



City of Aurora

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
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44 East Downer Place
Aurora, IL

City Council Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday
May 25, 2021
5:00 PM

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ROLL CALL

Mayor Irvin called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and the roll was called.

Mayor Irvin found that an in-person meeting of the Council was neither
practical nor prudent and that it was not feasible for members of the public to
attend this meeting in person at City Hall. The meeting was conducted by
Internet teleconference without the physical presence of a quorum. Mayor
Irvin was present at City Hall, the regular meeting location.

Present: 13 - Alderman Emmanuel Llamas, Alderwoman Juany Garza, Alderman Ted
Mesiacos, Alderman Bill Donnell, Alderman Carl Franco, Alderman Mike
Saville, Alderwoman Scheketa Hart-Burns, Alderwoman Patty Smith,
Alderman Edward Bugg, Alderwoman Shweta Baid, Alderman-At-Large Ron
Woerman, Alderman-At-Large Sherman Jenkins and Mayor Richard Irvin

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

*The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vasu Baid, the daughter of Alderwoman Shweta
Baid.*

INVOCATION

The Invocation was led by Alderwoman Scheketa Hart-Burns.

PRESENTATIONS

[21-0396](#)

Mayor's Office Community Presentations

Lawrence Abah, Chief Executive Officer, Holistic Health and Behavioral Service, Inc. was honored as the Healthcare Hero. A Proclamation in honor of Mental Health Awareness Month, May 2021 was presented by Mayor Irvin. Dr. Abah expressed his appreciation to Council.

A Proclamation in honor of National Bike Month, May 2021 was presented by Mayor Irvin. The City of Aurora was honored as a Bronze Bicycle Friendly Community for 2021-2025 from the League of American Bicyclists. City of Aurora staff members, Roopa Anjanappa and Bob Greene thanked Council for the special recognition.

Trevor Dick, Director of Development Strategy & Facilitation - City of Aurora was recognized as the recipient of the American Planning Association Illinois Chapter 2021 Lynn Jorgenson Leadership Award. Trevor Dick thanked Council for the special recognition.

Chief Kristin Ziman - Aurora Police Department was recognized as the recipient of the American Association of Community Colleges 2021 Alumni Award as well as the recipient of the iHeart Media Chicago Women Who Win of 2021. Chief Ziman thanked educators at Waubensee Community College along with other educators that have been involved in her life, and thanked Council for the special recognition.

This Presentation was discussed and filed.

[21-0397](#)

Update on the CHANGE Reform Initiative.

Mayor Irvin will announce the Reopening of Aurora plan on Wednesday, May 26, 2021 at 12:30 p.m., live on Facebook.

This information was discussed and filed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no members of the public wishing to address the City Council during the time for public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Clerk read the Consent Agenda and the Direct to Council Consent agendas in full.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Hart-Burns and seconded by Alderwoman Garza to approve the Consent Agenda and Direct to Council Consent Agenda as read. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 12 - Alderman Llamas, Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderwoman Hart-Burns, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid, Alderman-At-Large Woerman, Alderman-At-Large Jenkins

[21-0242](#)

An Ordinance Establishing a Special Sign District for the Fox Valley Mall generally located south of New York Street, west of Route 59, north of McCoy Drive, and east of Commons Drive

This Ordinance was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: O21-024

[21-0277](#)

A Resolution Amending Membership Agreement for the THRIVE Collaborative Center and conferring authority upon a City department or division head, or the Chief Management Officer, to enter into agreements for nominal consideration only on behalf of the THRIVE Collaborative Center.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R21-126

[21-0283](#)

A Resolution Authorizing Well Maintenance Services for Well No. 28 for the Water Production Division in an amount not to exceed \$235,000.00 to Layne Christensen Company, Aurora, IL.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R21-127

[21-0293](#)

A Resolution authorizing the Chief of Police to sign an updated Memorandum of Understanding between the Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) and the Aurora Police Department (APD) for a task force officers.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R21-128

