



City of Aurora

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

City Council Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday

October 22, 2024

6:00 PM

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ROLL CALL

Mayor Irvin called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. and the roll was called.

Present: 13 - Alderman Daniel Barreiro, Alderwoman Juany Garza, Alderman Ted Mesiacos, Alderman Bill Donnell, Alderman Carl Franco, Alderman Mike Saville, Alderman Brandon Tolliver, Alderwoman Patty Smith, Alderman Edward Bugg, Alderwoman Shweta Baid, Alderman John Laesch, Alderman Ron Woerman and Mayor Richard Irvin

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 Ortinau served as Sergeant-At-Arms for this meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by members of the Aurora Indian American Community Outreach Advisory Board.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was led by Dr. Jayashree Sarathy of the Aurora Balaji Temple.

MAYOR'S OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Irvin presented the Mayor's Award of Excellence to Maggie Celis, Office Manager of City of Aurora Animal Care and Control.

Mayor Irvin presented a Mayoral Proclamation to members of the Aurora Indian American Community Outreach Advisory Board in honor of Diwali 2024.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

1. Timothy Watson spoke on behalf of the US Small Business Administration regarding funding available due to the tornado/flooding that occurred July 13-16, 2024.
2. Matthew Orr spoke regarding item 24-0754.
3. Colette Rozanski spoke in support of item 24-0754.
4. Don Pilmer spoke in support of item 24-0754.
5. Susan Koepke expressed her thanks on behalf of the Aurora Lions Club for the Aldermen and Alderwomen's support of their pancake breakfast.
6. Carolyn Chiovino spoke in support of item 24-0754.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

24-0762

Public Hearing on a proposed resolution authorizing the submission of an application to the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity's (DCEO) Community Development Block Grant - Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) Healthy Houses Program for an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 in funding for the installation and/or replacement of entire Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Systems in single and multi-family, low to moderate income rental housing units.

The City Clerk read the title of the Public Hearing and Randal Stephens, Grant Writer - City of Aurora, presented. There were no members of the public present and wishing to be heard for the purpose of public comment on this item. A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith and seconded by Alderman Laesch to close the public hearing. The motion carried by the following vote and the hearing was closed.

Aye: 12 - Alderman Barreiro, Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Tolliver, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid, Alderman Laesch and Alderman Woerman

CONSENT AGENDA

The City Clerk read the Consent Agenda and the Direct to Council Consent Agenda in full. A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith and seconded by Alderman Franco to approve both the Consent Agenda and the Direct to Council Consent Agenda in full. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 12 - Alderman Barreiro, Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Tolliver, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid, Alderman Laesch and Alderman Woerman

[24-0706](#)

A Resolution authorizing the purchase and installation of equipment to upsize High Pressure Pump #1 for the Water Production Division in an amount not to exceed of \$103,405.00.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R24-342

[24-0707](#)

A Resolution authorizing an addendum to the Amended and Restated Potable Water Service Agreement with Calgon Carbon Corporation for the continued lease of Granular Activated Carbon in filter groups 1-4, 5-8, and 9-12 for the Water Production Division.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R24-343

[24-0720](#)

A Resolution approving the acceptance of a grant from Old National Bank, in the amount of \$10,000 to assist with outreach and programming expenses for the Aurora Financial Empowerment Center.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R24-344

[24-0731](#)

A Resolution authorizing the acceptance of the low bid from Youngren's Inc, from Aurora, IL., for the replacement of roof top HVAC unit at the Phillips Park David & Karen Stover Visitor Center Facility for \$62,986.00.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R24-345

[24-0738](#)

An Ordinance Vacating a Stormwater Control Easement and City Easement on the Property located at South of Wolf's Crossing and east Eola Road, in Will County, Aurora, Illinois

This Ordinance was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: O24-065

[24-0751](#)

A Resolution authorizing the execution of a Phase 1 Preliminary Engineering Supplement with WBK Engineering, LLC in the not to exceed amount of \$56,075.00 and the appropriation of \$60,000 of MFT Funds for the New York Street Corridor (Commons Dr to Entrance No. 6) Project.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R24-346

[24-0760](#)

A motion authorizing and directing the Chief Human Resources Officer to execute a settlement agreement on behalf of the City in Worker's Compensation Claim #23Q05I562302.

This Recommendation was approved on the Consent Agenda.

DIRECT TO COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA

[24-0703](#)

A Resolution accepting the improvements and waiving the maintenance security for Fox Valley Apartments -Todd School, 100 Oak Ave.

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

Enactment No: R24-347

[24-0768](#)

Approval of the Minutes of the Tuesday, October 8, 2024, City Council Meeting.

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

[24-0789](#)

A Resolution accepting the improvements and maintenance security for Fox Valley Mall Phase 2 Residential Roadway Improvements, 195 Fox Valley Center.

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

Enactment No: R24-348

[24-0790](#)

A Resolution accepting the improvements and maintenance security for Fox Valley Mall - Senior Living Roadway Improvements, 195 Fox Valley Center Drive.

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

Enactment No: R24-349

[24-0798](#)

A Resolution accepting the improvements and maintenance security for Fox Valley Apartment- Lincoln School Subdivision, 641 S Lake Street.

