



City of Aurora

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

City Council Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday

August 27, 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 the following vote and Officer Dispensa served as Sergeant-At-Arms for this meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Clayton Muhammad.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was presented by Pastor Jose Torres of Fresh Start City Church, Aurora, Illinois.

MAYOR'S OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS PRESENTATIONS

Clayton Muhammad wished everyone a happy start of the school year and congratulated all of the Alderpersons who hosted successful back-to-school events. The Northern Lights Youth Center was opened in Ward 3 on August 26, 2024. The Lincoln School reopening ribbon cutting ceremony will be held next week and, on September 18, 2024, the Mayor's 3rd 2024 State of the City Address will be held - the State of Education in Aurora.

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

There were no Mayoral Appointments.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The City Clerk read the Rules of Public Comment and Ms. Angela Collier presented comments to the City Council regarding several topics.

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 the Consent Agenda and the Direct to Council Consent Agenda as read. 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

[24-0503](#)

A Resolution authorizing acceptance of the low bid from Lite Construction, Inc. to perform building renovations to the structure located at 745 Aurora Avenue, for \$662,700.00, with a ten percent (10%) contingency of \$66,270.00.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R24-269

[24-0555](#)

A Resolution authorizing the City to accept a grant award of \$52,592.89 from the FY25 Violent Crime Intelligence Task Force FOID Grant.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R24-270

[24-0559](#)

A Resolution authorizing the execution of a Joint Funding Agreement with the State of Illinois, the execution of a Phase 3 Construction Engineering Services Agreement with Thomas Engineering Group, LLC in the not to exceed amount of \$201,635.00, and the appropriation of \$530,000.00 of MFT Funds for the Indian Trail Resurfacing Project.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R24-271

[24-0560](#)

A Resolution authorizing the execution of a Joint Funding Agreement with the State of Illinois, the execution of a Phase 3 Construction Engineering Services Agreement with Civiltech Engineering, Inc. in the not to exceed amount of \$166,718.00, and the appropriation of \$460,000.00 of MFT Funds for the Ashland Avenue Resurfacing Project.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R24-272

[24-0561](#)

A Resolution authorizing the execution of a Joint Funding Agreement with the State of Illinois, the execution of a Phase 3 Construction Engineering Services Agreement with Strand Associates, Inc. in the not to exceed amount of \$98,910.00, and the appropriation of \$280,000.00 of MFT Funds for the Liberty Street Resurfacing Project.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R24-273

[24-0562](#)

A Resolution authorizing the execution of a Joint Funding Agreement with the State of Illinois, the execution of a Phase 3 Construction Engineering Services Agreement with HR Green, Inc. in the not to exceed amount of \$138,503.00, and the appropriation of \$480,000.00 of MFT Funds for the Prairie Street Resurfacing Project.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R24-274

[24-0578](#)

A Resolution authorizing the City to accept a grant award of \$101,790 under a grant agreement between the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Office of Energy and the City of Aurora.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda

Enactment No: R24-275

[24-0583](#)

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign and execute the License for Underground Pipelines, Cables, and Conduits with Wisconsin Central Ltd. (WCL) as part of the Keating Drive Water Main Improvements (R24-250).

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R24-276

[24-0589](#)

An Ordinance Changing the Name of Adelwood Drive to Adelwood Circle located south of Del Webb Boulevard, east of Bellwhether Drive in Will County, Aurora, Illinois

This Ordinance was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: O24-050

[24-0597](#)

A Resolution authorizing the City Treasurer to accept on behalf of the City a donation in the amount of \$30,000 from the Huntington Foundation for the Financial Empowerment Center.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R24-277

[24-0598](#)

A Resolution authorizing the City to accept an Energy Efficiency Incentive in the amount of up to \$19,849.00 from ComEd for energy conservation measures incorporated into the design and construction of the new Public Works Facility

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R24-278

[24-0601](#)

A Resolution authorizing revisions to the Finish Line Grant Program administered by Invest Aurora.

