



City of Aurora

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

City Council Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday
September 09, 2025
6:00 PM

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ROLL CALL

Mayor Laesch called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 Bugg, Alderwoman Shweta Baid, Alderman-At-Large Keith Larson, Alderman-At-Large Will White and Mayor John Laesch

APPOINTMENT OF SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith and seconded by Alderman Franco 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 Alderman Franco.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance a moment of silence was held in honor of Jason Reier, staff member from the Parks & Recreation Division who passed away on September 8, 2025.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Tony Martinez presented an overview of events in Aurora:

1. A successful Fiestas Patrias Festival and Parade were held this weekend. Volunteers and City staff were thanked for their work.
2. Alderwoman Garza's 20th Annual Aurora Hispanic Pioneers Breakfast will be held on September 12th.
3. The G.A.R. Museum is hosting their Booze & Berets Event on September 12th.
4. The City of Lights Film Festival is September 18-20. McCarty Mills will host the after-party at 108 S River Street on opening night.
5. The Auroraland German Heritage Society will have their Oktoberfest on September 20th at Phillips Park Main Pavilion.

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

[25-0610](#)

A Resolution authorizing the appointments of Ricardo Herrera, Amy Flores, Aasvi Chokshi, Alex Feinberg, Ava DeWig, and Alex Tello to the Aurora Youth Council.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith 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 Núñez, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Bañuelos, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid, Alderman Larson and Alderman White

Enactment No: R25-267

[25-0645](#)

A Resolution authorizing the appointments of LaTanya Reme and Mary Fultz to the African American Heritage Advisory Board.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith and seconded by Alderman Mesiacos to approve this item. 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 Larson and Alderman White

Enactment No: R25-268

[25-0654](#)

A Resolution appointing Alderman Ted Mesiacos, Alderman Carl Franco and Alderman-at-Large Will White to the Aquatics Advisory Council.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith and seconded by Alderwoman Garza to approve this item. Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Franco and Alderman White each recused themselves from the discussion and vote on this item.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: (9) - Alderman Barreiro, Alderwoman Garza, , Alderman Núñez, , Alderman Saville, Alderman Bañuelos, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid and Alderman Larson

Not Voting: (3) - Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Franco and Alderman White

Enactment No: R25-269

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

1. Thew Elliott spoke regarding emergency warming spaces for the winter.
2. Todd VonOhlen, Mike Baum and Mark Strausburger spoke regarding the AuroraLand German Heritage Society's Oktoberfest on September 20th at Phillips Park Main Pavilion.
3. Mary Fultz expressed her appreciation for being appointed to the African American Heritage Advisory Board.

CONSENT AGENDA

The City Clerk read the Consent Agenda and the Direct to Council Consent Agenda in full. A motion was made by Alderman Franco and seconded by Alderman Núñez to approve the Consent Agenda and the Direct to Council Consent Agendas. Alderwoman Smith requested that item 25-0698 be removed from the Consent Agenda and be placed on Unfinished Business. After the removal of item 25-0698 to Unfinished Business, 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

[24-1008](#)

A Resolution authorizing the Director of Purchasing to accept per ton dump fees from Rochelle Waste Disposal for the disposal of non-special and special excavated soil.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R25-270

[25-0227](#)

A Resolution authorizing the sale of obsolete and surplus property, using JJ Kane Auctioneers and Purple Wave Inc.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R25-271

[25-0539](#)

A Resolution Authorizing Approval of Substantial Amendment 2025-# 2 to Re/Allocate Prior Years' Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), and HOME Investment Partnerships - American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) Funding.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R25-272

[25-0540](#)

A Resolution Approving Project Recommendations Funded from Year One of the Aurora Affordable Housing Fund in the Amount of \$400,000.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R25-273

[25-0541](#)

A Resolution Approving the 2025 Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) Grants in the Amount of \$344,000.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R25-274

[25-0612](#)

A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Contract with SiteMed for Providing On-Site Firefighter Medical Examinations and Other Services.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda

Enactment No: R25-275

[25-0644](#)

An Ordinance authorizing an agreement with the Aurora Regional Economic Alliance for the provision of special services within the area constituting Special Service Area One through December 31, 2025

This Ordinance was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: O25-061

[25-0647](#)

An Ordinance Establishing a Conditional Use Planned Development and Approving the 411 E. Galena Plan Description for the property located at 411 E. Galena Boulevard

