



City of Aurora

City Hall - 2nd Floor Council
Chambers
44 East Downer Place
Aurora, IL

City Council Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday
July 08, 2014
6:00 PM

ROLL CALL

The City Council meeting was called to order at 6:13 p.m. by Mayor Weisner, and the Roll was called.

- Present:** 12 - Mayor Tom Weisner, Alderman Tina Bohman, Alderman Juany Garza, Alderman Ted Mesiacos, Alderman Bill Donnell, Alderman John Peters, Alderman Mike Saville, Alderman Rick Mervine, Alderman Edward Bugg, Alderman Lynne Johnson, Alderman Richard Irvin and Alderman Bob O'Connor
- Absent:** 1 - Alderman Scheketa Hart-Burns

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF JUNE 24, 2014 and JULY 1, 2014

[14-00541](#)

Approval of the Minutes of the June 24, 2014 City Council meeting.

Alderman Irvin moved, seconded by Alderman Bugg, to approve the minutes of the City Council Meeting held on June 24, 2014. Motion carried by voice vote.

[14-00551](#)

Approval of the Minutes of the July 1, 2014 Special City Council meeting.

Alderman Irvin moved, seconded by Alderman O'Connor, to approve the minutes of the Special City Council Meeting held on July 1, 2014. Motion carried by voice vote.

Aye: 10 - Alderman Bohman, Alderman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Saville, Alderman Mervine, Alderman Bugg, Alderman Johnson, Alderman Irvin and Alderman O'Connor

Abstain: 1 - Alderman Peters

APPOINTMENT OF SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

A motion was made by Alderman Irvin, seconded by Alderman Bugg, to appoint Officer Martinez as Sergeant-At-Arms for this meeting. The motion carried by voice vote.

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

[14-00245](#)

A Resolution Appointing Paul Chabez, Jr. and Reappointing Paul Buddy, Terry Bohr, Kevin Ream, Mike Kluber, Richard Ray and Michael Cotteleer to the Permanent Building and Fire Code Committee.

A motion was made by Alderman O'Connor, seconded by Alderman Irvin, to approve this resolution. The motion carried unanimously.

Aye: 11 - Alderman Bohman, Alderman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Peters, Alderman Saville, Alderman Mervine, Alderman Bugg, Alderman Johnson, Alderman Irvin and Alderman O'Connor

Enactment No: R14-170

[14-00413](#)

A Resolution Appointing Jacqueline Herrarte-Arellano and Mark Rising to "Sustainable Aurora" (The Mayor's Sustainable Aurora Advisory Board).

A motion was made by Alderman Irvin, seconded by Alderman Mervine, to approve this resolution. The motion carried unanimously.

Aye: 11 - Alderman Bohman, Alderman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Peters, Alderman Saville, Alderman Mervine, Alderman Bugg, Alderman Johnson, Alderman Irvin and Alderman O'Connor

Enactment No: R14-171

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Alderman O'Connor, seconded by Alderman Saville, to move item #14-00469 to Unfinished Business to allow for a Public Hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Donnell moved, seconded by Alderman Mervine, to move item #14-00328 to Unfinished Business. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Alderman Irvin, seconded by Alderman Mervine, to approve the remainder of the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 11 - Alderman Bohman, Alderman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Peters, Alderman Saville, Alderman Mervine, Alderman Bugg, Alderman Johnson, Alderman Irvin and Alderman O'Connor

[14-00323](#)

An Ordinance Granting a Variance for parking setbacks due to the IDOT taking located at 956-996 N. State Route 59, Aurora, Illinois 60504

This Ordinance was adopted.

Enactment No: O14-038

[14-00329](#)

An Ordinance Granting a Variance from the enclosed parking standards within the R-5 Zoning District to convert the existing 3 car garage into office space located at 523-531 N. Edgelawn Drive, Aurora, Illinois 60506.

This Ordinance was adopted.

Enactment No: O14-039

[14-00421](#)

An Ordinance Granting a Variance Petition reducing side and rear yard setbacks to allow for a single car detached 20 foot by 12 foot garage at 214 N. Chestnut Street, Aurora, Illinois 60506

This Ordinance was adopted.

Enactment No: O14-040

[14-00428](#)

A Resolution approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Aurora, Illinois and the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) for sharing of geospatial data.

This Resolution was approved.

Enactment No: R14-172

[14-00448](#)

A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Bulk Rock Salt In The Amount of \$70.44 Per Ton from Morton Salt Inc. Chicago, IL for the Division of Street Maintenance.

This Resolution was approved.

Enactment No: R14-173

[14-00449](#)

A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to Approve the Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation with the State of Illinois, to Execute the Construction Engineering Agreement with TranSystems and to Appropriate Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the Acquisitions, Construction and Engineering Services related to the Ohio Street Bridge Replacement Project.

This Resolution was approved.

Enactment No: R14-174

[14-00453](#)

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to approve the Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation with the State of Illinois and execute the Phase II Engineering Services Agreement with HR Green, Inc. for the East New York Street - Segment III (Farnsworth Avenue to Welsh Drive) Project, Section 14-00210-02-PV.

This Resolution was approved.

Enactment No: R14-175

[14-00467](#)

A Resolution Approving the Final Plan on Lot 61 of Lehigh Station Subdivision, Unit 2 for a mixed use building located at southwest corner of Milford Lane and Station Boulevard, Aurora, Illinois

This Resolution was approved.

Enactment No: R14-176

[14-00475](#)

A resolution appropriating \$1,209,480 of Motor Fuel Tax Funds for snow removal for the 2014 - 2015 winter season.

