

Mayor Irvin found that an in-person meeting of the Council 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. The meeting was conducted by
Internet teleconference without the physical presence of a quorum. Mayor
Irvin was present at City Hall, the regular meeting location.

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

*The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Iman LeSure - Emergency Room Nurse at Emory
University Hospital.*

INVOCATION

The Invocation was led by Alderman Hart-Burns.

PRESENTATIONS

[21-0122](#)

Mayor's Office Community Presentations

Iman LeSure, BSN, RN - Emory University Hospital, was presented with the Mayor's Healthcare Hero Award. Ms. LeSure expressed her appreciation to the Council and Mayor Irvin for the Award.

This Presentation was discussed and filed.

[21-0123](#)

Update on the CHANGE Reform Initiative

Clayton Muhammad - City of Aurora, presented an update on the CHANGE Reform Initiative.

This Presentation was discussed and filed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Clerk Stallings recited the rules of public comment and the following citizens presented comment to the City Council:

Mr. Anthony Tassone spoke regarding the police body-camera initiative in the City of Aurora and the need for data analysis.

Nicole Mullins from the Aurora Grassroots Alliance, spoke regarding the media briefing that was held to address an increase in crime in Aurora.

Edward Ash from the Aurora Grassroots Alliance, spoke regarding the media briefing that was held to address an increase in crime in Aurora.

Erika Garcia from the Aurora Grassroots Alliance, spoke regarding the media briefing that was held to address an increase in crime in Aurora.

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

[21-0059](#)

A Resolution Appointing Valencia Gidron to "Sustainable Aurora" (The Mayor's Sustainable Aurora Advisory Board).

A motion was made by Alderman Jenkins and seconded by Alderman Garza to approve this item. 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, Alderman O'Connor

Enactment No: R21-033

[21-0079](#)

A Resolution Appointing Nafisa Husain to the Aurora Human Relations Commission.

A motion was made by Alderman Hart-Burns and seconded by Alderman Garza to approve this item. 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, Alderman O'Connor

Enactment No: R21-034

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda and Direct to Council Consent Agenda were read in full.

A motion was made by Alderman Hart-Burns and seconded by Alderman Garza to approve the items on the Consent Agenda and the Direct to Council Consent Agenda as presented. 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, Alderman O'Connor

[21-0026](#)

A Resolution Authorizing approval to enter into a lease agreement in the not to exceed amount of \$46,500 with Nadler Golf Car Sales Inc. for the use of 61 GPS equipped golf carts.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R21-035

[21-0042](#)

A Resolution Approving the purchase and installation of three gear washers with plumbing from Washburn Machinery Inc. and Hobson Plumbing for the Aurora Fire Department.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R21-036

[21-0077](#)

A Resolution to Award the contract for the Sexton Street Sanitary Sewer Improvements to Holiday Sewer and Water Construction, Inc., 1000 N. Rand Rd., Suite 116, Wauconda, IL 60084 in the amount of three hundred sixty-five thousand, four hundred thirty-two dollars and ten cents (\$365,432.10).

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R21-037

[21-0096](#)

A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a First Amendment to the Redevelopment Agreement Previously Entered Into Between the City of Aurora and JH Real Estate Partners, LLC.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R21-038

DIRECT TO COUNCIL CONSENT

[21-0102](#)

Approval of the Minutes of the Tuesday, February 9, 2021 City Council Meeting.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There were no items of Unfinished Business.

NEW BUSINESS

There were no items of New Business.

REPORT

[21-0125](#)

Treasurer's Report - January 2021.

Martin Lyons, Chief Financial Officer - City of Aurora, presented a COVID-19 Financial Contingency Planning Update and responded to questions regarding this report.

The Treasurer's Report was discussed and filed.

APPROVAL OF THE BILL SUMMARY AND LARGE BILL LIST

[21-0117](#)

Bill Summary and Large Bill List

A motion was made by Alderman Hart-Burns and seconded by Alderman Jenkins to approve and pay the bills. 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.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Alderman Hart-Burns and seconded by Alderman Garza to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote and the meeting adjourned at 5:41 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, Alderman O'Connor

Submitted by:

Jennifer Stallings - City Clerk

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