Chris Faber, Invest Aurora - responded to questions regarding this item.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R24-279

[24-0614](#)

A motion authorizing and directing the Chief Human Resources Officer to execute a settlement agreement on behalf of the City in Workers Compensation Claim 22Q05I559023

This Recommendation was approved on the Consent Agenda.

[24-0619](#)

A Resolution Granting the Advice and Consent of the City Council to the Mayor's Appointment of Alderpersons to its Standing Committees and Designation of the Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons thereof.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R24-280

DIRECT TO COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA

[24-0592](#)

A Resolution Accepting the Dedication of a Multi-Use Path Easement located at 500 Tomcat Lane, being Lot 1 of East Aurora High School Subdivision.

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

Enactment No: R24-281

[24-0620](#)

Approval of the Minutes of the Tuesday, August 13, 2024, City Council Meeting.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

[24-0423](#)

A Resolution authorizing the renewal of an upgraded Executive Programs Membership Basic and Leadership Team Service for IT Research and Advisory Services from Gartner, Inc. for a three-year term.

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

Aye: 11 - Alderman Barreiro, Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Tolliver, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid and Alderman Woerman

Nay: 1 - Alderman Laesch

Enactment No: R24-282

[24-0565](#)

A Resolution authorizing the procurement of an additional fleet vehicle, for the Aurora Police Department, in amount not to exceed \$60,000.00.

Lieutenant Bill Rowley - Aurora Police Department, responded to questions regarding this item.

Derrick Winston, Director of Public Facilities - City of Aurora, responded to questions regarding this item.

Alex Alexandrou, Chief Management Officer - City of Aurora, presented regarding this item.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith and seconded by Alderman Franco to approve this item as presented on the agenda. A motion was made by Alderman Laesch and seconded by Alderman Mesiacos to amend this item as follows: "A Resolution authorizing the procurement of an electric vehicle, for the Aurora Police Department, in amount not to exceed \$60,000.00." The motion failed by the following vote:

Aye: 1 - Alderman Laesch

Nay: 11 - Alderman Barreiro, Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Tolliver, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid, Alderman Woerman

The original motion to approve this item as presented on the agenda carried by the following vote:

Aye: 11 - Alderman Barreiro, Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Tolliver, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid and Alderman Woerman

Nay: 1 - Alderman Laesch

Enactment No: R24-283

[24-0584](#)

A Resolution authorizing the Director of Purchasing to execute an agreement with Leopardo Construction, Inc. of Hoffman Estates, IL in the amount of \$3,923,750 with a 10% contingency for the construction of three new Fire Stations

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith and seconded by Alderman Franco 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: R24-284

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: 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

[24-0638](#)

An Ordinance authorizing the acquisition of certain real property generally located at the west corner of Pierce St. and Broadway Ave. by eminent domain or otherwise.

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

Aye: 11 - Alderman Barreiro, Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderman Tolliver, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid and Alderman Woerman

Nay: 1 - Alderman Laesch

Enactment No: O24-051

[24-0641](#)

An Ordinance authorizing the acceptance of approximately ten acres of real property in Sugar Grove Township from the State of Illinois by quit claim deed.

Rick Veenstra, Corporation Counsel - City of Aurora, responded to questions regarding this item.

Alex Alexandrou, Chief Management Officer - City of Aurora, responded to questions regarding this item.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith and seconded by Alderman Franco 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: O24-052

REPORT

There were no reports at this meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE BILL SUMMARY AND LARGE BILL LIST

[24-0646](#)

Bill Summary and Large Bill List.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith and seconded by Alderwoman Garza to approve and file 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

Prior to adjournment of this meeting, Alderman Franco made a statement regarding the conduct of the meetings going forward. Alderman Laesch responded to Alderman Franco's comments and Alderman Bugg presented general comments regarding requests for clarification from Legal Counsel during meetings.

No members present expressed objection to the adjournment of this meeting and the meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Submitted by:

Jennifer Stallings, City Clerk

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