This Ordinance was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: O25-062

[25-0648](#)

A Resolution Approving a Final Plan for the property located at 411 E. Galena Boulevard for a Parking Facilities, Residential (4160) Use

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R25-276

[25-0655](#)

A Resolution to authorize the Mayor or his designee to execute the contracts for Julie Smith and Gina Minetti as certified fingerprint analysts for the Aurora Police Department.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R25-277

[25-0662](#)

A Resolution to Award the Contract for the S. Stolp Avenue Streetscaping Improvements to Landmark Contractors, Inc., 11916 W. Main St., Huntley, IL 60142 in the amount of \$302,940.75.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R25-278

[25-0664](#)

A Resolution authorizing the Director of Purchasing to enter into an agreement with Geneva Construction Company, PO Box 998, Aurora, IL, 60507 in the amount of \$276,725.20 for the resurfacing of three parking lots

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R25-279

[25-0667](#)

A Resolution requesting approval of a one-year support contract for City network firewalls in the amount of \$65,426.03.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R25-280

[25-0671](#)

A Resolution authorizing the Director of Purchasing to execute a contract for the access improvements at 1110 Aurora Avenue with Martam Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$253,330.00.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R25-281

[25-0672](#)

A Resolution authorizing the City to accept a grant award of \$34,420.00 from the FY26 Violent Crime Intelligence Task Force FOID Grant.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R25-282

[25-0680](#)

An Ordinance Vacating a Water Line Easement and a Stormwater Control Easement on the Property located at 1444 N. Orchard Road, in Kane County, Aurora, Illinois

This Ordinance was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: O25-063

[25-0687](#)

A Resolution approving the revised rules for the administration of the City's deferred compensation plans.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R25-283

DIRECT TO COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA

[25-0694](#)

Approval of the Minutes of the Tuesday, August 26, 2025, City Council Meeting.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

[25-0698](#)

A Resolution approving the appointment of Michele Niermann as Assistant Corporation Counsel III.

Yordana Wysocki, Corporation Counsel - City of Aurora, responded to questions.

Shannon Cameron, Chief of Staff - City of Aurora, responded to questions.

Stacey Peterson, Chief Financial Officer - City of Aurora, responded to questions.

This item was removed from the Consent Agenda by Alderwoman Smith and placed on Unfinished Business. A motion was made by Alderwoman Baid and seconded by Alderwoman Garza to open the floor for discussion on this item. The City Council discussed this matter.

A motion was made by Alderman Mesiacos and seconded by Alderman White to approve this item. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: (7) - Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Bañuelos, Alderman Bugg, Alderman-at-Large Larson and Alderman-at-Large White

Nay: (5) - Alderman Barreiro, Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Núñez, Alderwoman Smith and Alderwoman Baid

Enactment No: R25-284

[25-0639](#)

A Resolution authorizing the Director of Purchasing to execute the service agreement with the Boys and Girls Club of North Central Illinois to administer the City of Aurora's After-School and Summer Programs in an amount not to exceed \$583,000.00 for 2025-2026 school year & summer, for a one-year term with two one-year options, for the Youth Services division.

Simon Rodriguez, Youth Services Manager - City of Aurora, responded to questions.

A motion was made by Alderman Franco and seconded by Alderman Saville to approve this item. The motion carried 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

Abstain: 1 - Alderman Bugg

Enactment No: R25-285

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith and seconded by Alderwoman Garza to suspend the rules to hear items of New Business. 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

[25-0713](#)

A Resolution authorizing the execution of documents to renew the Line of Credit (LOC) in the amount of \$10 million with Old Second National Bank for a one-year term expiring on June 30, 2026.

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 Núñez, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Bañuelos, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid, Alderman-At-Large Larson and Alderman-At-Large White

Enactment No: R25-286

APPROVAL OF THE BILL SUMMARY AND LARGE BILL LIST

[25-0712](#)

Bill Summary and Large Bill List.

Stacey Peterson, Chief Financial Officer - City of Aurora, responded to questions.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith and seconded by Alderman Franco to approve and pay the bills. 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

CLOSED SESSION

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

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Alderman Franco and seconded by Alderwoman Smith to adjourn this meeting. The motion carried by voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Submitted by:

Jennifer Stallings

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