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

Enactment No: R24-350

UNFINISHED BUSINESS[24-0708](#)

An Ordinance Establishing a Conditional Use Planned Development, Approving the Eola Preserve 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 and OS-1, for the Property Located at 620 North Eola Road.

Petitioners have requested that this item be HELD for discussion until the City Council Meeting on November 12, 2024.

[24-0709](#)

A Resolution Approving a Preliminary Plat and Plan for Eola Preserve Subdivision, Located at 620 North Eola Road.

Petitioners have requested that this item be HELD for discussion until the City Council Meeting on November 12, 2024.

[24-0749](#)

A Resolution seeking City Council authorization to apply for the State of Illinois Community Development Block Grant-Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) Healthy Houses Program Grant in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 to preserve single and multi-family, landlord owned, low to moderate income units, up to six units total, and encourage neighborhood revitalization with an emphasis on maintaining health and safety

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

Aye: 12 - Alderman Barreiro, Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Tolliver, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid, Alderman Laesch and Alderman Woerman

Enactment No: R24-351

[24-0754](#)

A Resolution Approving the Establishment of a Transformation Fund for the Aurora Business Community and Authorizing the Deposit of \$5,000,000 with Invest Aurora for its funding

Kelly O'Brien, President and CEO - Invest Aurora, presented and responded to questions.

Alex Alexandrou, Chief Management Officer and Chris Minick, Chief Financial Officer - City of Aurora, presented and responded to questions.

A motion was made by Alderman Franco and seconded by Alderwoman Garza to approve this item.

Discussion was held. A motion was made by Alderman Franco and seconded by Alderwoman Smith to amend this item to reflect the authorization of an initial deposit of \$3,000,000 with Invest Aurora for its funding to replace the amount of \$5,000,000 as originally proposed. The motion to amend carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Tolliver, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid and Alderman Woerman

Nay: 3 - Alderman Barreiro, Alderwoman Garza and Alderman Laesch

A roll call vote was taken on the underlying item with the amended language replacing \$5,000,000 with \$3,000,000 as approved. The motion carried approving the item as amended by the following vote:

Aye: 10 - Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Tolliver, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid and Alderman Woerman

Nay: 2 - Alderman Barreiro and Alderman Laesch

Enactment No: R24-352

TABLED ITEMS

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith and seconded by Alderman Laesch to remove item 24-0606 from tabled items and be heard on the agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 12 - Alderman Barreiro, Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Tolliver, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid, Alderman Laesch and Alderman Woerman

[24-0606](#)

An Ordinance setting the compensation of the alderpersons for the terms commencing in and after May of 2025 in accordance with the Illinois Municipal Code and the Local Government Officer Compensation Act.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith and seconded by Alderman Franco to approve this item on October 8, 2024.

A motion was made by Alderman Franco and seconded by Alderman Laesch to amend this item to reflect the modification of aldermanic compensation as follows:

1. 6/1/2027 to 5/31/2028 to \$28,658.56 = 12% increase
2. 6/1/2028 to 5/31/2029 to \$32,097.59 = 12% increase

The motion to amend failed by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco and Alderman Laesch
Nay: 9 - Alderman Barreiro, Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Saville, Alderman Tolliver, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid and Alderman Woerman

A motion was made by Alderman Bugg and seconded by Alderman Tolliver to amend this item to reflect the modification of aldermanic compensation as follows:

1. 6/1/2027 to 5/31/2028 to \$30,000.00
2. 6/1/2028 to 5/31/2029 to \$35,000.00

The Aldermanic vote resulted in a tie:

Aye: 6 - Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Tolliver, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid and Alderman Laesch
Nay: 6 - Alderman Barreiro, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville and Alderman Woerman

Mayor Irvin declined to vote in order to break the tie, therefore, the motion was defeated.

A motion was made by Alderman Bugg and seconded by Alderwoman Smith to amend this item to reflect the modification of aldermanic compensation as follows:

1. 6/1/2027 to 5/31/2028 to \$29,250.00
2. 6/1/2028 to 5/31/2029 to \$34,500.00

The Aldermanic vote resulted in a tie:

Aye: 6 - Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Tolliver, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid and Alderman Laesch
Nay: 6 - Alderman Barreiro, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville and Alderman Woerman

Mayor Irvin cast the tie-breaking vote (Aye) and the motion to amend this item

carried. The language of the proposed ordinance was modified as amended prior to final vote.

A motion and second having been made on October 8, 2024, a roll call vote was taken on the amended ordinance. The motion carried by the following vote with Mayor Irvin casting the tie-breaking vote (Aye):

Aye: 7 - Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Tolliver, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid, Alderman Laesch and Mayor Irvin

Nay: 6 - Alderman Barreiro, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville and Alderman Woerman

Enactment No: O24-066

NEW BUSINESS

There were no items of New Business.

REPORT

There were no reports at this meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE BILL SUMMARY AND LARGE BILL LIST

[24-0815](#)

Bill Summary and Large Bill List.

A motion was made by Alderman Franco and seconded by Alderwoman Smith to approve and pay the bills. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 12 - Alderman Barreiro, Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Tolliver, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid, Alderman Laesch and Alderman Woerman

CLOSED SESSION

There was no need for a Closed Session.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Alderman Franco and seconded by Alderman Saville to adjourn this meeting. The motion carried by voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Submitted by:

Jennifer Stallings, City Clerk

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