



City of Aurora

City Hall - Second Floor
Council Chambers
44 East Downer Place
Aurora, IL 60505

Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday

June 02, 2026

5:00 PM

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ROLL CALL

Mayor Laesch called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. and the roll was called.

Alderman Bugg left the meeting at approximately 7:00 p.m.

Present 12 - 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 J. Bugg, Alderwoman Shweta Baid, Alderman-At-Large Keith Larson, and Mayor John Laesch

Absent 1 - Alderman-At-Large Will White

MINUTES OF THE TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2026 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

[26-0338](#)

Approval of the Minutes of the Tuesday, May 19, 2026, Committee of the Whole Meeting.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith and seconded by Alderwoman Garza to approve the minutes. The motion carried by voice vote.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Presented by Jon Zaghloul, Director of Communications:

Mayor Laesch presented the Mayor's Award of Excellence to Giselle Martinez, an Aurora resident and Aurora University Student who was represented the State of Illinois at the 2026 College Student Congress.

Mayor Laesch presented the Mayor's Award of Excellence to R. Christian Smith, Aurora Beacon News reporter, for his last week covering the City of Aurora.

There will be a Ribbon Cutting on June 18th at 6:00 p.m. at River Edge Park.

Nick Day and Bill Chinetti presented an update on the City of Aurora Tree Board and Tracey Vacek added information to the presentation.

Shannon Cameron, Chief of Staff - City of Aurora, presented an update on the City of Aurora's Special Census.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The City Clerk read the Rules of Public Comment and Ronneil Cooper spoke to the Committee of the Whole regarding missing children in the City of Aurora and the protection of youth against predators.

REPORT OF THE BUILDING, ZONING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Building, Zoning and Economic Development Committee Met On May 27, 2026 and Reviewed the Following Items:

[25-1041](#)

An Ordinance Establishing Conditional Use Planned Development and Approving the Tortilleria El Rey Development Plan Description for the property located at 1955 E. New York Street

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

[25-1042](#)

A Resolution Approving a Final Plan on the Property Located at 1955 E. New York Street for a Food, Textiles, and Related Products (3110) Use

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

[26-0273](#)

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Agency Agreement between the City of Aurora, IL and the State of Illinois Division of Aeronautics for the purpose of receiving Aviation Fuel Tax funds for the reimbursement of capital or operational expenses at the Aurora Municipal Airport.

Steve Andras, Airport Manager - City of Aurora, responded to questions.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee Met On May 28, 2026 and Reviewed the Following Items:

[26-0309](#)

An Ordinance Amending The Annual Budget For The Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2025 and Ending December 31, 2025 (Amendment #8 For The 2025 Fiscal Year).

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

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

[26-0343](#)

An Ordinance amending the Ward 9 Budget for Fiscal Year 2026.

(PLACED ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS)

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The Public Health, Safety and Transportation Committee Meeting Scheduled for May 26, 2026 was Cancelled.

REPORT OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

The Infrastructure & Technology Committee Met On May 26, 2026 and Reviewed the Following Items:

[26-0339](#)

A Resolution authorizing the Director of Purchasing to enter into an agreement with TAT Enterprises of Union, IL in the amount of \$86,426.25 for the construction of an overflow parking lot at the Phillips Park Golf Course.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

REPORT OF THE RULES, ADMINISTRATION AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE

The Rules, Administration and Procedure Committee Met On May 19, 2026 and Reviewed the Following Items:

[26-0294](#)

A Resolution authorizing the appointment of Krisha Dalal to the Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Advisory Board.

Nicholas Richard-Thompson, Deputy Chief of Staff - City of Aurora, responded to questions.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

[26-0295](#)

A Resolution authorizing the appointment of Diane Lantz, Christopher Childress, Nastasha Prunty, Juan Sifuentes and the reappointment of Gina Moga and Jonathon Hylton to the Aurora Civic Center Authority Board.

Nicholas Richard-Thompson, Deputy Chief of Staff - City of Aurora, presented. Alderwoman Smith requested that each proposed appointee be presented individually at City Council.

Mayor Laesch explained the selection process and goals for ACCA.

Brian Caputo, Chief Operations Officer - City of Aurora, responded to questions.

(HELD)

[26-0316](#)

A Resolution authorizing the appointment of Jennifer Hopkins, Allaneddy Barajas, Ghousia Wajid and Harnek Bhachu to the Aurora Planning and Zoning Commission.

Nicholas Richard-Thompson, Deputy Chief of Staff - City of Aurora, responded to questions.

Alderwoman Smith requested to see all proposed appointees presented for appointment individually.

A discussion was held regarding the presentation of appointees.

(PLACED ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS)

[26-0322](#)

A Resolution extending the two-year agreement for tow firms currently on the City of Aurora Tow Roster that expire on June 30, 2026, as authorized by Chapter 46 of the City of Aurora Code of Ordinances until amendments to Chapter 46 can be reviewed and presented to City Council.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

[26-0330](#)

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2, Section 440, regarding the membership of the Fox Walk Overlay District Design Review Committee.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

[26-0332](#)

A Resolution authorizing the reappointment of Michael Zafran to the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Commission.

(PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA)

OLD BUSINESS

[25-0516](#)

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances pertaining to the organization of the departments and divisions of the City.

Shannon Cameron, Chief of Staff - City of Aurora, presented.

Alderman Mesiacos requested that an updated organizational chart with all of the departments represented be uploaded prior to the City Council meeting on June 9, 2026.

(PLACED ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS)

NEW BUSINESS

[26-0134](#)

A Resolution accepting the installation of a ground-mounted solar array at Church Road Elevated Tank at 2680 Church Road in Ward 1 and execution of a Power Purchase Agreement and a Lease Agreement with 548 Energy Technologies, LLC.

Alison Lindburg, Director of Sustainability - City of Aurora, presented.

Arnie Schramel of Progressive Energy Group presented and responded to questions.

This item will be placed on the New Business section of the City Council meeting agenda on Tuesday, June 9, 2026.

(INFORMATION ONLY)

CLOSED SESSION

A closed session was required pursuant to the following Sections of the Open Meetings Act:

1. Section 2(c)(11) to discuss litigation.
2. Section 2(c)(29) to discuss meetings between internal or external auditors and governmental audit committees, finance committees, and their equivalents, when the discussion involves internal control weaknesses, identification of potential fraud risk areas, known or suspected frauds, and fraud interviews conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards of the United States of America.
3. Section 2(c)(1) to discuss appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees.

A motion was made by Alderman Saville and seconded by Aldeworman Garza to enter into closed session and thereafter adjourn this Committee of the Whole meeting with no further action or public business to take place for purposes of this meeting. The motion carried by the following vote and the open session of the meeting adjourned to closed session at 7:39 p.m. The closed session was called to order at 7:49 p.m. and adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

ADJOURN

Submitted by:

Jennifer Stallings, City Clerk

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