This Resolution was approved.

Enactment No: R14-177

[14-00476](#)

A Resolution Authorizing the Annual Renewal of Checkpoint Firewall Platforms and Related Software and Peripherals Maintenance Services with Guardian Technologies, Inc., Aurora, Illinois in the Amount of \$62,277.24 for the Aurora Police Department.

This Resolution was approved.

Enactment No: R14-178

[14-00481](#)

A Resolution approving a Preservation Grant to Kristoffer Schroeder for the property located at 211 Center Avenue, Aurora, Illinois.

This Resolution was approved.

Enactment No: R14-179

[14-00489](#)

A Resolution approving of the Wright Express Fleet Card for refueling of City vehicles as a backup to the Central Garage fuel station).

This Resolution was approved.

Enactment No: R14-180

[14-00498](#)

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Program Funding Agreement with Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) in the amount of \$100,000.00 for eligible uses in connection with the Illinois Recycling Grants Program (IRGP) for Aurora, Illinois.

This Reports/Studies was adopted.

Enactment No: R14-181

[14-00499](#)

A Resolution to ratify the purchase of street light poles in the total amount of \$48,996 from Ameron Pole Products.

This Resolution was approved.

Enactment No: R14-182

[14-00503](#)

A Resolution authorizing the execution of a contract to purchase real property known as 1044 Gates Street, Aurora, Illinois.

This Resolution was approved.

Enactment No: R14-183

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

[14-00328](#)

A Resolution approving a Final Plan Revision on 10.13 acres of the southern campus for Aurora University located at 347 S. Gladstone Avenue

Alderman Donnell requested to see the landscape plan amended to have the 6 foot fence and landscaping placed between the new parking lot, and the neighbors on Southlawn.

Chief Development Services Officer Bill Wiet said they would make the change to the resolution if the Council so desired.

Attorney Bruce Goldsmith confirmed, on behalf of Aurora University, that they have agreed to the above mentioned change.

Alderman Donnell moved, seconded by Alderman Peters, to amend the proposed resolution to include the 6 foot board-on-board fence and landscaping between the new parking lot and the neighbors on Southlawn Pl. The motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Saville moved, seconded by Alderman O'Connor, to approve the Resolution as amended. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Enactment No: R14-184

[14-00469](#)

A Resolution authorizing the execution of a memorandum of understanding between the City of Aurora, the County of Kane, and the City of Elgin; the participation in the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program; and the use of the City of Aurora's portion toward special equipment purchases.

Aurora Police Department Lieutenant Abbs spoke briefly in regards to this item.

Mayor Weisner opened the Public Hearing relating to this agenda item. Mayor Weisner asked if there were any speakers. There being no speakers, motion was made by Alderman Irvin, seconded by Alderman O'Connor, to close the Public Hearing. The motion carried by voice vote.

Alderman Mervine moved, seconded by Alderman Irvin, to approve this resolution. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Enactment No: R14-185

[14-00485](#)

An Ordinance Amending Article VI of Chapter 25 of the Aurora Code of Ordinances Entitled "Pawnbrokers and Secondhand Dealers"

Alderman Irvin stated that his law partner represents one of the interested parties and has attended a number of meetings on behalf of his client. Thus, to ensure there is no appearance of impropriety, Alderman Irvin announced he would be abstaining from voting on this item.

Chief Management Officer Carie Anne Ergo spoke about this item.

A motion was made by Alderman Mervine, seconded by Alderman Bohman, to allow speakers to address City Council. The motion carried by voice vote.

The following speakers addressed the City Council members in regards to item #14-00485:

- Attorney Bruce Goldsmith, representing Aurora Metal Recycling.*
- Attorney Daniel Klenke, representing Arenkill's Loan Bank and Fox Valley Iron & Metal.*
- Attorney John Phillipchuck, representing Fox Valley Iron & Metal.*
- Attorney Don Dickinson, representing Schomer's, waived his right to speak.*
- Dave Giordano, representing Aurora Metal Recycling.*

Aurora Police Department Chief Thomas spoke briefly about the ordinance, and the decrease in burglaries since its adoption.

Corporation Counsel Alayne Weingartz spoke about the assistance and support received by businesses from Leads OnLine and the Aurora Police Department.

Alderman O'Connor moved, seconded by Alderman Peters, to return this item to the Committee of the Whole. Motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Alderman Bohman, Alderman Garza, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Peters, Alderman Saville, Alderman Bugg, Alderman Johnson and Alderman O'Connor

Nay: 2 - Alderman Mesiacos and Alderman Mervine

Abstain: 1 - Alderman Irvin

Enactment No: O14-043

BILLS

[14-00545](#)

Bill Summary and Large Bill List

City Treasurer Brian Caputo addressed a question from Alderman Bugg in regards to item #16 on the bills list.

A motion was made by Alderman Irvin, seconded by Alderman O'Connor, to approve and pay the bills as presented. The motion carried.

Aye: 11 - Alderman Bohman, Alderman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Peters, Alderman Saville, Alderman Mervine, Alderman Bugg, Alderman Johnson, Alderman Irvin and Alderman O'Connor

SPEAKERS

A motion was made by Alderman Irvin, seconded by Alderman Bohman, to allow speakers to address City Council. The motion carried by voice vote. No speakers signed up to address the City Council were present at the meeting.

ADJOURN

Alderman Peters moved, seconded by Alderman Irvin, to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

Isabel M. Garcia-Kodron
City Clerk