[21-0294](#)

A Resolution authorizing the Chief of Police to sign an updated Memorandum of Understanding between the Kane County Major Crimes Task Force and the Aurora Police Department (APD) for a task force officers.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R21-129

[21-0319](#)

A Resolution authorizing the execution of an Engineering Agreement with Transmap Corporation in the not to exceed amount of \$133,682.50 to update the City's Pavement Management System.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R21-130

[21-0322](#)

An Ordinance Annexing the Property Located at 542 South Elmwood Drive to the City of Aurora, Illinois, 60506.

This Ordinance was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: O21-025

[21-0345](#)

A Resolution authorizing a grant of \$1.5 million to the Aurora Civic Center Authority d/b/a Paramount Theatre to be disbursed at the same time as a \$1.25 million Program Related Investment and a \$750,000 grant provided by the Dunham Foundation designated to fund startup costs for the theater as a result of the COVID 19 pandemic.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R21-131

[21-0356](#)

A Resolution Authorizing the Reimbursement of Funds to Aurora Civic Center Authority for RiverEdge Park Not to Exceed \$100,000 for Facility Enhancements.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R21-132

[21-0359](#)

A Resolution approving an agreement between The City of Aurora and Public Action to Deliver Shelter, Inc., doing business as Hesed House, for eligible COVID-19 related-expenses through the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R21-133

DIRECT TO COUNCIL CONSENT

[21-0374](#)

Approval of the Minutes of the Tuesday, May 11, 2021 City Council Meeting.

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

[21-0391](#)

Approval of the Minutes of the Tuesday, May 18, 2021 Special City Council Meeting.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There were no items under Unfinished Business.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Alderwoman Hart-Burns and seconded by Alderman Franco to suspend the rules to consider items under New Business. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 12 - Alderman Llamas, Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderwoman Hart-Burns, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid, Alderman-At-Large Woerman, Alderman-At-Large Jenkins

[21-0338](#)

A Resolution Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer/City Treasurer to disburse payments to the businesses recommended for award in the third grouping, and for corrections to some first round awards, as part of the City's Small Business Financial Relief Program to address business losses as a result of the COVID 19 Pandemic or other such major business interruption events.

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

Aye: 12 - Alderman Llamas, Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderwoman Hart-Burns, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid, Alderman-At-Large Woerman and Alderman-At-Large Jenkins

Enactment No: R21-134

REPORT

[21-0372](#)

Corporate Funds Investment Report- First Quarter 2021.

Martin Lyons, Chief Financial Officer - City of Aurora, presented briefly regarding this item.

The Corporate Funds Investment Report - First Quarter 2021 and the Treasurer's Report were accepted and filed.

APPROVAL OF THE BILL SUMMARY AND LARGE BILL LIST

[21-0386](#)

Bill Summary and Large Bill List

A motion was made by Alderwoman Hart-Burns and seconded by Alderman Bugg to approve and pay the bills. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 12 - Alderman Llamas, Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderwoman Hart-Burns, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid, Alderman-At-Large Woerman and Alderman-At-Large Jenkins

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Irvin discussed the topic of Aurora Police Department hiring programs and wage structure adjustments that will be discussed in an upcoming meeting of the Finance Committee.

Alex Alexandrou, Chief Management Officer and Chief of Staff - City of Aurora, responded to questions and presented briefly during the Mayor's Report.

CLOSED SESSION

There was no need for a closed session at this meeting.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Alderwoman Hart-Burns and seconded by Alderwoman Garza to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote and the meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.:

Aye: 12 - Alderman Llamas, Alderwoman Garza, Alderman Mesiacos, Alderman Donnell, Alderman Franco, Alderman Saville, Alderwoman Hart-Burns, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bugg, Alderwoman Baid, Alderman Woerman, Alderman Jenkins

Submitted by:

Jennifer Stallings, City Clerk

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